

Our avocado fundraiser

March – June 2020

by Kendall Snowden

After 13 consecutive Sunday mornings, starting on 22 March, we picked the last of the “reachable” avos on Sunday, 14th. of June, 2020.

Up an extension ladder perched precariously on rocks with an extension picker needing both hands was certainly not for the faint-hearted, let alone elderly!! Special thanks to Thene Bell and Yokki Rother for their sensational skills and courage in those most difficult places!!

Thanks also to 3 fellow Oriana Choir members, Lyndel Grant, Jackie Hooke and Mark Godfrey who gave us valuable assistance throughout this trying time. Scott Grimmatt's most generous donation of both avocados and custard apples enable us to work through Covid 19 despite all the restrictions and continue to do some fund-raising for Buddies when other avenues were shut down. Grand total for 2020 is an all-time record..... \$3685.!!

Avocado orchard pruning working bee

by Scott Grimmatt

A small but excited group arrived for the pruning working bee at 9am. Thene Bell, Joachim Rother, Len and Caleb Mangan worked chainsaws and pole saws, while Penny Rivlin, Dee Williams, Kendall Snowden, Scott Grimmatt and James Fowler worked with branch loppers to break the fallen limbs down into material that could be neatly and compactly piled out of the way.

It was a great morning both cool and sunny and with no accidents, injuries or insect bites! And we knocked-off at 11!

This pruning will ensure the long-term health of the trees and although slightly fewer fruit can be expected next year, the quality of individual fruit should be higher.

Thank you to everyone involved.

