



COLEMAN RIDGE PARK CARE GROUP Newsletter May 2003

Previous Sunday meeting, April 27th

We hummed and we ha'd at the Namatjira Drive entrance – during the humming phase as the rain came down, two people turned for home. Then as the sun threatened to break through, the remainder ha'd their way to Kathner St dam. We chipped 90% of the Paterson's Curse from the inside of the wall – where the water level is at its lowest ever. While recognising that the plants would drown as the dam filled, there will more than likely be a flowering season well before this occurs. The lower, inner slope is peppered with tiny Eucalypt seedlings – should we leave them there to drown too, or replant them? If so, where? ☼

Next Sunday meeting, May 18th

As a special treat, we'll chip thistles at the Mt Arawang end. And this time it won't rain

- 1.30 - 4 pm
- meet at Namatjira Drive entrance
- bring hat, gloves, drink, snack, mattock or chipper ☼

Future programme

June 15th to be decided

July 20th to be decided ☼

FLORA and GPS

We are indebted to the Southern ACT Catchment Group for replacing the Flora of NSW and GPS which were lost to the fire. The new acquisitions are housed wherever Gösta and Pauline are housed, so ring us when you want to refer to the texts or borrow the GPS: 6288 7009 ☼

Broad leaf spraying

CNP has spent a couple of days spraying **Echium plantagineum* (Paterson's Curse), **Hirschfeldia incana* (Buchan or Mustard Weed) and **Onopordum acanthium* (Scotch Thistle) with specific herbicide. They have worked on areas accessible to vehicles and boom: along the trails and on rockfree level ground. We hope to see results in the next few weeks. ☼

Photo monitoring .

Notes passed on by Steve Welch

- keep it simple so anyone can continue after you
- why monitoring? Spring & autumn survey? Annual survey? Tie to easily remembered dates
- several people knowing of the program and how to do it, and passing that knowledge on to new members helps to keep the project alive
- decide what, and why, to determine the scale of landscape that you photograph – e.g. individual species or more major landscape changes
- decide number of sites. Map them and indicate direction. Consider installing steel markers. Take previous photo to line up with
- use same camera and lens: 50mm lens recommended
- film: colour print film ASA100-200
- store prints in album, each point's photos together for easy comparison. Negatives stored in archival sheets and labelled
- for best comparative photos take on a mildly overcast day: no shadows or high contrast ☼

April log

050403 *Wahlenbergia sp.*, *Chenopodium pumilio* flowering. *Solanum cinereum*, *Goodenia hederacea*, *Einadia nutans* appearing. *Bursaria lasiophylla* sprouting from stem

100403 *Glycine tabacina*, *Tricoryne elatior* *Solenogyne dominii* flowering prolifically. *Lomandra sp.* vigorous

110403 *Carex inversa*, *Glycine tabacina* flowering

180403 kangaroo looking healthier. *Solanum cinereum* flowering

250403 *Exocarpus cupressiformis* shooting from trunk.

**Hordeum vulgare*, *Panicum effusum* seeding
**Hirschfeldia incana*, **Helianthus annuus*, **Avena sativa*, **Hordeum vulgare*, **Setaria italica* flowering

Acaena ovina **Verbascum thapsus*, **Phalaris*
aquatica, **Erodium* sp observed ☼

What's around



Family: ASTERACEAE

Solenogyne dominii

Gr. *solen*: channel or pipe; *gyne*: female

Perennial herb with toothed leaves

The Tree Survey

Status of Tree Survey on Coleman Ridge

Area	Carer(s)	Entries	GPS	Complete
1. Kathner Street	Pauline and Gösta Lyngå	130	130	130
2. Chauvel Circle	(Sandra Hand) Pauline and Gösta Lyngå	406	406	210
3. Titheradge Place	(Bess and David Sledge)	438	0	0
4. Niblo Place	Malcolm Gill	to come		0
5. Darrell Place	Paul Weiss	20	0	12
6. Guinness Place	Naarilla Hirsch	30	30	30
7. Lincoln Place	David MacKenzie	5	5	5
8. Namatjira Drive	Tina Nevins and Rohan Thomas	lost	0	0
Total		1029	571	387

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Web address

is www.webone.com.au/~kPELLING

Check for up-dates. ☼



Family: ANTHERICACEAE

Tricoryne elatior: Yellow Rush-lily

Gr. *treis*: three; *coryne*: club (3 1-seeded club-shaped nutlets)

elatior L.:taller

Rhizomatous perennial ☼

Equipment

– has no one got any?

We're compiling an inventory of all equipment held on behalf of CNP, noting whether repairs, sharpening or replacement are called for.

Contact Janice with all this information and she will pass it on to Vivien.

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C.A.M.P.F.I.R.E (Community Assessment and Monitoring Program for Impacted River Ecology)

Doug writes

"In April, under the close tutelage of Waterwatch's Bayne Geikie, I did the first C.A.M.P.F.I.R.E survey of the old dam. Future monitoring will be done monthly (by me at this stage, unless somebody else wishes to have a go).

It will come as no surprise that the old dam is polluted. The water level is very low (and has declined further), plumes of blue/green algae were noticeable on the surface and the macro invertebrates, while fairly numerous, were of only three hardy species. Oh well, when the water level gets back to something more "normal" I hope things will improve. One interesting observation was the crop of sunflower, corn and millet springing up where bird seed had been scattered by people after the fire.

If anybody is interested in forming a "Damwatch" sub-group, give me a call on 6288 8589 or e-mail tinneydoug@hotmail.com." ☺