



Hi Everyone.

Here I am back from a magical holiday in the Kimberley and what a hive of activity we came back to!

We welcome new members John Pemberton, Sandra Hand, Alcina Hoffman, Marilla Hirsch and Pat & Clive Hackett. Sandra and Alcina work on the Ridge on Fridays and Sandra is caretaking an area.

We also welcome two new rangers, Peter Mills and Adam Henderson, who are very keen to support the Group as much as possible.

On Environment Day our Treasurer collected a cheque for \$5936 from Bill Wood; this is a grant we had applied for to:

- a. Complete a set of maps of the Ridge which will help our forward planning and
- b. Remove woody weeds from an area next to Mt Arawang.

We hope to have ATC volunteers working for most of October paid for by the grant and we will be asking for members to help also.

We have had only one set of comments on the Group Constitution so if anyone else has anything to say please do so by 7th August (the next meeting).

Nineteen people came to the July mistletoe removal afternoon. We thank Malcolm Gill and his offsider Peter for a very entertaining demonstration. Malcolm has 2 long-handled saws at his house and has been continuing this work at weekends; if you would like to help give him a call on 2884122.

If any caretakers have still to hand in their 6-monthly report to the end of May could they please let me have it as soon as possible. If you are a caretaker please make sure you "sign on" when you are working on the Ridge as this covers you for insurance purposes. If you don't have a form let me know.

New members who would like a Park Care hat, badge, fridge magnet or copies of "Scribbly Gum" the Canberra Nature Park Service magazine for Park Carers, give me a call and I'll arrange it for you.

At the end of each month I give CNP details of how many hours have been worked on the Ridge and what that work consists of. If you have something to add to my account could you let me know by the last day of each month please.

We should be holding an AGM this month but as our Treasurer and Secretary are overseas (not together) and our constitution isn't ready for approval we will be deferring the meeting until October.

The next meeting will be on Sunday 7th August at 1.30pm. We will be taking off sleeves, stakes and weed mats from the trees in the plantations and staking a few trees which are not growing upright. Either meet at Titheradge Place at 1.30 or make your own way to the plantings near Coleman Trig.

In September our regular meeting date coincides with Father's Day so we will defer it until Sunday 11th September when we will renew our efforts around the smaller reservoir.

In October Malcolm Gill hopes to arrange for Brendan Lepschi to lead a walk on the Ridge.

We have ATC Volunteers working near the small reservoir on Sunday 31st July from 10am. If anyone would like to join us they would be most welcome.

There will be the usual Craft Sale in October. If you make anything you would like us to sell we take 10% for Group funds. We added over \$200 to our account from the May garage sale and market day; thank you to all those who donated articles.

Dates to remember:

Sunday 7th August	Titheradge Place	1.30pm
Sunday 11th September	Guinness Place	1.30pm

Cheers

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