

NEWSLETTER NO 29

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Hi Everyone,

We had nine people at our evening meeting on 29th March so we were officially able to agree many items.

One result is the attached list of member's names.

Another is that we agreed to use money remaining from last year's grant to employ someone to chainsaw down bigger shrubs. The results are spectacular and will have advanced our clearance by 12 months.

The VERY bad news is that the cows have been left in one large area of the Ridge far too long and have trashed it. It is disheartening when we spend so many hours trying to improve the Ridge and have used a \$5000 grant last year having briars removed only to have the area ruined by overgrazing. I would like as many people as possible to view the area. Go up from Lincoln Place over the fire trail and across the wooden bridge, at the top turn right through the gate opposite the path up to Arawang. Walk along the "hill tops" and see the cow camps!

On a happier note, we had a lovely morning with the children from Chapman Primary School and hope that their interest continues.

Malcolm Gill is still removing mistletoe (140 clumps from one tree alone) The trees are showing considerable new growth and Malcolm now climbs a 30ft ladder like a monkey!

We would like to encourage more members to become "caretakers" of a portion of the Ridge. Just weeding round a tree or rock outcrop can make a lot of difference and its surprising how the native plants return.

We decided that the area we were clearing last month was worthy of further attention so we will be meeting at Guinness Place at 1.30pm.

The date to remember is:

Sunday 7th May

Guinness Place 1.30pm

Cheers

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