

MEMBERS NEWSLETTER NO 62

MAY 1998

Hi Everyone,



Thank you to the people who made planting day a success. We had 14 members plus 8 visitors and actually saw a ranger! We put in over 300 plants and by the end of the week 393 had been planted; the following rains helped to ensure their survival.

Pauline is still the only volunteer for whipper snipping and we have been steadily working our way along the horse trail from the Kathner St entrance. Luckily I have Jess back for a while and he has been joined by Peter and they really make inroads on the grasses.

Canberra Nature Park are wanting to make Park Care hours even more representative and now asks us to report:

1. Time spent on the Ridge
2. Time spent off the Ridge on administration, reading or writing reports, going to meetings etc.
3. Time spent travelling to all of the above.

Please remember to sign yourself on and off for all activities; I have more forms when you need them.

We are still selling raffle tickets for the sketch "Growing old disgracefully, Cooleman Ridge", please bring some money along to the next meeting or call at 21 Ordell St to buy some.

The next meeting will be on Sunday 7th June, this is the Sunday of the long weekend but I hope some of you will be in Canberra. We will walk round part of Mt Arawang checking on previous plantings and weeding as we go.

Advance notice that the July meeting will start at 1 pm (half an hour early) Baine Geikie will be looking at the health of our dams and talking about water run-off etc. On Saturday 30th May the World Environment Day Fair will be held in Garema Place, Civic from 10am to 3pm. We haven't been asked to participate this year but its always an interesting occasion.

I have been making further enquiries about the trapping project and have been advised that, as we have no experts amongst us, we should liaise with the Herpetological Society to see if we could undertake a joint survey. I am in the process of making contact.

The end of June is the end of the financial year. Last year we were asked to plan a forward programme of activities for the year and also suggest jobs we would like CNP to undertake. If anyone has suggestions for the coming year I would be glad to receive them.

Caretakers will find their six-monthly report forms attached to this newsletter. Please return them to me as Pauline and Gösta are off to Greece and Sweden soon.

We have very few standing thistles on the Ridge but I have noticed a lot of new ones growing. If you are a Caretaker PLEASE GET RID OF THEM as soon as possible.

Please let me have your hours, as detailed above, and a short resumé of what you have been doing, by or at the next meeting.

Statistics for April :-

Hours	On Ridge	175
	Off Ridge	96½
Woody weeds cut & sprayed or dug		508
Herbaceous weeds pulled or sprayed		11500
Trees planted		170
Herbaceous plants planted		53

Dates to Remember:

SATS Sunday 30th May

Sunday 7th June

Wednesdays from 9.30 am

Environment Fair-Garema Place 10-3.

Meet Namatjira Drive entrance 1.30pm

Whipper Snipping - phone me.

Cheers

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