

MEMBERS NEWSLETTER NO 68
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Hi Everyone,

What wonderful people you are, last month an excellent AGM attendance this month buying \$1203.76 worth of goods at the Art & Craft Sale! After paying people who sold on commission our nett profit was \$785.55 plus \$50 from previous sales of jams etc., a total of \$835.55.

Our last effort of the year will be the raffle for Dinner for Two at the Southern Cross Club. We will be selling tickets up to and at the December meeting, at which time the lucky ticket will be drawn.

We managed to clear quite a few thistles for Tina at the last meeting, Danny was going back again later to dig up some more. George tells me he will spending more time on the Ridge next year (he will be semi-retired) so maybe we won't have such a problem again. We continue to attack the Paterson's Curse; Pauline and Gösta pulled 20,000 the other weekend! Where we have got rid of the taller exotic grasses the weeds are coming up, we hope that by clearing these weeds the next things to emerge will be natives. Whipper snipping certainly helps as long as it is done continuously. We will be carrying on as long as we are allowed (until it becomes a fire danger) so please volunteer yourself or someone else to help us.

Membership and caretaker forms were sent out last month. Please complete them and return to 21 Ordell St Chapman. There will be a red blob by your name if we have not yet had your membership form. If you are not intending to rejoin we thank you for your help and interest and hope you continue to enjoy the Ridge and its stupendous views. It would help if you let us know.

Gösta has organised a joint meeting with the Friends of Tuggeranong Homestead who have completed a very thorough tree survey and will take us through the Homestead grounds at 7.30pm on Wed. 2nd Dec. Meet at the gate to the homestead facing Ashley Dr. close to Johnson Dr. Richardson.

The meeting this month is on Sunday 6th December, we will clear the area above the Chauvel Circle gate. Drive to Kathner St. or Monkman Steps and walk along the fire trail till you get to the gate across the ditch. There will be big and small weeding to be done, whipper snipping and planting. This will be the last meeting for the year so we'll have a longer get-together than usual. David and I have a market stall in the morning so we'll meet you through the gate.

If you have put in any hours on/off the Ridge this month let me know by the meeting day please.

Statistics for October :-

Hours	On Ridge	326 (Group 183, Weston CIT 128, Cubs 15)
	Off Ridge	193!!
Woody weeds cut & sprayed or dug		94
Herbaceous weeds pulled or sprayed		22884
Trees and shrubs planted		29
Herbaceous plants planted		0
Grasses planted		10
Whipper snipping		27 hours included above

Dates to Remember:

Wednesday 2nd December

Sunday 6th December

Friday 25th December

7.30pm Tuggeranong Homestead

1.30pm Gate up from Chauvel Circle
across the fire trail and ditch

Christmas Day - enjoy it
Here's to 1999!

Cheers

Bess (62887536)

PARK CARE XMAS BBQ

What? There will be a Christmas BBQ for all southside Park Care Volunteers to celebrate another year of volunteer involvement in caring for Canberra Nature Park.

Where? Pine Island - turn left just after entering Pine Island gate and drive along looking for the Parks and Conservation Gang Gang vehicle.

When? 5.30pm on the 9th December 1998.

RSVP? RSVP is essential so that we can get accurate numbers for the supply of food and beverage.
Ring 62072127

What to bring? Do come along and bring your own plate, cutlery, cup and something to sit on.