



Hi Everyone,

We had ten members and 2 children at our September meeting where we got rid of quite a few weeds and rescued stakes and guards from the larger trees. At the Green Up Day planting there were only a few people but we put in 400 grasses at the Olympic Site. Another early newsletter this month before we go to the Grampians.

Weedbuster Week is 8th to 15th October and our Park Care day is Sunday 15th October. Alan Ford will lead the Group in digging up Paterson's Curse near Kathner St entrance. Bring your own drink.

Does anyone know of anybody, over 18, who would help me with whipper-snipping during the week in return for pocket money? We have two of our whipper-snippers which need major overhauls and which the workshops have said could be costly. Is there anyone who could check if they are worth repairing?

We have lots of frogs in the dams and on 19th October Baine Geike is coming to show us how to check the health of both dams. If you are interested please come to the Kathner St entrance for 1pm. No young children please and wear your wellies.

This coming Saturday there will be a training day in the use of chemicals for anyone interested, 10am at Athllon Drive Depot.

Our AGM is due in November, could you let me know good or bad dates for an evening meeting.

I hope you are saving your Christmas shopping for our Art & Craft Sale which will be on Thursday and Friday 2nd and 3rd November here at 21 Ordell St.

There will be a Christmas Party for all Park Carers at Athllon Drive on Friday 24th November at 6.30pm.

We now have to inform Parks & Conservation when we are likely to be working on the Ridge. I am giving them a list of all caretakers, anyone else who goes up to work separate from scheduled events should phone to let them know (Ph 62072091) and beware, the snakes are waking up. Accompanying this newsletter are 5 small pamphlets encouraging people to help, without becoming members. Could you give one to anyone you think might be persuaded.

Statistics for September:

Hours	On Ridge	193	(12.15 whipper-snipping)
	Off Ridge	60	
	Total	253	
Herbaceous weeds pulled or sprayed		9600	
Woody weeds cut & sprayed or dug		418	
Trees and shrubs planted		164	
Herbaceous plants planted		Nil	
Grasses planted		884	

Dates to Remember:

Saturday 30th September	Training day Athllon Drive 10am.
Sunday 15th October	Monthly meeting Kathner St. 1.30pm.
Thursday 19th October	Baine Geike, Kathner St 1pm
Thursday 2nd November )	Art & Craft Sale, 21 Ordell St, all day
Friday 3rd November )	
Friday 24th November	Christmas party Athllon Drive 6.30pm.

Cheers

Bess