



COOLEMAN RIDGE PARK CARE GROUP

Newsletter
October 2024

Previous Meeting

Sunday 15 September 2024

Lincoln Place

A sunny afternoon but with an icy wind did not deter 12 of us (Linda Spinaze, Helen Govey, Bethany Dunne, Rob Lundie, Paul Sheils, Nick Nicholls, Leanne Thompson and Chris Oates plus Shirali Dave from Landcare who brought along sisters, Gaby and Rosalie Hughes) as we gathered at Lincoln Place and then walked along the fire trail towards Kambah in search of *Pyracanthus*, Alan Ford repaired to Darrell Place for his regular weeding. Just past the track down to Namatjira Drive, we clambered down into the cut-drain and up onto the Ridge. We cut and dabbled the large thorny bushes which was not easy as they were tangled up with other dense vegetation. Tough gloves, sharp saws and secateurs came into their own! However, it was worth the effort.



Gaby Shirali Helen Chris Paul Rosy Linda Kirsten and Nick enjoy afternoon tea Photo: Rob Lundie

Next Meeting

Sunday 20 October 2024

The Old Dam

Time: 1.30 pm – 4.00 pm.

Meet: Freebody Place

Bring: hat, gloves, water to drink.

Task: weeding

Contact: Rob Lundie 0418291735

Verbascum rosettes were also grubbed out as we moved along and above the cut-drain. As we worked, artist Kirsten Wehner sketched us for an exhibition that hopes to have its opening in February next year. Thanks to Chris for liaising with Shirali and to Shirali for bringing along Gaby and Rosalie and a delicious afternoon tea which we enjoyed standing around at the end of Lincoln Place. Well-deserved after a good afternoon's work.



Gaby and Rosalie with their *pyracanthus*
Photo: Rob Lundie

Mt Arawang Trails Completed

No longer do we have to rest to regain our breath half-way up the steep track on Mt Arawang. Nor do we have to stretch to get up a high step; nor tread gingerly on the plastic sheeting; or around the deeply rutted sections. Thanks to Icon Trails we now have easy trails where the route follows the contours of the hill and where the steps (about 800 of them) are all the same height. You can start from above Lincoln Place, Chapman by walking across the new bridge over the cut-drain. Proceed up to the summit to pause (hopefully, in the near future, on a seat) for the panorama back along Cooleman Ridge and over to the Brindabellas. Continue along and then down and around the eastern side of the mountain through the bush and boulders for views onto Chapman, across to Mt Taylor and down towards Kambah. At the bottom go left, returning to Lincoln Place via the front fire trail. All this will take about an hour.



Andy and Jesse from Icon Trails on the track from Lincoln Place to Mt Arawang Photo: Rob Lundie

Rob Lundie

CRPCG AGM

On the afternoon of Monday 7 October, the Group's AGM was held at Linda's house in Chapman. Linda presented a summary of her President's report and praised the work of the Group. Treasurer Rohan revealed that we still have \$2808.88 in the Group's account. The CRPCG Committee was elected unopposed as follows:

President: Linda Spinaze
Vice-President: Chris Oates
Secretary: Rob Lundie

Treasurer: Rohan Thomas

Public Officer: Natasha Newman

Committee: Jenny Shapcott, Paul Sheils, Helen Govey and Peter Lindenmayer.

It was decided that the monthly weeding parties will be as follows with the proviso that other areas will be worked on as is felt necessary:

Above Chauvel Circle (meet at Chauvel Circle).

The Old Dam (meet at Freebody Place).

The Anniversary Seat (meet at Darrell Place).

Mid-Ridge (meet at Darrell Place).

Lincoln Saddle (meet at Lincoln Place).

Mt Arawang (meet at Lincoln Place).

The Minutes will be posted on the Group's website or can be obtained from lundier@iinet.net.au

Rob Lundie

Ngunawal Training for Landcarers

We are all aware that Cooleman Ridge is part of Ngunawal country, but do we really know how to respect the land upon which we work and walk? Ngunawal elder Uncle Wally Bell will be showing landcarers how to work respectfully on Ngunawal Country.

Saturday 16 November

9 am to 10.30 am

Meet at the end of Kathner St, Chapman

If you would like to come RSVP to lundier@iinet.net.au

Rob Lundie

Ridge Sightings

Ten ducklings on the Old Dam being shepherded by their Wood Duck parents.

Signs have been posted that the annual cattle grazing along the BNT should begin very soon.

Rob Lundie