

FEBRUARY 1997



Hi Everyone,

What a wonderful way to start the year! 28 people at our February meeting; the two experts were delighted with the afternoon and want to come again to talk about soil fungi.

Thank you to those people who have contributed to our whipper snipper fund. We have just sent the first cheques with our application to be accepted as a suitable project by Landcare Australia. You may have noticed areas we have attacked with our borrowed whipper snipper, it certainly makes the work easier.

Our other means of raising money, the Theatre evening, has got off to a slower start. I hope it is because the hot weather has made you lazy. After the enthusiasm shown by members in December, which encouraged us to go ahead with the project, the response has been negligible. There is more information about the evening at the end of this newsletter.

We have been asked to report any dead rabbits or any noticeable reduction in numbers to CNP staff (2072094) so that they know what effect the calicivirus is having.

For our March meeting we will, as usual, be joining the Clean Up Day campaign. This year they asked that groups who had cleaned their own areas in the past adopted a new one, so we are going to venture into Stromlo Forest at the junction of Hindmarsh and Eucumbene Drives, not far away. I will be there all day (from 9am) as it will be an official station. The group will meet, as usual, at 1.30pm and we will walk among the trees picking up litter and end with refreshments about 3.30pm. The Clean Up is on whatever the weather. If anyone would like to clean up elsewhere before that date I have sacks and registration forms.

If you have worked on the Ridge during February could you let me know your hours on or before this weekend please.

Statistics for January:-

Hours	212
Woody weeds	390
Herbacious weeds	21,500
Grasses planted	67

Dates to Remember:

Sunday 2nd March Clean Up station Eucumbene Dr 1.30pm
Follow the signs

Friday 11th April Theatre Evening Bruce TAFE Theatrette
Saturday 12th April Tickets \$ 12

Cheers

Bess (2887536)



PAULNET- Parkcarers And Urban Landcarers NETWORK

Fun(d)-raising for Landcare groups - a musical theatre evening

Help your Landcare group raise a few hundred dollars (and have a great night out!)

Canberra's Landcare groups have recently received a generous offer from the TAFE Players.

Who are the TAFE Players?

The TAFE players are an experienced amateur performing group. For some years now they have devoted all their performances to fundraising for local

community groups. They usually stage two concert runs a year, of three to five nights per run.

Musical theatre night This year - for the first time - the TAFE Players are offering a fundraising opportunity to Canberra's Landcare groups.

Musical theatre has proved a strong point for the players with broad appeal. The first half of the evening's program for the coming season will be musical, with a Landcare theme in some of the songs. We are hoping that one of our local Landcare poets will also take a guest spot. The second half of the season's evening program will be a one-act comedy by an established playwright.

Raise \$1000 or more for our Landcare groups The TAFE Players usually stage their performances at the BruceTAFE theatrette, with seating for 108. They recommend we sell tickets at \$12 per head. If we do this and if we fill the theatre, our groups may raise \$1,000 per night. Less if we don't fill it. The Landcare evening organisers are currently looking at ways to raise the necessary \$100 deposit required per evening booked.

We need to hear back from groups who want to be involved to tell us how many seats they want to take. It seems that the fairest way to distribute the proceeds is by divvying up according to the number of seats each group books - that is, if your group books 10 seats in a full theatre you will make up to \$100 for your group.

We already have offers to take 110 seats which will book out one night's performance. According to your response we may book another night.

There will be refreshments at interval.

DATES PROPOSED
FRIDAY 11TH APRIL
SATURDAY 12TH APRIL.