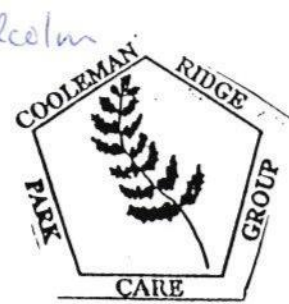


MEMBERS NEWSLETTER NO 53

JUNE 1997

Hi Everyone,



Here we are back from a lovely holiday in England fit and ready to slay exotics by the thousand!

Thank you to every one who took control while we were away (and gave me a rainfall chart on my return to explain why they hadn't been on the Ridge very often)!!

It was probably in the newspaper that we had been given all the grant money we had applied for for our planting this year, \$2650 with a memo from the Assessment panel noting that " The project shows a good understanding of the ecological processes of the area that the group is addressing". Now we have to prove that we do!

With the new financial year I have had to submit a draft plan to CNP. It is attached to this newsletter. On the reverse side is a map of the Ridge to show you where the entrances are; this years planting is marked with an "X". You will see that at the August meeting we will be preparing the area; brushcutting and digging 800 holes. I will be there all day on Sunday 3rd August and we will continue throughout August until the job is done, volunteers to help needed.

Pauline reminds me that we should all keep up our Tetanus injections every 10 years I believe.

I have asked CNP to remove old fences and fence wire. They have asked us to identify where they are. Please let me know of anything which needs removing.

Last month's meeting, when we began mapping mature trees, was most exciting. Gosta and Tony are preparing notes and area maps for members to continue the work. Please let me know if you are interested, instruction can be given.

We will need to call an AGM in September or early October, it would help if I knew what evening was most suitable, we really need a good attendance.

I have put up some notices at the entrances to the Ridge hoping to attract more volunteers, we shall also be having a letter-box drop next month.

We have got to a most exciting time now that we can brush cut our grassy weeds, but it will be quite labour intensive for a few years. I have bought one brushcutter with our funds and we will have a second one soon. Anyone who has been instructed by a Ranger is able to use them, remember you must wear solid footwear and cover your legs as well as using the other safety equipment.

We would welcome more "caretakers" (people who adopt a particular area). It need only be a very small area but it makes your work much more rewarding if you can call somewhere "mine".

I notice a few oats are appearing, if you go walking or jogging, please pull some out as you go.

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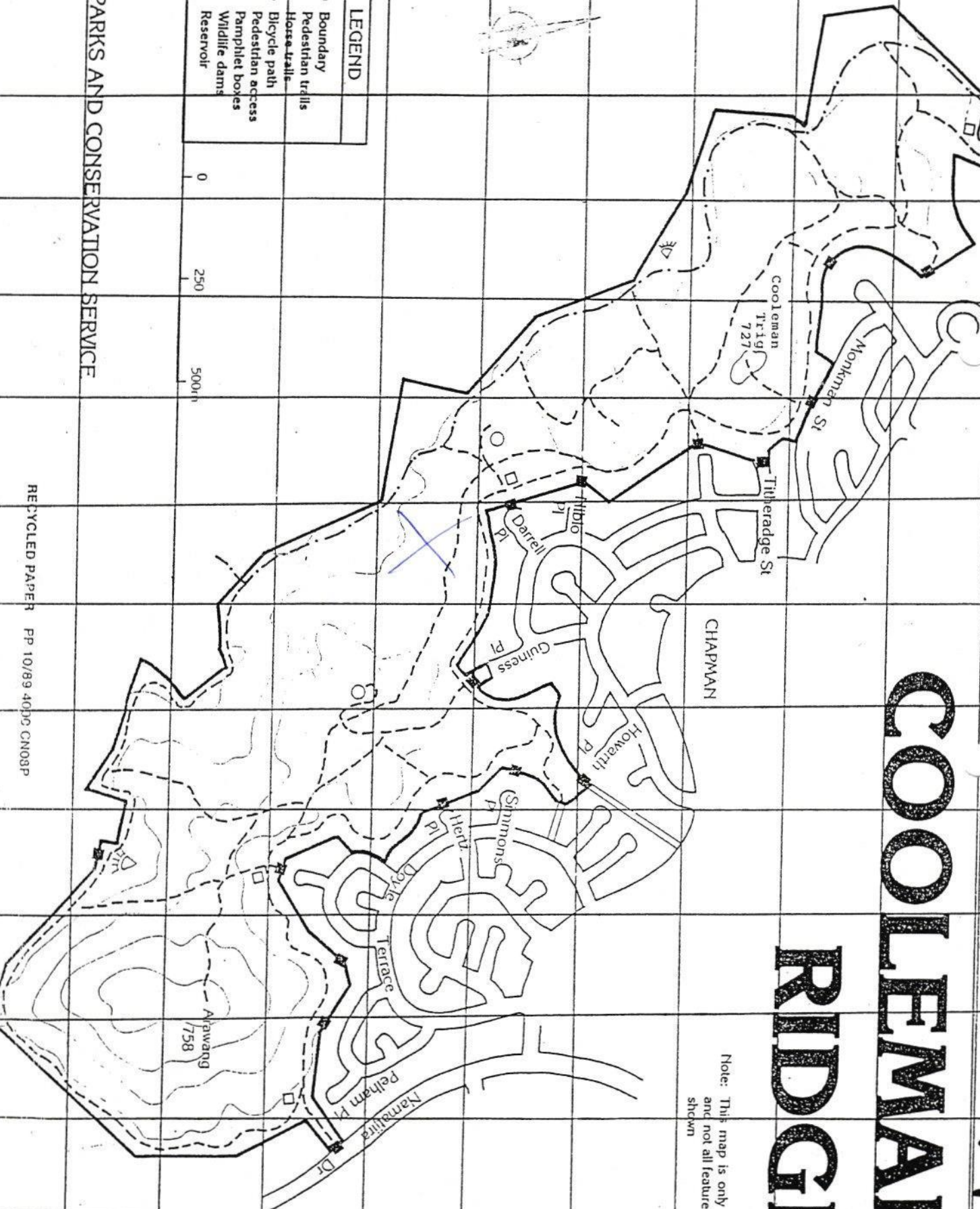
PROGRAM FOR FY JULY 97 TO JUNE 98

- JULY Begin plotting mature trees - Kathner St
- AUGUST Prepare planting area - Darrell Place
- SEPTEMBER Planting for Arbor Week - Darrell Place
 Planting for Green Up Day - Monkman St
- OCTOBER Identification of grasses - Monkman St
- NOVEMBER Brush cutting plantations - Titheradge Place
- DECEMBER Tidy 1995 plantation: remove stakes - Titheradge Pl or Monkman St.
- JANUARY No meeting
- FEBRUARY Clearing area to west of small reservoir - Guinness Place
 Tidy up dump
- MARCH Clearing area to east of small reservoir - Guinness Place
 (Thistles etc.)
- APRIL Planting shrubs and herbacious plants - Darrell Place
- MAY Clearing area next to Mt Arawang - Lincoln Place
- JUNE Working walk, fire trail west of Mt Arawang - Namatjira Drive.

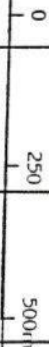
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COOLEMAN RIDGE

Note: This map is only a guide and not all features are shown



LEGEND	
—	Boundary
- - -	Pedestrian trails
.....	Horse trails
.....	Bicycle path
■	Pedestrian access
□	Pamphlet boxes
○	Wildlife dams
○	Reservoir



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