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**MEMBERS NEWSLETTER NO 69  
JANUARY 1999**

**Hi Everyone,**  
Welcome back in '99, here's hoping for another successful year. I hope you have all had a good rest and are just yearning to get back onto the Ridge again **THIS SUNDAY (17th)**.

At last the far paddock at the Kathner St end has been burned. Unfortunately a couple of mature trees had to be sawn down as they were acting as funnels for the fire, let's hope they were not homes to anything.

During the holidays Danny has cleared the thistles on Mt Arawang and Sandra has kept the dam wall at Kathner St free of Paterson's Curse. She has now planted some grasses there. Whipper-snipping has continued at Kathner St, at Guinness Place and in the grant area (plantations 2 and 4).

The winner of the raffle before Christmas was Mrs Boyd, a lady who came to the craft sale. Thank you to everyone who bought tickets, we were able to add \$72 to our bank balance.

If you find a membership application attached to this newsletter it is because you haven't returned your previous one! Please send this one back if you intend to remain in the Group, this will be your last newsletter otherwise.

We are looking for two volunteers, one to keep our whipper snippers serviced and another to sharpen the blades on some of our tools. I would also like to start digging up Phalaris grass if anyone is handy with a pick or spade and has a weekday free.

Unless there is a heatwave on Sunday, in which case the meeting is cancelled, we will meet above Chauvel Circle and work our way along the fire trail. There are trees all the way to provide shade. I will be there from 10am for the morning session; the afternoon session starts at 1.30pm as usual. There is light and heavy weeding and seed collecting to do. The flowers are still beautiful there.

**Statistics for 1998 :-**

Hours	On Ridge	3015
	Off Ridge	1211
Woody weeds cut & sprayed or dug		5912
Herbaceous weeds pulled or sprayed		266450
Trees and shrubs planted		966
Herbaceous plants planted		1111
Grasses planted		924

**Dates to Remember:  
Sunday 17th January**

**10 - 4 Along fire trail SE from Chauvel Circle gate.  
Park at Kathner St, Chauvel Circle or Monkman Steps.  
Bring water to drink**

**Cheers**

**Bess (62887536)**