

**MEMBERS NEWSLETTER NO 81
FEBRUARY 2000**



Hi Everyone,

What a peculiar summer we are having but how the plants (good and bad) love it! The native grasses are thriving, let's hope they send their seeds far and wide. Weeding continues to dominate our activities and will do so until the planting season arrives.

There are several meetings to note this month as we will be away early in March.:-

1. Tuesday 15th February, 6pm Kathner St entrance for a picnic and some weeding, bring your own food and tools. If you don't come for the picnic then try to arrive by 7pm when Alan will be identifying any birds we see and then Gösta will explain the night sky. Please bring a torch. There will be signs to direct you along the horse trail and then off onto the perimeter track.
2. Sunday 20th February, 1.30pm to 4pm. At the biggest plantation area, lots of trees in case its hot. Walk up from either Titheradge Place entrance and then to the gate across the fire trail. We will weed around the native grasses which are appearing.
3. Sunday 5th March. Clean Up Day - I won't be here, would anyone like to be a site supervisor?
4. Sunday 19th March, 1.30pm to 4pm. Back to the big plantation, either to weed or to plant grasses, depending on the weather.
5. Monday 20th March. "ACT Alive" on the lawns of Old Parliament House. We will have a small display in the Environment Tent. Would anyone like to take a turn talking to visitors?

We will try to sell more raffle tickets at the 15th Feb meeting but will definitely draw the raffle that evening.

A Management Plan for Canberra Nature Park is being released on 9th February, should be interesting reading

Please remember to phone in your hours for February by the end of the month so I can total up before we go away and send or ask me to collect the Volunteer Report Sheet if you have one.

Statistics for January :-

Hours	On Ridge	297.30 (66 of these were whipper-snipping)
	Off Ridge	84.00
	Total	381.30
Woody weeds cut & sprayed or dug		283
Herbaceous weeds pulled or sprayed		29770
Trees and shrubs planted		0
Herbaceous plants planted		0
Grasses planted		0

Dates to Remember:

FEBRUARY

Tuesday 15th

6pm Picnic; 7pm Bird and Star watching.

Sunday 20th

Monthly working meeting 1.30 - 4pm Titheradge Place

MARCH

Sunday 5th

Clean Up Day

Sunday 19th

Monthly working meeting 1.30pm -4pm Titheradge Place.

Monday 20th

ACT Alive

Mondays, Fridays or weekends - phone to see where we are and join us.

Cheers

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