

Hi Everyone.

I hope you are all coming to the meeting at 21 Ordell St on Wednesday 29th March 7pm Committee: 7.30 members.

Thank you to the 11 people who helped clean up the Ridge on Clean Up day. We removed several sacks full of various pieces of metal as well as chopping down woody and herbacious weeds.

The next outdoor meeting will be Sunday 2nd April, meet at Guinness Place at 1.30pm. We will go to an area that hasn't been touched as yet which is full of native grasses but also various woody weeds: I picked apples there the other week! There will again be a choice of activities:

- Cutting down verbascum and thistles
- General weeding
- Taking down as many of the woody weeds as possible; cutting off the herries from all of them to prevent further spreading.

David and I walked most of the Ridge today and the difference between the areas which have been "attacked" and those still waiting is very noticeable, even allowing for all the regrowth!

Chapman Primary School and Stirling College have both become reinterested in the Ridge so another two areas will receive a little more attention in the future.

We have put in for a grant to do some more planting, mostly grasses and shrubs, to counteract erosion caused by the cows. They are once again messing up the Ridge this dry weather.

For the benefit of new members a reminder that we work on Mt Arawang on Monday mornings: Kathner St on Friday mornings. I work on Cooleman Trig area on Saturdays and David and I work in the area of the smaller reservoir most Sundays: we walk from Darrel Place in a SE direction. Extra helpers are always welcome — we had someone the other Sunday. If you are interested in "adopting" a tree or a rocky knoll and weeding round that we would be delighted to hear from you.

Dates to remember:

Wednesday 29th March Sunday 2nd April Group meeting 7 or 7.30pm Guinness Place 1.30pm

A happy Easter to you all

Cheers

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