



COOLEMAN RIDGE PARK CARE GROUP

Newsletter
September 2025

Previous Meeting

Sunday 17 August 2025

Darrell Place

Ten of us were pleasantly surprised to have a sunny afternoon for weeding and planting next to the large reservoir up from Darrell Place. Linda had been to the area beforehand to scope where we could spread grass seed. She had sprayed tufts of African Love Grass with dye which made it easier for us to identify and then hoe them out. After some consultation we agreed upon an area of about 200 square metres where the seed would be distributed. But first we had to break up the hard soil as we looked westwards and hoped for rain of which there had been very little over the past month. On the other hand, we were encouraged by the nearby shrubs which the scouts had planted about three years ago. They were doing well. As some of us prepared the site, others inspected the scouts' efforts and weeded around the thriving shrubs.



Preet Hamish Jenny Paul and Linda spread seed

Next Meeting

Sunday 21 September 2025

Guinness Place

Time: 1.30 pm – 4.00 pm.

Meet: Guinness Place

Bring: hat, gloves, digger, water to drink.

Task: weeding African Love Grass

Contact: Linda Spinaze 0417276497

Seed was broadcast and sprinkled over the broken soil and covered with dead branches to deter curious and hungry kangaroos and other wildlife. Occasionally we rested our backs and stood to admire the view over the valley, sadly realising that it could soon be covered in houses if the ACT government's plan goes ahead. Those who attended were Linda Spinaze, Paul Sheils, Natasha Newman, Jenny Shapcott, Hamish McGlynn, Tom Babington, Alan Ford, Rob Lundie, Pampa Ray, and Preet.



Paul Natasha Rob Pampa Jenny Hamish Tom Linda
amongst the scouts' shrubs

Photo: Preet

Rob Lundie

New Kathner St Entrance

No longer do walkers and bike riders have to carefully pick their way over the cavaletti logs to gain access to the Ridge from the end of Kathner St. In August a new, and user-friendly gate and ramp was installed near the cavaletti. Thank you Parks.



The new Kathner St entrance

Photo: Jen Walton

Rob Lundie

New Pamphlet about the Ridge and the Group

Members of the Cooleman Ridge Park Care Group have worked with the Southern ACT Catchment Group to produce a new pamphlet about Cooleman Ridge and the Group. The aim of the brochure is to attract members of the public to the Ridge and if so inclined, join the Group.

Rob Lundie

Save the Western Edge Campaign

The CRPCG together with the Conservation Council and other organisations has begun a campaign to ensure that Cooleman Ridge and the area west to the Murrumbidgee River is NOT included in the ACT's, yet to be defined, urban boundary and thus subject to future housing development. Notices have been put up at various spots along the Ridge informing people of the campaign. Read more

on Canberra's Western Edge and sign the petition [here](#). [Save the Western Edge](#)



Save the Western Edge campaign sign at Darrell Pl

Rob Lundie

Curious Cooleman

You don't have to go to Egypt to see the Sphinx! It is up near the top of Cooleman Trig if you want to go searching for it.



Cooleman Ridge's Sphinx Photo: Peter Lindenmayer

Peter Lindenmayer

CRPCG AGM Notice

This year's annual general meeting of the Group will take place on Monday 6 October from 3 pm at 78 Sidaway St, Chapman. The agenda will include the President's and Treasurer's reports and the election of office bearers and the committee. RSVP: lundier@iinet.net.au If you would like to join the committee let me know. All welcome.

Rob Lundie, Secretary, CRPCG