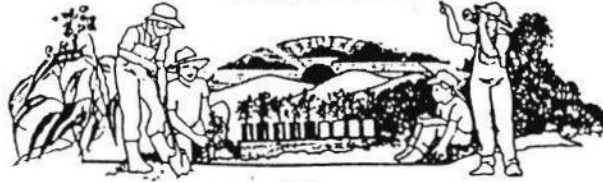


Canberra Nature Park



## PARK CARE

Hi Everyone and welcome back in 1994.

We hope you all had a happy holiday season and have lots of spare energy!

The year has had a hot beginning for us with two fires in the space of six days. Luckily no great damage was done and we have a great opportunity to watch revegetation occur. I was very touched by all the commiserations I received after the larger of the two fires - a lot of people are following what we are doing.

We have been working somewhere on the Ridge most days through the summer - its the time of year when all the weeds need cutting down if only we could cut out the oats! If you ever have time on your hands (!) a quick phone call will tell you where we are. Generally Monday is Mt Arawang, Wednesday around the dam, Friday Kathner St, Saturday Cooleman Trig and Sunday between the dam and the reservoir. We welcome extra help any time. We still have a considerable area of the Ridge which needs a "caretaker"- this need only entail cutting down the exotics so that the natives have a better chance. For our February meeting on the 6th we will meet at Kathner St at 1.30 to see various areas which have caretakers. If you bring some shears you can cut a few of the "unwanteds".

Winning the Landcare awards has made us a known name in the Park Care world and we are likely to reap several benefits as a result. This year could be the most exciting yet and, if we get helpers on our other Sundays, we can make our designated Sundays much more interesting and suitable for all the family. We would like as much input as possible from members so PLEASE come to a meeting at 21 Ordell St Chapman on Wednesday 23rd March, you have heaps of notice so mark it in your diary now - and please think up ideas and suggestions.

The number of cows on the Ridge has been severely reduced and, as a consequence we are seeing a resurgence of native plants and trees. Parts of the Ridge have been quite spectacular this year. Quite a few of our new plantings are not surviving the hot weather so we will have to replace them in the autumn.

Dates to remember so far are:-

Sunday 6th February - Kathner St 1.30pm

Sunday 6th March - Clean Up Australia Day, more later.

Wednesday 23rd March - Meeting 7pm

Sunday 3rd April - replacing lost trees, all day

Pauline and Gosta Lynga have volunteered to photocopy this newsletter so we may get out a monthly newsletter. Any contributions from members will be welcome.

Well, that seems plenty to remember for the moment - please try to come to the organised events.

Cheers

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P.S. Can anyone enrol a new member?