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MEMBERS NEWSLETTER NO 93  
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Hi Everyone,

Pauline and I were the only Clean Up Day participants from the Kathner St entrance to the Ridge. We both enjoyed the walk and picked up the little litter we found and weeded on the way. I expect others of you were busy elsewhere. Last month we continued weeding above Doyle Terrace and made a considerable difference to the area. I have also been attacking the Verbascum on the 'burnt paddock' but there are still hundreds to do.

This month we have our regular meeting on Sunday 18th when we will be taking the protectors off the well-grown grasses and using them for new plantings. This is a day-long meeting and we hope to have a few visitors to swell our numbers, bring a picnic lunch. On Thursday 29th we are repeating last year's successful multi-activity evening. We will weed at the far side of the Olympic site from 5.30pm and then have a picnic tea (BYO) and Gösta will set up his telescope and explain the stars while Alan tells us what birds we are seeing. When it gets dusk we will have a spotlight walk to try to find a possum or two.

It will be ten years in April since I became Co-ordinator for Cooleman Ridge so we will be celebrating our birthday on Sunday 8th April from 1.30 - 4pm. A number of activities are planned. We hope the Minister will attend, more details later.

This month we (belatedly) welcome Giles and Estelle and their 2 children to our group. They bought Eugenes house backing onto the Ridge.

On 14th April I will be having a garage sale as last year's was so successful. Our Art & Craft sale in Cooleman Court will be on 6,7,& 8th June, dates to look forward to. This month we are doing a letter box drop to most of Chapman to encourage the local community to take a greater interest in the Ridge. Here's hoping!

Statistics for February:-

Hours	On Ridge	226.30	(8.30 whipper snipping)
	Off Ridge	59	
	Total	285.30	
Woody weeds cut sprayed or dug		205	
Herbaceous weeds pulled or sprayed		18630	
Plantings:			
	Trees & shrubs	nil	
	Herbaceous	7	
	Grasses	64	

Dates to Remember:-

- Sunday 18th March Planting at the Olympic site. 10-12;1.30-3.30. Entrance at Kathner St
- Thursday 29th March Multi-activity evening from 5.30pm, entry at Kathner St
- Sunday 8th April Birthday party 1.30 - 4pm Namatjira Drive

Could all caretakers let me know their hours at the end of the month please?

Cheers

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