

**MEMBERS NEWSLETTER NO 66
SEPTEMBER 1998**



Hi Everyone,

Still the rain falls and whipper snipping is impossible, even though the grass is growing as you watch! And have you seen the hoof prints at Kathner St? What a wonderful week end we had digging Paterson's Curse! Our running total to date is 83.000. Thank you to the people who came to say hello to the ATC Volunteers. They planted and transplanted about 1500 plants and grasses at three locations on the Ridge, including the new dam, and naturally occurring flowers are appearing everywhere. Fifteen people attended Bruce's Bird Walk and we recorded 23 species, including an excellent view of a Nankeen Kestrel and also an Australian Hobby. There weren't many for Gösta's walk in the afternoon but all enjoyed the outing and being reminded of the salient points of the Nature Trail.

Please remember our AGM on Friday 9th October. We need you to voice your opinion on how the Group should progress and we have one or two important initiatives in the pipe line.

Weedbuster Week is from 11th to 18th October; on 11th Oct. a Field Day will be held on the banks of the Molonglo opposite Duntroon from 11am - 2pm. There will be exhibitions, competitions and a sausage sizzle. We are mounting a display but would also like 2 volunteers to be part of the on-site activity (any offers? I can arrange transport). Watch the Chronicle for news; our Paterson's Curse achievement should be in too.

Sunday 4th October is our Park Care day and we will be back at the small reservoir to demonstrate to ACTEW that we appreciate their donation. We have weeding, brushcutting, searching out St John's Wort etc. on offer. Come and relieve the tension after the Election.

Forward notice that the Art & Craft, cake, conserves, plant, Avon etc. sale will be held on 6th and 7th of November. We are going to try a Friday and Saturday this time to give the workers a chance to spend their money! (Jane says please don't buy your tomato plants etc until you have seen hers)

Please tell me about any hours you have worked on/off the Ridge this month by Wednesday 30th September, it is the end of the quarter and CNP needs the figures by the beginning of the next month. I hope some of you will also have some Paterson's Curse numbers to give me.

Statistics for August :-

Hours	On Ridge	196
	Off Ridge	51
Woody weeds cut & sprayed or dug		3!
Herbaceous weeds pulled or sprayed		35743
(Paterson's Curse 17700)		
Trees and shrubs planted		0
Herbaceous plants planted		0
Grasses planted		460 (transplanted by Tina since June)
Whipper snipping		None-too wet

Dates to Remember:

Sunday 4th October

Friday 9th October

Sunday 11th October

Friday 6th November

Saturday 7th November

Meet Guinness Place 1.30pm

AGM 7.00pm 21 Ordell St Chapman

Monster Field Day Weedbuster Week

Molonglo Riverbanks 11am - 2pm

Giant Sale, 21 Ordell St Chapman

9am - 9pm

Cheers

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