



# COOLEMAN RIDGE PARK CARE GROUP

Newsletter October 2014

Previous Meeting ±Sunday 21<sup>st</sup>  
Sept. - Coolleman Trig

Calm, bright conditions prevailed for our annual assault on weeds at this site once the equinoctial gales held their breath! Nine members clambered the new staircase up from Monkman Street.

The previously rampant *Spurge* *Euphorbia depauperata* plants were instead small, struggling and scattered. With our mightiest Weed Warrior leading the charge, and a cohort of poisoners spraying it to give the weed another hiding. Hopefully, we are close to beating it.

Malcolm went after Tweed *Oxyptalum coeruleum* bagging its seeding heads before uprooting the plants. Arminel decapitated a big *Cotoneaster* spear the drain, then attended to propagating the Mother Shield Fern. *Polystichum proliferum* is not a rare fern, but we believe this is the only specimen on the Ridge. To ensure its survival, we are trying two methods this season. Five fernlets were layered in situ. Another six were removed to be cosseted by Green Fingers Graham (he has a reputation as a striker). The greatest challenge of the working bee was consuming the splendid afternoon tea.

Thanks to all volunteers and contributors great effort!

## Tools? Fly-Veils? Gloves?

, What a great time of year for working on the Ridge. Make the most of the season with good equipment. Contact Arminel to tell her what you need.

## Future programme

Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> October

### Annual General Meeting

Time:- 1.30 ±2 pm Daylight Saving Time

Place :- Kathner Street Entry

Purpose:- to receive the reports of the previous year and conduct elections for all committee positions.

Nominations and Apologies to The Secretary, Coolleman Ridge Park Care Group Inc, at [lundier@webone.com.au](mailto:lundier@webone.com.au)

### Kathner Street Working Bee

Time:- approx 2 pm ±4 pm

Bring:- hat, gloves, hacker, drink, snack, raincoat if it is wet.

Task: Plant ID and weed removal on

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(Close by the Kathner Street meeting place.)

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I assisted PCS to implement the ACT Woodland Restoration project on the Ridge. This has provided some woody debris on various parts of the Ridge to enhance habitat for very small creatures. I also attended a briefing by Friends of the Pinnacle on their weed registration program.

Alan Ford

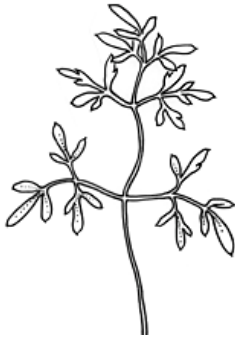
## Fauna Log

White-winged Choughs and a Frogmouth are nesting at the Kathner Street Dam. A large

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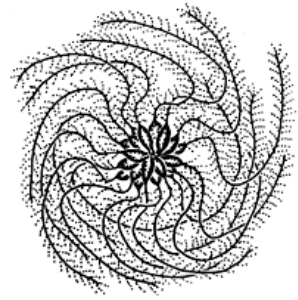
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Clematis leptophylla  
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Drawings of leaf and seedball from PlantNet.

Family: Ranunculaceae ¶from Lat.  
ranunculus= buttercup  
Genus: Clematis ¶from Gk. clematis= vine,  
climbing plant. (nb stress is on first syllable.)  
Species: leptophylla ¶from Gk. lepto-,  
combining form meaning fine, delicate,  
slender + Gk phylla = leaf



**Description:**

Woody climber to c. 3 m high  
Leaves ± ternate to biternate, partly  
triterminate, or occasionally a few leaves  
entire; longest ultimate leaflets or lobes  
usually <15 mm long and <3 mm wide;  
ultimate leaflets oblongoblanceolate to  
oblong, 2-5 mm long, 1-3 mm wide, apex  
usually obtuse, margins sometimes with 1 or  
2 basal lobes but lacking teeth.  
Sepals creamywhite. Anthers lacking an  
apical appendage.  
Mature achenes with margins markedly  
thickened and glabrous.



Reference: PlantNET Flora Online

Above - gnarled base of vine and thick stems  
growing over a small boulder. Left closer  
view of flowers with reddish new leaf growth.  
Photos P. Ryan

Distribution and occurrence:  
Rare in the north of N.S.W.; more common  
in valleys and slopes of the southern  
highlands, usually below 1000 m alt. (This  
may be the only one on Coleman Ridge.)  
Other Australian states: Qld Vic

Celebrating  
25 years of ParkCare and Landcare  
in the ACT

☀️🌱🌿 Photo Competition 🌿🌱🌿

REFLECT, EXPLORE, INSPIRE

The top ten photos will form a roving display  
intended to captivate and inspire future  
ParkCarers and Landcarers.  
Entries close Wed 8 Oct.

**News from the Troops**

Sharon, who moved to Sydney, now has a  
paid job as a bush regenerator there. Her  
experience as a volunteer with us gave her  
some of the necessary background, skills and  
knowledge for her new position.  
Congratulations!