

MEMBERS NEWSLETTER NO 97
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Hi Everyone,

What a wonderful turn out last month, 11 members came along to tidy up the Olympic site and cut down offending Verbascum. Even though they have finished seeding they do look unsightly so need cutting down to improve the scenery. There are not as many new ones showing through so, hopefully, this next growing season we may be able to get them before they seed.

We had a good meeting afterwards. Gösta gave a progress report on the tree survey; Alan told us about a weed control conference he had attended and Pauline gave a report on caretaker activities. Bess said that, regretfully, she and David would have to resign from all Committee positions, although they would continue to help as much and as long as possible (in an unofficial capacity). This, folks, means that all members need to think if they could volunteer to help run the group next year either on the Committee or in complementary roles (eg. newsletter production, equipment storage etc.) You have time to think about it before the AGM which will not be until September. There will be a list of things needing volunteers in the next newsletter and offers of help will be gratefully received thereafter.

You may have heard of the "Peoplescape" exhibition to be held on the lawns of Parliament House in November. David successfully nominated me as a Park Care representative and any day now we will be receiving a life-size cut out to decorate (within many rules and regulations). He would welcome offers of advice/and or help as it will be entered by him as Secretary of the Coolman Ridge Park Care Group.

Our meeting this month will be at the Guinness Place area; we will be tackling thistles and verbascum on the schools area as well as finding rocky knolls to weed around. I would also like to whipper snip around the immediate gate area to help improve the overall initial impression.

If anyone would like a guided tour of the Ridge in my car to visit areas too far to walk to I am quite willing to do this in return for an hour's weeding on the way! This is early notice but could you please let me know preferred/impossible dates for the AGM in September. Caretakers please remember to let me have your hours each month.

Statistics for June:-

Hours	On Ridge	221.30
	Off Ridge	16.30

Total 238.00

Woody weeds cut sprayed or dug	65
Herbaceous weeds pulled or sprayed	24970

Plantings:

Trees & shrubs	271
Herbaceous	0
Grasses	267

Dates to Remember:-

Sunday 15th July	1.30pm Guinness Place
Sunday 29th July	National Tree Day

Cheers

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PS Long time members Ann & Colin McKenzie are moving to North Canberra soon. For those bargain hunters among you they are having a Garage Sale on Saturday 7th July at 55 Percy Crescent Chapman.