

MEMBERS NEWSLETTER NO 61

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Hi Everyone,



Just fancy, being kept indoors because of rain! Terrific! We can relax now from the worry of bushfires and concentrate on finishing our planting and starting our whipper snipping.

Pauline and I began snipping along the horse trail from Kathner St. last Friday and we aim to do a little more each week. I would like to start a Wednesday morning "group" to whipper snip through the winter so that we don't begin next summer with so much standing grass. Could I please have some volunteers? This is in addition to the people willing to work at weekends. Please volunteer! (Remember to wear stout footwear, not trainers).

The May meeting (3rd May) will be a planting day at the grant area. I will be there from 10am. We will put signs up at the Guinness Place entrance to point you to the quickest way there. (If wet the same arrangements for the next Sunday).

We have the opportunity to participate in a trapping exercise to monitor the population of small animals on Coleman Ridge. We would have instruction during the winter and trap in the summer. Our main commitment would be to guarantee that someone visits the traps each day in the summer. If you are interested let me know and I will arrange for someone to explain it more fully before we commit ourselves.

A reminder to caretakers that your six-monthly reports are due at the end of May (forms will be attached next time). If you haven't slashed your thistles lately now is the time to catch up.

I still have a good supply of jams, marmalades and chutneys for anyone willing to give \$2 to funds.

We have an attractive pencil sketch of the gnarled trees on "Paulines Patch" which was drawn and donated by one of her friends from Darwin who is an established artist. We thought we would raffle it at 50c a ticket to swell our funds. So bring some money along to the next meeting.

We had eight members weeding last month and the area now looks much better. We didn't manage to tackle the old fencing but it will keep.

Please let me have your hours on and off the Ridge, and a short resume of what you have been doing, by the next meeting.

Satistics for March:-

Hours	On Ridge	227
	Off Ridge	93
Woody weeds cut & sprayed or dug		1060
Herbaceous weeds pulled or sprayed		15000
Trees planted		21

Dates to Remember:

Sunday 3rd May	Guinness Place and follow signs from 10am - planting
Wednesdays from 9.30 am	Whipper Snipping - phone me.

Cheers
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