

MEMBERS NEWSLETTER NO 43

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Hi Everyone,

Our July meeting was very successful with 13 members weeding Paterson's Curse and enjoying a thistle-pulling competition, won by George. Since then I have bought myself some thick gauntlets and pulled up all the remaining thistles. I have asked the Rangers to spray the new ones.

I'm sorry if anyone went to the Stirling College markets, they put them off until 18th August.

The vegetation thinks Spring is coming, if you can take the tops off oats on your walks it would help to curb their growth.

The Nature Trail is being well used and people have expressed appreciation of the information leaflet.

A backcare/manual handling information session for Park Carers/volunteers has been arranged for Thursday 8th August 7.00 to 10.00pm at CNP Athllon Drive Depot. Places are limited so please contact Kay Collins on 2072193 as soon as possible to register your attendance.

There is now a re-designed path up Mt Arawang called the Summit Trail, completed by a LEAP group. Our August meeting will take us from the Namatjira Drive entrance to the trail, cutting thistles and admiring our plantings on the way.

We had several "absentee caretakers" when we asked for 6-monthly reports. At the AGM we will discuss making the commitment an annual one.

The AGM will be on Tuesday 27th August at 21 Ordell St, Chapman at 7pm for Committee members and 7.15pm for general members. Supper will be provided. Please try to attend, this is your chance to plan our future.

We have now begun to formulate a Management Plan for Coolleman Ridge, anyone wishing to participate please phone me. We would particularly like information regarding plants, birds, and animals on the Ridge or of any recreational use you know that occurs there.

Could you please let me know your hours for July before Friday 2nd August as I'll be away next week.

Statistics for June:

Hours	259
Woody weeds	685
Herbacious	17000
Trees planted	304
Grasses	20

Dates to Remember:

Sunday 4th August	Namatjira Drive 1.30pm
Thursday 8th August	Backcare/manual handling info session Athllon Drive 7pm
Tuesday 27th August	Annual General Meeting 7/7.15pm 21 Ordell St Chapman

Cheers

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