



P A R K C A R E

Hi Everyone.

What a marvellous start to '94. Those of us working through the summer put in 259 Park Care hours in January, and 15 people came to our first organised meeting in February.

The March meeting will be the Clean Up Canberra activity on Sunday 6th from 9 - 12noon. My station has been moved to Chapman Shops so I hope to see some of you there. If you would like to clean up during the previous week I should have bags by Tuesday 1st March and, if you are cleaning on the Ridge, you will be covered by Canberra Nature Park insurance. There is a clean up at Jerrabomberra Wetlands on March 6th with environmental displays etc run by Canberra Nature Park.

Please remember the first evening meeting of the year on Wednesday 23rd March at 21 Ordell St Chapman at 7pm. We would like lots of input from members.

It would be nice to have a logo so that people recognise us easily. Could those with a little skill in this sphere please make some suggestions?

We now have a small lending library, a list will be available at the meeting. We also have photographs of "good" and "bad" plants on the Ridge for those who need help with their weeding. We also have several knowledgeable people who can help you know your plants.

We badly need people to caretake an area of the Ridge or to take "working walks" there and cut off the seed heads of exotic plants - every one cut saves thousands of seeds being scattered around. Caretaking can involve an area as small as an outcrop of rocks. Every area taken lessens the load for the group as a whole.

Someone is working on the Ridge most days of the week and we are making steady inroads on the briars. The verbascum and thistles are mostly under control and we have now turned our attention to fleabane and prickly lettuce.

Dates to remember:

Sunday 6th March	Clean Up Canberra Day
Wednesday 23rd March	Meeting 7pm 21 Ordell St
Sunday 10th April (PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF DATE)	Replacing trees in the plantings all day

Thank you to everyone who is helping transform Cooleman Ridge

Sincerely
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