

**MEMBERS NEWSLETTER NO 65
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Hi Everyone,

Well the rain fell, and fell, and fell and now the dams on the Ridge are full to overflowing, the paths have become streams and there is the sound of waterfalls spilling over the rocks.

David and I have just returned from Western Australia where they had extensive rains about six weeks ago and now there are acres and acres of wild flowers in bloom, could this be repeated on the Ridge?

Welcome home to Pauline, Gösta and John, all of whom have been globetrotting, and to Paul at the end of the month. Congratulations to Niki on the birth of a son, Finley, and to Kathryn who becomes a Queen's Scout next month.

Since we circulated the membership list in March we have been joined by Peter Galea, my whipper snipping companion; Mary Vett, already a caretaker; Bronwyn Thornhill, another caretaker, Kathryn Elton and Alan Mann. Welcome all and thank you for joining.

The next two months promise to be very busy ones but I am trying to get as much extra help as possible. ACTEW have sponsored whipper snipping around their reservoirs for the sum of \$500. ATCV are coming to plant *Bracteantha viscosa* (grown from our own seed) on 9th & 10th September. Please come and join them as they want to meet members of Park Care. We have written to the Southern Cross Club and the Hellenic Club to seek sponsorship for whipper snipping.

Sandra and I have been weeding Paterson's Curse around the new dam and along the horse trail. I hope others of you have been weeding too. For Park Care Day Sunday 6th September we will continue weeding at the dam and, as this is Father's Day and some of you may not be able to come, we are making it a Park Care weekend and welcome helpers any time either day.

Arbor Week will be celebrated by planting the *Bracteantha*. On Green Up Day 13th September we will have 2 walks along the Nature Trail; 8.30am hoping to see birds with Bruce Lindenmayer; 2.00pm with Gösta Lyngå, a general nature walk. Please come with your friends and relations. Meet at Kathner

Weedbuster Week is in October but we are weeding Paterson's Curse continuously until then. If you belong to a group see if you could get them out to help us.

Peter Ormay of the Herpetological Society will lead us on a frog identification tour of the dams on 25th September. Meet at Kathner St 6.30pm, bring a torch, or better still come at 5.30 and bring a picnic. The Herpetological Society should be contacting me soon about our fauna survey.

Our AGM will be on Friday 9th October at 7pm (6.45pm for committee). At that meeting all positions are declared vacant. Please think if you would like to volunteer as President, Vice-President, Secretary or Treasurer. Nominations can be sent to the Secretary (David Sledge 21 Ordell St Chapman ACT 2611) or handed in on the day. The meeting will be followed by a light supper and a general meeting.

Greening Australia are hoping to hold bush regeneration courses on Saturdays, if you are interested I must know in the next few days.

Please remember our Art, Craft, Jams & Plant Sale in November and don't buy your Christmas presents until you see what we have to offer. I am always willing to show prospective customers what we have.

Please tell me about any hours you have worked on/off the Ridge this month at or before the next meeting and how many Paterson's Curse you have dug.

Statistics for July :-

Hours	On Ridge	192.75
	Off Ridge	151
Woody weeds cut & sprayed or dug		91
Herbaceous weeds pulled or sprayed		17520
(Paterson's Curse 11000)		
Trees and shrubs planted		0
Herbaceous plants planted		0
Grasses planted		0
Whipper snapping		Some

Dates to Remember:

Saturday 5th September)	Paterson's Curse Kathner St
Sunday 6th September)	10 - 4pm
Wednesday 9th September	Planting Monkman St steps 9 - 4pm
Thursday 10th September	Planting Darrell Place 9 - 4pm
	Grant area by large reservoir
Sunday 13th September	Bird Walk 8.30am Kathner St
	Nature Walk 2.00pm Kathner St
Friday 25th September	Picnic 5.30pm) Kathner St
	Frog Walk 6.30pm)
Sunday 4th October	Park Care afternoon
Friday 9th October	AGM 7.00pm 21 Ordell St Chapman
Sunday 11th October	Monster Field Day Weedbuster Week

Greening Australia bush regeneration courses - phone me as soon as possible.

Cheers
Bess (62887536)

Max Colm

GREENUP DAY SUNDAY 13TH SEPTEMBER

COOLEMAN RIDGE PARK CARERS invite you to join them on walks on the Ridge on Sunday 13th September.

Bird Walk led by expert birdwatcher **Bruce Lindenmayer** at 8.30am

Nature Walk led by the Nature Trail designer **Gösta Lyngå** at 2.00pm

Both walks start at the **Kathner St Chapman** entrance to the Nature Park.

All welcome.