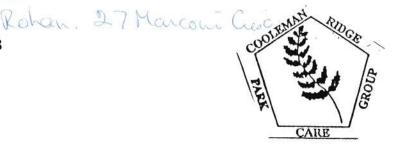
MEMBERS NEWSLETTER NO 48

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Welcome back in 1997; attached you will find a list of those people who have joined or re-joined to date. We have lost some of our former stalwarts but have enthusiastic new members filling the gaps. There is also a library list of the books the Group own.

This year promises to be quite exciting, we are gradually getting on top of the woody weeds all over the Ridge, several areas have had their herbacious weeds severely reduced and we have been allowed the use whipper snippers to tackle the oats, phalaris grass etc. At the moment we have borrowed a machine from Canberra Nature Park staff but we are investigating ways and means of buying our own so that we can really attack things in the Spring.

To comply with Health & Safety Regulations you are not allowed to use a whipper snipper on the Ridge until you have been instructed in their use by a Ranger. The Friday group and some of the Monday group have already been trained. Anyone who thinks they would be interested in using a machine please let me know and I will arrange a training session for you (about ½ hr). At the moment we are not allowed to use a metal blade so thistles still have to be tackled by hand.

With no cows chewing everything up the amount of regeneration on the Ridge has been most pleasing, there is now a wonderful area through the gate above Chauvel Circle and it is getting appreciably larger.

I have managed to get some cloth badges for members to sew onto an article of clothing; also I still have some hats and T-shirts. All are for active members only.

We are obviously needing to raise some money so:-

- 1. I have a good stock of jams, chutneys, marmalades and lemon butter for sale(\$1.50 each).
- 2. We are hoping to arrange an evening's entertainment in April for which tickets will be \$12, but if enough are sold \$10 from each ticket will be returned to the Group. More later.
- 3. I will be going to Tuggeranong Market and Woden Valley Hospital Market to sell things, if you have anything I could sell for you we only take 10% commission.
- 4. I always have a stock of gifts and cards here if you ever need a small present.

Although officially closed for January we have continued our small groups and I have been out tackling the woody weeds. We re-open on Sunday 2nd February with an interesting afternoon with Judith Curnow and Heino Lepp looking at mosses and lichens. Bring a magnifying glass if you have one and see the wonderful world of cryptogams growing on our rocks. Meet at

Kathner St.at 1.30pm, only a very short walk if hot, refreshments provided.

If you are working on the Ridge you MUST sign on and off to be covered by insurance, I have spare forms for anyone who needs one.

In 1996 there were over 4000 working hours put in on the Ridge, not including all office work, propagation etc done elsewhere. This includes all the time spent by other organisations as well as the Group, but what a total! Well done everyone.

Statistics for 1996:

Hours	Total	4117.45
Woody weeds		3444
Herbacious weeds		283,900
Trees & shrubs planted		4413
Herbacious plants planted		348
Grasses planted		1161

Dates to Remember:

Sunday 2nd February

Kathner St 1.30pm(with magnifying glass)

Cheers

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BOOKS

TITLE

Trees and Shrubs in Canberra
Landcare Manual
Wild About Canberra (2 copies)
Planting Trees & Shrubs on the
Southern Tablelands
Field Guide to the Native Trees
of the ACT (2 copies)
Australian Native Plants for
Home Gardens
How to be Green
Bush Regenerators Handbook(2 copies)
Trees for the Southern Tablelands

Wildflowers of the Bush Capital

Entomology - Science For Survival
Vol 2
Bringing Back the Bush
The Conservation of Remnant Woodland
& Native Grassland in the ACT
Saving Australia
How to Identify Plants
Time to Change
Seed Collection of Australian
Native Plants
Germination of Local Native Plant
Seed
Slater Field Guide to Australian Birds
Neighbours in Trouble
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Association
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Harden & Williams
David Suzuki
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Fraser & McJannett Wilding, Barnett, Amos Andrew Campbell Australian Journal of Soil & Water Conservation Submissions to Nature Conservation & Environmental Management VOLS 1,2,3.

ACT Decade of Landcare Plan

Feral Animals & Invasive Plants in the ACT

Vertebrate Atlas Report 1990 - 91

Community Response Towards a Draft Management Plan for Canberra Nature Park (2 copies)

Distribution & Conservation Status of Aprasia Parapulchella (ACT

Parks & Conservation)

Cultural Heritage Conservation Management Study - Arawang Homestead and its Surrounding Area (Eleanor Hearder)

Save the Bush (National Trust)

ACT Environment Strategy '93

Australian Plants (SGAP)

Management of Relict Lowland Grasslands (ACT Parks &

Conservation Service)

State of the Environment Report '94

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Environmental Weed Survey of the ACT (Berry & Mulvaney) ACT Water Quality Report 95-96 (Dept Urban Services)

Group Skills & Community Action (Landcare Victoria) ACT Weeds Strategy (ACT Dept Urban Services) Landcare Australia Yearbook (96/97) Draft Plan of Management for Canberra Nature Park.

We also hold many pamphlets on various subjects.

I own or caretake several reference books and a herbarium (compiled by Pauline Lynga) which you are welcome to browse through at my house 21 Ordell St Chapman.