

MEMBERS NEWSLETTER NO 74
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Hi Everyone,

We had a much better turn out for our June meeting and planted 280 grasses in Plantation
2. Thank you to every one who came. I have now mulched and watered the grasses and they are looking great.

We showed Alison Elvin, from Greening Australia, what we have been doing on the Ridge and she was very impressed with the improvement we have made. She suggested planting more grasses round the new dam so this month we will meet at Kathner St and have a final attack on the area.

Following a meeting in May when it was suggested that there was a need for greater interaction between Parks & Conservation and Parkcare groups, I attended another meeting last week where it was agreed that each Parkcare group would discuss its future plans and then meet to discuss these with CNP staff. We will have a discussion at our meeting on Sunday 18th July at 12 noon, at Kathner St if dry, or 21 Ordell St if wet. If you are unable to be there could you let me know your ideas before that date. There will also be a general meeting for Southside groups with CNP staff on Wednesday 4th August to which we need to send delegates. If you are interested let me know.

Thanks to Tina we took a lot of things to Woden Trash & Treasure and added \$79 to our funds.

We begin a new financial year this month; we have obtained a grant of \$2105 to cut the grass in the other plantations and plant grasses and shrubs. This years plantings should be completed this week (all 1800 of them!). My weekend helpers have done a marvellous job of slashing and preparing the ground and then doing some planting. On Wednesdays we have been concentrating on weed removal. If anyone would like to join us at the weekend or on Wednesdays they are very welcome.

Please remember I need your hours at the end of the month.

Statistics for June :-

Hours	On Ridge	383.15 (85 of these were whipper-snipping)
	Off Ridge	109.30
	TOTAL	492.45
Woody weeds cut & sprayed or dug		1022
Herbaceous weeds pulled or sprayed		26000
Trees and shrubs planted		260
Herbaceous plants planted		440
Grasses planted		332

Dates to Remember:

Sunday 18th July 10am - 4pm Kathner St dam
 12 noon Discussion

Cheers

Bess (62887536)

The Tree Survey

The tree surveying project goes ahead, month by month. As you can see from the table we are well under way to achieve our goal of tagging 2000 trees by the year 2000. This is what has been reported so far:

Area	Carer(s)	Tags issued	Data base entries	Tagged trees	GPS	Full examination	Photo
1. Kathner Street	Pauline and Gösta Lyngå	150	130	130	130	130	130
2. Chauvel Circle	Sandra Hand	419	405	405	404	78	405
3. Titheradge Place	Bess and David Sledge	439	439	439	0	0	437
4. Niblo Place	Malcolm Gill	265	0	261	0	0	0
5. Darrell Place	Paul Weiss	75	10	20	0	12	0
6. Guinness Place	Naarilla Hirsch and Jonette McDonell	261	0	145	41	30	125
7. Lincoln Place	Rachel Gregson	75	5	5	5	5	0
8. Namatjira Drive	Tina Nevins and Rohan Thomas	315	0	309	0	0	0
Total		1999	989	1714	580	255	1097

Comments: Whenever a square contains a zero, there is no information yet to the data base.

It has turned out to be efficient to tag all trees in an area first, to do GPS measurements when trees are already tagged and to make the full examination later.

The areas 1-4 are completely tagged, areas 1-3 all photographed and area 1 fully examined.

Although we now have active care takers for all the eight areas, there is plenty of scope for other to chip in and help as some of the jobs require quite a bit of time. The first jobs, tagging and photographing can easily be done simultaneously and do not require a lot of knowledge about the tree species.

Once the tagging is done, the details can be filled in at leisure:

It is quite easy to measure positions with the GPS. We have found that if two people work together, some 50 positions can be obtained in an hour. Arrange with Tony Fearnside (6288 7656) to borrow his instrument; Tony will also show you how to use it.

The final and most interesting stage is to record species, size, health, environment, bird life and habitat conditions for each tree. We have not yet found any with aboriginal markings but we are on the look-out for that as well. You may be able to examine 10-20 trees in an hour. Pauline and Gösta Lyngå will help you to get started if you are uncertain about this job.

The most daunting task, it seems, is the identification of the species. This can easily be left to someone confident or foolhardy enough to give it a go.

The data base has also got an entry for bird presence in the trees, mainly nesting, so if you have any information to add about that, let us know. Of course, you can report any interesting observation concerning trees anywhere on the ridge, not just in your area.

Give us a call if you want to be in this project.

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