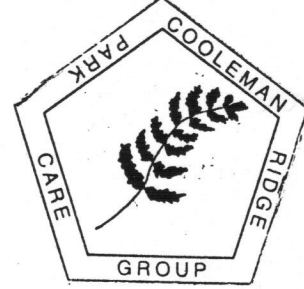


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Hi Everyone,

Thank you for your support of the theatre evenings. We made \$410 for Group funds from the 40 tickets sold which brings our total to \$2015 in the whipper snipper fund. Thank you to those who have donated since the last newsletter, their cheques have now been sent to Landcare Australia. We are investigating various makes of brushcutters as I don't think the one we have on loan will last long.

At the moment I'm cutting phalaris below the large reservoir. We are threatened with having cattle re-introduced onto parts of the Ridge and I'm trying to prove that the land there is rock free so that the tractor slasher could keep it clear.

I hope you have had some ideas for the next financial years projects.

We will be having a MEETING THIS COMING THURSDAY 1ST MAY

The meeting will discuss the program amongst other topics. I'm sorry for the short notice but circumstances have dictated the date.

During the month we launched a big attack on thistles in the area between the small reservoir and Mt Arawang. Many thousands were cut or sprayed, the work is not yet completed.

George and I have been watering the plants put in at the last meeting and most of them are surviving if not thriving. I hope we will have rain before the next meeting as I have bursarias waiting to go in.

I have got a seed-collecting permit for Clair, Sandra, Pauline, Ann, Tina, Dianne and Judy, it needs renewing in July so does anyone else wish to be added to that list for next year? You have to keep a record of what you take and use it for the Ridge.

It was agreed last group day that the next Park Care day would be Sunday 11th May, a good day to get Mothers out as well! It will again be at Guinness Place and you will be able to drive your car up to the reservoir.

Six-monthly report sheets will be given out to caretakers next month. If you haven't visited your patch lately now is the time to make amends.

Could you please let me know any hours worked on the Ridge in March by this Thursdays meeting.

Statistics for March:-

Hours	225
Woody weeds	368
Herbacious weeds	16200
Planted Trees & shrubs	94
Herbacious plants	20
Grasses	12

Dates to Remember:

Thursday 1st May	7.15 for 7.30pm at 21 Ordell St Chapman
Sunday 11th May	1.30pm Guinness Place, planting
Saturday 31st May	Environment Day Fair, Glebe Park

Cheers

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