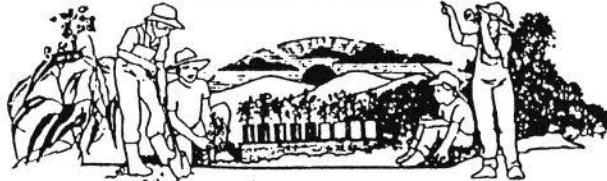


## Canberra Nature Park



## PARK CARE

Hi Everyone,

Welcome to new members Vanessa Dutton, Stephen Power and Jane Williams. Stephen and Vanessa have already adopted an area between Titheradge Place and Niblo Place to caretake! Jane picks up any litter on her walks.

Thank you to everyone who helped on "clean up" day in various parts of Canberra.

A reminder about the meeting on Wednesday 23rd March at 7pm. A ranger will come if work loads permit. Friends and relations very welcome. The following evening (Thursday) is the talk on Biological Control of Weeds at Athllon Drive. You need to register an interest by Monday 21st March or they wont buy you a sausage for the sizzle! If you would like to go but need a lift please phone me beforehand.

We will be having a Trash and Treasure stall at Tuggeranong in April - if you have anything you want to get rid of to help swell the group's funds unload it on us. Anything not sold will be left at St Vincent de Pauls door so you will definitely not see it again!!

At the moment no new tree planting is allowed on Cooleman Ridge until a management plan is in operation. We can replace dead trees but not extend any planting areas. We will be replacing trees in our plantations all day on Sunday 10th April. If you can bring a spade or trowel that would be very useful.

I notice the black oats are growing again - please pull up any you see during your walks. Please think up ideas for Group Sundays and also any useful ways of spending some money!!

I hope a lot of people have enjoyed the wonderful display of flowers on the burnt area around Cooleman Trig. We are still cutting and dabbing briars etc on Wednesdays and Sundays and hope to have covered the area from Kathner St to the large reservoir before winter sets in. We will need to re-cover it for several years to come but at least it will have had its first treatment.

There are welcome signs of natural revegetation occurring on the Ridge. I think last summers rains must have helped and obviously the smaller number of cows has really made a difference.

Dates to remember:-

Wednesday 23rd March

Thursday 24th March

Sunday 10th April

Group Meeting 21 Ordell St 7pm

Talk Athllon Dr 7.30pm

Sausage Sizzle 6.30pm

Tree Planting - Plantations.all day

Sincerely

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