**MAY 1997** 

Hi Everyone,



How welcome the weekend rain was, let's hope it has kept our plantings alive.

We had a good turn out for the Mother's Day meeting, augmented by Badimara cubs. I was notable for my absence for a large part of the afternoon, I got one of my car wheels stuck in a dust bowl and Gosta and David had to jack me out. I made up for it by spending every day last week planting the rest of the bursarias.

We had a small but articulate attendance at the evening meeting and have produced a programme for the next financial year, as requested by CNP. It will be attached to the next newsletter together with a map of the Ridge. This month's attachment is a report form for all caretakers. Please return to Pauline Lynga at 89 Warrangamba Ave, Duffy.

David and I are off to England for a few weeks. Pauline Lynga (2887009) is in charge and Sandra Hand (2886038) has the brush cutter and the key to the gates.

We have decided to have the June meeting on the 15th as most people seem to be going away for the long weekend. We will be trimming and tidying the original plantations. Meet at 1.30pm. If you have a brush cutter meet Sandra at Darrell Place and drive in, otherwise go to Titheradge Place and walk up from there.

If you brush cut as a Park Carer or at a Park Care meeting there are a few rules CNP insist on:-

- 1. Your brush cutter can only have a nylon cord head.
- 2. You must have been trained by a Ranger.
- 3. Your legs must be covered.
- 4. You must wear solid footwear, trainers not allowed.
- 5. You must have eye protection, sun glasses will do.

Sandra will have loppers and shears but please bring your own if you have some.

If you have worked on the Ridge during May please phone your hours in to Pauline before 2nd June.

As we are not home until 1st July please note the July meeting as well. We will be starting an exciting programme of mapping all the mature trees on the Ridge, for those not mapping we will weed around the new dam.

## Statistics for April:-

Hours	284
Woody weeds	558
Herbacious weeds	40500
Planted Trees & shrubs	95
Herbacious plants	48
Grasses	72

Dates to Remember:

Saturday 31st May
Sunday 15th June
Sunday 6th July

Environment Day Fair, Glebe Park 10 - 3
Darrell Place or at plantations 1.30pm
Kathner St 1.30pm

**Cheers Bess** (2887536)