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Hi Everyone,

Planting season is here again and we have lots of things waiting to go in. I'll be at the grant area this Sunday (31st) from 10 till 2 if anyone would like to join me - area marked {1} on the map.

Next week we have 8 people from Sydney coming to view our area and work on the Ridge. We will be at area {2} on the map on Friday from 10 till 2 and again on Sunday at 1.30pm for our proper Parkcare meeting. Drive to Titheradge Place and walk down between the plantings; look to your left and you will see my car. This area consists of one huge cow camp and there are thistles etc to cut as well as trees and grasses to plant. This is the Easter weekend but we hope some of you will be at home. The Sydney people are coming to 21 Ordell St Chapman on Thursday (4th) for a buffet dinner at 7pm. You and your partners are invited to join us but please let me know beforehand so that I know how many to cater for.

Fourteen people came to the meeting on 13th March and met Odile. She was very impressed with our photographic record. At the meeting Claire Powell was co-opted onto the committee as our Waterwatch member.

The Community Fair on Sunday was a great success and it was extremely interesting to see what other groups are doing. We came away with some good ideas.

We will probably soon be offered the opportunity to buy tools for use on the Ridge; if you have any special requests please let me know. We have recently had the shears sharpened and they now cut wonderfully. If you have Parkcare tools at home could you please let me know as I need to make an inventory. If you don't use them please return them to me or arrange for me to collect them.

We have had knitting wool and sewing material donated to us and already have a small circle knitting, crocheting or weaving articles to sell to raise funds. If you would like to volunteer yourself come and see what we have on offer.

Ginny Lovett was delighted with the water quality in both of our dams and has suggested we monitor it every 6 months. She has given us a Waterwatch kit which includes a video and a cassette. Let me know if you would like to borrow it.

I have 2 draft surveys for comment; one on weeds and one on the Upper Murrumbidgee. If you would like to borrow either please let me know.

If you have put in hours on the Ridge during March please phone me at the end of this week.

Statistics for February:

Monthly Meeting: 21 members laid underfelt at the lower dam.
Total hours: 209 1/2 + 126 by Malcolm & his students.
Removed: 515 woody weeds, 20965 herbacious weeds.
Planted: 28 trees, 15 herbacious plants, 110 grasses.

Dates to Remember:

Sunday 31st March	Planting area {1} 10 - 2
Thursday 4th April	21 Ordell St (dinner) 7pm
Friday 5th April	Planting area {2} 10 - 2
Sunday 7th April	Planting area {2} 1.30pm

Cheers

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