

MEMBERS NEWSLETTER NO 63
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Hi Everyone,

Eight members came to the Park Care activity for June and, although we were rained off half-way through the afternoon, we had walked far enough around Mt Arawang to see how well our trees were doing and to be pleasantly surprised at the small number of weeds we found (excluding grasses).

Thank you to the people who have returned their caretaker's reports to me; if you haven't yet done so please send them round soon. On filing them I realized that I had 10 reports for some areas, which means that they have been looked after for 5 years, what a difference there should be now! We are continuing to whipper snip along the horse trail on Wednesdays, although the grass is sprouting again it is much easier to cut the second time.

You may have read of plans to scrap the GangGang logo. The information we have is that they are planning to submerge the Act Parks and Conservation Service into the Department of Urban Services. If you feel strongly that this is an unsuitable amalgamation please write and say so to the Minister of Urban Services, Mr Brendan Smyth, ACT Legislative Assembly, London Circuit, Canberra

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I have bought 3 copies of a book called Reptiles and Frogs of the Australian Capital Territory. If you would like to familiarize yourself with what they look like prior to any work we undertake, please ask to borrow a copy. The Herpetological Society are very keen to conduct a survey on the Ridge and suggest October and November as the best months to do so.

I hope we get a good turn out for our 5th July meeting when Baine Geikie is our visiting expert. He will be leading a walk to look at our water run off and the health of our dams. Remember we are meeting at 1 pm (half an hour earlier than usual).

We are having a fund-raising Art Show on Friday 10th July and Saturday 11th July in Cooleman Court. If there are any members who wish to sell their paintings or framed photographs or any other art that hangs on the wall please contact David Sledge (62887536) before 6th July. The normal criteria for acceptance at art shows will apply ie artist's own original work; suitably framed and wired to hang; title, artist's name and price to be clearly marked on the back; all care will be taken but no responsibility accepted for damage or loss; a commission of 25% of the sale price of all sold items will be retained. Offers of help to look after the exhibition will be gratefully received. Attached flyer is for you to display or to pass on to a friend.

Please let me have your hours at or before the next meeting; it is the end of the quarter so CNP will want our totals in as soon as possible.

Statistics for May :-

Hours	On Ridge	290 (mainly whipper-snipping)
	Off Ridge	74
Woody weeds cut & sprayed or dug		331
Herbaceous weeds pulled or sprayed		9000
Trees and shrubs planted		436
Herbaceous plants planted		114

Dates to Remember:

Sunday 5th July	Meet Kathner St <u>1.00pm</u> Walk with Baine Geike
Friday/Saturday 10th/11th July	Art Show Cooleman Court during shopping hours
Wednesdays from 9.30 am	Whipper Snipping - phone me.

Cheers
Bess (62887536)



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This arrived after the newsletter was printed.
Please retain for your information.

ENVIRONMENT ACT



LANDCARE

15 June 1998

Dear Landcarer,

My name is Jane Horniblow. I am writing to introduce myself as the new ACT Community Landcare Coordinator. I took up the position in May, and work within the Community Support Unit of ACT Parks and Conservation Service, Environment ACT. The office is located on Athllon Drive, Tuggeranong. The primary role of the Unit is to promote partnerships that enhance and support community awareness and participation in caring for the environment.

As the ACT Community Landcare Coordinator, I will be focussing on;

- Identifying, sourcing and communicating information and skills, improving the exchange of ideas, and helping to raise public awareness in a variety of ways.
- Supporting and liaising with Rural Landcare groups,
- Landcare Month,
- Landcare Awards,
- Weeds awareness campaign.

Kay Collins is the Manager of the Community Support Unit, telephone 6207 2566. Also working within the Community Support are;

Bill Schuller - Regional Catchment Project Officer, telephone 6207 2277. The aim of Bill's position is to support the development and implementation of Property Management Planning and Agreements, create and support Landcare and business links and environmental industries, implement the Decade of Landcare Plan, and represent ACT Parks and Conservation on regional fora eg UMCCC, MCAP steering committee, Environment Industry Taskforce, Australian Capital Region.

Ann Connolly - Park Care Coordinator, telephone 6207 2193. Ann's primary responsibilities include the coordination and administration of the Park Care program, Green Corps projects, and staff training.

Kris Kowal - Bushcare Coordinator, telephone 6207 7802. The aim of the Bushcare Program is to reverse the decline in remnant vegetation through measures which seek to protect and re-establish areas of vegetation. Kris will be concentrating on building partnerships between the community, non-government organisations such as Greening Australia, and the ACT Government.



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Sharon Lane - Interpretation Officer, telephone 6207 2206. Sharon's primary role is to create community awareness strategies. These strategies cover a variety of topics including urban wildlife, weeds, and appropriate use of reserves. Sharon also assists the Districts in developing interpretation strategies, and in the production of the associated brochures and signs.

Tony Bray is the ACT Urban Landcare Coordinator and works in Canberra Urban Parks, Department of Urban Services. Tony is responsible for Landcare Groups working in urban open spaces in Canberra. He can be contacted by telephoning 6207 2484.

Also working in Landcare in the ACT is Anna Brangwin. Anna is employed by the Ginninderra Catchment Group and works solely with groups in the Ginninderra Catchment, telephone 6278 3309.

Waterwatch is the Environmental Awareness program administered through the Water Unit of the ACT Parks and Conservation Service. Nadia Kingham is the Waterwatch Coordinator, telephone 6207 2246.

Enclosed are the first two issues of the Australian Landcare Magazine. This is a new magazine produced by Rural Press. Ordinarily this publication will be mailed directly to you by Rural Press. If any of your Group's details are incorrect, could you please contact us at the Community Support Unit. This way, we can ensure that both this publication, and any other material we need to send, gets to the right place.

Available to borrow.

If you have any comments or questions or have something that you would like to see addressed, please do not hesitate to contact me.

I look forward to working with you.



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Malcolm

**COOLEMAN RIDGE
PARK CARE GROUP INC.**



ART SHOW

IN COOLEMAN COURT

FRIDAY 10TH JULY

SATURDAY 11TH JULY

DURING SHOPPING HOURS

**PROCEEDS TOWARDS CARING
FOR COOLEMAN RIDGE
AND LANDCARE AUSTRALIA**