

Friends of Mount Majura (FoMM) December 2008 newsletter

Apologies! For an unknown reason a number of subscribers to the FoMM mail list haven't received the mail distributed recently through the subscriber list. I will therefore continue to use the manual list until the problem is solved. Please bear with us and thanks for your patience.

- Help Mapping Rabbit Warrens; meet rangers on site – this Thursday, 4 December
- Woody Weeds Working Party – next Sunday, 7 December
- ParkCare Christmas Party – Wednesday, 10 December
- Seed collection – Sunday, 21 December

Minutes of FoMM meeting, 9 November 2008: visit the our website at <http://majura.org/fomm-members/>

Dear Friends

Plans are well underway to control rabbits on Mt Majura, Mt Ainslie and the Watson woodland. Parks, Conservation and Lands will employ contractors from February 2009 onwards. Knowing where the warrens are would be very helpful. You can help mapping rabbit warrens! Rangers will be on site to demonstrate what to look for this Thursday at the Majura horse paddocks. There will be also an introduction in the use of a GPS device to record the positions of warrens. Please contact Liese (details below) even if you can't come to the meeting but could walk an area and record warrens before February 2009. We need to know roughly how many volunteers would participate in mapping.

We will once again join forces with the Mt Ainslie Weeders for a working party around the Ainslie tip site on Sunday 7 December. Come early for morning tea and receive your ParkCare volunteer shirt, hat and water bottle. Does anyone know about the whereabouts of 3 buckets (2 blue & 1 red) lost at our last working bee?

December and January is a challenging time for volunteers however that is exactly the time when many species of native plants seed. If you can, come along for a walk to collect seeds of mid storey shrubs (see details below). The seeds will be for the Greening Australia "Seeds for Survival" program in exchange for raising seedlings for FoMM projects.

ParkCare will celebrate a busy year with a Christmas party and BBQ on Wednesday 10 December - a great opportunity to meet members of other ParkCare groups. Everyone is welcome. Please rsvp (details below).

Unfortunately there was again an incident of illegal trapping at the Majura dams. A Hackett resident found traps, netting and a dead tortoise at the lower dam. Rangers have removed the trapping equipment. If you visit the dams and find traps please contact the Mitchell rangers at 6207 2113.

And last not least I'd like to thank you all for your input and for volunteering your time in 2008.

Warm regards
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Help Mapping Rabbit Warrens, meet rangers on site

When: Thursday, 4 December 2008, 6.00-7.00pm

Where: Meet at the Majura horse paddock off Antill St opposite Justice Robert Hope Park, turn right north of Health Clinic; visit www.majura.org to view a **map** with the meeting point.

Bring: Appropriate clothing and a GPS if you have one.

Enquiries and to register your help with mapping: contact Liese at 6241 5553 or liese@ozemail.com.au

Woody Weeds Working Party

When: Sunday, 7 December from 8.00 am to noon

Where: Old Ainslie tip site off Philip Av / Kellaway St Nature Park entrance

Bring and wear: Gloves, sun protection, enclosed footwear and full body covering clothing

ParkCare Christmas Party

When: Wednesday, 10 December 2008, 4.30-7.00pm (come and go any time)

Where: Stromlo Depot at 500 Cotter Road, Weston Creek

Enquiries and RSVP: Rachael on 6207 2145 or Communityprograms@act.gov.au by Monday 8 December

Native Seed Collection

When: Sunday, 21 December 2008 from 3.00 pm to 6.00 pm

Where: Meet at the Hackett reservoir off Rivett / French Sts; visit www.majura.org to view a **map**

Bring and wear: Sun protection, water, good shoes, secateurs if you have

What: Collecting seeds of bitter pea, hop-bush and silver wattle.