

Friends of Mt Majura (FoMM) May 2011 newsletter

- Workshop: Identification and control of grass weeds and woody weed frilling – Saturday 7 May
- Music in the Park, FoMM fund raising – Saturday 7 May
- Volunteer Week work party on the old Ainslie tip – Saturday 14 May
- Work party at the old sheep camp to plant She-oaks – Sunday 15 May
- FoMM meeting to plan for the second half of 2011 – Sunday 22 May
- FoMM submission on Rabbit Management in Canberra Nature Park
- FoMM work statistics 2010

Dear Friends

Next Saturday, 7th May, Jenny Conolly, the ACT ParkCare coordinator will run a [workshop](#) for parkCare volunteers to identify and control environmental grass weeds and to treat woody weeds by frilling. This is an opportunity to broaden the skills in our group, so please consider attending the workshop. You can find the details of the workshop and a vast amount of information such as photographs of the weeds and management guidelines on our Website - just click <http://majura.org/2011/04/15/workshop-grass-weed-identification-and-woody-weed-control-07-05-2011/>.

Please don't forget to RSVP to Jenny jenny.conolly@act.gov.au or ph 62057384 by Friday 6th May.

Also on Saturday there will be an afternoon of Music in the Park, a fun event that the local organisers will use to raise funds for Friends of Mount Majura activities. Bring your chair, your friends, your children and your bottle of wine and chill out to the music of Bad Cat, Hit & Glide, White Papers and other local performing artists. It will be from 2pm onwards (so there's a bit of a clash with the grass weed workshop) and the venue is Bragg Street Park off Mackenzie Street in Hackett.

A team of Conservation Australia Volunteers will be at the old Ainslie tip on Saturday 14 May from 9.30am to 3.30pm. There will be mulching, weeding, and making tree guards. This is a great opportunity to get a lot of work done on the tip. Please come along if you are free. BBQ lunch provided. For enquiries please contact Jeanette at jlruxton@gmail.com.

Our FoMM monthly work party on Sunday the 15th May will be at the old sheep camp at Mount Majura ridge. We will be planting Drooping She-oaks, an important habitat plant for local wildlife. We need to dig the planting holes in a difficult area and I call on muscles for help. For further information please visit our website at <http://majura.org/2011/04/30/work-party-at-old-sheep-camp/>; be impressed by the "Before" and "After" photographs.

We will have a Friends of Mount Majura meeting on the 22 May to plan for the second half of 2011. I think we should discuss the Centenary Trail and its implication for Mount Majura as well. Please make a note in your diary; an agenda will be circulated closer to the date.

The Commissioner for Sustainability and the Environment conducted an investigation on the Canberra Nature Park (CNP) (nature reserves) and released a number of reports.

Please find the FoMM comment on the Report: Managing Rabbits in the CNP at

<http://majura.org/2011/04/08/fomm-submission-managing-rabbits-in-canberra-nature-park-08-04-2011/>

In 2010 FoMM volunteered more than 4000 hours to improve the conservation values of Mount Majura nature reserve. Work included weeding, planting, collecting seeds, monitoring, erosion control, and other work such as administration. Thank you everyone for giving your time. Contact admin@majura.org for a detailed report on work and the statistics in the past 5 years.

Take care everyone and I hope to see you around
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Workshop Environmental Grass Weed identification and control and woody weed frilling

When: Saturday 7 May 2011, from 1.00 pm to 3.00 pm

Where: Meet at the ParkCare notice board opposite of the Hackett reservoir off Rivett / French Streets.

Bring: Sun protection, something to write, a plastic bag for samples, a camera, and a snack.

What: Hands-on identification of Chilean Needle Grass, Serrated Tussock and African Lovegrass, and demonstration of woody weed frilling.

RSVP to Jenny Conolly, Parkcare Coordinator jenny.conolly@act.gov.au or ph 62057384 by Friday 6th May.

Planting She-oaks at the old sheep camp

When: Sunday, 15 May 2011, from 1.00pm to 4.00pm

Where: Old sheep camp, Mount Majura ridge, where the Casuarina trail hits the Mt Majura summit trail, view this [map](#) for the meeting point.

Bring & Wear: Sun protection, sturdy boots, garden gloves, a trowel, if you have one, and wrap up warmly.

What: Planting of local Drooping She-oak, *Allocasuarina verticillata*

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