

Friends of Mount Majura (FoMM) August 2011 Newsletter

- Seedling after-care this Sunday 14 August
- Working party – Sunday 21 August
- Tree Walk – Sunday 28 August
- FoMM stall at the Majura Primary School Spring Carnival
- FoMM meeting
- Frog Census 2011

Dear Friends of Mount Majura

I'd like to share with you that quite a number of people contacted FoMM to congratulate and to say thank you for a superb organised National Tree Day. Jo from Dickson wrote: "I just wanted to say thank you very much for organising the planting day! I attended with my 3yo son and we had a great time. It was very well organised." I want to pass this on to everyone who helped making this community planting an enjoyable event – many thanks again! Visit the FoMM website or click [here](#) for an illustrated report and photographs.

There is a need for **seedling after care**: some seedlings require more mulch and some stakes require more hammering. If you have time, come along to the paddock this Sunday (14 August) afternoon from 1pm, and bring garden gloves and appropriate clothing; I'll bring wheelbarrows, a rake and a couple of mallets.

At our usual [working party](#) on the third Sunday each month we will carry out work to disguise the short-cut at the zigzag part of the recently repaired southern branch of Casuarina trail uphill of the Majura dams. Meet on Sunday, 21 August at 9am at the nature park entrance Mackenzie Street opposite Grayson Street (click [here](#) to view a map), or just walk up the trail and meet us there. Bring gloves, sun protection and wear sturdy shoes.

Woodland ecologist Michael Doherty kindly agreed to lead a [Tree Walk](#) on Sunday, 28 August from 1pm to 3pm. The walk starts at the nature park entrance Mackenzie / Grayson streets. Two guides, "Trees of Mount Majura" and an updated edition of the "Eucalypts of the ACT" will be available for a gold coin donation. Visit the event on the home page of our website or click [here](#) to view photographs of some of the trees, their bark, flowers and fruits; more photos will be added over the weeks. For enquiries please contact Jenni at P 62488955.

FoMM has been invited to take part in **Majura Primary School Spring Carnival** on 10 September and there will be other fetes and festivals in the coming months. Should we put together a display of our photos to demonstrate the beauty of our local mountain, its accessibility and the conservation work we are doing? The aim would be to provide talking points to interest people in this local resource and the opportunity FoMM offers. We have a wide range of photos but it will require some effort to develop posters or display material. Once prepared the material could be used at similar events through the summer. We need 2 or 3 people to work on the display in the coming weeks, and to staff a stall at the Spring Carnival on 10 September, 2 volunteers to put up the display and be at the stall 10-12 and another 2 to take over at 12 and stay until 2pm and take the display down. Please get in touch if you want to help.

FoMM members are welcome to attend our **meeting** end of August. Please visit the doodle <http://doodle.com/sfgpe4wehdsgrtmm> to give your preferred time and to view the agenda items.

Leap into Frogwatch 2011. The annual census of frogs in the ACT is coming up and there will be a number of training seminars and field trips for novice and for experienced frogwatchers in September and October. Please contact Anke, the Frogwatch coordinator at E frogwatch@ginninderralandcare.org.au or P 62783309 if you want to take part in this exiting community program and fun activity.

Lots of things to do, to see, to learn and think about – it would be great if you could be part of it.

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