

## Friends of Black Mountain July 2021 to June 2022

**Rosemary Purdie** was awarded the **ACT Government Citizen Scientist** of the Year and Linda Beveridge was Highly Commended at the Landcare Awards this year.



For many years Rosemary has been sharing plant and ecology knowledge in citizen scientist surveys, work parties, guided walks, and the exhibition, *Black Mountain – a special place*. Rosemary was key in organizing the Black Mountain Symposium 2018, and was a co-author with Ian Fraser of the very popular book, **Black Mountain a natural history of a Canberra icon** (2020).

We were grateful to receive a grant from Braysher Management Fund for the **Oral History of Black Mountain** project.

Many attended the **talk** featuring this project. Another very popular talk was “Fascinating Autumn Orchids of Black Mountain” by **Dr Mark Clements**.



*Corybas hispidus* on Black Mountain  
Photo Jean Egan

Although wet weather reduced number of **Weeding Work Parties**, 47 people came to several of the 15 work parties, to remove more than 10,000 predominantly woody weeds



Weeding Work Party, SW Black Mountain  
Photo Ernestine Kirsch

We held 11 **guided rambles**, led by 20 volunteers for almost 300 participants on themes of Spring Wildflowers, Butterflies, the Summit, Ngunawal and National Capital Cultures, Fire and Plants, and Orchids. Wildflower walk in the NE area of the Reserve recorded 117 species in flower; about 40 more species than last year.

Seventeen (17) **Frogwatchers** (including a Cub group), 8 **Vegwatchers**, and 7 **Bird Observers** provided data to related organisations.



Eastern Rosella and Sacred Kingfisher  
Photo Julie Hotchin.

The annual 3-day ParkCare display at Jamison Plaza was cancelled because of COVID lock-down.

FoBM recorded more than 2,500 **voluntary hours** this year in the above activities and in policy consultation.

All of FoBM extends **our heartfelt thanks** to our 101 volunteers, 15 helpful community organisations, other organisations, radio and print media, and support by Parks and Conservation Services, for their part in our very enjoyable year.