

MULLIGANS FLAT WOODLAND SANCTUARY

An invitation to attend the

Inaugural 'Friends of Mulligans Flat' meeting

11:00am, Sunday October 23

Delfin Lend Lease Sales Office,
Francis Forde Boulevard, Forde

The Mulligans Flat Woodland Sanctuary, behind Forde, preserves an outstanding example of box-gum woodland - long recognised as one of Canberra's best birdwatching sites - home to the Regent Honeyeater and Superb Fairy Wren among others, plus many native plants and animals. Now enclosed with a predator-proof fence, and after extensive work by ACT Parks & Conservation Service (PCS) Rangers to remove the foxes and cats, the site is now suitable for the reintroduction of some rare and threatened species. Brown treecreepers have already been established and are being closely monitored.

Next on the agenda - Bettongs!

In the longer term, it is hoped the Sanctuary will act as an outdoor laboratory and opportunity for engaging and informing the community about our native plants and animals in a natural setting. Plans are that small bandicoots and populations of Bush Stone Curlews will also thrive here.

For the re-establishment program to be successful, it is vital that the Sanctuary fences and gates are regularly monitored to prevent re-introduction of feral pests. If you are a regular visitor, bushwalker, birdwatcher or recreational user of the Sanctuary

- YOU CAN HELP!

ACT PCS Rangers and ANU scientists working in the site also need helpers - do you enjoy learning about wildlife or native plants, weeding, GPS tracking, checking pitfall traps or just general 'work with your hands'?

If so, by joining the Mulligans Flat Friends Group you can help your community, enjoy opportunities for recreation and contribute to a worthwhile project.

Come along, meet fellow like-minded people, listen to the rangers and scientists talk about their work and hear how you can help

Morning tea provided, and a ranger-guided wildflower walk to follow.

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