



Warm Trees newsletter - April 2024

This newsletter provides information about upcoming workshops and knitters circle meetings, a request for some more skinny scarves, final date for scarf delivery, suggestions for distribution of wraps, and yet again a question about how long it takes to knit a scarf.

Workshops to make the display items for the gabion wall

This year we are making fewer items to be displayed along the entrance to the Village Centre, showing the national symbols of **Chile**. We are also featuring the seven Arboretum forests of trees that are native to Chile. We still need volunteers to help create the items. In addition, we will hold our knitters circle meetings in the room at the same time.

The workshops will again take place in the Terrace Room from 9:30 to 12 noon, but of course you can come and go at times to suit you. If you haven't been before and are thinking of coming, then please do so! The dates are as follows:

Tuesday 7 May
Wednesday 8 May

Tuesday 14 May
Wednesday 15 May

Tuesday 21 May
Wednesday 22 May

More skinny scarves please

Last year we received a comment that some people have friends or relatives who are not able to walk very far, but love to see the scarves around the trees when taken for a drive at the Arboretum. So we thought we would wrap some scarves around trees that grow along the roads. We would like a few more skinny scarves, between 12 and 15 cm wide and 1 metre long. As usual, any colour, including those of the Chilean flag - red, white and blue.

Final date for scarves

Can you please deliver your finished scarves no later than **Monday 17 June**, preferably earlier if possible. We plan to start installing them from Saturday 22nd June. As in previous years, it is best if you can take them to the Arboretum and leave them at the Information Desk. If you are interstate, please post them to:

*Friends of the National Arboretum Canberra
PO Box 48 Campbell, ACT 2612*

And if neither of these are suitable, please contact me and we will arrange pick-up (Canberra!).

Distribution of wraps from last year

We still have some wraps that we received rather late last year, so I decided to wait until the weather was cooler before distributing them. So a couple of questions – would you like to

nominate a particular charity or retirement village or nursing home that you think could make use of some wraps? Perhaps you know someone living in one, or you have been particularly impressed by a charity?

I am also looking for one or two volunteers to help me deliver them. And given the signs that the weather is getting cooler at last, the sooner the better.

How long does it take to knit or crochet a scarf?

You might remember I asked this question last year and was inundated with replies - NOT! So how about timing how long it takes you to knit, say, 30 rows of a 25 cm wide scarf, which is approximately 10 centimetres in length, and let me know the time it took you? If your 30 rows are significantly longer or shorter than 10 centimetres, please let me know the length too. This will enable me to make a more realistic estimate of the number of hours that Warm Tree volunteers are contributing to the Arboretum.

And finally

Thanks again for your involvement in Warm Trees. It is a significant event for the Arboretum and encourages people to get outside to walk among the forests, at a time when they might not want to go outside. And of course the extra number of visitors helps increase revenue, which in turn helps the ongoing maintenance and operation of our wonderful Arboretum.

Please contact me if you have any questions, or any suggestions, or can help with distributing wraps, and of course to let me know how long it takes you to knit 30 rows!

Cheers
Jan Morgan
Warm Trees Convener 2024