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The Ben Ricketts Environmental Preserve Newsletter

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Remaining Working Bees for 2008

As usual all are welcome to join us for a great weekend at Ben Ricketts Environmental Preserve to socialise and bush regenerate and repair, depending on your wish!

May 3 & 4 Put me in your diary now!

July 26 & 27

Nov 1 & 2 with AGM on 2nd November

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See you all at the May working bee at Ben Ricketts Environmental Preserve

The March Working Bee at Ben Ricketts Environmental Preserve was a fantastic success. Thank you all who participated. Lots of work was done both on the cabins and grazing areas and on the natural environment. It was great to have Amina and her two children and Trish Evans and her birdo friend Joan there. A special welcome was given to David and Chardi Christian from San Diego and Josh Christian and his fiancée Olivia from London. Other shareholders were the Kings, Julia, Hyone and Peter, Keren and James, Fred and Angela, Barry, Jeanne and Peter and Nancy and Rob.

Thanks Julia Peter and Hyone for a great meal on Saturday night. Twenty people sat down by candlelight to eat a sumptuous meal on the veranda of the house.

A new fence was built around the new Page house tank, veranda rails were painted, wood shed divider built, Page house steps repaired, mist weed and trad weeded, compost moved, garden worked, windows fixed, gutters cleaned, pipes removed from Trisha Falls, old electric fences removed, creek water supply checked, tank filters checked and replaced, Ben Ricketts Environmental Preserve road signs erected, tamarillo covered and lots more. Sorry if I forgot you or your job. Let me know.

Bush Regeneration

The bush regeneration up Jamberoo Mountain Road is progressing well. Peter Stuckey from Kiama Council came and inspected the work with the contractor, Gerard Proust, and Rob Pallin and was impressed with the progress. Council are contributing financially to the work. Thanks Kiama Council.

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Communal Centre and Greensleeves Manor

The work on these projects was expected to have started by now but unfortunately Peter Crozier has damaged his shoulder and the work has been delayed. This will start as soon as Peter is able to get onto it.

The Illawarra Fly

The Illawarra Fly is now open at Knights Hill. What effect this will have on Ben Ricketts Environmental Preserve we do not know. See it at www.illawarrafly.com

Changes at Ben Ricketts Environmental Preserve

Painting on Cabin 3 under the leadership of Keren and James is now complete. Thanks to everyone who helped make it beautiful again. Next time you are there have a look at the cabins and admire the changes and go for a walk to Maries Glade to see the changes that are happening there.

Any work that is done at Ben Ricketts Environmental Preserve in the way of weeding or pasture clearing or work on the cabins should be noted. It is always useful to know how much time is spent on these matters if we want to apply for grants.

Rob and Nancy Pallin have put together an excel spreadsheet for people weeding to note their times which can then easily be imported into an overall table. If you want me to send you one please contact me at rbpallin@bigpond.net.au

Other News

If you have any other news of interest to Ben Ricketts Environmental Preserve members and friends please let me know.