

Come alooong

The Ben Ricketts Environmental Preserve Newsletter

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Working Bee

Lots of people turned up for the March working bee. Judy and Rymill Abell, Jeanne and Peter Crozier, David Christian, Fred Lind, Barry Duncan, Bruce Taylor, Jane and Steve Gye, Annie McCluskey, Karl Schurr, Cathy Schurr, Keren Cox Witton, Ron Witton and three exchange students, Rob and Nancy Pallin and Hyone King.

Tonnes of wood were split for warm winter fires, the goathouse roof and floor were repaired, fences checked, logs removed off fences and sawn up for splitting, gutters cleaned, doors fixed, creeks weeded, meals prepared, jelly beans earned and lots more. Estimated hours contributed at the working bee are: Landcare 36, mainly mistflower, cape ivy and trad removal; firewood, fencing, food, cleaning, mending totalled 120. Jamberoo Mountain Landcare hours January- March = 125. Accommodation and fencing hours for January to March for Ben Ricketts Environmental Preserve was 275 hours.

It was a great time for all.

If you are staying at Ben Ricketts Environmental Preserve, do not hesitate to ask Hyone what needs doing. I am sure she will be able to find something small or larger to do, depending on your desire.

Next Working Bee

The next working bee will be on 23rd and 24th May 2009. All welcome. If you have not been to one recently please feel welcome! Bring Grandma and bring the kids!

There will be things to do, around the cabins and in the bush. At night we will also be burning some of the wood we split last working bee.

Let Hyone know that you are coming! bookings@benricketts.org.au or 42360208

2009 Working Bees on the Mountain

Put them in your diary now! All welcome!

Please note that the AGM has moved so as not to conflict with the “Gong Ride”. Please also note it has changed from previously advised.

May 23 & 24

Sept 19 & 20

November 7th & 8th with the AGM on Sunday 8th November at noon.

Cabin Bookings

Don't forget to get your bookings in to Hyone for that special weekend away. Winter and Spring are fantastic times for walks and reading at Ben Ricketts Environmental Preserve and snuggling up in front of the fire at night.

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A special offer for Friends of Ben Ricketts

Friends of Ben Ricketts can book mid weeks over the period from March to October 2009 outside of school holidays for 1/3rd discount off the normal rate.

If you are not a Friend of Ben Ricketts and you wish to become one, please contact The Secretary, Rob Pallin secretary@benricketts.org.au for information.

Roadworks

Jamberoo Mountain Road will be having roadworks carried out over the next few weeks and there may be delays between the bottom of the mountain and Barren Grounds Nature Reserve entrance.

Sandy – The cow who came home

The book is now in its second printing and is selling well. If you want to buy some you need to get in early to ensure your copies.

An order form is available on the website or ask Rob Pallin or Hyone King to send you one.

See you at Ben Ricketts Environmental Preserve soon!