

Come alooong

The Ben Ricketts Environmental Preserve Newsletter

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Working Bee

Lots of people turned up for the May working bee. Judy and Rymill Abell, Jeanne and Peter Crozier, Jenny Chivell, Fred Lind, Barry Duncan, , Jane and Steve Gye, Annie McCluskey, Karl Schurr, Cathy Schurr ,Cate Norton, Trisha Dean, Sandra Payne, Rod and Adam Rutledge, Erin ?, Rob and Nancy Pallin and Hyone King.

The garage was cleaned out so it can be used as a Communal Area, liaised with a potential builder, cape ivy and mist flower was removed from behind cabin 3, trees were removed off the fences, weeding above tree fern swamp and in Maries glade, gutters were cleaned and food was cooked and eaten! A group spent some time before Saturday lunch removing fire weed from the Darkes' paddock. A great job! Hyone, Marie, Nancy and Rob continued on with the job last weekend. Also great thanks to young Adam for the weeding he and his dad did.

Thanks Trisha for a great fish creation! We all celebrated Rymill's birthday in the appropriate manner.

As usual, 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 19th & 20th September 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 recently.

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.**

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.

Sandy and the goats

Sandy is settling in well and has now sampled all three paddocks. The new goats are also settling in well and all five are now operating as one herd.

Sandy has been donated to Ben Ricketts Environmental Preserve by Pien and Geoff and family. We thank them for this generosity.

Roadworks

Jamberoo Mountain Road is having roadworks carried out between the bottom of the mountain and Barren Grounds Nature Reserve entrance. They have now finished up to Ben Ricketts Environmental Preserve and there is not too much disruption.

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 Hylene King to send you one.

See you at Ben Ricketts Environmental Preserve soon!