

Come alooong

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Bush regeneration weekends

Christine (nee Kirkby) and Craig Austin, Jane and Steve Gye, Eva, Nancy and Rob Pallin enjoyed a damp weekend at the end of January weeding trad in Maries Glade and on Trisha (below and across the road from Duncania). We 'drilled and filled' the coral tree which has now lost most of its leaves. Christine has a fondness for the land her father purchased and she sold to Trisha Dean who then had it incorporated into Ben Ricketts.

An even wetter weekend in February was enjoyed by a group calling themselves the 'Westy Weeders'. They joined Nancy and Rob to help tackle weeds and enjoy Jamberoo Mountain. They are keen to come again.

Painting weekend

Keren Cox-Witton, James Cox, Jo Selinger and Peter Bock painted the communal area inside and out on a weekend in February. It looks great. It took a total of 56 hours plus time to buy the paint. Rob and Nancy Pallin and Hyone assessed the existing paint supply and calculated the areas so Keren could buy the paint.

Working bee 13th and 14th March 2010

What a great working bee! Although a small number of people, a lot of work was done by those who came. I would encourage those shareholders who have not participated lately to get along to a working bee.

Those who were there were Keren Cox-Witton, James Cox, Judy Abell, Rymill Abell, Barry Duncan, Fred Lind, Hyone King, Robert Pallin, Nancy Pallin, Roger Parkes, Julie MacDonald and Roger Lyle. A big thank you to all!

We filled a 6 cubic metre skip with rubbish, including the old Duncania water tank, and car parts and the old shed from Trisha. We repaired the roof of the goathouse, built a gate out of the cabin paddock to the qwerty track, built a new chook house ladder and cleaned the roof, aired mattresses and bedding, electric fences maintained, clearing vines and branches that obstructed the Ben Ricketts Environmental Preserve sign, checked and repaired water supply, some bush regeneration at Trisha, Duncania, Maries Glade and near Tree Fern Swamp. Estimated 133 hours of work all told.

Of course this was interspersed with cups of tea and coffee (thanks Judy and Barry) and superb lunches. A special thanks to Keren and James for the Saturday evening dinner, a taste of India. In general a very productive working bee! Some photos will be loaded onto the Ben Ricketts Environmental Preserve website shortly.

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Come and join us for one of the other working bees this year!

Working Bees for 2010

24th and 25th July 2010

11th and 12th September 2010

23rd and 24th October 2010 (and AGM)