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Special Deal for *Friends of Ben Ricketts* at Ben Ricketts Environmental Preserve

There is plenty of room in the cabins between now and 15th December, a great time to enjoy Ben Ricketts Environmental Preserve and the surrounding area. What's more as a special deal for Friends you can book at one third discount, thus a week will only cost \$270 and a midweek (Monday to Friday) will cost only \$160. Bookings need to be made by 31st August 2010 to receive this discount.

Shareholders can book at their normal rate but a bottle of wine will be waiting for you on the table when you arrive. Also any bookings under this deal do not count against your time allowance. Again bookings need to be made by 31st August 2010 for this deal.

Book your cabin with Hyone now! Phone 42360208 or email her on bookings@benricketts.org.au

Working Bee 24th and 25th July 2010

What a productive weekend! Lots of wood chopped ready for next winter, and a new wood storage shed on the way. We still are in need of some current wood collection and splitting.

Those who helped in the massive task were Keren Cox-Witton and James Cox, Annie McCluskey and Karl Schurr, Roger and Annelise Parkes, Nita and Peter Kent, Peter Crozier, Trisha Dean, Barry Duncan, Hyone King and Robert and Nancy Pallin. Total hours were approximately 76 hours.

Also there was a working bee the weekend of 7th and 8th August to clean out the ceiling space of Sugar Glider (cabin 3) and put in new insulation and to replace the sofa beds in all the cabins. There was also some bush regeneration done in removing cape ivy, mist flower, arum lily, ginger lily and montbretia. Those who helped were Jane and Steve Gye, Keren Cox-Witton and Nancy and Rob Pallin. A further 69 hours were put in this weekend.

New sofa beds

The new sofa beds in all the cabins have mattresses that are a little larger than the old ones. We suggest you bring queen size sheets to fit.

Accommodation working group

Keren and Nita would like some people to join them to help ensure the cabins are in working order and occasionally help when some purchasing of bits and pieces is needed. There is no cleaning or laundry involved. If you enjoy using the cabins and can only help occasionally here is a good way to be involved.

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Next Landcare and Cabincare weekend

The next working bee weekend is **11th and 12th September**. Please put it in your diary now and come and join the fun.

Please also put the AGM weekend in your diary as it is earlier than normal this year.

23rd and 24th October 2010 (and AGM)