

Come alooong

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DONATIONS NEEDED - Qwerty track

As part of the 3-year grant BREP received from the Foundation for National Parks & Wildlife, new track markers were put in place on the Qwerty track at the June working bee. An interpretive pamphlet will also soon be completed for Marie's Glade. A kind donation received from Janet Fairlie-Cuninghame helped to cover the cost of the poles but we still need more poles to finish off marking the track.

Could you help with a donation to complete the marking of the track? Please speak to Keren (0414 362 341 or jaskeren@optusnet.com.au) if you would like to assist. Any amount will help.

Working bee June 4th and 5th

We had a small but enthusiastic group at the working bee and lots of work got done, both in the forest and around the cabins and pasture areas.

Thanks to Annie McCluskey (who cooked Saturday night), James Cox and Keren Cox Witton, Fred Lind, Barry Duncan, Jenny and Damien O'Meara (and Rohan and Lillian), Hyone King, Rymill Abell and Rob and Nancy Pallin for all the work done. We had a visit from Matt and Basha on Sunday who were interested in community managed forests.

Next Working Bee August 20th and 21st

Come and join us for this event at Ben Ricketts Environmental Preserve. There will be some work around the Communal Centre, some walking track work and also some bush regen in some sunny spots. A great meal Saturday night will be provided in the Communal Centre.

Let Hyone know you are coming for catering and accommodation purposes. Email her on bookings@benricketts.org.au or phone on 02 42360208.

The normal arrangements for working bees apply. Free shared accommodation, bring your own personal requirements (including towel, sheets or sleeping bag), supply your own breakfasts, bring something to share for lunches and Ben Ricketts Environmental Preserve provides the evening meal on Saturday night, If you are there Friday night there is a simple meal at Pallin's place for all.

Other working bees for 2011

The last chance to join a working bee for this year will be October 22nd and 23rd (including the AGM on 23rd). Let Hyone know you are planning on being there!

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Cabins

Get your booking in for winter and spring now. The cabins are filling fast. Contact Hyone to ensure your booking by phoning her at 02 42360208 or emailing her on bookings@benricketts.org.au

Spring is a great time to visit Ben Ricketts Environmental Preserve and walk on the Barren Grounds with all the spring flowers.

New Brochure for Ben Ricketts Environmental Preserve

A new brochure promoting Ben Ricketts Environmental Preserve have now been printed, with a new look and format. Please pick some up from Hyone to pass out to your friends and acquaintances.

Yoga weekend

A yoga weekend is being planned for possibly November. If interested please look out for a notice shortly.

Manager relief

From time to time we need someone to look after Ben Ricketts Environmental Preserve while the Manager is away. Are you interested?

It involves ensuring that Ben Ricketts Environmental Preserve cabins are in good order for incoming guests and looking after the animals. It will also involve taking bookings and dealing with email.

Contact Rob Pallin on rbpallin@bigpond.net.au in the first instance for further information or to register your interest.