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## *The Ben Ricketts Environmental Preserve Newsletter*

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#### **The next “Fun on the mountain” Landcare/Working Bee will be held 20-21 May 2006.**

Please let Hylene know if you are coming and need accommodation. The usual applies; bring your own sheets and pillow slips, something to contribute to lunches and Ben Ricketts will provide the Saturday night meal.

#### **Landcare/ Working Bee report**

The weekend of 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> March was a weekend of work on the cabins, fertilising the pasture, weeding of the natural areas and planning future works through inspections and committee meetings. Thank you Leona and Hylene for organising the Saturday evening meal.

Those who worked over the weekend included: Peter and Jeanne Crozier, Annie McCluskey and Karl Schurr, James Cox and Keren Cox-Witton, Leona King, Julia Smith, Hylene King, Stefan, Amine and children Shaheen and Anian, Fred and Angela Lind, Peter and Sue Bock, Peter and Nita Kent, Roger Parkes, Barry Duncan, Trisha Dean, Ron Witton, Judy and Rymill Abell, Tanya Leishmann and Simon Heemstra (and Gracie), Rob and Nancy Pallin

Thank you to all especially those non shareholders who contributed so much.

#### **Autumn Spring Clean**

The Accommodation Committee organised a Spring Clean involving detailed cleaning of all cabins, including exhaust fans and washing and dry cleaning of all linen and other materials. Thanks go to Nita Kent (convenor) and Peter Kent, Angie and Fred Lind and Judy and Rymill Abell.

#### **Shareholders Meeting**

A Shareholders meeting was held on 12<sup>th</sup> March. The accounts for the six months to 31<sup>st</sup> December were presented and approved by Shareholders and a consensus method of approving major capital expenditure was agreed.

The boundaries for the Voluntary Conservation Agreement were approved at the meeting.

The meeting finished in the usual way with a shared lunch.

#### **Committees**

Most committees met over the Landcare weekend. The minutes of the meetings and updated committee membership lists can be viewed on the upcoming events page at

[www.benricketts.org.au](http://www.benricketts.org.au) or please ask Rob Pallin to send you the ones you are interested in.

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### **Cabin Upgrades**

New refrigerators are being purchased for cabins 1 and 3. Thanks to Amine for the new microwave shelves and shelves in the bathrooms. Thanks also to Martin Pentley for the insect screens for the cabins and to Peter Bock for installing a trial smoke alarm in Cabin 1 and the building of an outdoor table by Simon Heemstra (yet to be finished).

### **Website update**

The website has been updated with new images and news. If you would like to publish any of your images or have an announcement please email [trishadean@bigpond.com](mailto:trishadean@bigpond.com)

### **Drumming Workshop/ Qi Gong/ Thai Cooking**

On the weekend of July 29 & 30 there will be a special treat in which you can indulge in three quite different activities at Ben Ricketts.

The weekend will commence with a Qi gong session (think Tai Chi with a twist) led by Nita Kent on Saturday morning. Qi Gong consists of simple and powerful movements. It is the ancient art of longevity and wellbeing from China. (Ben Ricketts is already renowned for the longevity of past patrons).

In the afternoon there will be a drumming workshop which will be led by Julie Blanchard, a fantastic music teacher. Drums will be provided for use. Expect to have a load of fun.

In the evening Karl Schurr will lead us in his now famous Thai cooking classes when even the most inept in the kitchen feel like culinary giants. **–LIMIT 8 persons**

On Sunday there will be another Qi Gong session followed by a bush walk for those willing.

Cost: Includes share accommodation for Fri and Sat nights

Without Thai Cooking      Shareholder rate \$95 Other \$155

With Thai Cooking          Shareholder rate \$125 Other \$185

**Book now** with Hylene on 02 42360208 or at [bookings@benricketts.org.au](mailto:bookings@benricketts.org.au) Do not forget to tell her that you want to be part of the Thai Cooking as spaces are limited.