

# Come alooong

## *The Ben Ricketts Environmental Preserve Newsletter*

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Welcome to another *Come Alooong*

The last working bee was a great success with lots done on the cabins and some good pasture management and bush regeneration carried out as well. Thank you to all who made it a successful weekend. Thanks especially to James and Keren who provided the Saturday night meal.

The next **Landcare** and **Cabincare** weekend will be **May 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup>**. Contact Hyone on [bookings@benricketts.org.au](mailto:bookings@benricketts.org.au) or 02 42360208 to let her know you will be there.

Lets make it a great welcome to winter for Ben Ricketts.

Winter is a great time at Ben Ricketts. The slow combustion stoves are being serviced and will be ready to keep you warm at night, and the winter walks on the Barren Grounds and along the coast near Kiama are marvellous. Also a good time to visit the local wineries that are popping up from Gerringong to Nowra. A nice lunch and taste some local wines. I believe the Regional Taster at Coolangatta Winery is worth a try! You get to taste four local wines and local produce from the region.

Cabin 2 is currently under repair. Dry rot has set in to some of the timbers and windows. These timbers and windows are being replaced. After several coats of paint Cabin 2 will be fresh and smiling again.

**STOP PRESS** Cabin 2 is already looking smart and cosy. Book it now before the rush!

### **Bush Regeneration**

Gerard Proust and his team are now working within the Ben Ricketts Environmental Preserve Conservation Area thanks to a grant from National Parks and Wildlife Service. NPWS have provided money over three years to carry out stage one of the eradication of weeds from the head of the catchment of Swamp Creek. Thank you NPWS.

**Later dates for 2007 working bees. Put them in your diary now!**

**July 21 & 22**

**November 3 & 4 This will also be the AGM weekend**

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