



Brisbane Ranges Landcare Group

Newsletter

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Brisbane Ranges LandCare General Meeting and Christmas Party

7-30pm Wednesday 15th December 2010
Balliang Hall

Christmas Party

Don't miss the widely renowned Brisbane Ranges Landcare Group Christmas Party which will be held immediately after the meeting, which our chairman (Andrew 'guillotine' Prime) promises will be very speedy.

A selection of prime quality meats, courtesy of Alistair Sadler, will be sizzling on the barbeque and delicious salads will be available. BYO drinks.

Cost: Members and their families: Free,

Non members \$25 per person (hint membership costs only \$25!!!)

Non-members and, especially, any new residents, will be warmly welcomed! Please come and join your neighbours for a friendly Christmas get together.

The Year in Reflection

BRLCG has had a very successful year. Our large project to revegetate some 14 k of the Little River stream frontage has commenced with the fencing almost complete and 1700 trees planted together with weed control. The second stage of the tree planting will take place in 2011 with another 4000 trees to be planted.

The project works are being conducted under landholder supervision, and the special funding we have managed to secure will ensure that landholders will have full cost recovery. Another two landholders are likely to join in the project which will extend the 14 k even further

We also completed in conjunction with the Balliang Fire brigade a landscaping project in the area around the fire shed using funding from the CFA: attached is a photo of the hardworking members!

Finally some of our members were participants in a study on the Little River carried out by SKM consultants commissioned by Melbourne Water. Simon Treadwell, who managed the study, spoke at our last meeting about the implications of the study for the work of the landcare group, reported interesting findings on the status of the river and told us about some recommendations on ways of increasing its health. If you would like a copy of the report, please email neilathertoday@bigpond.com. Note the report will also be available from the Melbourne Water Website at a later date.

Overall we have had a very interesting year thanks to our guest speakers and many activities!

Next Year

We have started looking at speakers for next year and we are hoping to have a guest speaker address the group on the government purchase of 15,000 ha of grassland reserves predominantly to the

west of Werribee. We also hope to invite the Environmental Officer from Werribee to address the meeting on works being performed by that municipality.

We will continue our financial support for members' land management activities, with a generous subsidy of up to \$200 per member family towards costs of stakes and tree guards used for planting indigenous trees in the local area.

In addition we will continue to offer a subsidy of \$50 towards rabbit baiting undertaken by members.

Consult your financial planner to check that the offer of \$250 of benefits is a good return on your \$25 membership fee! Plus the BBQ at the end of the year



CFA planting project: Above: the management team test the tools Below: part of the finished project!

