



Brisbane Ranges Landcare Group

Newsletter

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Brisbane Ranges LandCare Annual General Meeting and
Christmas Party
7-30pm Wednesday 2nd December 2009
Balliang Hall

Christmas Party

Dont miss the widely renowned Brisbane Ranges Landcare Group Christmas Party which will be held immediately after the AGM, 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.

BRLCG Projects

BRLCG has now secured its largest project ever: to revegetate some 14 k of the Little River stream frontage. The first instalment of funding from Melbourne Water and the Vision for Werribee Plains Program has been received: \$20,000 for fencing!

The Landcare group has promised at least 45 hours of labour, probably for tree planting, as an in-kind contribution: so we will be looking for active support next year.

The project works will be conducted under landholder supervision, and the special funding we have managed to secure will ensure that landholders will have full (or close to full) cost recovery: a first for our group!

The project is part of a “mosaic” program which aims to increase and enhance the areas of indigenous vegetation in our area: We hope to secure ongoing funding in future years to see the program extended.

Projects for 2010

In addition to the Little River Reveg project, we intend to assist the CFA in landscaping an area around the fireshed.

We also plan to continue our financial support for members’ land management activities, with a generous subsidy of up to \$100 per member 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 \$150 of benefits is a good return on your \$25 membership fee!

Little-known Australian first:

After having dug to a depth of 10 feet last year, American scientists found traces of copper wire dating back 100 years and

came to the conclusion, that their ancestors already had a telephone network more than 100 years ago.

Not to be outdone by the Americans, in the weeks that followed, a Russian archaeologist dug to a depth of 20 feet, and shortly after, a story in Pravda read: “Russian archaeologists, finding traces of 200 year old copper wire, have concluded that their ancestors already had an advanced high-tech communications network a hundred years earlier than the Americans”.

One week later, a water boring contractor operating in the Balliang area, reported that, after drilling 21 feet in his paddock near Gilmores Road, he found absolutely nothing. We can safely conclude therefore that Australia had already gone wireless at the time of Federation.

Great moments in fox hunting!

