



Yellow Footed Rock Wallaby Preservation Association Inc
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NEWSLETTER – OCTOBER 2006

LONG TIME BETWEEN NEWSLETTERS

Some twelve months have passed by since our last Newsletter, and it is not because nothing has happened, but more because we have had a few setbacks and much to carry on with. Apologies to those who have missed being kept up to date, and here we go.

LOSSES

You may recall that the last Newsletter indicated that our Facilities building was expected to be completed by our building team lead by “Nev” Davey and officially opened last Easter. Unfortunately, we have to report the tragic passing of Neville due to illness and we share the sadness of his family and friends. We were lucky to have enjoyed the benefits of his friendship and his generosity with his knowledge, time and effort.

We shall also miss the dedication and efforts of Tony Cathcart who has converted his hobby and passion for conservation to a full time professional position with the Australian Wildlife Conservancy at their Scotia Reserve. Many thanks to Tony who put in so much of his expertise, time and effort into the Bunkers CR photopoint system, wildlife surveys and the (ENVIROFUND) Revegetation Project, and many other aspects of what we are trying to achieve. Tony has indicated that he will visit when he can and has nominated David Pearce to take his place.

Many thanks to David for continuing the Revegetation Project, and the new planting around the camp sites.

FACILITIES BUILDING

This is progressing once again with electrical work done by Kym Groves and the pouring of the concrete floor by Bob Temby and his helpers.

Exterior and interior finishes and colours have been decided and will follow the installation of insulation and internal lining.

I will not try to forecast a finishing date in case we strike any problems.

SKYTREK LICENCE AGREEMENT

You are probably all aware that the Association has been able to progress our activities without making any financial calls on our members because of external funding, one of which is the income from Willow Springs Station for the right to authorise public to pass through the reserve along the Skytrek route.

The first five year agreement has been completed and renegotiation of the fees and conditions of renewal is now taking place.

SPONSORSHIPS

You may have noticed our rather “flash” new wheelbarrow – this was a generous donation from Hills Industries for which we thank them. Incidentally, if you are in need of any Hills Industries products (or products they are distributors for) – be aware that they have a “seconds” disposal outlet just around the corner from their Edwardstown offices just off South Road.

FIREWOOD

Please remember to bring some with you, but please do not build up individual “reserved” woodpiles as this is a fire risk, is unsightly, and provides shelter for “joe blakes” (snakes) and vermin. Please bring a little extra every time you come and add to a “communal” pile for anyone who runs short

I am trying very hard to obtain donations of wheelie bins for tidy storage of wood by each campsite. Gil Hartwig is generously bringing up quantities of off-cuts for the water heaters.

RECOGNITION

As is often the case in volunteer organisations, there are always those who put in effort well above “the average”, pick up the more demanding tasks, etc, - we should recognise them and are looking for suggestions, eg “Order of the Yellow Foot”?, special Tee shirt? (\$50plus to everyone else as a fund raiser) etc. If you have ideas – please let us know.

TASKS

As usual, there is a lot to be done, please contact any of the Committee if you can spare some time.

For those who like walking or driving, the baiting program for fox baiting in 2007 is: 16 -19/02/07, 18 -21/05/07, 10 -13/08/07 and 9 -12/11/07.

GOATS

Probably due to the dry conditions, goats seem to be migrating south and have been seen (and put down) in unusually high numbers in the last few weeks.

If you are accredited (SSAA-H&C) to shoot, please check the conditions for doing so, and please also avoid going being out on your own and out of contact in case of emergency.

CONDITIONS FOR ACTIVITIES

Please be aware that there are conditions of access to the Bunkers CR – notice of intent to visit, completion of REPORT after stay, conditions of CAMPING, conditions of SHOOTING, conditions of travel along SKYTREK, - copies of all of these are available from the Committee if you do not already have them.

Kaz Herbst - Vice President