

TREE PLANTING SUCCESSES

A pleasant tree planting trifecta of successes recently.

Over 100 trees planted with wallaby-proof tree guards along Sydney Catchment Authority land along the Kangaroo River below the bridge, as well as the killing of significant patches of lantana. The four working bees at this site with members of the Friends of the Brush-tailed Rock-wallaby have transformed this area, having gradually removed the privet and lantana and now replanting a total of over 500 trees this winter. This has made a serious start to the job of returning this clearing (with its regular weed invasions) back into riparian forest. Thanks to John, Melinda, Tess, Ernie, Susan and Adam.

Nearly 300 trees planted recently along Broughton Creek, on the Dept of Sport and Recreation land. This riverbank had been fenced by a Green Corp/Catchment Management Committee project approx 5 years ago, but there had been little native regrowth since then. Thanks to Will, Kathy, Barbara, Warren, Scott (the Fire Truck with its 2000l tank makes planting easy), Luke, Paul, Eleise, Erin, Drew and Terrance. Special thanks to Berry Apex for the initial idea, the BBQ and the help in organising. This site could well be a National Tree day site for a couple of years into the future.

150 trees planted on the Shoalhaven Jump Club, behind the SkatePark on North St, Berry. 26 enthusiastic Year 4 kids from Berry Public School, with their teacher Bret and assisted by Carol, Zoe, Tanya and Robin. The school kids brought along Illawarra flame trees and red cedars that they had propagated. These are now planted along the creek line. This planting project will replace the privet and lantana forest that had existed along this section of Bundewallah Creek, until Councils spray program and follow up by the privet team made a replanting possible.

Lets now hope for a little follow up rain to help them all along. And a special thanks to funding from the Sydney Catchment Authority and the Recreational Fishing trust for funding for plants and organising assistance. This makes a total of over 2700 trees planted by the Privet team since April.

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Zonta News



On the social side the members of Zonta enjoyed a winter-warmer social evening celebrating Christmas in July and tucking into a splendid 'Christmas Dinner' thanks to Matt at the Berry Hotel. As always, the serious business of continuing the good works of Zonta was addressed between courses with some great achievements to report. The long application process in our student scholarship programme has borne fruit with a young mother of three being selected to receive \$1,000 to help her with her studies in early childhood. The scholarship programme is new to the Shoalhaven and the members of Zonta are proud and delighted to be part of the process that is helping a young woman from Terara achieve advanced education.

We are continuing to help the Rosa Women's Refuge in Nowra and wish to thank a local Berry business for their generous donation of materials for craft projects in which the women participate. We are also grateful to the mystery Sydney visitor to Berry, known only as Michelle, for the homewares and linen that appear on Rita Sullivan's doorstep for the women in the Refuge.

The fingers were flying at the recent sew-a-thon of breast cushions held at the home of Barbara Smith. A combined effort of 9 women putting in 60 hours of work produced 48 much-needed cushions for women who have undergone breast surgery. Bravo, and thank you to all who gave their time so generously.

Very Important Notice: There has been a change to the date of the Preview Cocktail Party for the annual Antiques Fair. Please make a note in your diaries that the date is now Friday, 17th September. Nothing else has changed, there will be great food, a myriad of antiques and collectables and the chance to win one of the wonderful raffle prizes; a painting by Trudi Last, a bracelet donated by Margo Claringbold and an Indulgence Basket of goodies. Take a look in Margo Claringbold's shop window and see these great prizes for yourself. So, don't delay, phone Margo Claringbold on 4464 1441 to secure your tickets for the Champagne Preview.

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