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REPS Meeting

**Wildflower Walk at Barren Grounds
Saturday 10th October
Meet at the Picnic parking area at
10.00am**

Barren Grounds Nature Reserve is 14km along the Jamberoo Mountain Road from the Pie Shop and the picnic parking area is about 1km in from the entrance.

Instead of a Friday night talk this October we will have a 2-4km return walk on easy tracks to see the display of wildflowers in the Nature Reserve. At this time of year the two species of Boronia (*B.thujona* and *B.barkeriana*) are in flower as well as many other kinds of heath wildflowers.

There will be time to identify and photograph flowers so bring plant books and cameras if you like. Wear a hat, sensible shoes and clothes that allow for changeable weather; bring your lunch and a drink in a backpack to have out on the track if the day is fine.

Further information, phone Helen Tranter 4885 1394.

All welcome

Review Miles Lochhead's Talk in August

By Monica Engel

Miles gave us a great presentation about waste. I'm sure people who came to the talk would agree that garbage can be fascinating.



Photo

Ford Kristo

As manager of resource recovery Miles has seen a great shift in the way waste is managed, a change he is supportive of. In fact, he would like to put himself out of a job over the next ten to fifteen years by actually achieving zero waste - something he believes is achievable. However, these changes have made making money out of rubbish a lot more difficult.

I particularly enjoyed the sprinkling of humour. I did try to get a copy of the 'diagram of the brain' for those who missed the talk. All who attended will remember it I'm sure.

Upcoming Events

Sat/Sun 3rd/4th October – Railway Fair, Robertson Station – details overleaf

Sun 4th October – 3265 Steam Locomotive – Robertson to Moss Vale return – see overleaf

Sat 10th October – Wildflower Walk -10am Barren Grounds picnic parking area.

Sun 11th October – 3265 Steam Locomotive – Robertson to Moss Vale return – see overleaf

Sat 17th October – NPA Special Event- Dingeldei Hut Reunion – bookings required, see overleaf

Fri 13th November – AGM followed by Dr Rebecca Spindler – Taronga Conservation – details overleaf



Caalang Creek Working Bees

Caalang Creek Working Bees are held on the last Saturday of each month from 9:30 am onwards subject to the weather. Please come and join us for as long as you are able.

The next Working Bee will be on the 31st October

Meet at the footbridge in Hampden Park. Don't forget water, hat and gloves. We now have tools available, but bring your own if you can.

Queries to Steve Douglas 4271 4957 or Leon Hall 4888 2222.

Help Care for Our Nature Reserve

**1st Wednesday of each month
10:00am to noon**

All welcome. Please bring garden gloves. For further information, phone Helen: 4885-1394

Speaker at REPS meeting 13th November 2009 Dr Rebecca Spindler

REPS is delighted to announce that Dr Rebecca Spindler, Manager, Research and Conservation Programmes, Taronga Conservation Society Australia, will address REPS members at the AGM on 13th November 2009. Rebecca has a passion to conserve endangered animals. She has undertaken a number of interesting research projects both in Australia and overseas. Her talk will include some of the exciting conservation research currently in progress at Taronga Zoo.

Opportunity to become a REPS committee member!

REPS would love to see some new faces on the Committee for the 2009/10 year. Undertaking a committee member role is not onerous – only five committee meetings per year and your chance to suggest speakers for the public meeting talks as well as share other ideas that you may have to enhance our understanding and protection of our local environment.

For more information please contact
Lynn Stevenson on 4885 2902 or ponto2@optusnet.com.au

Canwin Wheelbarrow Flotilla – Tulip Time Parade

The Canwin Wheelbarrow Flotilla got a fantastic response from those gathered to watch the Tulip Time Parade on Saturday September 26. The Canwin group was placed right behind a shiny blue semi trailer which seemed a bit odd. The

horse drawn hearse was also ahead of us, that fact becomes important later.

The leader of our group was Geoff Byrne with a tape player (from Resource Recovery) belting out Tiny Tim's 'Tiptoe Through The Tulips'. Those with less heavy barrows were able to dance to this tune but most people were glad when we returned to the carpark and Geoff finally turned it off.

David Tranter had a barrow filled to the brim with waratahs. Unfortunately, as soon as David handed a few out they were all gone, so he had to push an empty barrow. The highlight though, was Miles Lochhead keeping the streets clean with a spade (in the wake of the horses).

Railway Fair at Robertson Station Sat & Sun October long weekend 10am-4pm

- Magnificent massed Waratah display. (Station Gardens are open Sat 3rd to Wed 7th October 10am-3pm – guided tours available.)
- Annual Waratah Flower show. Flower arranging competition Saturday.
- Pre-fair floral arrangement demonstration and workshop Wednesday 30th September.
- Fully operational model railway – steam and electric.
- Robertson History museum in the station building, historic railway artefacts in the Perway/Fettlers' Shed. Rail History Exhibition in the Gallery.
- Sunday: Market stalls on the common.
- Sunday: Car boot sale - Pre-registration only (not available on the day) Cost \$20 per car.

General Enquiries & car boot registration form:

Anne 4885 1598 annejw@bigpond.net.au

Gardens & Flower Show:

David 4885 1394 dh.tranter@bigpond.com

Flower workshop: Penny 0408 610 714

SUNDAY 4TH OCTOBER 3265 Steam Locomotive pulls the Cockatoo Run to Robertson

"Loop Train" ride from Robertson to Moss Vale & return. Tickets \$10/\$5/\$25 – prior bookings on 4885 2823 or 4885 1394 or at Robertson Station 4885 1256 or at the Fair. (train information: www.3801Limited.com.au)

NEXT STEAM TRAIN VISIT

Sunday 11 October "Southern Highlander"

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