

MDEG AGM April 30th 2014 Adams Lead Reserve Report

Grants were received and used for the following:

- Purchase of equipment for Bush Regeneration work
- Funding for four positions in a Chem Cert course in Gulgong. John Clarke, Berni Aqulina and two students from Gulgong High attended.
- Petrol vouchers for volunteers – it's great to be able to thank them in this way!
- The development of a Risk Management Plan which was completed in 2013 by Terrence Jennings
- Three Plant Identification Workshops

The first Plant Identification Workshop was held on the 22nd March under the shade of the beautiful trees at Adams Lead Reserve. While Di and Phyllis prepared the morning tea our presenter Christine McRae introduced the eleven participants to the features (and terminology) of the main plant groups. She led everyone through interesting exercises that taught them how to use keys for plant identification using specimens she had collected. During the morning tea break the six new comers had the opportunity to get to know the members of FOAL present.

The aim of the next two workshops is to:

- ❖ Raise awareness of and importance of Forbs i.e. the small native plants in Grassy Box Woodlands
- ❖ Identify, Develop and Extend list of Plants at Adams Lead Reserve
- ❖ Inspire landholders to extend areas of native vegetation on their properties
- ❖ Extend Contacts and Networking for Adams Lead Reserve

Other Actions and Events

- Gulgong Gossip Articles sent by Phyllis Setchell each month
- Bush Regeneration Working Bees held on the first Saturday morning of each month, organised by Berni Aqulina
- Sunday 13th April three members of Cudgegong Field Naturalists joined Berni for a bird watching morning at Adams Lead. Twenty two different species of birds have now been recorded at the reserve.
- Car access gate repaired by John Clarke and keys distributed.
- Networking through Newsletters with Land Care and other environment groups.
- Information stall and fundraising at Gulgong Back to Gulgong Weekend followed by a walk and talk at the reserve. Our thanks to all those who helped.
- Fundraising by Di O'Mara over the Easter weekend
- Pindone Rabbit eradication program carried out by Berni Aqulina
- Field day for TAFE students with Berni Aqulina

- Di O'Mara received an Australia Day award for her services to the environment and in particular for all the many years of hard work ,time and effort she has put towards Adams Lead

Future Actions/Time Line

- **June** Long weekend Information/Fundraising Stall Gulgong
- **June** Brainstorm session to revise the Management Plan goals
- **July** Prepare Grant Submissions to cover costs for bush regenerations actions – weed eradication – seeding and planting; plant register, workshops/field days; Portaloo hire/ composting toilet.
- **August** Finalise accounts for current Foundation for Rural and Regional Renewal grant
- **August** Risk Management Plan Launch/Event
- **September** next grants applications due: Mid Western Regional Council Funding for an “Event” in 2015 for \$2,500.00 and FRRR
- **September** Saturday 6th 2nd Plant ID workshop
- **October** Saturday 20th 3rd Plant ID Workshop
- **Autumn 2015** Grasses workshop in Autumn 2015
- **Regular notices about these actions will be sent to those on the Friends of Adams Lead email list, the Gulgong Gossip, and other contacts.**