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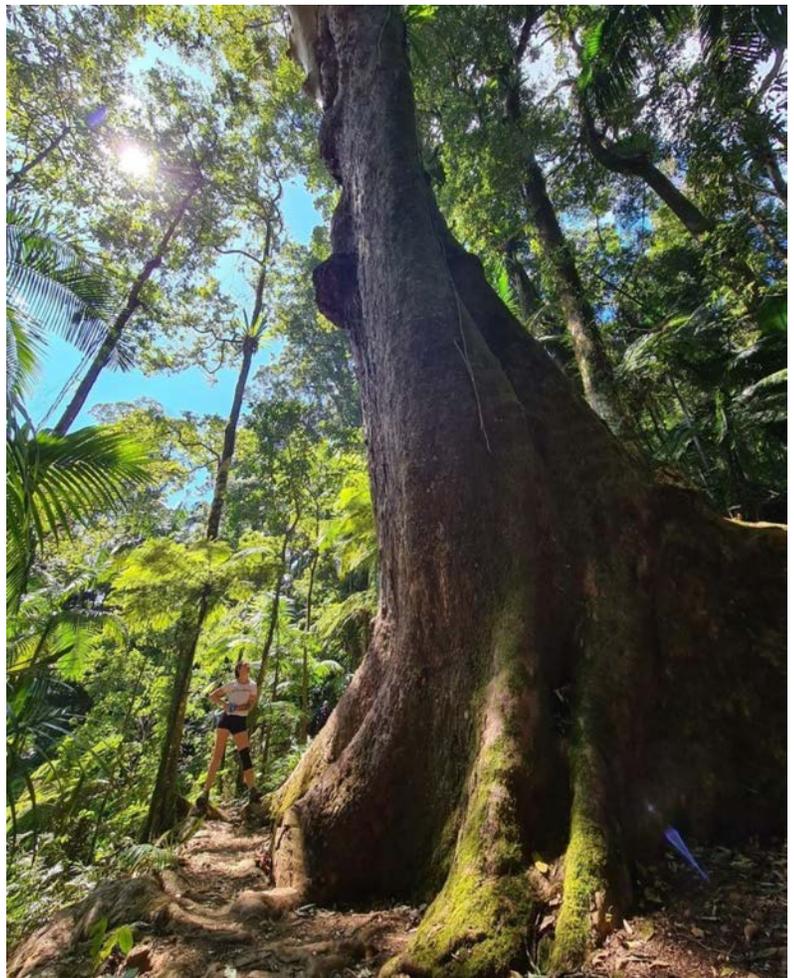
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UPCOMING IMPORTANT DATES

FUTURE FOBBs WEEKENDS:

★ 19 – 21 November 2021 ★

18 – 20 February 2022

20 – 22 May 2022

19 – 21 August 2022

18 – 20 November 2022!

From the Chair...



Dear FoBBs,

We are already approaching the November weekend which completes our first year of post-fire working bees. When we come onto the mountain, we'll see changes again. Whereas last weekend we were busy oiling the bunkhouse, now it is open as part of the bushwalkers precinct, with the bunkhouse back in service. The Dome has been replaced by a larger square marquee, which enables Binna Burra to run larger events. A number of new Safari tents have been completed and we will see the construction of the new deck at the teahouse including the amenity block at the lower level.

Binna Burra as a business has been finding its feet with the new reality without a lodge and in September the milestone of a profitable month has been achieved. Congratulations to the whole team with this result! I trust many more months will follow.

As you know, in 2021 we received a grant to have Kirby Roulstone working with us to support the bush rehabilitation on the Binna Burra property. A few months ago, we have applied for an additional grant under the local Land for Wildlife program, with the aim of continuing the bush rehabilitation work under Kirby's guidance for the whole of 2022. Later in November we hope to get a positive result on our application.

Given the significant rain in October we can expect to see healthy regrowth and there should be enough moisture in the soil for us to do some more planting.

As our November weekend coincides with the shareholders week, we might get some extra help and we'll have a chance of showing some of the results of our efforts. The jobs list for the weekend has not been finalised, but we'll certainly be working on:

- the new steps at the campground;
- reopening the walking track to the Skylodges; and
- continuation of the work in the forest rehabilitation.

We'll be doing a self-catering Christmas themed dinner and raffle in and around the pottery shed. Please read Barbara's section about the catering and let her know about your contribution.

For those of us who are shareholders, we can show our new shirts at the meeting on the Sunday!



FOBBS SHIRTS & BADGES

The second batch of FOBBS shirts has been ordered and is scheduled to arrive before the FoBBs weekend. From now on the shirts will be purchased directly by FOBBS. So, if you have ordered a shirt you can pay directly into the FOBBS account, or you can pay Tony \$50 in cash on the weekend.

There are also still a number of badges that have not yet been picked up. Please have a \$10 note if you wish to pay cash.

*See you there,
Jankees*

Catering & Raffle...



FRIDAY, SATURDAY BREAKFAST AND SUNDAY LUNCH

Friday, Saturday Breakfast and Sunday Lunch: up to everyone individually.

Saturday Morning Tea: Scones provided by Binna Burra.

Saturday Dinner: See below.

Sunday Breakfast: A continental style breakfast will be served by Binna Burra at the Pottery Shed.

SATURDAY DINNER THEME: CHRISTMAS IN THE POTTERY SHED!

At the time of writing this, Covid restrictions have eased somewhat, which means that we can present the food in a buffet-style, and everyone can serve themselves. If circumstances change closer to the time of course, we'll have to adapt to whatever the new situation is then!

Pre-dinner drinks and nibbles are up to your own discretion. Some of us are likely to go up to the Bushwalker's Bar (support Binna Burra AND beautiful views) while others might like to stay at the Pottery Shed. Your choice!

In the meantime, we are looking for volunteer cooks to bring dishes that we can share. Ham is already on the list!!!!

Dessert is often a moment when Christmas themes come to the fore!!





SATURDAY DINNER THEME: CHRISTMAS IN THE POTTERY SHED CONT...

Please remember:

- Given the restrictions of kitchen facilities at the Pottery Shed, it's probably still best to bring something which can be served (and eaten from) a plate, not a bowl.
- Everything has to be cooked in advance – no assembling on Saturday.
- The refrigerator in the Pottery Shed will be available to us.
- If your dish needs reheating, our only option is on camp stoves, so please be sure to bring your dish in a container that is sturdy enough to withstand this.
- There will probably be meat and vegetarian options. Could all cooks please be alert about this, and let me know what you will be bringing.
- Could everyone who will be part of the dinner ***please alert us to any other dietary requirements you may have.***
- As we are at the pottery shed, tea and coffee will most likely be available afterwards.

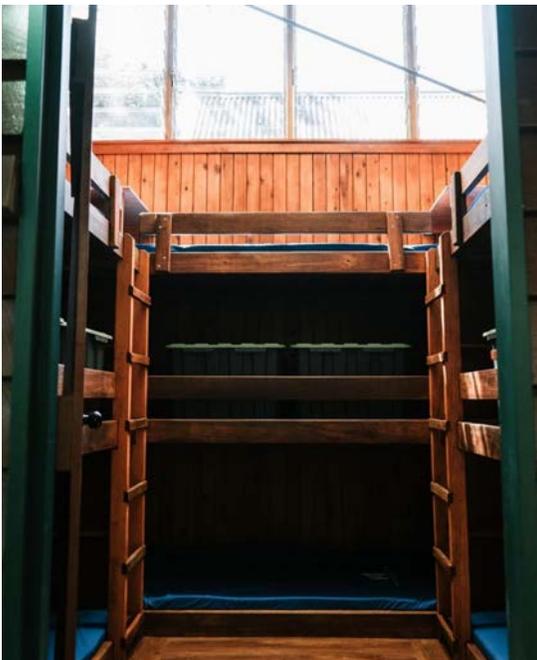
As usual, the cost of the meal will be \$10/adult and the cost of contributions will be reimbursed to contributors - please present docket to Tony on the weekend. We look forward to hearing from you! The sooner you contact me with your choice of contribution, the better!

Please bear in mind that I'll be away from November 1 to 12, so during this time, please contact me via email. Jesse is graduating on this FoBBs weekend, so Anja and family will be celebrating that major milestone, so sadly we will miss them for this particular weekend. **Contact:** Barbara barbar33@bigpond.net.au 3378 3589



ACCOMMODATION

The usual range of accommodation of tent sites, powered caravan/camper sites, Safari tents and Skylodges has been extended with the opening of the bunkhouse. Please enquire at Binna Burra, all information is on the Website.



From the Secretary...



UPCOMING NEWSLETTER CONTRIBUTIONS

Hi FoBBs,

I love putting together these newsletters!

What I love even more is an EXCITING one with stories and photos from our giving community!

So just a heads up that I'll be on the lookout for comments from the FoBBs to include in our next newsletter and also I'll be eavesdropping and stalking like the paparazzi this upcoming FoBBs weekend. I may even ask you to be in our member spotlight section! 😊

~~Apologies~~ Thanking you all in advance,

Alison



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