

PANBOOLA UPDATE No 12

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Seasons Greetings and a very Merry Christmas to you all from PW&HP Inc. Panboola has had the wettest spring in some years and is looking beautiful as a result and due to the continuing maintenance there by a dedicated team of volunteers and Committee members.

The project continues to develop and grow although has experienced the regretful resignation of Barbara Jones. Barbara has been an outstanding driving force in the formation of Panboola and the warmest of well wishes and thanks go out to both Barbara and Derek Jones for their long standing support of the Wetlands project. We will look forward to their continuing involvement in the project into the future in their capacities of colleagues and friends of Panboola and with Derek as a valued member of the mowing team.

Pambula Wetlands and Heritage Project Inc. now requires a Secretary for the Committee and are seeking welcome interest from our members.

The position of Secretary will entail attending monthly meetings, taking minutes, managing correspondence and compiling bulletin items from Committee members. Meeting Agendas are then compiled from these. Liaising with the Bookkeeper and Treasurer are an important aspect of this position and this involves being on site briefly on Thursday mornings.

Barbara's resignation has been the catalyst for the creation of a position of Project Coordinator to maintain the Administrative requirements of the project, maintain communications and relationships and help with decision making and advice with on ground work at Panboola and this position has been filled by Aimée Curtis.



'The Koori Basket' (Photo: A. Curtis 11/07)

A number of milestones and achievements have been made through the year including:

- The completed installation of gates and fencing for the Waterbird Sanctuary thanks to a Greencorp team which worked on site for two weeks in January.

- A grant was received through the Mumbulla Foundation from Country Energy for the purchase of hardwood bollards which are to be installed along the entrance road from Bullara st. in the new year.
- The final picnic setting was put in place in the Waterbird sanctuary
- A 2008 Moods of Panboola Calendar has been produced by a dedicated and hard working Fundraising Committee. The calendar has been hugely successful and sales have more that met expectations. A great deal of thanks go out to this Committee for their efforts.
- A contract was secured with Mission Australia enabling the employment of a Supervisor for the Work for the Dole Team under the name of Pambula Community Helpers. These wonderful workers have been helping with much maintenance at Panboola 2 days per week.
- A Community Development Support Expenditure grant has enabled the purchase of a new box trailer which is being put to good use by the Pambula community Helpers.
- A new mowing policy was implemented this spring which halted all slashing and mowing (except for pathways) to allow for increased breeding habitat for birds at Panboola. Huge thanks are extended to the mowing/slashing volunteers for their patience in holding back during that time period (the birds are grateful too!). A regular regime is now being re-established now and it's been hard work getting the grass back to a more easily manageable height after all the rain.
- Funding has been secured through the Community Water Grants program to provide sedimentation traps along Bullara street to protect the billabongs from siltation and other pollutants from stormwater runoff.
- Thanks to a combination of funding support from Envirofund, the Southern Rivers Catchment Management Authority and the Bega Valley Shire Council, a project to establish a vegetation corridor across the floodplain is now well under way. The 20m wide corridor will enhance and extend the existing restoration works at Panboola and provide an extension of walking tracks to enable visitors to explore this wonderful site further. The corridor project has enabled the PW&HP Inc. to employ a supervisor and 2 labourers who work under the expert direction of the BVSC Remnant Recovery Officer, Jock Waugh.

Without the help and dedication of all the volunteers, members, supporters and partners who are connected with Panboola, this project could not have progressed to this exciting stage in it's development and the PW&HP Inc. extend many, many thanks to each of you. Once again, a very happy Christmas and we hope that you all get a chance to take a walk around Panboola in the near future for a catch up.

Kind regards,

The Pambula wetlands and Heritage Project Inc.

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