GER Border Ranges Update – March 2010.

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Border Ranges Alliance Forum Dates

A one-day forum for the Border Ranges Alliance will be held in early June this year. Potential dates are the 8th, 9th and 10th of June. To show your preference for one or more of these days please follow the link below and enter your group name and preferred dates before the 26th March. If you have any questions please call or email Georgia on (02) 6626 0304, georgiab@nct.org.au.

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The agenda will include updates on the broader GER initiative, some showcasing of alliance groups activities, showcasing the new Border Ranges website (see below) and discussions about what we want to achieve in the year ahead.

Collaborative Project

A collaborative project for the Border Ranges Alliance is now being developed. The project will involve developing profiles of member groups and their activities that contribute to GER. The profiles will be posted on a Border Ranges sub-site on the GER website. They will be in a format that can be downloaded and printed for individual groups to use as posters/displays. We will soon contact you to gather information for the profiles.

Border Ranges Alliance Terms of Reference

The draft Terms of Reference for the alliance were sent out in late 2009. We have received little feedback and expect to adopt them without changes. If you have any comments please send them to Georgia on georgiab@nct.org.au by the end of March.

Border Ranges Alliance On-ground Works Grants

The Great Eastern Ranges Initiative has provided $60,000 to support on-ground connectivity conservation projects in the Border Ranges partnership area. The funding was allocated through a competitive application process. Successful applications were:

- Northern Landcare Services, Connectivity Conservation Incentives – Upper Richmond Catchment, $20,000
- EnviTE, Connectivity Conservation Incentives - Wompoo Gorge, $20,000.
- Big Scrub Rainforest Landcare Group, Connectivity Conservation Incentives – Big Scrub Rainforest, $15,000
- Wilsons Creek Huonbrook Landcare, Connectivity Conservation Incentives – Big Scrub Rainforest, $5,000.

Congratulations!

Caring for our Country Funding Application

The BR Alliance Working Group has starting preparing an application to CfoC on behalf of the alliance. Thanks to all who submitted ideas for the application. With further refinement we should have a strong application that if successful will fund a number of great activities that contribute to the connectivity of Gondwana Rainforest World Heritage Areas and connectivity of the Great Eastern Ranges.

Border Ranges site on the GER Webpage

A Border Ranges 'sub-site' is being developed as a page of the GER website. The Border Ranges site will contain the profiles of member groups developed as part of the collaborative project, a directory of Border Ranges groups, a calendar of regional events, information about the values of the region and other resources.

The 'sub-site' will be on-line a few weeks before the forum to allow for review and feedback by the alliance. If you have any suggestions of what web content or functionality would be useful for your group please let me know so we can incorporate your wishes sooner rather than later.

See the Great Eastern Ranges website at:

http://www.greateasternranges.org.au/

New Alliance groups

A number of new groups have recently joined the Border Ranges alliance, including groups from south east Queensland. Welcome! We look forward to meeting you at the forum.

This project has been assisted by the New South Wales Government though the NSW Environmental Trust and Great Eastern Ranges Conservation Initiative.

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