

Tree planting project at Glennies Creek

FROM Monday to Friday this week a team of International volunteers from places such as the United Kingdom, Hong Kong and Korea will be assisting with the ongoing care of Glennies Creek near Singleton.

The work being undertaken is part of the Glennies Creek Rehabilitation Project – a joint environmental initiative involving Xstrata Coal, Mt Owen and Conservation Volunteers Australia.

This three year project aims to remove invasive weeds, increase native vegetation cover and stabilise stream banks.

The work began over a year ago in August 2006 and already the site has undergone a significant transformation.

This week sees the final visit for 2007.

This project is a great opportunity to meet new people and learn about other countries and cultures.

Volunteers are also able to learn skills in natural area restoration, increase fitness and explore new areas that they might not normally visit.

Wildlife spotting is on the agenda with platypus, kangaroos and echidnas frequenting the area.

The teams that have been to Glennies Creek recently have been maintaining the trees that were planted previously by Conservation Volunteers.

This week will see the team undertake the removal of the noxious weed Giant Reed (Arundo donax), as well as further care and maintenance to the native plantings which will help to create greater habitat diversity and prevent future erosion of the creek banks.

To become a volunteer on this project contact Matt Playdon, volunteer engagement officer, Newcastle Regional Office on 49262103, email newcastle@conservationvolunteers.com.au or visit our website at www.conservationvolunteers.org.au.

Letter

Work for the Dole at walk

Editor,

THE report of the opening of the Heritage Walk (24/10) in Denman Creek failed to include the people who were involved in its construction.

Firstly council supervisor, who is also on the Denman Creek committee, was the coordinator, who made this pathway possible.

The Wesley Mission supplied supervisor, Paul and many Work for the Dole people who poured the con-

Relay organisers get ready for another big event

DUE to the huge success of the 2007 Relay for Life, the Muswellbrook Relay for Life organising committee is getting ready for a repeat performance in 2008.

Relay for Life will be returning on May 17 and 18, 2008 and you are invited to celebrate, remember and fight back.

Team captains are now being called to register for the 2008 relay.

All who register before November 19 will go in the draw to win an evening at the movies for their team (10 persons) at Majestic Cinemas, Rose Point Singleton.

Registrations can be made online at www.relay.cancercouncil.com.au, follow the prompts.

Each year around 40,000 people take part in Relay For Life events across NSW. Relay For Life is a fun, outdoor fundraising event where teams of 10 to 15 people take turns to walk around their local oval. The Muswellbrook event will be at the showground.

All funds raised by Relay For Life help The Cancer Council fund research and provide support services such as the Cancer Council Helpline and support and information packs which doctors give to patients when they are diagnosed.

For further information on Relay For Life, registering your team and how you can help, contact Bev Lees on 6543 4770 or Lisa Crocker at the Cancer Council on 4961 0988.



ORGANISERS: Members of the Muswellbrook Relay for Life committee are calling on team leaders to register. From left to right, Janelle Passfield, Robyn Rae, Bev Lees, Joy Hinder and Val Roughan.



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