

RANGELANDS MONTHLY REPORT 29TH APRIL 2015

It's been a slow start this year for the Rangelands projects. I'm still finding my way, but would like to thank Jeff & Lyn Hemsley for their guidance to date.

We have just returned from Warriedar Homestead and I hope everyone enjoyed themselves.

WARRIEDAR HOMESTEAD TRIP REPORT APRIL 10-17TH 2015

Firstly I would like to thank all participants, with a special thanks to Clive Osborne for his much appreciated assistance prior to and during the trip and for pulling a work trailer. Thanks also to Ray for pulling the equipment trailer.

The following is a list of all participants:-

Clive & Sylvia Osborne

John & Maureen Cardew

Kevin & Jill Barrat

Errin Barrat

Alan & Jan Salter & Thomas

Ray Masters and myself

Clive looked after the team until I arrived on site mid arvo Sunday.

The team departed from Bindoon Bakery and headed to Dalwallinu for lunch and then up to Warriedar, driving in heavy rain and low visibility on occasions.

John & Maureen had left Perth a day earlier.

On arrival the team unloaded the trailers and set up camps.

The next day saw Clive's team of John, Kevin & Alan start on the shearer's quarter flooring.

The ladies started the clean up of the homestead and Ray started the roof repair on the "Saddle Shed".

Sunday

Was similar to yesterday.

On my arrival, I caught up with everyone and progress was going well. Kevin fitted replacement doors front and back of homestead. That night we cranked up the camp fire and had a few quiet ones and a good chat.

Monday

All other work was ongoing, along with Clive cooking a fruit damper that we had for smoko - very nice!

Maureen, Errin, Jill and myself started painting the homestead ceilings and Sylvia & Jan painted the doors. Thomas was helping everyone over the period we were there.

Tuesday

This was declared a rest day and Alan took us to Rothsay mine camp, the actual minesite was off limits. Then off to some grave sites and on to East Damperwah Well where we had lunch and then headed back to camp. It was a great day out.

Wednesday

Kevin and Jill had to depart and head back home.

Clive & John finished off the shearer's quarters floors and fitted shade cloth and sheeting to the window area at the homestead where the louvers were removed.

The Ladies put a second coat of paint on the ceilings and doors and did more clean up of the area.

All the old shade cloth and white ant eaten timbers were removed from underside of the old water tank stand and the area cleaned up.

Ray & Alan carried on with the saddle shed roof replacement.

Thursday

Clive & John completed the window repairs and sheeted the western side door to protect it from the weather.

Ray & Alan completed the roof on the saddle shed. John and myself mixed up some mud and filled some gaps around the building and above the door way. Ray and Alan did a fantastic job on the roof replacement. Ray seemed to take this project under his wing and run with it!

Once all the work was completed we set about loading up the trailers for the trip home.

We also had Thomas's 11th birthday celebrations by singing happy birthday and having cake at morning tea.

I would like to thank Alan for all his knowledge of the universe and star names and locations, he was full of info around the campfire each night.

Thanks for everyone's help, very much appreciated.



Photo courtesy of Marg Gilbert

Next Project

Narloo Homestead 14-23rd Sept 2015, with a possible work scope at Warriedar (Wall panelling replacement).

Till next month.

Brian Roberts