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Twertup working bee

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The working bee organized for the weekend of the 15th to 16th of October drew an impressive team of 20 Friends members, DPaW staff and volunteers. Saturday was cool and not the ideal weather for outside work with a cold gale and late storms making things somewhat difficult. On the bright side, it did keep the flies away.

Nevertheless, everyone approached their tasks with enthusiasm with Ric and Gil ably overseeing the various jobs once again.

Although everything on the list of things to make and do was not completed, much was accomplished. This included; completion of the first toilet block slab and formwork for the second, a number of internal doors being hung and door handles fitted, windows cleaned, the Horrie and Dorrie walk trail redefined and cleared, the path from the top of the old quarry lined with compacted pebbles, areas levelled and compacted and general site tidying. There was discussion about the sort of furnishings that would be appropriate for the rooms. There was also talk of an official opening later in 2017, which would make it almost ten years since the devastating fire that



Above and below: Friends members at work at the recent Twertup working bee. Photographs courtesy Geraldine Janicke

precipitated the Friends into rebuilding in the first place. The solar lighting unit was a most useful bit of technology for the evenings and probably kept some of us up later that we might have done in the past. As we sat around chatting and

looking at photos of the old cottage on the Saturday evening, the phrase, 'new building, old ambience' flashed into my mind and that is something we all wanted to recapture. Thanks to everyone involved for a great effort.

