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## NOTICE OF AGM ISSUE

The AGM for 2013 will be held at Quaalup Wilderness Retreat in the western end of FRNP over the weekend of 16 & 17 March. The program for the weekend is:

Saturday 16.      10.00 am Arrive and cup of tea  
                         10.45 am AGM  
                         12.45 am Lunch  
                         02.00 pm Guest Speaker—Katherine Sambrooks

Katherine is the co-ordinator of the Dieback Working Group and following her address there will be a field excursion to examine the 'green bridges' proposed by DEC to address the spread of dieback issues at the western end of FRNP. Note that following the excursion there will be time for those who also wish to attend the Fitzgerald Biosphere Group 30 year celebration in Jerramungup to get there.

Sunday 17.      Twertup visit (weather permitting)

The intention is to inspect the re-build with the opportunity for members to lay a symbolic stone (see also article below).

With respect to accommodation over the weekend, participants will need to make their own arrangements with Quaalup management. A wide range of options from camping to self contained units are available. Visit the website [www.whalesandwildflowers.com.au](http://www.whalesandwildflowers.com.au) or phone 98374124 for information and bookings. Participants will require their own food and drinks and it would be useful to bring a folding chair or two. Note we will combine resources for a barbecue on Saturday night. There will be a prize for the best dip! Best access to Quaalup is to follow the signs from Devils Creek Road off South Coast Highway just east of Gairdner townsite. Four Wheel Drive is not required. Don't rely on your GPS, it will lead you astray! With respect to the AGM; nominations may be made in person at the meeting or by email to secretary ([steve@janicke.com.au](mailto:steve@janicke.com.au)) with name of nominee and second order by 4 March. Any agenda items also to secretary by this date please. We hope to see you at Quaalup.

## CONGRATULATIONS TO RODGER AND YVONNE

'Friends' express their delight at the news of the birth of Avery Phoenix to Rodger Walker and Yvonne Rohr on 24/08/2012 at Stavros, Switzerland. Avery weighed in at 3.35 kg.

## TWERTUP UPDATE—A MARATHON

Although I've never even run a lengthy race, getting to Twertup is becoming a test of endurance! Peter Dawson was very optimistic in the last *Narpulungup News* (November 2012) saying that "cement may go down in December". The plan had been to go out the first weekend in December to compact the footings ready for a cement pour in January, however a wildfire at Bremer Bay threatened the Park, so all roads were closed at the west end. Rain over the ensuing week caused Twertup Track to be closed the second weekend.

The festive season came and went, harvest was over and all the volunteers were rounded up for an all-out effort to compact and pour the footings over 16<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup> January. Ric Pepper went to Twertup a couple of days earlier to check for slumping of the trenches and to wet them down ready for compaction. On the 15<sup>th</sup>, Pat Chadwick cleaned down his cement-mixer and bobcats, our car was loaded, including a big esky packed with ice and refreshments ready to go, when Cyclone Narelle stirred up the heavens and dumped 26 mm rain at Jacup. Pabelup Drive was closed on the 16<sup>th</sup> January and re-opened the next day, but volunteers were kept on edge waiting to hear when Twertup Track would open. Although Grantly Morton went daily to check the track for us, three days later there was still one muddy section. By then the tinnies were floating in the esky and, due to the diminishing number of available volunteers, the bee was postponed until February.

The new dates for working on the footings are 20<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> February, with people arriving on the 19<sup>th</sup> to do a bit of work if possible, and then an

early start on the Wednesday morning, i.e. **Wed 20<sup>th</sup> Feb** – compact trenches and lay mesh; **Thurs 21<sup>st</sup> Feb** – pour footings. We would really appreciate your help with this particularly 'busy' bee. RSVP to Geraldine & Steve Janicke by email [geraldine@janicke.com.au](mailto:geraldine@janicke.com.au) or phone 0428 414 468. For those coming to the AGM, if all goes to plan (50% probability), you can come and lay a cement brick at Twertup on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> March.  
*Contributed by Gil Craig.*

## AUSTRALIA DAY IN HOPETOUN

'Friends' Tracey Ross, John Tucker, Helen Taylor, Gil Craig and Andy Chapman celebrated Australia Day by presenting an information and sales display in Hopetoun. Although sales were limited to several of Vivienne's Biosphere maps there was a great deal of interest in our display of the Twertup re-build.



*Andrew Venning and Gil Craig discuss the Twertup re-build with aid of our display.*

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