

INQUIRY INTO SKILLS SHORTAGES IN RURAL AND REGIONAL NSW

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Dear Patricia

The Braidwood Branch of the Liberal Party expressed interest in submitting a proposal to the inquiry into skills shortages in rural and regional NSW

They would like the Committee to promote with funding and insurance a life skills training programme at country schools such as the Braidwood Central School for those not doing the academic course; to do projects which boost their morale and provide them with skills that will enable them to work locally.

Recently one of the teachers brought 15 students (15 yr olds I think 1 handicapped) out here to restore the heritage environment on Bedervale by planting 600 trees grown by the school. They were assisted by a dedicated teacher Wayne Fanning and Land Care co-ordinator David Rush, (who has taken photos from the St Andrews Tower and compared them with Historical Society photos) also Rodney and our Japanese student of English. We gave them lunch at Bedervale and a tour of the house.

Other projects for them have been interviewing residents of the hospital to write a book on their life story. (English skills) They have also offered to help me with the restoration of the Braidwood Old Cemetery, as without heritage listing we are not a significant site and cannot get funding or training courses. We have had help in removing old dying pines by the Palerang Council and have a ton of mulch to move and new street trees to plant if they are donated.

Yours truly,
Margaret