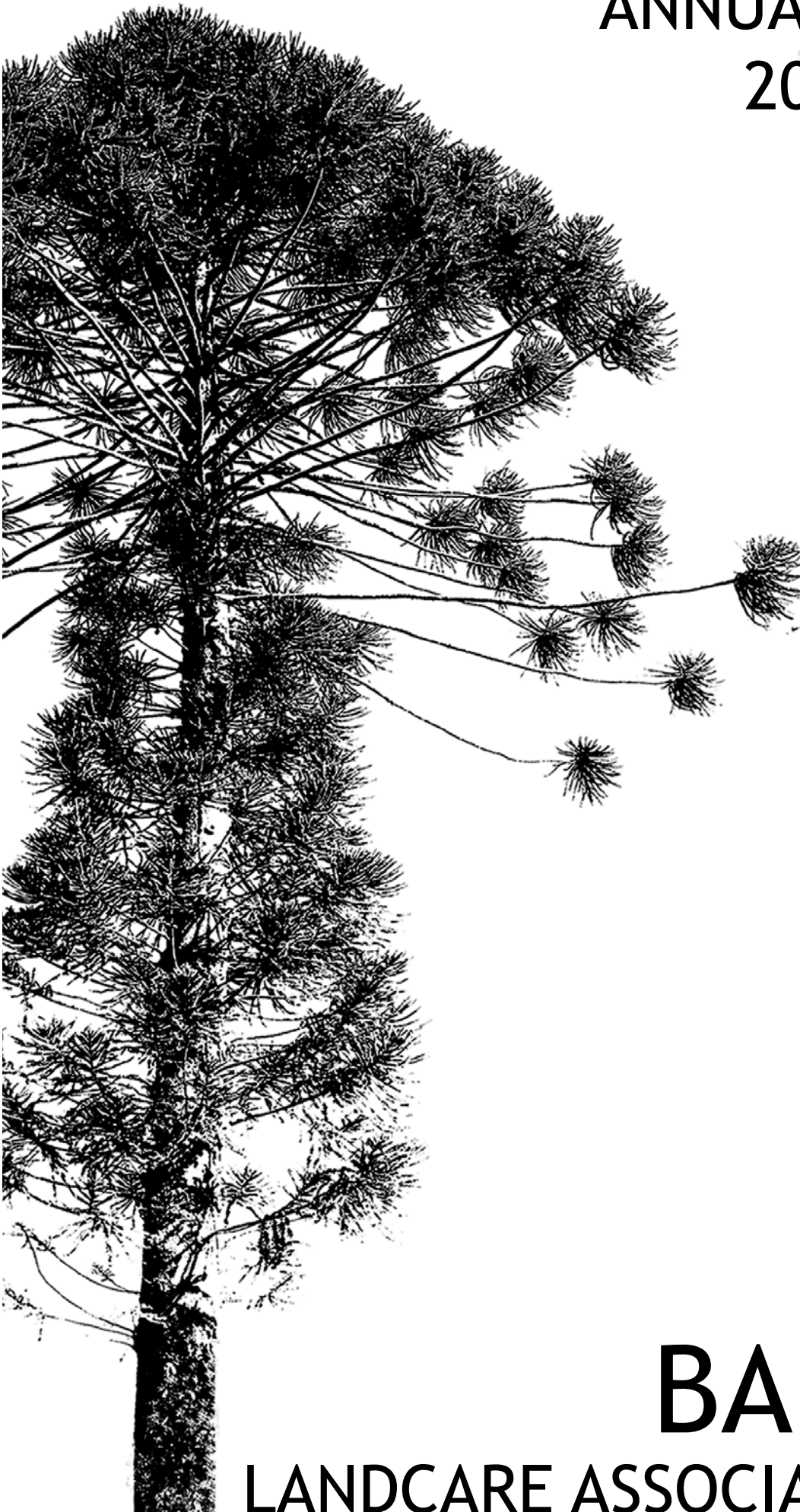


# ANNUAL REPORT 2011 - 2012



# BARUNG

LANDCARE ASSOCIATION INC.

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# PRESIDENT'S REPORT

## Eric Anderson

The opening of the new Native Plant Wholesale Production Nursery in Landsborough today is another small step forward for Barung. It is now over three years since we vacated our previous nursery site in Bicentenary Lane, Maleny. We still have much work to do at Landsborough before its potential is realised – hopefully during the coming year. Also, we will still require our Porters Lane temporary site for a while yet, at least until we can establish a retail area. However today I want to celebrate the opening and particularly thank the Sunshine Coast Mayor Mark Jamieson for performing the opening.

We are now located at Landsborough due to the early planning by Darryl Ebenezer, previous Manager at Barung, and Paul Brockwell of the Sunshine Coast Council. Council's help, such as with earthworks for the nursery pads and electricity connection, has been invaluable. Early major assistance was also provided through Craig Stevens, Hanson's Glasshouse Mountains Quarry Manager, with the supply of gravel, and Steve Worley from HQPlantations with the provision of numerous items such as pumps, irrigation controllers, cavity blocks, desks and a plant library from their now closed Beerburum Forestry Nursery. Many thanks to Wayne Webb and Jonathan Waites who have planned and supervised the construction of the nursery and to the many workers and volunteers who have helped with its construction to date.

Our future location and involvement on the Maleny Community Precinct has mainly been a work 'not in progress'. We have been waiting for advice on where our final lease boundaries lie and the impact that current activities, such as the new road adjacent to Pattemore House and the path from Pattemore House to the bails, will have on our proposed lease area. Admittedly we have been devoting all of our energies to seeing the new nursery established at

Landsborough and putting any effort regarding our future on the Precinct on the back-burner. However discussions are being held to finalise the lease.

It has again been a busy year which has been well recorded in our two-monthly newsletter, the *Barung News*. Thanks Eve Witney for another year of most informative newsletters and also for compiling our Annual Report and the *CodLine*, which is hosted and supported by Barung and the Mary River Catchment Coordinating Committee with funding and support from the Sunshine Coast Council.

Many of the events we were involved in during the year will be reported on by others in this report, but I would like to mention the following to give you a feeling of our year's activities:

- Our continuing involvement with the 6<sup>th</sup> Bunya Dreaming Festival at Lake Baroon run by Bev Hand.
- The successful Maleny Wood Expo coordinated by Steve McLeish and Mim Coulstock with significant input from Jonathan Waites, Wayne Webb, many others and the 150 plus volunteers. We also acknowledge the generous support of HQPlantations, Sunshine Coast Council, SEQ Catchments, Maleny Supa IGA, the Hinterland Times, as well as the many local businesses and organisations who participate each year.
- Thanks to Joan Dillon for coordinating our information stall at the Maleny Garden Club's 'Gardening on the Edge' event at the Maleny High School.
- A terrific effort was put into our display by Fuschia and the Nursery volunteers at the Queensland Garden Expo at Nambour Showgrounds.
- Barung participated with Russell Family Park Rainforest Revegetation Group and the Sunshine Coast Council in facilitating the planting of 160



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plants by pupils of the Montville State School in Russell Family Park at Montville for Schools National Tree Day.

- With the help of Jonathan Waites and David Binstead, we hosted five people from the Landcare Foundation of the Philippines who were here on a mentoring visit prior to attending the Queensland Landcare Conference.
- We partnered with the Richmond Birdwing Conservation Network to host 100 school children at Cahill Scrub Bushland Reserve, Peachester, who were participants in the Sunshine Coast Council's Kids in Action Conference. Jonathan Waites had the experience of supervising as each child planted a Richmond Birdwing Butterfly Vine.
- Many thanks to Jonathan Waites for organising and the convenors (Susie Duncan, Tony Bright and Ann Moran) for running five workshops and events during Landcare Week in early September this year.
- Thanks to Joan and John Dillon, Daryl Reinke, Craig Hosmer and Gretchen Evans (Montville) and Diana O'Connor (Witta), we continue to have a 'Barung' presence selling plants and books and providing information about Barung's services at the monthly Montville and Blackall Range Growers' (Witta) markets.
- We again participated in the State Government's Green Army initiative, the aim of which was to give job seekers employment and training assistance. Thanks to Kate Brooks and Jonathan Waites who have supervised these teams. Unfortunately, under the new State Government this valuable program has been discontinued. Many thanks to Edith-Ann Murray at the Hinterland Business Centre for her assistance to us during this program.
- Hinterland Bush Links was launched as a Barung project with an appropriate tree planting a year ago. It is focussed on restoring key vegetation linkages between the Blackall and Conondale Ranges. That way the many plant, animal and insect species in this region will have access to more habitats, and the decline of some species will hopefully be reversed. Under the drive and passion of Susie Duncan, the project has gained momentum, with regular workshops and information sessions and on-ground works by Bushcare groups and Roving Restorers, an innovative initiative through which participants meet monthly at various properties to provide weeding and planting assistance to landholders after which everyone enjoys a bushwalk and often a swim.
- Earlier in the year we were happy to auspice the Range Bees. This is a group concerned about the future pollination of our food crops and the natural environment by honeybees, native social stingless bees and native solitary bees.

During the year grants supplied about 30% of our income. The main sources were the Commonwealth Government, Burnett Mary Regional Group, SEQ Catchments and the Sunshine Coast Council. We thank all of these funders, but especially the Council for its support through their innovative Community Partnership Program.

We have many valuable sponsors and do not have room to name them all here (they are acknowledged later in this Annual Report) but I would like to commend and thank two special ones: the Maleny Supa IGA for their CBC (Community Benefits Club) program, and Montville Coffee for their continuous and generous support.

Always appreciated is the support received from like-minded groups – thank you in particular to Steven Lang of the Maleny & District Green Hills Fund and Peter Stevens of the Lake Baroon Catchment Care Group for their collaborative approach.

Thanks to Councillor Jenny McKay for her continuing interest and support.

Thanks to the staff who have continued to work tirelessly for Barung – Kelly Huddy and Den Lalor at the Barung Resource Centre; Matthew Bateman, our inexhaustible Contracting Manager, and his on-ground supervisors Kate Brooks and Josh Rennie-Hynes; the Nursery team of Wayne Webb and Fuschia Collard; Events Manager Steve McLeish; and Projects Officer (and jack-of-all-trades) Jonathan Waites. Not named individually, but as much appreciated, are our many Office and Nursery volunteers.

Finally, my sincere thanks to the Management Committee for your input during the year.



# TREASURER'S REPORT

## David Binstead

As in previous years, my report focuses on the economic benefits to the Blackall Range that Barung Landcare operations provide. In 2011–12, Barung operations again exceeded a million dollars. These funds were largely recycled into the Range economy, with \$741K being paid for staff costs, and almost \$200K more spent with local business suppliers.

The financial result as disclosed in the audited accounts shows an excess of income over expenditure of \$49K. However, while this is an improvement on 2010–11 when there was a deficit, the cash flow has remained tight with significant investment in the construction of the wholesale nursery complex. We also purchased a second hand dual-cab four wheel drive, initially for use in a Queensland Government funded 'flood recovery' project, which is now available to our contracting team. The expenditure on these items is reflected in an increase in Barung's assets, not in expense of the year's operations.

The Committee is keen that these additional assets contribute to greater commercial activity, particularly in the nursery and contracting businesses, over the next few years. These commercial operations, together with our annual Wood Expo, have a dual purpose. They provide professional services relating to care of the land and a sustainable future, but are also an important source of financial resources to support our fundamental advocacy role.

It is important that I give particular mention to partnership funding of close to \$80K annually which Barung receives from the Sunshine Coast Regional Council. This funding contributes to our environmental advocacy role, and specifically provides for rental on our Maleny office and the costs of administration.

As a not-for-profit community organisation, we do not aspire to create significant surpluses, but rather to have a model that generates sufficient resources to achieve our environmental education role.



# PROJECT COORDINATION

## Jonathan Waites

Well, I had a great start to the year – I took 10 weeks off and went touring on my motorbike: The Midlife Crisis Halfway Across & Down the Middle Bit of Aus Mighty Motor Cycle Expedition (but that's another story).

I arrived back at Barung to find Eric had also caught the travelling bug (sans motorbike) and I was made Acting Manager while he was birding in North Queensland. Due to the excellence of the Barung management systems I found this a less than arduous promotion (perhaps because no-one bothered asking me anything and as usual simply got on with their own thing). Looking back over the year I see I have been a Projects Officer without any new projects; my time has been taken up tying up old ones and picking up bits and pieces of whatever else required someone's attention.

I thought before I went away that I had pretty much seen the last of the Landsborough site (in the sense of it being my project) but Rome wasn't built in a day apparently, and nurseries take considerably longer to build it seems. Hence I've been spending some of my time continuing to coordinate this site, although it has become much more Wayne's latterly (see his report) and is now almost ready to go.

I would like to pay tribute to the Green Army participants who helped me at Landsborough during the year – Ivan Cafarella, Mark Milne and Brian Boon. Ivan (whose brother Oskar was one of the four horticultural apprentices who did much of the initial work at Landsborough) took up the position fairly late in the program and consequently was with us for a comparatively short period. Ivan's enthusiasm was very much appreciated. Mark barely got started before a place came up for him with Troy on the National Parks Green Army team (his first choice) and so off he went but not before contributing enough for me to regret his departure. Then along came Brian who brought with him a wealth of skills gained in the construction industry – just the man to have on a building site. Unfortunately his time with us was also over all too quickly.

I would also like to mention and thank two of our members: Bob Philpot who came down in response to our call for a welder and worked with Brian to build the rat/mouse proof bench for the propagation tunnel, and Richard Dent who donated his old but trusty ride-on so we could keep down the acre of grass around our new house at Landsborough.

So, some of the other things that I've been doing:

- I coordinated our volunteers at the Maleny Wood Expo again this year and as usual they performed magnificently. We are very fortunate to be able to attract the number and quality of volunteers year after year to support us in running such a great event.

- I began (and have almost finished) a Certificate IV in Training & Education.
- I successfully applied for a Community Action Grant which is funded through the Australian Government Caring for our Country initiative. The project, Engaging Community Stage 2 - Landholder Capacity Building for Biodiversity, follows on from a similar project we ran two years ago and will support us in running five workshops and a public treeplant in 2012/13.
- I have continued to attend the Upper Brisbane Region Catchment Network meetings when Eric Anderson has been unable to. This group provides a forum for local farmers, Landcare groups, industry organisations and Regional Councils in the Upper Stanley River and Upper Brisbane River catchments. Barung participates in this network because of our interest and on-ground work on properties in the Upper Stanley area around Peachester and down to Woodford.
- David Binstead and I met with five people from the Landcare Foundation of the Philippines who were here on a mentoring visit. These included Mr Ben Aspera, Executive Director, and Ms Evy Elago, Deputy Executive Director and Project Officer. The visit was facilitated by Noel Vock, leader of the former ACIAR funded Philippines–Australia Landcare Project in which Barung was a partner several years ago. They were interested in how Landcare groups go about building their resource base through contracting services, events and other commercial enterprises as well as partnering with government to deliver projects. The hope is that we will be able to maintain an ongoing relationship to support each other in further-

ing the aims of Landcare in our own spheres of influence.

- We supported Mapleton State School P&C Association's application for the Queensland Government's Everyone's Environment Grant to enable them to carry out further revegetation efforts on the school's grounds. We also supported Immanuel Lutheran College in their application for a Coles Junior Landcare Grant which would help them further develop their bush tucker garden. Barung member and past employee Bev Hand has previously been involved in this project. Likewise Peachester State School was also supported in a Coles Junior Landcare Grant application for further work on their bush tucker garden. We could expect there to be plenty of bush tucker around in the future.

Most of my time this year has been spent coordinating the Landsborough Nursery site which will be officially opened at this AGM. I expect that next year I will be more involved in projects focusing on Barung's extension and advocacy role.



# BARUNG NURSERIES

## Wayne Webb

Last October saw the departure of Dawn Worthington, who had been with us for more than four years as assistant nursery manager. Kate Brooks, between Green Army teams at the time, temporarily took on the job. As Kate began preparing to lead her second Green Army group, out of the blue we had a call from Fuschia (former Barung office and administration wiz) – so welcome back, Fuschia, who has quickly settled into supervising our volunteers, serving customers, and keeping the Maleny nursery ticking over.

The Maleny nursery continues to be our distribution outlet to the public and members, and we hope this will continue until we finally have our permanent home in Maleny. Nursery production, however, will soon start shifting to the Landsborough nursery.

Our Landsborough nursery is progressing steadily. We were able to salvage quite a lot of useful materials and equipment from the closed Beerburum forestry nursery, thanks to the generosity of HQPlantations. Everything from paper clips to a big diesel pump, besser blocks to irrigation controllers. We have lots of short lengths of 1 inch water pipe – ideal legs for benches. We gained a nursery trolley which one of our trusty vollies (Kerry) was able repair for us. We were fortunate to have the help of Mark Milne and Brian Boon through the Green Army program. Brian in particular was a great asset with his welding and building skills.

Once our two nursery pads were formed by Council, Dave Pearsons and his team from Fernland Agencies erected our new shadehouse. We have since installed the irrigation system and laid out weed mat so the shadehouse is ready for the first seedlings to be tubed up, once the water supply system is finished. Our propagation shed is working well, with trays of seedlings

currently being brought up to our Maleny nursery for tubing. I am working on the growing out area where most of the irrigation system is in place. Jono is setting up the diesel pump to pump from the dam.

Of course the big event for the nursery this year was the Maleny Wood Expo, with the nursery tent looking great and once again enjoying good plant sales. Thanks to all who volunteered their expertise to help sell plants over the weekend, and to those who helped prepare plants and set up. Preparation for such an event starts months ahead with plants being selected, trayed up, labelled and put aside to ensure we have quality stock available for Expo.

The other big event Barung nursery attended again this year was the Queensland Garden Expo at the Nambour Showgrounds. Thanks to the many volunteers who once more put in a huge effort. We also attended the World Environment Day celebrations at the Sunshine Coast University. Thanks to Joan Dillon for setting up displays at other events such as Maleny Garden Club's 'Gardening on the Edge' weekend, and also for working with a group of volunteers to run the Montville Markets stall each month; also to Diana O'Connor and Eric Anderson who take plants along to sell and promote Barung at the monthly Blackall Range Growers' Market at Witta.

Once again, the nursery has been fortunate to have the support of many hard working volunteers who have contributed many hours of work over the year. These vollies carry out much of the tubing and weeding at the nursery, as well as help with seed collecting, cleaning and sowing. They also are more than willing to help out with all sorts of odd jobs around Barung, and are indispensable when it comes to setting up and running events such as the Wood Expo. A big THANK YOU to one and all.



# HINTERLAND BUSH LINKS

## Susie Duncan

Barung formally launched Hinterland Bush Links at Booloumba Creek in November 2012. The event attracted over 150 people who rapidly planted out 700 trees in celebration of the day. These plantings will enhance a key wildlife corridor linking the Conondale and Blackall ranges. The new website and Facebook site for the project were also launched on the day and they continue to provide updates and educational outreach to the public. See Wilma Wompoo on Facebook and [www.hinterlandbushlinks.org](http://www.hinterlandbushlinks.org)

Little Yabba Park Bushcare Group got underway with riparian restoration work at Cambroon in August 2011. This group meets at 8 am on the first Friday of each month and welcomes new members. Roving Restorers is another group activity, meeting monthly and visiting a range of properties where weeding and planting assistance is offered to landholders in exchange for a tour of the property.

Four workshops have been held on different aspects of habitat restoration and connectivity over the year. An information evening on connecting the bush was held in Maleny in March and attracted 70 people. Stalls have been held at several community events.

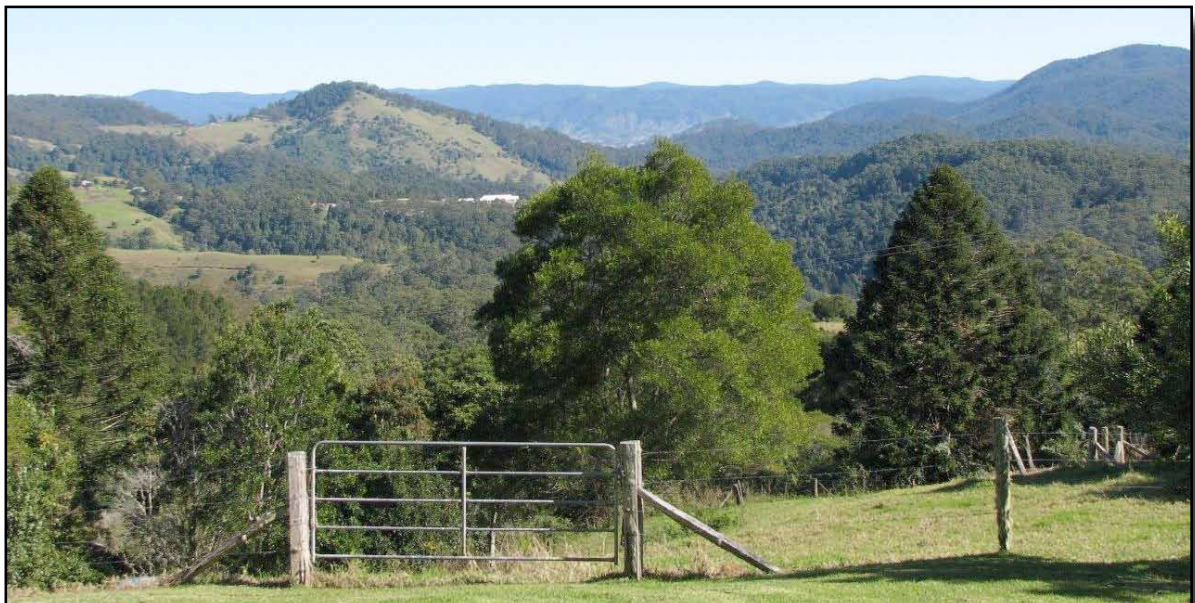
Landholder engagement around conservation property planning has resulted in a number of people pursuing Land for Wildlife status and applying for Landholder Grants from Council. Property owners are increasingly working with neighbours to create or enhance habitat corridors.

The focus on restoring a habitat corridor between the Conondale and Blackall ranges has resulted in funding from Burnett Mary Regional Group to undertake weed vine control and landholder extension in the Cambroon district. Hinterland Bush Links has a focus on several other key linkages in the region but encourages everyone to play a part in connecting up habitat – it is all useful!

The Hinterland Bush Links project has set in place a formal affiliation between Barung Landcare and the Great Eastern Ranges Initiative (GERI). GERI is currently supporting a range of projects to achieve habitat connectivity along the Great Dividing Range in NSW and has a greater vision to connect forests from far northern Queensland to the Alps in Victoria. Liaison continues with a number of other connectivity projects throughout Australia and input has been made to the National Wildlife Corridors Plan.

Hinterland Bush Links has received funding from the Department of Environment and Resource Management to run workshops, and from a private donor who has supported the website and other educational projects. A Community Partnership has recently been set up by Sunshine Coast Council via Lake Baroon Catchment Care Group to part-fund salary and costs for the Hinterland Bush Links coordinator.

The project has been guided by the expertise and experience of a wonderfully supportive advisory group. Regular articles about project activities are posted in *Barung News*, *CodLine* and local newsletters and newspapers. The 'Wildlife Wanderings' column will hopefully get back into its stride in future editions in the *Barung News*.



# BARUNG CONTRACTING SERVICES

## *Kate Brooks*

My name is Kate Brooks and along with Josh Rennie-Hynes I am an on-ground Supervisor for the Barung contracting teams.

My team primarily looks after all jobs in the Moreton Bay Regional Council area as well as some Sunshine Coast Regional Council jobs. We work closely with officers from Environmental Planning and Compliance, Bushcare, and Parks and Natural Areas.

Most of our work includes scheduled maintenance of many reserves, conservation parks, walking/bike tracks, riparian and coastal areas, parks and areas re-vegetated following development handovers.

We also tender for larger projects and have just successfully completed two separate Koala Habitat plantings at Mungarra Reserve along the South Pine River.

I'd like to thank my team Leah, Sahara and Ivan for their efforts over the year.

## *Josh Rennie-Hynes*

Hi, I'm Josh Rennie-Hynes. I supervise most of the Sunshine Coast and Hinterland projects. Our projects are probably half private landholders and half government.

My team is Tony, Zen and Oskar. This year my team has moved up to work on the Range, after spending most of last year on the coast. We have really enjoyed the challenge of working in different vegetation types and of course tackling a different suite of weeds.



Quite a bit of work over the last year has involved working with koala habitat as part of the State Government's Koala Nature Refuges Program.

Thanks to all our clients and landholders, and we're looking forward to the next year.

## *Matthew Bateman*

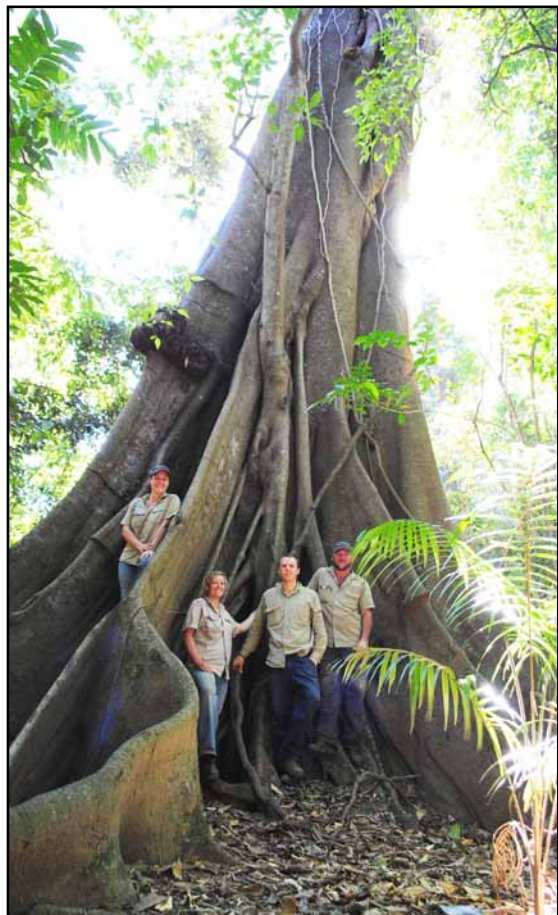
Thanks Kate and Josh and thanks to Barung members for all your support and enthusiasm through the year.

I think it has been Contracting's biggest year yet. This, I'm sure, is due to the commitment, enthusiasm and passion of our on-ground teams and the great job Kate and Josh do behind the scenes to keep it all going.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the landholders, council officers, LBCCG, Green Hills and others who have supported us through the year and am looking forward to continuing these relationships in the coming year. I would also like to thank Kyle, Rory, Darcy, Brian and Rob who all worked with us over the year.

To all the volunteers at the nursery, in the office and out in the field, thanks for the plants, the typing and your time – it all makes a difference.

Last but not least, to the committee and in particular Eric, thanks for the endless energy and time you have for Barung and keeping it all ticking over.



## GREEN ARMY & FARMFLOW

### *Kate Brooks*

The Sunshine Coast FarmFLOW project is a collaboration between Maroochy Landcare, Department of Employment, Economic Development and Innovation (DEEDI), Sunshine Coast Regional Council and SEQ Catchments that is funded by the Australian Government Caring for Our Country initiative. This project involves working with rural landholders on the Sunshine Coast to increase the adoption of land and water management practices to create more productive and sustainable landscapes.

The Green Army initiative is designed to give job seekers employment and training assistance that is customised to meet their individual needs and to meet the demands of the labour market for a skilled workforce.

The project employs a minimum of four jobseekers from the Sunshine Coast region over a 15 week period to target stream bank rehabilitation, improved land management techniques, and revegetation of degraded areas around Kin Kin, north Maroochy, the Maroochy canelands, and the upper Mooloolah catchment. Participants undertake work activities such as identifying and removing weeds, fencing, planting native flora species, and maintaining sites as well as undertaking accredited training and certification in several areas. Team members participate in nationally recognised training in the form of Chainsaw Handling I & II, Agricultural Chemical Distribution Control (ACDC) licence, Apply First Aid and Construction Safety White Card.

So far we have had two rounds of Green Army, the first ending in late September 2011 and the other in May 2012. Following their graduations, all participants have been receiving post-participation support in the form of job search coaching, assistance with resume writing, follow up calls, and support when making TAFE and job applications. Of the eight participants, one has gone on to further education and six have found full-time employment across a wide variety of industries.

Following the success of our 2011 round of Green Army I was very proud to have the opportunity to help a second group of job seekers in 2012. The two groups provided different challenges and it was a pleasure being able to collaborate with the other four Landcare organisations in providing the teams with different perspectives and understandings about how jobs can be approached. Working closely with landholders throughout the region, we accomplished a lot of beneficial revegetation works on degraded farm lands as well as weed control in bushland areas toward, ultimately, joining fragmented landscapes across the Sunshine Coast.

Congratulations to the participants of both rounds of Green Army for making a real difference!

## BARUNG EVENTS MANAGEMENT

### *Steve McLeish*

During the 2011–2012 year as Event Manager for Barung Landcare I have worked on the 2012 Maleny Wood Expo, Sunshine Coast Environment Council's World Environment Day, the Bunya Dreaming, Woodford Folk Festival, Soundwave Festival, Harvest Festival, Maleny Music Festival, The Real Food Festival and the Caloundra Music Festival.

The 2012 Maleny Wood Expo was an outstanding success with over 7000 people coming through the gates. The feedback from exhibitors and patrons was very positive. The weather was fantastic and we are already getting enquiries for next year.

As the event organiser, I was supported by a whole team of Barung employees and 170 dedicated volunteers. There was increased interest expressed by exhibitors, with late applications being turned away and the site plan being finalised at maximum capacity for stalls.

This year the World Environment Day festival won a United Nations award. A staggering 9650 entries were received for the Environment Day Challenge run by the United Nations Environment Program, with the Sunshine Coast festival chosen as one of five projects that helped raise environmental awareness across the globe, claiming the title of biggest mobilising activity. We are very proud of this achievement.

For each of the festivals I work on I go through a similar planning process: coordinating the various elements of power, water, waste management, communications and site mapping, along with the general logistical challenge of having hundreds of people with whom to liaise.

I will start on the 2013 Maleny Wood Expo in mid-November 2012 by opening online exhibitor applications and by approaching selected artisans. A comprehensive database has been compiled and is updated every year. Mim and I have applied for Events Queensland funding for \$20 000 and we are now awaiting the results.



# RANGE BEES

## *Dianne Clarke*

Range Bees, which was formed in February 2012, is a Blackall Range based group of people concerned about the future of pollination of our food crops and the natural environment. The group's focus is on the nurturing and management of native social stingless bees, native solitary bees and honey bees.

In May 2012 an agreement was signed with Barung Landcare Association whereby Barung agreed to become the auspicing organisation for Range Bees.

Range Bees meets on the second Saturday of the month for discussions, workshops and field trips to study bees and to provide practical support to people who want to nurture native and honey bees on their properties. Events during 2012 included:

- a talk by Hamish Lamb, BioSecurity Queensland, on bee keeping and some of the pests and diseases that can be found in European honey bee hives
- a discussion for beginners on things to consider before buying a hive
- a visit to a local apiarist's property to see the streamlining of the hive-to-jar process, a display of tools and gadgets, and a demonstration of how to assemble wire frames and insert wax foundations
- a session on identifying social stingless bees (the ones that build hives) and native solitary bees
- a Botanical Information Field Workshop visiting

several sites to understand local vegetation and geology

- a demonstration of how to split two types of native social stingless bee hives – one in a log (see below) that was rehoused in boxes, and the other in a box that was full and needed to be split.

Range Bees also assisted with native bee displays at the Montville Sustainability Fair and the Queensland Garden Expo.

Currently we have about 20 to 30 people attending each event and some two hundred people on our email list. A webpage has been started within the Barung website and we have a flickr site for anyone wishing to post photos of bees taken in the local area: [www.flickr.com/groups/1867088@N24/](http://www.flickr.com/groups/1867088@N24/)

For further information, email [rangebees@live.com.au](mailto:rangebees@live.com.au)



# BARUNG BOOKSHOP

## Kellie Huddy

Well, it's that time of year again already... People seem to be out and about, either browsing through town and enjoying the weather or in their backyards planting and monitoring the wildlife, and the Barung Bookshop has been waiting for this season to start.

I find more people are around town and they quite often like to stop in to check out what books we have, and what a perfect way to engage with our members!

The Resource Centre has undergone a few small changes recently. We wanted the setup to be more welcoming, encouraging our customers to come on in, browse the bookshop, and find out more about Barung in general: who we are and what we do. So the next time you are in town, come on by and see the new office layout. One side of the office has a dedicated space where you can sit down and relax while looking through our books and publications. Our most popular book sales for the year have been the plant identification books *Mangroves to Mountains*, *Rainforest Trees and Shrubs* and *Noosa's Native Plants*, as well as *Nest Boxes for Wildlife* and the newest of our stocked items, *Birds of the Mary Cairncross Scenic Reserve*.

There was also a small demand at the beginning of spring for Nest Boxes, particularly the Small Parrot Nest Box.

We have a few more CDs in stock this year for those who want to relax or meditate to the sounds of a rainforest river flowing or animals calling. These are produced by Nature Sound by David Stewart, the renowned Australian wildlife sound recordist.

At our Online Bookshop at the Barung website, all our saleable books are listed, along with short descriptions of their contents. There is something there for everyone.

All the publications and CDs can be ordered and paid for online using PayPal, or call the Resource Centre and we can process your payment over the phone. Your postage can be calculated for you online, according to the postal address entered when you order, and as soon as your payment is confirmed we will send out your goods.

The Barung Bookshop carries almost fifty publications covering a range of interests. The Bookshop display and sales also provide a useful introduction to Barung's activities and principles for members of the wider local community.

I look forward to meeting you all the next time you stop into our bookshop at the Barung Resource Centre. Remember, if you're interested in something we don't yet stock, just ask me – I'm happy to source it for you.

Thanks everyone for all your support, and happy planting!

# NEWSLETTERS

## Eve Witney

### Barung News

Our regular contributors continue to ensure that each issue of the Barung News is filled with locally relevant reference material on the species and land-caring activities around the Blackall Range.

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The newsletter generally comes out every two months, and is distributed by email, post and pick up. This is managed by Den Lalor and Kellie Huddy in the Barung Office, who also ensure the volunteers who cheerfully fold and label the hardcopies are well fed and appreciated – thank you to these volunteers.

Barung News issues back to late 2004 are available in the Newsletters section of the Barung website:

[www.barunglandcare.org.au](http://www.barunglandcare.org.au)

### The CodLine

The *CodLine*, produced once or twice a year with the stalwart support of the Mary River Catchment Coordinating Committee, continues to spread good catchment-and-land care news throughout the Mary catchment to landholders, schools, libraries, politicians and regional resource managers at all levels of government.

The *CodLine* is printed and posted out free with the financial support of the MRCCC and Sunshine Coast Council. The May 2012 print run was 2500, of which about 1700 were posted directly to individuals and organisations and the balance placed on the counters of produce stores throughout the catchment or distributed through the MRCCC.

Feedback comments from the last issue include:

- *What a wonderfully refreshing publication is the CodLine. So much valuable and interesting information.*
- *I am getting a lot of information from the CodLine that is helping me in the restoration of my property.*
- *I've just finished reading the last issue and have made notes and underlined people to contact and ideas to follow up on the hardcopy. Great content - most helpful.*

CodLine issues can be viewed online at:

[www.mrccc.org.au/newsletters.html](http://www.mrccc.org.au/newsletters.html)

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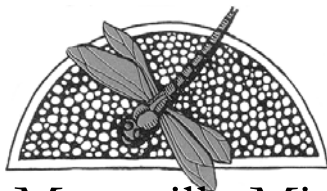


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