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WORKING FOR OUR FUTURE

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HANDS-ON TUITION AT EXPO'S WOODSHED WORKSHOPS

Three very different master woodworkers will run WoodShed Workshops at this year's Expo.

Maleny's Donald Powell (below), an award-winning wood sculptor, will give a Wood-carving Workshop each day. Don teaches extensively and contributes regu-



larly to national wood magazines. He received a Churchill Fellowship to study wood-carving teaching methods in 1996.

A virtuoso carver, his work ranges from miniature to life size with a special affinity for realistically depicting figures, faces and wildlife. Don's 'Pandora's Box' took equal first in the inaugural Wootha Prize competition in 2004.

Another Maleny favourite, Richard Knight (below left), will run several short Mortise and Tenon Workshops. Richard's introductions to this age-old technique can lead a creative woodworker anywhere, and Richard's sculptural art that doubles as functional rustic furniture is living proof of this.

He combines new ideas with age-old techniques – including humble mortise and tenon joinery.

Curt Swenson (right) grew up in America's North-east surrounded by descendants of the original Pilgrims and Swedes – all furniture and house builders. A woodworker from age 12, Curt progressed to



crafting the traditional Windsor chairs that graced his surrounds using the techniques and tools that have been employed for more than 200 years.

In his workshops Curt will teach the basics of chair construction. Students will take home a tradi-

tional milking stool as well as skills for tackling more advanced chairs. 2013 marks Curt's tenth year as a Maleny Wood Expo exhibitor – his favourite show – and to celebrate he has donated a beautiful Windsor chair to the Wood Expo raffle (pictured on page 6).

For more information and to book into the WoodShed Workshops visit:

www.malenywoodexpo.com.au

[Photo credits: Donald Powell (top): Penny Smith. Curt Svenson (middle): Steve Swayne. Richard Knight (bottom): Juanita Anderson]

PRESIDENT'S REPORT to Member's Meeting 11 April 2013

by Eric Anderson, President, Barung Landcare

Due to financial considerations Barung will soon be implementing some changes involving the Office and Nursery.

Traditionally we have struggled with a cash problem approaching the Wood Expo. This year the problem has become more evident and earlier in the year. Over the last three years we have depended on the cash injection from the Wood Expo in May and from the Council Partnership Grant about August/September. The Wood Expo is a marvellous Community event but has lately not been providing the returns achieved in earlier years. This highlights the need to increase our returns from this year's Expo.

Please consider helping out sometime over the Expo weekend, 4th & 5th of May.

The Council Community Partnership Grant, worth \$87K a year over the last three years, finishes in June this year. We will need to re-apply in a tougher economic environment and may not receive the same amount again.

There is no doubt we should have looked at our problems earlier and moved to rectify the situation. We did not and need to act now. In simple terms, our options are to increase income and/or reduce expenses. Increasing income is the most desirable option, but it is not achievable in the short term. Our major expenses are Salaries (\$15–20K/fortnight) and Rent (\$2.5K/month).

Of most concern is our Nursery which urgently needs to increase its income to become a profitable business.

As first measures:

- a) all staff have had their wages cut 1 day/week – this will be reviewed in the new financial year, and
- b) we have not been able to find cheap accommodation for our office in Maleny so will move it to our Landsborough Nursery. If suitable low cost accommodation is found in Maleny we will consider using it – **any advice or help would be appreciated.**

We aim to have a continued presence in Maleny and as a stop-gap measure have hired the Kiosk at the Community Centre in Maple Street. We will be there every Thursday starting 18th April. The Kiosk will be run by volunteers – some have already offered **but more would be very welcome.**

We have sought financial advice and it was recommended to us that we consolidate our operations, hence the decision to move our Production Nursery from Porters Lane to Landsborough. This will allow our nursery staff to concentrate on producing and marketing plants. **We will maintain the retail farm gate sales for the time being at Porters Lane** with the help of volunteers – some have already offered, **but more are required.**

The Future

- We will be taking a very close look at our Nursery operations. We grow some of the best native plants in Queensland. However we need to sell more plants. There will be a strong emphasis on marketing. We need to more closely align the plants we grow with the plants the customer wants to buy.
- We still aspire to build an Education Resource Centre and Retail Nursery on the Maleny Community Precinct. Currently negotiations are being held with Council to move from our current site to the area below the Cloudwalk development which has recently been vacated by the Maleny Swimming Club. This site offers advantages such as flat land and being closer to town.
- We want to develop ways to better engage with our membership and we plan to hold regular monthly events.

HOW YOU CAN HELP YOUR BARUNG LANDCARE

Wood Expo generally, set-up and pull-down:

Volunteers are wanted in general, but particularly for setting up in the mornings of Thursday 2nd and Friday 3rd and cleaning up on the morning of Monday 6th May. Contact Jonathan Waites 0429 943 151 or the Office 5494 3151.

Wood Expo raffle ticket sales:

Volunteers wanted to sell raffle tickets. Contact Office 5494 3151 or Raine See 0412 031 880

Maleny Office:

Suggestions for alternative cheap accommodation welcomed. Contact Eric Anderson 5445 7965.

Landsborough Nursery (Production):

Volunteers wanted. Contact Wayne Webb 0429 943 153.

Maleny Nursery (Retail sales):

Volunteers wanted. Contact Fuschia Collard 0429 943 152.

Members' Monthly Event:

Suggestions for talks/workshops, including preferred days and times. Contact Jonathan Waites 0429 943 151.

Feedback:

Comments on our move, how to involve members and suggestions for improving our business welcomed. Contact Eric Anderson 5445 7965 or plainswanderer@powerup.com.au

WOOD EXPO Volunteering!

Hello Barung Members,

2013 Maleny Wood Expo is almost upon us and we need lots more volunteers.

Thank you very much if you have already volunteered – you will be contacted soon and have your position confirmed.

There are plenty of positions available: admission ticket sellers, bar-be-que, parking, etc.

If you can't find an area listed on the Registration form that appeals, please ring me at the office – I will find a way for you to contribute!

Please Note: We need a volunteer from 5.30 pm - 7.30 pm with an RSA (Responsible Service of Alcohol) certificate to attend the Wood Expo Opening on Friday 3rd May.

If you can help please fill in a Registration form now or contact me on 5494 3151.

Cheers, Jono Waites (Expo Volunteer Coordinator)

COMMUNITY TREE PLANTING

Russell Family Park, Montville

Saturday 25th May 2013, 8.30-11 am

A tree planting at Russell Family Park, Montville, part of the rainforest revegetation project to develop a rainforest educational walk, followed by a free sausage sizzle.

The work is being coordinated by the Russell Family Park Rainforest Community Group with support from Sunshine Coast Council, Maleny Lions and Barung Landcare.

BRING – Hat, sun-smart clothes, sunscreen, covered shoes, and gardening gloves if you prefer. Some small tools will be available, so you might like to bring tools too.

To help us plan catering, please register at
www.barunglandcare.org.au or on 5494 3151

SEEDS ALWAYS WELCOME

SEEDS & REVEGE JOTTINGS by *Diana O'Connor*

This cooler autumn season is still excellent for planting, especially after the rain. Once a revegetation plot has a framework of young trees, consider your understorey.

Greg Smyrell states that Mary Cairncross Scenic Reserve is the best remnant of the forest type that would have covered the volcanic soils of the Maleny Plateau. He lists Large-leaved Wilkiea *Wilkiea macrophylla* as a common species in the understorey. It is also the obligate food source for the Regent Skipper, a 5.5 cm black and yellow butterfly. This means this species is totally dependent on rainforest. We still have a good supply of this important shrub in the nursery. Fruit is also ripening in the next month.

A member at Flaxton found a Small Bolwarra *Eupomatia bennettii* fruiting in her garden last year. This unusual small frail shrub is now available from Barung in small numbers. It was growing in soil grading from red volcanic to the grey soil of the wet sclerophyll Flaxton forest.

Smell-of-the-bush *Mallotus laevis* is now carrying mature fruits. These hairy three-compartment fruits, 3 to 4 mm across, can be picked green or grey. Put them in a container covered with tulle or gauze to dry. The seed pods explode, sending seed to 3 metres away, so covering is essential. Don't soak this species. Bring them in as fresh as you can please. I've been wanting a second one of these for many years – we only have a male tree.

Last year was a poor fruiting season for Red Apple *Acmena ingens*, but right now it is dropping its 2.5 cm red soft fruit. This is a lovely species which grows fast and straight. Bring in a shopping bag full of the fruit if you can!

Tree Heath *Trochocarpa laurina* is another understorey shrub of grey soils that is fruiting at present. We could use another 500 of these small black fruits. Soak in water for delivery.



BUILDING A NATIVE BEE HABITAT WALL

Saturday 8 June, 9.30 am - 3.30 pm

Barung Nursery, 65 Amigh Road, Landsborough

Organised by Range Bees and Barung Landcare to encourage nesting of native solitary bees around the nursery and as a working example for people to incorporate in their own gardens.

Please bring: materials, tools for cutting and drilling, and plate to share for lunch.

Suggested materials: pieces of bamboo with nodes intact; blocks of wood, clay & sand; grass tree spikes; canes of lantana, raspberry and mango; soft deadwood such as mango, banksia, casuarina, melaleuca and leptospermum; recycled drain pipe.

To book or for more information,
email rangebees@live.com.au



Above: Shiny-leaved Stinging Tree. Below, from left: Red Apple, Large-leaved Wilkiea, Smell-of-the-bush.

[Photos: Eric Anderson]

Red Olive Plum *Elaeodendron australe* is bearing its orange 2 cm fruits at present. This species also grows on non-volcanic soils, such as at Kureelipa.

If you see a tree covered in soft, translucent cauliflower-like fruits, it is most likely a Shiny-leaved Stinging Tree *Dendrocnide photinophylla*. Its bright green leaves are not decimated by larvae like those of the Giant Stinging Tree *Dendrocnide excelsa*. My impression is that the sting of the Shiny-leaved Stinging Tree is not so severe.

White Euodia *Melicope micrococca* is fruiting this year. It's fiendishly hard to obtain fruit from as it sheds a small black seed from 20 metres above ground. If you have a low branch available please help. It is some years since we have been able to get seed.

EVENTS

First Friday of each month

Little Yabba Park Bushcare, Cambrook, 8-11am

Restoring vegetation along the banks of Little Yabba Creek, followed by a cuppa and a short bushwalk nearby. New members welcome. Contact Susie Duncan on **5429 6622**.

Saturday 11 May

CONNECTING OUR BUSH event

Crystal Waters, 10 am - 12.30 pm

Hinterland Bush Links invites you to talks and displays on creating wildlife corridors in the Upper Mary Valley and to find out how you can get involved with connecting and restoring your local bush. Morning tea provided. Event hosted by Crystal Waters Body Corporate.

Please register at Barung Landcare on 5494 3151 or www.barunglandcare.org.au



Sunday 19 May

Roving Restorers, Booloumba Creek, 9 am - noon

Weeding trees planted at the Hinterland Bush Links launch. Morning tea provided. Walk or swim after lunch. Car pool at the public carpark behind the Maleny IGA carpark at 8 am or travel independently (call 5429 6622 for directions) for 9 am start. All tools provided, bring gloves, water, lunch, boots, long-sleeved shirt and trousers, hat, sunscreen, insect repellent, and togs if you wish to swim. **Please register at Barung Landcare on 5494 3151 or www.barunglandcare.org.au**

BARUNG WORKSHOPS

Workshops in planning - contact Barung on 5494 3151 or info@barunglandcare.org.au to & we will let you know more:

- **Reveg Revisited** – A tour of a revegetated area on a Witta property, with reference to 'before' photos and discussion of project aspects such as planning/methods, species selection, maintenance, etc.
- **Landslip: How to hold it together** – Landslips, why and how they occur, and what can be done to lessen the likelihood of one occurring on landslip-prone slopes.

Love Mary Day, 12 May, Tiaro. A family-oriented celebration of the Mary River and all that is special about her: greatermary.wix.com/riverlovers

Balance-Unbalance International Conference 2013, May 31–June 2, UNESCO Noosa Biosphere Reserve: www.balance-unbalance2013.org

Sunshine Coast World Environment Day Festival, 9 June, University of the Sunshine Coast: www.usc.edu.au

Brownwater Classic, 22 June, Moy Pocket. Building blackbean pod boats to release upon the Mary, rock skipping comps, campfire concert...: **Ian Mackay on 5446 0124**

Tiaro Farming & Lifestyle Field Day, 13 July, Tiaro. Soak up some good old fashioned country atmosphere and hospitality and enjoy the workshops, demonstrations, trade sites and community stalls: www.ourtiaro.com/tiarofieldday.htm

2013 Queensland Landcare Conference, 27-29 September 2013, Warwick: headwaters.ddrlandcare.org

FERNS

THE ORNAMENTAL GARDEN by Joan Dillon

If the prolonged wet weather has done one useful thing, it has been to encourage the growth and spread of some beautiful native ferns. Large ones such as Bird's Nest Fern *Asplenium australasicum* can be lush features in the shaded garden. We recently moved a specimen which had outgrown a pot to a triangle created from lengths of old timber, added some potting mix, manoeuvred the fern into the centre, and it hasn't looked back.

The staghorns and elkhorns are thriving attached to various trees and of course there are ground ferns such as Rough Maidenhair



Giant Maidenhair.

[Photo: John Dillon]

Adiantum hispidulum. A few of these self-established in the shadehouse, shed spoors into the gravel floor and provide an endless supply of understorey plants on south-east facing slopes. Very useful!

Prickly Rasp Fern *Doodia aspera* and Strap Water Fern *Blechnum patersonii* are producing masses of fresh pink fronds. All three of these make great border plants in shaded positions. Check *Mangroves to Mountains* for preferred growing conditions, remembering that shade is usually more important than water.

Further afield in the revegetation, an area not visited for some time and where there is now a shady canopy (those little trees do grow up in time), Giant Maidenhair *Adiantum formosum* has spread along the steep side of a gully. With a complementing and softly contrasting fine native grass, it dominates the understorey and has created a garden of its own in the forest landscape. No work required other than the removal of an occasional clump of mistflower or a spindly lantana. I love it when nature does the work for me.

In some gardens Scaly Treefern *Cyathea cooperi* can almost become a weed but the excess small plants are easily potted up and can be moved to more suitable positions. They also make attractive pot plants while relatively small. In the right position, Treeferns are a graceful feature for any garden.

The delicate-looking Climbing Maidenhair Fern *Lygodium microphyllum* wanders through the foliage of other plants. Climbing and creeping epiphytes on trees and lithophytes on rocks and the very useful clumping Binung *Christella dentate* all contribute to the picture.

There's a whole world of ferns out there and this has been the perfect season to get acquainted.

THE BARUNG VILLAGE NURSERY PROJECT

by Jonathan Waites

Barung has been chosen as one of just seven community nurseries nationally to participate in the Village Nursery Project.

This trial project, funded by the Westpac Foundation through Landcare Australia Limited, is '...to provide job skills and training support to disadvantaged youth and community groups (long term unemployed/disabled/refugees) in regional areas through the provision of a range of ecological, social and economic initiatives provided by community nurseries.'

Barung has chosen to work with refugees seeking asylum in Australia. We have had up to four refugees volunteering in our nurseries one day a week so far. These people have been released



Runyan and Thaya with their host John at Barung's Landsborough nursery.

from the Brisbane Immigration Transit Accommodation detention centre at Pinkenba on Bridging Visas and are being supported by host families who are part of the Australian Homestay Network (AHN) around the Sunshine Coast.

The five men currently volunteering at Barung are of the Tamil ethnic group from Sri Lanka and arrived by boat at Christmas Island (different boats, different times) after 13 August 2012. Due to a change in government policy last year, they have been disallowed the right to work for the foreseeable future, but they are able to access some volunteering opportunities.

We are being supported by Buddies, a refugee advocacy and support group based on the Sunshine Coast (<http://refugeebuddies.com/>). One of their members organises transport for the refugees between their host families and our nursery at Landsborough each week and has been liaising with the AHN to ensure new refugees moving to the Sunshine Coast are made aware of the opportunity to work with us.

We will help participants in the project acquire knowledge in a range of nursery practices including plant propagation techniques, seed collection and plant identification, and will provide opportunities for them to practice life skills such as communicating, working with other individuals and as a team, and speaking English.

To this end we will be running a number of workshops throughout the year which will be open to Barung members and the wider community.

If you would like to meet our refugees or offer support in any way, please do come along and volunteer with them at the nurseries. Contact me first (on **5494 3151**) to ensure you come on a day and to the nursery where they will be working.

VERMILLION WAX CAP

FUNGAL FORAY by Gretchen Evans

On our annual foray in March to Linda Garrett Walk in Mapleton, we found 47 fungi which we had not seen before. On this occasion the enthusiasm of the photographers was controlled sufficiently to enable us to walk further along the track than in previous years.

We found a beautiful fungal hotspot in an area of wet sclerophyll forest which was a mixture of eucalypts and piccabeen palms. There were about a dozen different fungi there.

The highlight was a tiny brilliant red fungus which we identified as a Vermillion Wax Cap. It belongs to the genus *Hygrocybe*. It has a bright red cap and stalk but the gills under the cap are more orange-red. It is about 2 cm tall and as it matures the cap flattens and can reach up to 3cm diameter. *Hygrocybe* means 'wet head' and refers to the shiny surface of the cap.

A couple of weeks later I also found it in a similar environment on the Baroon Pocket walk.



Hygrocybe miniata.

[Photo: Fran Guard]

BARUNG LANDCARE WELCOMES....

New Members

Amit Dahiya	Grant Stokes	Robyn Downey
Astrid de Ruiter	Marco Rattin	Stewart Davis
Carol Newman	Michael Caefar	Vicki Power
David Coles	Peg Pringle	

Rejoining Members

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- Two organic woollen pillows, Blessed Earth - \$210
- Rose sheoak 6" square, HNT Gordon Tools - \$175
- Tasmanian blackwood shoulder plane, Colen Clenton Tools - \$175
- Three course dinner for two, Spicers Tamarind - \$150
- Hand crafted milking stool, Richard Knight Woodworks - \$150
- Frog painting, Tree Frog Gallery - \$150
- Chopping block, David Linton - \$145
- Two Concert Tickets, Lucas Parklands - \$100
- Organic food hamper, Maple Street Co-op - \$100
- Lunch for two, Secrets on the Lake - \$50
- Wooden mallet, Richard Knight Woodworks - \$25
- Breadboard, Richard Knight Woodworks - \$20

Drawn at 2pm, 5th April in the Main Pavilion at the Maleny Wood Expo. All winners will be notified by phone.

OUR VOLUNTEERS VALUED

PRESIDENT'S REPORT by Eric Anderson

It has been an eventful couple of months since the last newsletter. One constant has been the rain – it doesn't seem to have stopped. This caused the cancellation of the Bunya Dreaming Festival but happily plant sales through our nursery have surged.

To better manage our poor cash flow situation, we've had to implement changes. This has resulted in the decision to close our office in Maleny and move it to our new Production Nursery in Landsborough. We are also moving all nursery production from Porter's Lane to Landsborough but will maintain the current retail farm gate sales at Porter's Lane. These moves should be completed by the end of May.

Details of the above changes were presented to 47 members who attended the special meeting on 11th April. Many thanks to those who could attend on a rather wet evening and contribute their comments and suggestions. A report of the meeting is printed on page 2 in this newsletter and will also appear on our website: www.barunglandcare.org.au

Congratulations to Lyn Finlay who is Barung's nomination for Andrew Powell's Glass House Volunteer Awards. Lyn will collect her certificate at a function to be held at the Glasshouse Mountains Sports Club on 8th May.

With regret I have accepted the resignation of Raine See from Barung's Management Committee. Raine has found her commitments have meant she can not continue with us. Although you were only on the committee for a short period, Raine, I greatly appreciated your enthusiasm and help. In Raine's place we have appointed Lindsay Kruger to the Management Committee.

Thank you to...

... the marvellous *CODLine* newsletter folding team, which this time consisted of **Jackie Montgomery, Paddy Parr, Lyn Findlay, Ruth Blanch, Doug Blanch, Deanne Grace, Pamela Owens, Peter Milton** and **Bill Egerton**. Fantastic effort everyone, thank you.

... also **Kellie** in the Barung office for getting everything together for the big fold, **Wayne** for picking up the newsletters from the printer, and **Russell** of **Australia Post** for bringing sanity to the postage stage

... **Fergus Fitzgerald** of **Buddies Refugee Support Group** in Buderim for organising and providing transport for our **refugee participants** in the Village Nursery Project

... **Clare Sluggett** and **Ruth Blanch** for organising plants for Maleny Wood Expo

... **Carol Newman** for volunteering at the Porters Lane nursery (just in time to be thrown in at the deep end)!



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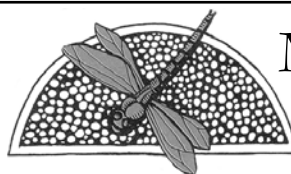


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