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*Bev Hand gives a passionate welcome.*

*(photos: Den Lalor)*

## Bunya Dreaming 2014

*by Barry Traill*

It was windy for a while, with the tarps and shelters taking a pummeling, but the rain held off and the 2014 Bunya Dreaming was again extraordinarily successful. This year the Dreaming was held for the first time at "Mimburi", a property on the Mary River at Belli Park. It is a wonderful location alongside the remnant rain-forest on the Mary, with views to a hillside of Bunya Pines and plenty of room to move. Kubbi Kubbi elder and main organiser, Beverley Hand, her family and friends, again put in place something quite special. Beverley has always resisted any commercialisation of the Bunya Dreaming, and it remains a simple meeting place where Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal Australians can come together in celebration of country, linked by the ancient Bunya - that iconic tree of the Hinterland and its delicious product, the Bunya nut.

Highlight of the day I thought, was the cook-off with a table laden with recipes using the Bunya and other bushfoods. The judges carefully batted off the hovering masses while they tasted and rated the dozens of dishes. Then the word got out that the judging had finished and the mostly polite crowd drifted in at a fast trot, surrounding the table, jostling with eagerness for a taste.

There was fierce competition in the Bunya games (collecting, shucking and storing the Bunyas), storytelling, flora and fauna quiz and guitar challenge. The artists at the gathering created some beautiful sculptural pieces from Bunya cones and other natural materials. A highlight was a map of the Mary Valley

laid out on a gentle slope, with bunya scales delineating the Mary River and its tributaries, and nuts tracing the paths taken by people at the gathering. The winning team for the coveted Bunya Dreaming trophy was Maleny Tilitjas.

The day finished with the last rays of the sun spotlighting both the dancers and the Bunya Trees on the hillside. A heart-warming end to a beautiful day. Thanks to all the organisers and helpers, one and all for an exceptional time.



*Delicious treats made from bunya nuts.*



*Having fun in the Ladies' Bunya races.*



*Triumphant Tilitjas: (L to R) Pam, Rachel, Bella, Barry, Mia (front), Alieta, Anne and Laina.*

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# New Year Welcome

*PRESIDENT'S REPORT by Eric Anderson*

Welcome to a Barung New Year, which begins with a **new Editor for the Newsletter** – thanks for taking on the challenge Robyn Harper. Many, many thanks to Eve Witney, our previous Editor, for her long (9 year) and invaluable contribution to Barung. This year we plan to produce four Newsletters. With the change-over of Editors, this newsletter is a little late but we hope to catch up, with the April-May-June Newsletter being produced in April – no pressure Robyn!

The issues facing Barung have not changed and are being vigorously taken up by the new Committee. Priority is being given to addressing the need for our business arms to be 'professionally' managed, financially viable and contributing to the aims of the organisation. In the short term, the spotlight is on **Contracting, Nursery and Events**.

**Contracting** has been a great success for Barung under the leadership of Mathew Bateman and it has been the key in contributor towards keeping the organisation afloat. However this dependency is being tested in a challenging industry in terms of staffing and contracts and is now being more closely monitored.

The Nursery continues to be Barung's Achilles heel as it adjusts from its old site in Bicentenary Lane to Porter's Lane, North Maleny and to Landsborough. Under the stewardship of Nursery Manager, Wayne Webb and Assistant Nursery Manager, Fuschia Collard and volunteers (more welcome) we are gearing up the Landsborough Production Nursery to full capacity with a large range of plant species and developing an attractive 'retail' nursery at Porter's Lane. Negotiations continue with the Sunshine Coast Council on the permanent location of our **future Education and Resource Centre and Retail Nursery** onto the new site that has been offered to us on the Maleny Community Precinct. This is the area that was originally assigned to be the new Maleny Aquatic Centre – keep watching this space.

Under the leadership of Steve McLeish and Mim Coulstock, planning is well advanced for this year's **Maleny Wood Expo** on 3rd & 4th May. As always, we will be dependent on the generous help of volunteers and hope you can find time to spare a few hours. It is also opportune to congratulate Steve on being recognised in the Sunshine Coast Council Australia Day Awards in the "Creative" section.

We continue to provide a service to our members and the public through our small cramped **office in the Hinterland Business Centre in Coral Street** through the efforts of staff, Denis Lalor and Kellie Huddy and volunteers Margot Balfour and Lyn Finlay – thanks 'guys'. We also maintain a presence on Thursdays at the **Maleny Community Centre Kiosk**, at the **Witta Market** (organised by Lindsay Kruger, taking over from Diana O'Connor and myself) and the **Montville Market** (organised by Raine See, taking over from Joan and John Dillon) – many thanks to all of these dedicated volunteers.

Many thanks to Jonathan Waites for implementing the recently completed innovative **Village Nursery Project** which provided job skills and training support for refugees based on the Sunshine Coast. Jonathan is responsible for, and also reports on, preparations of the **'Genesis' land for sale** and the commencement of a **regular community information event**, starting with a talk in March on the hazards of picking up a tick bite in the Sunshine Coast hinterland.



Water level is low in Barung's Landsborough Nursery dam.

The late news is that the continuing dry weather has resulted in the **dam** which supplies water to our Landsborough Nursery, becoming severely depleted. Hopefully, the rain of recent days will continue, alleviating the need to purchase water.

*Keep an eye on the Barung website for upcoming events and new features:*

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

## Hinterland Bush Links EVENTS

### First Friday of each month

**Little Yabba Bushcare - Little Yabba Park, Cambroon in the Mary Valley 8 am - 11am**

Vegetation restoration along the banks of Little Yabba Creek, followed by a cuppa and a short bushwalk nearby.

### Sat 8 March

**Roving Restorers - Crystal Waters, Upper Mary Valley**

Join us for a shady morning of hand weeding in rainforest along Kilcoy Creek. Kathryn, Lois and friends have been actively restoring vegetation along this creek which provides a valuable habitat linkage between Bellthorpe National Park and the Mary River. Morning tea provided.

Car pool from Maleny IGA carpark 8.15 am for 9 am start.

### Fri 21 March

**Roving Restorers - Mill Hill Rd, Montville**

Join us for a morning of hand-weeding at Gretchen Evan's property above Lake Baroon. Gretchen has been a great contributor to restoring rainforest across the Blackall Range so this is an opportunity to give her a hand in return. Car pool from Maleny IGA carpark at 8.00 am for 8.30 am start.

### Mon 7 April

**Roving Restorers - Flaxton 8.30am-12pm**

Join us for a morning of understorey planting and a walk through Daryl Reinke & Craig Hosmer's covenanted property. Morning tea provided. Car pool from Maleny IGA car park at 8.15am for 9am start.

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## The Conondale Ranges - Jewels in our Midst

by Susie Duncan, HBL Coordinator

The Conondale Ranges had a certain mystical allure when I was growing up in Victoria. I heard that they were full of rare and beautiful animals and plants and that a wonderful group called the Conondale Range Committee was working hard to protect them in a National Park. So when I came to settle in this region 30 years later, they were foremost in my mind as a place to explore and to discover the richness of the forests and streams.

Ten years on, I am still in awe of this beautiful place. By good fortune I recently spent three days bushwalking in the headwaters of Bundaroo, Booloumba and Peters Creeks. Some of the



*Christmas Orchids adorn the rainforest floor.*

mountain forests in these catchments have never been logged and Flooded Gums of 300+ years of age, tower over the diminutive bushwalker. Massive Yellow Carabeen and a diverse array of other rainforest trees shade the walking trails and we were delighted to see droves of white Christmas Orchids flowering on the forest floor.

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**Wed 23 April – Koala Workshop cost \$10 7-9 pm**

**Hinterland Business Centre, 38A Coral St, Maleny**  
Local koala carer, Wanda Grabowski, shares her depth of knowledge about koalas and threats to their survival.

**Mon 28 April - Roving Restorers**

**Booloumba Creek, Mary Valley 9.00am-12pm**

Join us weeding trees planted at the launch of Hinterland Bush Links. Morning tea provided. Optional rainforest walk and/or swim after. Bring togs and lunch if you'd like to stay on. Car pool from Maleny IGA carpark at 8.00am or travel independently for 9am start.

**Fri 9 May - Roving Restorers**

**Johnston Nature Refuge, Buderim 9am-12pm**

Join us for a morning of understorey weeding at this long-protected Nature Refuge connecting several conservation reserves in Buderim, with option of a lovely walk. Car pool at the back of Maleny IGA carpark at 8.00am or travel independently for a 9am start.

**For all outdoor events:** All tools are provided. Please bring gloves, water, boots, sunscreen and insect repellent. Long-sleeved shirt, trousers and hat are essential (Work Place Health and Safety Regulations).

**For enquiries and directions please contact Susie Duncan**

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*The endangered Giant Barred Frog hangs out in Booloumba Creek (Photos: Susie Duncan)*

Within these forests, dwells a rich assortment of animals including nocturnal hunters such as the Sooty Owl and Marbled Frog mouth; Hip-pocket Frogs which carry their tadpoles around in little pouches on their back legs; Golden-tipped Bats which feed on orb-web spiders and roost in the suspended nests of the Yellow-throated Scrubwren; Long-nosed Potoroos which dine on native truffles in the leaf-litter; Angle-headed Dragons basking on foot tracks in the forest – beware the unwitting bushwalker; Giant Barred Frogs - the bass singers in the forest with their deep “ork”; Australia’s largest skink, the glossy black Land Mullet which forages for fungi and fruit on the rainforest floor; Riflebirds with their iridescent plumage and claim to fame of being one of only four birds of paradise in Australia; and many other extraordinary species that live in the forests and streams. How lucky are we to have this amazing diversity in our backyard.

The Blackall Range, the Mary Valley and the coastal plain also share many of these animals, but their existence is a little more tenuous because their habitat is often disturbed, fragmented or degraded by weeds. The big areas of healthy forest in the Conondales are a reservoir for our plants and animals and creating habitat connections to other areas is an important step towards protecting the many threatened species in this region. At Cambroon in the Mary Valley, Hinterland Bush Links has been working with landholders to achieve a major wildlife corridor between the Conondale and Blackall Ranges. And to our delight, Sunshine Coast Council recently bought a property within the corridor to enhance this habitat connection and to protect critically endangered Lowland Rainforest, the Rufous Bettong (a Rat-kangaroo) and many other threatened species. Meanwhile at the top end of the Mary Valley, the Bellthorpe Progress Association has been actively restoring habitat in the higher country, which also connects the two ranges.

Ensuring a future for this rich diversity of plants and animals means three things: looking after areas with healthy, extensive habitats such as the Conondale Ranges; restoring habitat degraded by weed invasion and other threats; and creating broad wildlife corridors to connect it all up. Many of you have been playing a part in this for a long time, but if you are just starting out and want to get involved, please contact me by email: [sduncan@hinterlandbushlinks.org](mailto:sduncan@hinterlandbushlinks.org) or visit Hinterland Bush Links on Facebook. Most importantly – go for a walk in the Conondale Ranges sometime and be inspired and energised to continue this wonderful restoration work for our precious native plants and animals.

# Activity @ Porters Lane

NURSERY NOTES by Fuschia Collard



*The Unity Water tree planting project begins. By the time you read this article approx 18,000 rainforest species will have been planted on the Maleny Community Precinct as part of the Maleny Sewerage Treatment Plant upgrade and reforestation project. Nursery Manager, Wayne Webb, has spent many hours preparing the seedlings and it is fantastic to finally see them planted. Thank you Unity Water for this amazing project. Congratulations Blackall Range - a new Rainforest is born!* (photo: Den Lalor)

Hi everyone,

I have decided that for this issue I will let the photos tell the story. I wanted to show you a couple of projects that have been happening in your neighborhood. I therefore dedicate this newsletter article to all of you wonderful people out there taking action. You inspire me!

Thank you to Stella and David Wiggins for sharing photos of their project. They are both dedicated landcarers as you can see. I have had the pleasure of serving Stella and David over the last few years and was wondering how their property must look now. See for yourself....



*From Rose Gum looking North 2013 and 2014*



*From South East Corner 2013 and 2014*

## Towels Needed for Koala Care

Endeavour Veterinary Ecology (looking after koalas along the Moreton Bay Rail Link) needs towels for use in cages, to wash bottoms and to wrap around branches so that ulcerated koalas can find a comfortable position. If you have any clean towels to spare, that you no longer need, please drop them in to the Porters Lane Nursery, Nth Maleny or the Barung Office, Hinterland Business Centre, 1/38A Coral Street Maleny, **before Koala Workshop on 23rd April** when they can be given to Vanda Grabowski.



*Hoop pine sapling 2013 and 2014*

If you have some before and after shots of your project, please feel free to send them to [nursery@barunglandcare.org.au](mailto:nursery@barunglandcare.org.au) and we will endeavor to include them in future newsletters so you too can inspire others with your story.

To our seed collectors, thank you to everyone who has been kindly collecting their seeds for us. We now have enough White Beech but welcome other species. Please bring them to the Porters Lane Nursery with the species name, date and where they were collected along with your name and phone number. We really appreciate it. Keep up the great work!

**Please remember that in addition to our normal opening hours of 9 am – 3 pm Wed – Fri, we are now also open Saturday mornings 9 am – 12 noon.** We hope you will enjoy the beautiful drive out to see us soon.

Stay tuned for the launch of Gardens for Wildlife....

Thanks for reading!



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# Volunteers!!!! Volunteers!!!! Volunteers!!!!

by Jonathan Waites

Barung's major (supremely significant) fundraiser for the year, the Maleny Wood Expo, is coming up on 3rd and 4th May 2014 and the call for volunteers is out! If you are new to the Hinterland this is a great opportunity for you to meet up with others in your community while supporting your local landcare group. Past



supporters have the chance to catch up with old friends from previous years and be part of the iconic Maleny Wood Expo. Come along and join the dynamic team of volunteers who help make this 'extravaganza of wood' happen.

*Visitors love the chance to meet the people behind the woodwork.*  
(photo: Mim Coulstock)

There's plenty of positions for you to choose from: helping with the Landcare BBQ (you get to eat); directing traffic (you get to tell people where to go...nicely); selling raffle tickets (you get to smile a lot); and more. Have a look at the registration form on the Barung website for more information, come in and have a chat if you would like to discuss anything or call Jono on 0429 943 151.

We would love to hear from you sooner rather than later as this helps organisers enormously with planning and keeping stress levels within tolerable limits. Coming on board as a volunteer is as easy as 1,2, 3:

1. **Register online.** The direct link is not up yet but you will be able to access the registration form from the website: [www.barunglandcare.org.au](http://www.barunglandcare.org.au) or the Maleny Wood Expo site: [www.malenywoodexpo.com](http://www.malenywoodexpo.com) soon OR
2. **Pop in to the Barung Office** at the Hinterland Business Centre at 1/38A Coral St or at the Nursery in Porter's Lane Nth Maleny and register in person OR
3. **Contact Jono** on 0429 943 151 for further information.



Fungimap Inc, the Australasian Mycological Society and the Queensland Mycological Society present the

## QUEENSLAND FUNGUS FESTIVAL 2014

Join us in Brisbane and surrounding areas for

- The AMS annual scientific meeting, Tuesday 22 and Wednesday 23 April
- *Why Mushrooms and Moulds Matter*, a full day of presentations by Queensland and Australia's leading fungal experts, covering ecological, agricultural and medical issues, Thursday 24 April
- A Masterclass on Boletes with Roy Halling from the NY Botanical Gardens, Friday 25 April
- The Festival dinner, Saturday 26 April
- and a range of forays and workshops, Saturday 26 and Sunday 27 April

For more information about the program and registration, head to [www.fungimap.org.au](http://www.fungimap.org.au) or call Fungimap on 03 92522374

## Panus

*FUNGAL FORAY by Gretchen Evans*

While I was out with the Roving Restorers one day, we walked across a narrow ledge at the top of a waterfall. One of the other members pointed out a fungus below the ledge. Reaching down to collect it would have been quite risky, but I noticed it was covered in thick hairs and I could see straight away it was a *Panus*.

A couple of weeks later, a friend found a good collection of *Panus* growing on a fallen Hoop Pine branch on his property. We collected, photographed and described some specimens, then lodged them with the Herbarium which had expressed an interest in the find.

This fungus is easily recognised by its tough, funnel shape with distinctive short hairs, especially on the margins which are inrolled. It is brown but when young may have purple tints and looks quite attractive.

It is a common fungus found in most states, grows on dead wood and often in small colonies on fallen logs. It lasts quite a long

time and was the one of the few fungi I found during these last hot and dry months.



*Panus lecomtei*

(photo: Fran Guard)

# 18 Years on & The Maleny Wood Expo Celebrates Diversity of Australian Timbers

by Mim Coulstock

**Saturday 3rd and Sunday 4th May will see the 18th Maleny Wood Expo underway as the mobile mills fire up and the sawdust flies at the Maleny Showgrounds.**

For those who don't know, the Wood Expo - Barung Lancare's signature event - started from humble beginnings in 1996. The brainchild of early Management Committee member and forester extraordinaire, Ashley Sewell, the Expo's aims were to raise awareness of, and educate the local and wider community about the beauty and versatility of the native rainforest timbers found on the Blackall Range; the need to use them sustainably to ensure future availability; and the potential to promote these timbers through a local boutique farm forestry industry.

The concept received an overwhelming response with 3000 visitors converging on the Maleny Showgrounds to view the work of 20 local wood exhibitors. Over the following 11 years the Expo grew to three days but to the dismay of visitors and artisans, in 2007 the decision was made to 'take a break' while Barung regrouped.

Returning in 2008 as a two-day event and held annually since, the Expo now attracts more than 100 exhibitors and over 8,000 visitors including families, farmers, farm foresters, woodworkers, local residents and peri-urban landholders, and tourists.

Recognised as the 'Community Event of the Year' at the 2005 Caloundra City Council Australia Day Awards, and the Sunshine Coast Environment Council's 'Sustainable Ecotourism' Award in 2001, The Maleny Wood Expo was recognised by Caloundra Tourism as the signature event for Caloundra City.

The strong focus on sustainable timber use - the main point of difference between 'our' Expo and other wood shows - has proved attractive to woodworkers from across South East Queensland. They appreciate the country atmosphere and friendliness of organisers and volunteers. All wood artisans are still required to work in sustainably harvested native, weed or recycled timbers.

With thousands of visitors set to converge on Maleny over the first weekend in May, woodworkers are slabbing, cutting, joining, polishing and burnishing the myriad of pieces that will go on show. They produce an extraordinary range, from fine furniture to bbq settings, sculptural pieces, artworks and everything else that can be fashioned from timber.

Organisers are excitedly awaiting the Selection Panel's sitting, to finalise entries for the 2014 feature exhibition - the Wootha



*Beautiful sculpted piece by master craftsman, Robert Howard, from Brisbane. (photo: Mim Coulstock)*

Prize 'Open + Shut' competition. With entrants vying for over \$4,000 in prize money, the Wootha is the richest woodworking competition in Queensland.

Other wood attractions include the WoodShed Workshops, tool and woodworking demonstrations, working mobile mills, chain-saw carving, historic woodcraft displays and more. Bring your trailer and take home a slab to craft your own unique coffee table or pick up a couple of rare timber rounds to work on your lathe.

With the Taste Maleny Produce Store offering gourmet goodies, displays featuring sustainable choices for home and garden, live music and great food, there is something for everyone! Thanks to the invaluable assistance of over 200 Barung members and community volunteers, the Wood Expo ensures visitors a safe and family-friendly day out in Maleny's green hills.

So support landcare in the hinterland by becoming a part of the Expo team or, at the very least, by bringing your friends and family for a great day out. Along with many local businesses, the Sunshine Coast Council, South East Queensland Catchments and a host of others, The Maleny Wood Expo is supported by Tourism and Events Queensland's Regional Development Program as part of a growing calendar of events throughout the state. To stay up-to-date with the latest Wood Expo news, like us on Facebook and visit <http://www.malenywoodexpo.org.au>

*Opportunities are still available for stallholders wanting to display their work - be it timber, local produce or sustainable lifestyle. Contact Steve McLeish on 0428 674 335 to discuss your options.*



**3 - 4 May**  
**MALENY SHOWGROUNDS**

**everything 'wood' from mobile mills to fine furniture - demos, great food & entertainment  
all with the spicy aroma of freshly sawn timber**

**featuring the 2014  
WOOTHA PRIZE  
exhibition**

# Exciting New Member Benefits!

by Lindsay Kruger

For the first time, Barung Landcare members can enjoy some additional benefits as a part of their association membership, in the form of shopping discounts. So far this year, eleven, great, Maleny businesses have shown their support for the important restoration work that Barung carries out in your community, by offering Barung members, discounts on retail items and services, by up to 10%. The move is also a great, added incentive to shop locally, sustaining the livelihood of the people in your local community.

When you shop at the participating businesses, simply produce your Barung membership card and ask the sales person for your discount. If you're a financial member and don't have a membership card, simply call into Barung's office at Hinterland Business Centre, 1/38A Coral St, Maleny (Ph: 5494 3151) to collect one. Businesses to date are:

- **Mark and Lee's Massage** Hinterland Business Centre Maleny, Ph: 54942977 \$10 discount on all remedial & relaxation massages
- **Sapling Textiles** Shop 4/5 Maple St, Maleny, Ph: 5499 9184 5% discount on all items (excluding already discounted items)
- **The Industree** 32A Maple St, Maleny, Ph: 5494 2020 5% discount on all items (excluding already discounted items)

► **Bi Rite Electrical** 1/72 Maple St, Maleny, Ph: 5499 9439 Discount varies depending on purchase (not on sale items)

► **Maleny Mowers** 12 Bunya St, Maleny, Ph: 5494 3144 5% discount on all accessories

► **Sweets on Maple** 39 Maple St, Maleny, Ph: 5494 2118 10% discount

► **Imelda's on Maple** 3/50 Maple St, Maleny, Ph: 5499 9622 10% discount (not on sale items)

► **Rosetta Books** 30 Maple St, Maleny, Ph: 5435 2134 5% discount on books

► **Maleny Town & Country Supplies** 31 Coral St, Ph: 5494 2302 5% discount on garden equipment and supplies - declare before transaction takes place.

► **Clear Leigh Optical** Shop 2, Riverside Centre, Maleny, Ph: 5494 2666 10% discount

► **Maleny Bookshop** 2/41 Maple St, Maleny, Ph: 5494 3666. 10% discount second hand, rare, out-of-print books.

Many thanks to all of these businesses for their generosity and support. Watch this space as more local businesses partner with Barung for member discounts!

## Seed Recognition Field Trip

by Diana O'Connor

On the last day of January, we held a field trip to assist people with the identification of some of the local rainforest trees in fruit at the time. After meeting by the office, we car pooled and travelled north to Flaxton.

Here we visited a good number of fruiting trees, including *Sloanea australis*— Maidens Blush – where we collected about 30 seeds. I have not seen this tree fruit previously. We also visited another very occasional fruiter, a *Cryptocarya onoprienkoana* near the Flaxton forest. This tree grows as far south as 'west of Nambour' and this is the second year of fruiting in the last decade. We visited Russell Family Park in Montville to see Koda – *Ehretia acuminata* and Pepperberry – *Cryptocarya obovata* – as well as a late fruiting Cunjevoi – *Alocasia brisbanensis*. There was not enough time to stop at two other sites I had planned, so we went straight to Mary Cairncross Reserve to see Banana bush – *Tabernaemontana pandacaqui* which is fruiting well this season, and immature fruits on *Cleistanthus cunninghamii* which we will have in the nursery for the first time this year.

As this trip was booked out, we organised another on a subsequent Saturday, which was also booked out.



Red fruit of the Cunjevoi - *Alocasia brisbanensis* (photos: Eric Anderson)



Diana O'Connor leads an enthusiastic group in seed identification on a field day in January.



*Sloanea australis* - Maidens Blush

# Genesis Working Bee

by Jonathan Waites

Thank you to the wonderful people who came along and gave a hand and bring some order to the Genesis hut on Saturday 14th December. Four people representing our Genesis co-owners (Northey St City Farm) came up from Brisbane for the morning, armed with brushcutters and other implements of destruction. Together with about dozen Barung stalwarts, we transformed the inside of the hut and the surrounding area into (what we hope is now) a saleable property.

Several loads of rubbish were collected from inside, beneath and around the small but solidly built hut and carted off to the Witta Resource Recovery Centre. The area around the hut was brushcut and in the process of pulling down lantana and other vines, we discovered a generator - rather rusty, but still holding some promise.



(photos: Jonathan Waites)

*Lots to be done preparing for sale.... The Genesis Hut, now tidy and clean. Workers take a well earned break.*

## Tick Talk

by Jonathan Waites

Barung will host a talk early in March on the topic of ticks. Ticks are a particular kind of mite which are gaining notoriety due to the increasingly, adverse reactions they are causing in people as a result of feeding on them. According to the Queensland Museum, there are at least 74 species of tick in Australia, divided into two major families: 'hard' ticks (the majority) and 'soft' ticks. Only a handful of species are known to bite people.

In our region, almost all tick bites on people are from the Aus-



*Paralysis Tick, Ixodes holocyclus before and after feeding.*

(photo: [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ixodes\\_holocyclus](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ixodes_holocyclus))

tralian Paralysis Tick (*Ixodes holocyclus*). This little critter is also the most common cause of death for dogs and cats on the Sunshine Coast.

We also have the Cattle Tick (*Boophilus microplus*) which is estimated to cost the Australian cattle industry around \$146 million dollars a year due to production losses and control costs.

We will have speakers covering three basic topics:

- tick entomology to give some understanding of the little tigers
- the health implications for us if we're bitten and current thinking on what's best to do in that event
- the problems they cause our pets and what we can do to best protect them.

**The talk will be given 7 – 9 pm, Wed 19th March at the Verandah Room at the rear of the Maleny Community Centre. Coffee and tea will be provided. Please book online at [www.barunglandcare.org.au](http://www.barunglandcare.org.au) or by phoning the Barung office on Ph: 5494 3151.**

General information about ticks can be found by googling 'ticks general' and 'paralysis ticks qld museum' to find two Qld Museum Fact Sheets. Information on paralysis ticks on dogs can be found at: [www.animaloptions.com.au/paralysis-ticks](http://www.animaloptions.com.au/paralysis-ticks)

## Many Thanks to You...

- **Craig Stevens**, Quarry Manager Glasshouse Mtns, Hanson Construction Materials Pty Ltd, for 8m3 of crusher dust and 12m3 of road base for constructing pads for our new tanks at the nursery at Landsborough.
- **Sammy Ringer** for the donation of a large printer which we will put to use in our office at the nursery in Landsborough.
- **Pete** for fixing the wheel barrow.

## Chainsaw Courses in March

Chainsaw Level 1 & 2 and ACDC (Agricultural Chemical Distributions Control) Courses at Barung Landcare are being held on Thursday 27th and Friday 28th March 2014. For prices and more information, email: [info@barunglandcare.org.au](mailto:info@barunglandcare.org.au) or call the Barung Resource centre office on Ph: 5494 3151.



# Village Nursery Project Completed

by Jonathan Waites

The exciting Village Nursery Project which kicked off in March last year, succeeded in providing job skills and training support to nine Sunshine Coast based refugees who volunteered at the Barung nursery (principally at Landsborough). The project was funded by the Westpac Foundation through Landcare Australia and concluded at the end of last year.

All participants arrived by boat after 13th August 2012 hence do not have the right to work, owing to the shift in policy introduced by the then (2012) Minister for Immigration and Citizenship, Chris Bowen. However, they are able to access some volunteering opportunities. Released from the Brisbane Immigration Transit Accommodation detention centre at Pinkenba on bridging visas, the refugees were hosted by families who were part of the Australian Homestay Network (AHN) around the Sunshine Coast. Most were part of the Tamil ethnic group from Sri Lanka, although we also had an asylum seeker from Burma and another from Iraq.

The project participants took part in a suite of training activities and participated in various events including the Wood Expo and Roving Restorers. As well as gaining a range of nursery skills (propagating, potting up, etc) they collected native seed, identified native plants and animals, were introduced to the operation and maintenance of small



Peter, Alan and Ranjan potting up at Landsborough (photo: Jonathan Waites)

machinery (ride-on mower, brushcutter, water pumps) as well as drilling, grinding and some welding.

They contributed to the functioning of the nursery with enthusiasm and energy and the work they have done is greatly appreciated. Socially, participants developed with the opportunity to practise English and work alongside our regular volunteers as a team.

We hosted fewer people than planned, due to the rapid turn around of refugees on the Sunshine Coast (many moving to other areas, especially Melbourne) and secondly, after an early surge of refugees to this area dried up. Nevertheless, of the nine participants, two were with us for almost the duration of the project. Kanna moved to Brisbane earlier this year and Ranjan is still volunteering with us, joined recently by another of his countrymen, Jeeva.



Kanna, Ranjan and Tamasin (UQ student) at the Co-op Garden.

Fergus Fitzgerald, a member of Buddies refugee advocacy and support group based on the Sunshine Coast, provided great support organising weekly transport between host families and the Landsborough nursery, often providing transport himself.

I would also like to acknowledge the time taken by staff and other volunteers to welcome and instruct these new members of our community in the ways of the nursery and our country. It has been a worthwhile experience for us all and has expanded our understanding and appreciation of the plight of all asylum seekers.

## Range Bees

by Dianne Clarke

Range Bees was formed 2 years ago for people interested in native and/or honey bees and concerned about the future of pollination of our food crops and the natural environment. Range Bees is auspiced by the Barung Landcare Association because we share an interest in preserving our local environment and habitat.

Range Bees is open to anyone in the Sunshine Coast Hinterland and surrounds, who is interested in sharing their knowledge or learning more about bees. Our focus is the nurturing and management of native, social, stingless and native, solitary bees, though we also help facilitate activities focusing on honey bees.

Range Bees meets on the 2nd Saturday of the month to address interests and concerns through:

- ▶ Regular meetings with a theme for discussion
- ▶ Workshops and field days to study the bees
- ▶ Practical support for people who wish to encourage native bees on their properties.

The January hot weather had disastrous consequences for many stingless bee keepers who lost some or all of their hives. The critical temperature seems to be 40°C. Hives should be insulated (broccoli boxes are great) to avoid overheating and if forecast



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temperatures approach 40°C, precautions to take, include frequent hosing of the hive and the ground below, adding shade or sealing the hive and moving to a cooler spot or inside in airconditioning.

Our last event in 2013 was an extremely successful native stingless bees workshop held at the Barung Nursery site at Landsborough. It was attended by over 50 people and 10 presenters who demonstrated how to split hives and transfer hives from logs to boxes. Feedback was so positive we have already had requests for a similar workshop in 2014.

There is still plenty of room for more active members and new ideas for events, to expand the range of workshops, research and information we can provide. Membership is \$20 single, \$30 couple and that will now be a once only fee. For further information email: [rangebees@live.com.au](mailto:rangebees@live.com.au)

# Grant for Tanks at Landsborough

by Jonathan Waites

Barung was fortunate to secure a grant last year, from the Queensland Government's Gambling Community Benefit Fund (GCBF). The GCBF was established in 1994 and receives money from gambling taxes which it distributes to not-for-profit community groups on a quarterly basis.

A funding application was submitted for the purchase of five water tanks for the nursery at Landsborough and fortunately, we were able to purchase six, due to savings made with a bulk order. With the addition of these new tanks we now have 4 x 22,000L treated water storage tanks, 3 x 22,000L raw water tanks and a rain water tank on the large shed and another on the potting up shed.



Kanna and Ranjan putting the overflows into one of the new tanks.

## INTERESTING READING

by Jonathan Waites

[www.climatecouncil.org.au/bushfire-information](http://www.climatecouncil.org.au/bushfire-information)

Hughes, L & Steffen, W 2013: *Be Prepared: Climate Change and the Australian Bushfire Threat*, Climate Council

[www.theconversation.com/an-icebreaker-gets-stuck-in-the-ice-photos-are-used-to-mislead](http://www.theconversation.com/an-icebreaker-gets-stuck-in-the-ice-photos-are-used-to-mislead)

Lewandowsky, Stephan 2014: *An icebreaker gets stuck in the ice, photos are used to mislead*

[www.youtube.com/watch?v=joCBSAEDzN0&featu=youtu.be](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=joCBSAEDzN0&featu=youtu.be)

Gardening Australia special, 2013: *Extraordinary and Diverse Landscapes*

[www.nytimes.com/2013/11/17/magazine/the-impossible-refugee-boat-lift-to-christmas-island](http://www.nytimes.com/2013/11/17/magazine/the-impossible-refugee-boat-lift-to-christmas-island)

Mogelson, Luke 2013: *The Dream Boat*, The New York Times Magazine

[www.theconversation.com](http://www.theconversation.com)

Nicholls, Christine 2014: *'Dreamtime' and 'The Dreaming' – an introduction*

<http://theconversation.com/australian-waters-polluted-by-harmful-tiny-plastics-20790>

Reisser, J & Pattiaratchi, C 2013: *Australian waters polluted by harmful tiny plastics*

Funding also covered sufficient PVC pipe and fittings to connect all these tanks to shed rooves, giving us the capacity to supplement our water needs with rain water and save on some pumping costs. We just need more rain!

We are very grateful for these grants which are aimed at purchasing equipment and infrastructure, but as you can appreciate, there is a lot of competition for them and our application was successful the second time around. The expanded water storage capacity gives us some buffering and helps lower Wayne's anxiety levels; it means we don't have to pump everyday and (hopefully) we always have sufficient treated water for at least a couple of water cycles.

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