

10 years on and better than ever!

by Mim Coulstock

Maleny Wood Expo Coordinator

Barung's 10th Maleny Wood Expo *From Chainsaw to Fine Furniture™* made the most of the small break in the rain to go down in history as an event to remember, according to many of the 10,000 visitors from across south-east Queensland.

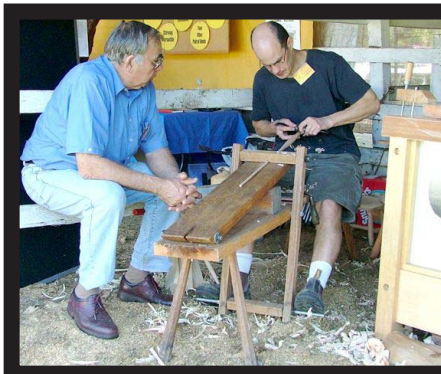
The Expo kicked off to a great start with the Preview Party coordinated by Penny Riddoch. Many thanks to the 21 local restaurants and businesses who provided the finger food, and to Tanunda Cellars and Banrock Station for their support. As the 10th anniversary of the Expo this was the ideal time to recognise the efforts of early Expo organisers: Ashley Sewell, Daryl Reinke, Craig Hosmer and Elaine Green. It also enabled us to publicly thank Randy De Graw and Doug Chambers for participating as wood exhibitors during each of the 10 years of the event. The evening concluded with the announcement of the 2005 Wootha Prize winners.

Despite the days of downpour leading up to the Expo weekend, our Community Jobs Plan team had persevered with erecting tents and hessian fencing around the expanded site under the eye of unflappable site manager Steve McLeish.

As Saturday dawned, more than 300 volunteers put their coats and umbrellas aside to welcome visitors with smiles that reflected the clear country sunshine. The parking volunteers, coordinated by Bob Hall, directed over 3000 cars without a hitch. These and the entry gate volunteers are the face of the Expo, and drew many compliments on the Visitor Survey forms. A huge thank you is due to Gaby Luft for coordinating the recruitment of volunteers – from both the Barung membership and the community – to fill more than 500 shifts during the event.

The standard of work displayed by over 70 wood craftsmen and women once again raised the bar for our regional woodworkers, and the majority of wood exhibitors, from mobile millers to fine furniture makers, were delighted with sales outcomes from the weekend. One wood exhibitor is shipping a table to Germany in the near future, while another is negotiating the production of a houseful of hand-made furniture for an Expo visitor.

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WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

(Compiled by Barry Liddell)

Cameron & Renia Edwards	Gail Johnson
Marilyn Domenech	Dorothy Robb
Deborah Paterson	Maree O'Connor
Dennis & Elly Illott	John Cuthbert
Dave & Cheryl Garmany	Jan Bell
Magnus & Cheryl Berggren	Steve & Heather Spiric
Robert & Cathy Boog	David Armstrong
Richard Hill	Gabby & Gayle Jeness
J Hemingway	Lisa & Emma McDonald
Ian McMillan	Frank & Sara Feldman
Annie & Ross Tattersall	Bill & Katy Ash
Kathy Wood	Kyle Clark
John & Marlene Davie	Leeanne Austin
Ken Jones	Warwick Hercus
David & Wendy Clark	Judy Exley
Annette & Les Larkin	Ray Brook
Judy & Ashley Phipps	Philip Tietze
Jason & Carey Flynn	Wayne Johnstone
Ursula & Rik Ralph	Linda & Steve Walker
Selwyn & Jean Prentis	Dawn Young
Jan & Annette Schipper	Geoff Johnson

WELCOME BACK

Rick Rexa	Antara May
Bob & Jan Galligan	Eve & John Romer
Peter Tissot	Ian & Rosalind Lester
Ann Wilson	Corrie Wright

THANK YOU FOR YOUR LANDCARE SUPPORT

FROM OUR PRESIDENT

by Lin Fairlie

Much praise and many messages of congratulations have flowed into Barung for the wonderful 10th Maleny Wood Expo and Wootha Prize. The three people ultimately responsible for the success are Mim, Heather and Juanita. Congratulations must go particularly to them but also to their team of site managers – Kate Fraser (Maleny Country Café), Michael Howard (Landcare Bar & BBQ), Bob Hall (Parking), Susie Duncan (Soapbox Theatre), Eve Witney (NRM Tent), Gaby Luft, Cilla Rose and June Hammond (Volunteers and Volunteer Registration), Trish Brunton (Cash Control), Steve MacLeish (Maleny Music and site manager), Lorraine Canell (Taste Maleny Produce Store), over 200 volunteers and scores of exhibitors. Last but not least is the incredible CJP team who deserve our heartfelt thanks for their days of effort setting up, often in the rain, and taking down, again under showery conditions.

Barung thanks you all and we hope you enjoyed it so much you will be back next year.

Now to the day-to-day operations of Barung. For some time the need to reorganise the staffing within Barung has been recognised. We hope the changes redistribute the increasing load within the office, on regional body matters and on-ground, so improving outcomes and communication, reducing the pressure on individuals.

The staff at Barung are a very special group of people. While they are all skilled in their jobs, their other skills become evident prior to and during each Expo. The public face of Barung reflects the cheerful and caring attitude of everyone and so contributes to Barung's success. I hope and trust that the new staff appreciate the history of Barung, its ethics, and the supportive environment they will be joining.

There is a Department of Natural Resources and Mines paper entitled 'Options for future community engagement in regional natural resource management' out for comment. If you are interested it can be downloaded from www.regionalnrm.qld.gov.au

If you have comments you would like to share with us, we would be happy to discuss them with you. Alternatively you can make your own submission. The consultation period closes on 24 June. A question for you all:

Is Barung just the sum of its parts (including, of course, the many volunteers) or is it larger than this? What do you think? Please share your ideas with us.

Would you like to be part of this organisation – as a volunteer in the office, helping to source funding, working in the nursery, on the reveg team or even on the Management Committee? Just ring the office if you would like more information.

BARUNG MEMBERSHIP RATES

Individual / family membership	\$ 20 pa
Business membership	\$ 55 pa
Business sponsorship	\$275 pa

Donations of \$2 or more to the Barung Environmental Gift Fund are tax deductible.

When your BUSINESS supports Barung Landcare, you will be acknowledged in the bimonthly *Barung Landcare News* (700 distribution) and at Barung displays, and you are entitled to three free trees and discounts on plant purchases at the Nursery.

Contact the office at Barung Landcare on 5494 3151 or email barungadmin@big.net.au for a Business Sponsor form.

2005 Wootha Prize

by Mim Coulstock

Thanks to the hard work of Juanita 'Wootha' Anderson, we received a record number of entries from across Australia for the second Wootha Prize competition – the winners of which were announced at the Expo Preview Party on the evening of 29th April. The competition offered artists the opportunity to showcase their 'Sculptural' pieces in the prestigious competition.

The Wootha Prize judging team comprised celebrity judge and local Maleny sculptor Craig Medson, Queensland judge and renowned wood 'guru' Robert Dunlop, and interstate judge Martin Novak, President of the NSW Subtropical Farm Forestry Association.

Judges were challenged by the high quality of submissions by wood artisans. Robert Dunlop said, 'The standard of entries in the 2005 Wootha Prize placed it on the world stage of top wood competitions. I have seen wood exhibitions around the world. Maleny participants can hold their own beside other exhibitions. All entries scored very highly, with very small margins separating the place getters from the rest of the field.'

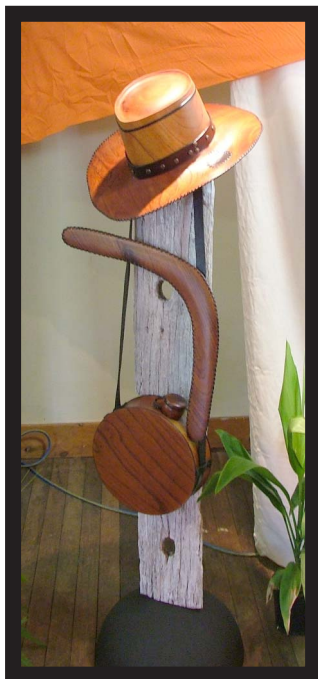
However our local woodworkers shone above the field, taking both first and second places.

Jim Svensson was awarded first prize for his 'Mates II' sculpture created from salvaged red cedar. Jim took home \$1500, sponsored by Bold in Gold Fine Art Gallery, and \$500 of sustainably harvested native timbers, sponsored by Hill House Timbers, in recognition of the quality of his work.

Maleny's Don Powell took second prize of \$750, sponsored by Barung Landcare, for his exquisite 'Gentle Giant' created from salvaged white beech.

Brisbane woodworker Wayne Petrie was awarded third prize of \$500, sponsored by The Range Hardware & Hire, for his 'Out of the Forest They Came' salvaged red cedar and hoop pine sculpture. Both second and third place getters also took home \$250 of timber courtesy of David Linton's Hill House Timbers.

Pajda Perina's contemporary installation 'Impact' was honoured with the Design Excellence Award, while Randy DeGraw's exquisitely fashioned 'Vortex' shield sculpture was recognised with the Craftsmanship Award.



Gone but never forgotten

by Mim Coulstock

It is another 'end of era' with imminent changes to staff at the Barung Office.

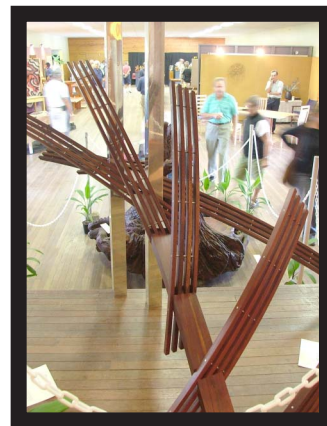
The departure of Angela Todd from the Barung Admin Officer position is the end of a long working relationship – Angie has seen many staff come and go, has laughed and cried through many Barung escapades, has picked up the pieces after break-ins, after termite attacks and after many Wood Expos.

Angie came to Barung in 1999 – six fast years ago – and has been a huge asset to the organisation, with her fastidious accounting skills, her amazing ability to organise us all, her thoughtfulness and her warm and friendly nature. We will all miss you greatly.

Then there is Juanita Anderson. Juanita arrived on our doorstep as a customer and mentioned she was interested in volunteering in the Nursery, having just moved from Brisbane to Kidaman Creek. She then went on to mention to the Nursery Manager she had done some event management and marketing and that was her fatal mistake. On the spot she was roped into the 2004 Maleny Wood Expo as Marketing Coordinator and Wootha Prize Coordinator. We persuaded her to fill in as Admin Officer during Angie's absence last year and she ran with Expo Marketing and the Wootha Prize again in 2005. What a girl – and all with a smile on her face!

The other person we are farewelling is Katrina Shields. Katrina joined Barung on a part-time basis as joint Coordinator when I needed a break from the corner desk late in 2004. She agreed to stay in this position until Expo had been and gone and has done a wonderful job supporting staff, working on Barung's strategic directions and managing to get her head around the many complexities that make up this sprawling organisation. But my most sincere thanks go to her for her dedicated focus on pulling together the second edition of the *Blackall Range Landholders Guide*, due for publication within the next month. Thank you Katrina – a truly massive job well done.

In their own ways, Angie, Juanita and Katrina have all made huge contributions to Barung. These three dear friends will be sorely missed and we hope they stay in close touch and remain a part of the bigger Barung family.



*Wootha Prize winners clockwise from left:
'Vortex' by Randy DeGraw, Craftmanship Award;
'Mates II' by Jim Svensson, First Prize;
'Gentle Giant' by Don Powell, Second Prize;
'Out of the Forest They Came' by Wayne Petrie, Third Prize;
'Impact' by Pajda Perina, Design Excellence Award.
Photos by Linda Ivezić*

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The Expo provides far-reaching economic opportunities for our woodworkers and the broader Blackall Range and Sunshine Coast communities, as well as being Barung's major fundraising event for the year. Any surplus raised by the Expo goes towards helping keep the Barung Resource Centre open for the community and Barung's Landcare education and revegetation programs on the Blackall Range.

As an educational event, the Expo was a great success. The requirement for wood exhibitors to work in sustainably harvested local native timbers or recycled, salvaged or weed tree timbers highlights the need for sustainable use of our precious timber resources to Expo visitors, but the Expo now has a broader environmental message.

The Landcare Paddock highlighted aspects of the region's timber heritage to growing and farming trees and producing milled timber in the present. It also highlighted environmental initiatives underway to repair and restore our fauna, flora, soils and water. Many thanks to the three regional bodies – BMRG, NRMSEQ and SEQWCG – for their generous sponsorship of the Landcare Paddock. Eve Witney did a great job coordinating displays in the NRM Tent which housed a record number of exhibitors from the three regional bodies to wildlife carers.

The Barung Nursery Tent received a fabulous response, giving staff and volunteers the opportunity to talk local native vegetation and 'landcare' ethics to thousands. Barung staff and volunteers did a magnificent job creating the wonderful instant forest, sponsored by CalAqua, to highlight Waterwise gardening.

The Farm Forestry tent allowed landholders to gain a true insight into the values of growing trees for profit, while the Soapbox Theatre presented morning forestry talks with afternoon forums on biodiversity, the role of camphor laurels, and weed vines, under the guiding hand of Susie Duncan.

Outside the Paddock, guests were treated to demonstrations of everything from tree-climbing to chair-making, from woodturning to whittling. Long time Barung supporter, our own Tree Surgeon Tony Wootton, gave a fascinating insight into respectful nurturing of trees as he winched his way upwards and outwards in a huge camphor laurel. Keith Gall, multi-winner of the Australian Chainsaw Carving Competition, thrilled visitors each time his chainsaw roared to life, while Frank De Groot held crowds enthralled as he split massive posts by hand to fashion post and rail fence components for Barung's new Resource Centre.

Steve MacLeish pulled together a fantastic entertainment program featuring our local youth in the mornings and our more renowned and experienced musicians in the afternoons. It was a great honour to welcome the Maiwarr group to the Expo for the first time, to promote greater appreciation of indigenous relationships with the environment through ceremonial dance and song and discussions.

The Working in Wood Master Classes gave visitors the chance to work under the tuition of highly respected woodcrafters Robert Dunlop, Donald Powell and Marilyn Kunde. We hope to increase this aspect of the event in 2006, as the small, personal classes provide an ideal opportunity for Expo guests to take advantage of such expertise. These classes were available thanks to a Caloundra City Council Regional Arts Development Fund (RADF) grant.

Our Expo caterers satisfied the hungry hordes. Many thanks to Kate Fraser and Michael Howard for doing such a great job in the Barung food outlets, the Maleny Country Café and Landcare Bar and BBQ respectively. Montville Coffee generously donated all profits from their coffee cart to the Expo. The cart was manned by Maleny State High School students who received Barista training by Karen Barnett from Montville Coffee. Catering for the Expo crowds also provided fundraising opportunities for Maleny State High School, the Ananda Marga River School and the Maleny Community Centre. And thanks go to Linda Ivezić, Rubbish Coordinator, who minimised the Expo waste as she hounded one and all to 'do the right thing'. Many visitors commented on how tidy the Expo site was.

The Expo raffle was a huge success due to the tireless efforts of Bridget Sparks. Bridget sold an extra 1000 tickets this year with her team. They began on the Easter weekend in Maple Street and did not stop until they ran out of tickets early Monday at the Expo!

The 2005 EcoTour program under the experienced hand of Peter Milton proved again that people are keen to know more about EcoHousing principles. All tours were well patronised and our thanks go to all involved, property owners, speakers and caterers.

The unprecedented levels of sponsorship achieved for this Expo were largely due to the hard work of Heather Spring. This commitment to the Expo by mainly local businesses increases local ownership of the event. And many thanks to Trish Brunton who kept track of all incoming and outgoing moneys and actually managed to balance the books at the end! (*See photo below of how we treat our Trish.*) I would like to congratulate Penny Smith who worked tirelessly on all graphic aspects of the events from postcards to colour coordinating the dinner, and to Fergus Reilly who with Penny created the fabulous www.malenywoodexpo.com.

As Expo Coordinator I would like to thank all of the wonderful volunteers who contributed their time before, during and after the long week-end to make the event such a huge success!

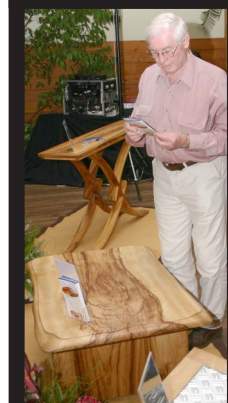
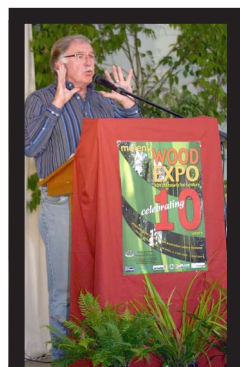
Thank you to all area coordinators and to my fellow Expo-team members Heather Spring, Juanita Anderson, Penny Smith, Gaby Luft and Steve MacLeish for your dedicated efforts. It was a pleasure to work so closely with all of you. And thank you to Katrina Shields, all other staff and Management Committee members for keeping the Barung Office afloat during my absence.

As anyone who attended over the weekend will know, all the hard work paid off!



Celebrating the Maleny Wood Expo's 10th Anniversary

by Ruth Parnell



A special dinner held on Friday 15 April was a fitting way to mark the Maleny Wood Expo's 10th anniversary. Barung Landcare has made the Maleny Wood Expo *From Chainsaw to Fine Furniture* a famous and increasingly well-attended community event on our regional calendar over the past decade. The 10th Anniversary dinner was the perfect opportunity for landcare supporters, timber growers, artisans and fellow Barung and other local co-op members to celebrate this success.

Champagne and wines from Banrock Station and gourmet bushfood delights from Sabine Wienand's Basically Wild assured us all of a memorable night, as did the ambient sounds from local muso Steve McLeish (with painting accompaniment by Dawn Devereux), as well as performances by vocalist Andrew Yorkston and guitarist Paul Clement.

It was a splendid turnout, with at least 250 landcare and wood artistry enthusiasts, both longtime and newly committed, mingling in an enticing, rustic rainforest atmosphere at the Maleny Showground Pavilion created by Barung management committee members and volunteers. The beautiful native floral wall decorations by Joan Dillon, the creative table arrangements by Penny Smith and bamboo decorations by Cali Salzmann, plus the generous greenery and magical fairy lights put up by Barung's Mim Coulstock and the CJP team, added to the charming atmosphere.

The opening address was given by Elder Dr Eve Fesl, whose ancestors among the Gubbi Gubbi were the area's original sculptors in wood, she said, showing a specially carved wattle stick. Local state member Carolyn Male, MP, an avid tree planter, told the audience that our region is the most biodiverse in Queensland. She praised Barung's efforts in the community and congratulated the artisans, including those who can turn the camphor laurel timber pest into something useful. Caloundra City Council Mayor Don Aldous reflected on how far the Wood Expo has come over the last decade, and congratulated Barung and its sponsors on an event that educates, entertains and makes our world a better place.

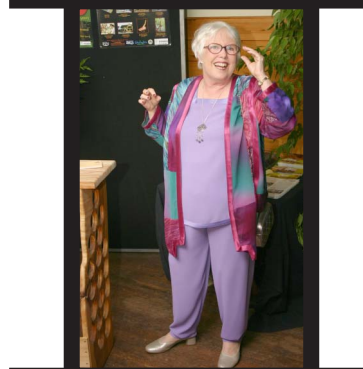
MC John Stokes (of ABC Coast FM), another landcare enthusiast, praised Ashley Sewell for coming up with the Wood Expo concept and congratulated the Barung Management Committee, staff and friends, sponsors and exhibitors on all their hard work over the years. He also thanked Heather Spring, Juanita Anderson, Penny Smith and others for the great job they did in organising the anniversary dinner.

Guest speaker was the well-known journalist, broadcaster and author George Negus, who also supports landcare ideals and practices. He and his partner Kirsty Cockburn are members of the landcare group in their local Bellingen region and were involved in a camphor laurel eradication campaign that also made use of the timber. He gave due praise to the Maleny Wood Expo's ArtisTree project and to the person who came up with the name (author Jill Morris, we hear). Sadly, said Negus, the environment is off the political and media radar. The biggest issue in the world today is God, and particularly what side God is on. Negus is a great believer in grassroots activism and suggested that people who start thinking environmentally are acting locally.

For the business side of the evening, kilt-clad Maleny identity Scoty Campbell auctioned three exquisite ArtisTree camphor laurel works: Randy DeGraw's coffee table, Keith Patullo's cocktail cabinet and George Gavaric's side table (a source of many an ironing board fantasy among women in my vicinity). The bidding rounds were vigorous and amusing, and the highest bidders and the three artisans were obviously pleased.

Acoustic instrumental trio Coolangubra capped off the evening with sounds that evoked the Australian landscape as we prepared to head into the night, each of us bearing a precious tree seedling to plant.

The anniversary dinner was a memorable celebration for all, and a suitable prelude to the 10th Maleny Wood Expo.



All photographs on this page by John Donatieu.

**** Thank you to all who volunteered at the 2005 Maleny Wood Expo ****

Your efforts were greatly appreciated. Sincere apologies if anyone's name has been omitted from this list. Try as we do, it is almost impossible to capture everyone's efforts! Please forgive me for any oversights. *Gaby Luft, Maleny Wood Expo Volunteer Coordinator.*

Adamson Darryl	Cundill John	Hinkefuss Kim	Newman Dick	Stickley Bryan
Adamson Marion	Daugaard David	Hodgkinson Ian	Newman Don	Stickley Patricia
Alcorn Helen	Davidson James	Holdaway Marcelle	Nirvana Yvette	Surman Ed
Alley Amber	Davidson Suzanne	Hookey Sally	Oliver John	Svensson Dawn
Attwood Verle-ann	Deacock Warwick	Hosmer Craig	Oliver Peter	Swayne Steve
Austin Norman	Dean Barbara	Howard Michael	Oliver Val	Sykes Paul
Ayling Glenis	Denning Noel	Hudd Sandy	Owens Brad	Sykes Sutira
Bailey Douglas	Dent Dee	Hudson Allan	Owens Pamela	Taylor Leon
Bailey Ingrid	Dent Richard	Hungerford Alice	Paulson Judy & friend Edith	Thorburn Andrew
Bang Nicole	Dobson Norm	Hungerford Neville	Pechey Gillian	Thynne John
Bang Ryan	Donohue Anne	Hutchison Helen	Perks Shakti	Thynne Kate
Barnes Janette	Dorling Brenton	Hyde Rod	Perren Barbara	Tickle Jan
Beattie Frank	Drewe Janet	Ivezic Linda	Perrett Patricia	Tietze Philip
Beavon Christopher	Drewe John	Jenkins Sue	Philpot Bob	Tilley Lionel
Behncken Alison	Duckworth Dorothy	Johnson Alexina	Pumpa Lloyd	Todd Shanny
Behncken Geoff	Duckworth John	Jones Gordon	Railton Sue	Tuck Minchelle
Benders Rita	Duffy Lorraine	Jones Robyn	Reinke Daryl	Valentine Max
Benders Theo	Duncan Susie	Jordan Jill	Richings Tony	Valentine Wendy
Benson Joan	Dunn Les	Josefski Ann	Ricketts Mark	Van der Pol Peter
Beresford Tracey	Dunn Stef	Jung Zoe	Riddoch Penny	Vanderduys Peter
Binstead David	Earle Graham	Jupp Ann	Riding Ashton	Vickers Cillia
Binstead Karen	Erdmann Peter	Kelly Annie	Riding George	Vickers Rick
Blackburn Kathryn	Evans David	Kemp David	Ringer Sammy	Wagner Lavina
Bogdanoff Nancy	Everingham Margaret	Kennedy Brian	Robb Mavis	Wagner Russell
Boon Wyn	Everingham Ron	Kennedy Irene	Robertson Josephine	Waites Jonathan
Boundy Ros	Fairlie David	Kennedy Ridley	Robshaw Leigh	Wardell Ann
Bray James	Fairlie Lin	Kerr Alan	Richards Rod	Wareham Kym
Bray Michelle	Falconer Diana	Keton Irene	Richards Yvonne	Wareham Lindsay
Brindlecombe Elsie	Fallon Lyn	Knopf Faye	Rogers Faye	Wareham Terry
Brisick Joe	Findlay Leigh	Lambert Alison	Rose Priscilla	Weaver Pat
Brisick Lily	Fitzgerald Mary	Lawley Fiona	Ruppelt Regine	Weaver Vic
Brisick Ward	Fogarty Di	Lee John	Russell Marc	Webb Janet
Brown Diane	Foley Peter	Lengenberg Ann	Russell Paul	Webb Wayne
Brunton Craig	Foote Marni	Lengenberg Peter	Salter Julie	Weber Daniel
Brunton Peter	Foote Roseanna	Lewis Sue	Salzmann Cali	Welch Bernadette
Brunton Trish	Forshaw Steve	Lonie Ken	Sauer Meredyth	Westcott Roger
Bryce Ian	Fraley Larry	Lowe Maureen	Sauer Trevor	Westmoreland Ross
Bull Dave	Fraley Pauline	Luft Gaby	Schaumberg Peter	Whitby Wendy
Bull Judy	Fraser Kate	MacLeod Gillian	Schaumberg Terri	Whitlam Christine
Burfein Eliza	Fraser Paul	MacLeod Neil	Schoenberger Desley	Whitlam George
Bussey Marjorie	Frencham Lyn	Male Carolyn	Schuley Nick	Widin Robert
Bussey Victor	Froude Jolyon	Malter Marek	Scopes Eve	Willett Donna
Byrne Sharon	Galligan Bob	Marsden Pamela	Scopes Robert	Willis Nick
Byrne Stephen	Gardiner David	Martin Gary	Scott Geoff	Wilson Bruce
Cannell Lorraine	Geyer Susann	Martin Valerie	Shingles Leon	Wilson Helena
Capill Laurie	Gibson Jenny	McCosker Ted	Shuley Vicki	Wilson Shelley
Carew Janet	Givens Carmel	McCubbin Ian	Smart Damon	Witney Eve
Carseldine Jim	Gould Chris	McCulloch Helen	Smith Jerry	Woods Lawrie
Carson Fay	Graham Robyn	McErlain Noreen	Smith Paul	Wootton Daphne
Cauley-Muir Trudi	Green Elaine	McIntyre Kerry	Smith-Moloney Jake	Yorkston Tony
Cavanagh Patrick	Greenfield Donald	McIntyre Toni	Smyrell Greg	Zeckendorf Geoff
Chalmers Linda	Guard Frances	McKenna Mal	Snell Dick	Zeckendorf Helen
Chalmers Rodney	Hall Bob	McLaren Craig	Somerville Dolina	
Chetwynd Zoe	Hall Rae	McLeish Steve	Sommers Madee	
Chetwynd Joanne	Hall Sue	McNamara Joy	Sparks Bridget	
Clements Jenny	Hammond June	Mihdere Warren	Spring Emily	
Cole Don	Harmon Rose	Milton Peter	Spring Ken	
Collins Ken	Harris Isa	Montgomery Jackie	Spring Thomas	
Colpoys Diana	Harris Peter	Murray Chris	Steele Ian	
Cork Ken	Harwood Sharon	Murray Di	Stephen Brendan	
Cranbrook Richard	Heyligers Petrus	Myers Janet	Stevens Fiona	
Creasy Meg	Higson Glenn	Myers Raylee	Stevens Peter	
Creasy Peter	Hinkefuss Lilah			



The Barung Expo - a Volunteer-driven success story

by Gaby Luft

Volunteer Coordinator, Maleny Wood Expo

While we all breathe a sigh of relief that once again Barung survived its biggest event/fundraiser for the year, no-one will deny that every Expo is a tribute to volunteers from across the spectrum of the local community whose willingness to set aside a few hours in their busy lives makes an astounding difference towards a Community event of this scale.

We had a healthy mix of old hands who had done it all before and were kind enough to come back for another round, and total newcomers, some of whom had never even been to a Maleny Wood Expo before. There were current and former Barung members ready to lend a hand and there were also helpful folks who were completely unrelated to Barung but prepared to chip in to help a cause that benefits our environment. Some vollies came from as far as Brisbane, Caloundra, Palmwoods, Mapleton and Imbil to do their bit for a greener future.

All in all we had around 300 volunteers covering approximately 550 shifts that averaged between three and five hours. The number of volunteers increased this year due to the Anniversary Dinner two weeks prior to the Expo itself.

Then there was the Raffle genie Bridget Sparks, whose raffle ticket sellers were rearing to go six weeks prior to the Expo. They roamed the streets of Maleny 'hounding' every passer-by to buy a ticket or a whole book! They did their job so exceptionally well that all tickets were sold by the Expo Monday and the lucky vollies rostered on for those morning and afternoon shifts were happily retrenched.

Then there were volunteers like Janette Barnes, Marian Adamson, Douglas Bailey, Paul Russell, Neil and Gillian MacLeod, and Andrew Thorburn who helped in many ways before Expo began. I sincerely thank them for being game enough to even enter the Expo headquarters. It was buzzing with the rapidly increasing pace, plenty of literally crackling energy, landline and mobile phones ringing non-stop and people running amok.

But most of all I need to express deep gratitude for the excellent groundwork done by my predecessor, Raylee Myers, and all those brave souls before her who established the volunteer recruitment foundations. They left a wonderful legacy for me to start from and provided me with clear guidelines on how to tackle the daunting challenges of finding hundreds of strangers ready to pledge their free support toward two large events.

There is no doubt in my mind that I would have done a 'runner' or collapsed with a nervous breakdown if I hadn't received much



appreciated assistance from Barung committee and ordinary members. Kate Fraser, Trish Brunton, Peter Milton, Bridget Sparks, Bob Hall, Eve Witney and Marek Malter all looked after separate areas of the Expo, keeping track of their vollies and shift schedules while networking with me.

The only other reason I was able to cope with this enormous workload was because of a truly exceptional team of co-workers at both Barung and the Lake Baroon Catchment Care offices and the highly competent CJP crew who put up with me and my shortcomings and assisted in countless ways. Thank you particularly to Michael Howard for your patience and your great sense of humour – you deserve a medal!

And to all you Vollies, I reckon you did really well, especially all you 'first-timers'. I hope you discovered that it isn't just lots of hard yakka but really enjoyable being part of such an important green event. I look forward seeing you return for more vollie work on other occasions or at Expo 2006.

And last but not least, a BIG THANK YOU to 'Hughey the Weather God' for your cooperation. It wouldn't have been the same without the sun and blue skies.

To all Barung Members and Newsletter readers:

Did you renew your membership a couple of months ago?

Specifically, did you come into Barung and renew your membership on the Saturday morning of the 2nd of April?

Somehow, someone managed to pay their membership renewal without completing a renewal form, so we don't know who you are ...!

We do know that P. Tissot and B. & J. Galligan renewed their memberships that morning. But if you are the other person that came in on that fateful day, please contact the Barung office and we'll sort everything out quietly ...

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Preliminary results from the 2005 Expo Program Survey

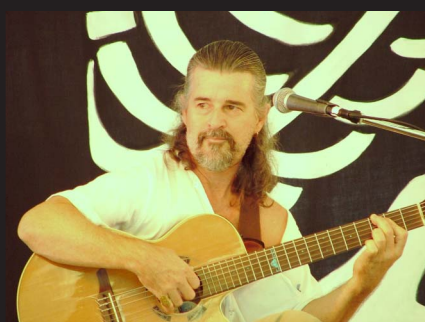
Approximately 1300 Program Surveys were filled in by visitors.

1. Two-thirds requested information about 2006 Expo
2. Over 160 requested info about Barung and local Landcare
3. 85 people expressed interest in volunteering at Expo 2006
4. 99% of visitors hope to revisit Maleny
5. Two-thirds of visitors shopped in Maleny township as well as attending the Expo; 'Colin James' was a clear favourite of all those who visited Maple St.

Thank you very much to Gaby Luft and Alan Beard for entering all the information from these surveys onto the computer spreadsheet – a massive job!



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Flindersia schottiana

BUMPY ASH (Family: Rutaceae)

PLANT PROFILE by Wayne Webb

A large rainforest tree growing to around 40 metres high in riverine and subtropical rainforests, *Flindersia schottiana* is common in the Maleny area as a paddock tree to around half this height.

These trees were conspicuous in early summer with their heavy flowering of white honey-scented flowers in large terminal panicles.

Individual flowers are about 8 mm in diameter. Flowers are followed by spiky seed pods to 10 cm long by 4 cm wide. They are green when immature, but go woody and open when mature to adorn the tree in creamy white stars. They separate into five boat-shaped valves, each containing a woody partition with three seeds on each side. The seeds are winged and are released in January and February. Seeds germinate readily when sown fresh on propagation mix and covered lightly.

Leaves are large, opposite and pinnate, with 9 to 19 leaflets. Leaflets are 7 to 15 cm long on mature trees, although they can be much larger on young trees. Leaves have distinct oil dots. Foliage tends to be rather sparse, with a somewhat layered canopy.

Also called cudgerie or silver ash, bumpy ash grows from the mid-north coast of New South Wales to the Iron Range in north Queensland. It also grows in Papua New Guinea and Irian Jaya. Locally, bumpy ash is very common on the Blackall Range as an important component of most remnant and regrowth vegetation. Its range extends down the eastern side of the range as a component of riparian vegetation, and also down into the Conondale valley.

Flindersia schottiana is a key species for rainforest revegetation. It is an important long-lived species in mature rainforest, but it is also fast-growing and hardy enough to be regarded as a pioneer species. It will grow quite well in full sun and is tolerant of moderate frost. It is also a good tree to plant as a shade tree in an acreage garden or paddock.



Bumpy ash is known as silver ash in the timber trade. Both sapwood and heartwood are pale yellow with a straight grain. It is fairly durable and suitable for cabinet work, flooring, lining and indoor fittings. *Flindersia schottiana* is widely planted in cabinet timber plots due to its hardiness, fast growth rate, and ability to produce a straight trunk.

***Flindersia schottiana* will be on special at the Barung Nursery during June & July @ \$1.50.**

Illustration from Fragments of Green by Janet Hauser & Jan Blok, Australian Rainforest Conservation Society



Flindersia schottiana near Cairncross Corner

Expo triumph

NURSERY NOTES by Wayne Webb

Looking back over the last couple of months it's hard to think of anything but EXPO. This year's nursery tent was a great success. The spectacular garden display created by Greg Smyrell (with help from the CJP team) drew a lot of comment, and provided a beautiful backdrop to the plant sales area. Thanks to CalAqua for the sponsorship to set up the display as a demonstration of waterwise gardening techniques. Thanks also to The Range Hardware & Hire for the loan of a garden pond, to Tenkate Landscape Supplies for donating various mulches, rocks and topsoil to use in the display, and to the Council for a truckload of mulch. The garden showed a range of techniques which can be employed to maximise the benefit of rainfall (such as soil profiling and dry creek beds with gravel absorption pits) and to minimise the loss of moisture from the soil (eg mulching, shading the soil by dense planting, and screening from drying winds). The greatest considerations are the choice of plant species and the style of landscape. Local plant species in a natural style of landscaping require almost no watering once established, whereas a garden designed around beds of annuals requires frequent watering.



Thanks also to our local councillor Dick Newman for sponsoring the hire of a data projector to display images of our local fauna and the flora they depend on. Thanks to Wayne Ellis and Bob Miller for the use of their fantastic photographs. This and Greg's garden combined to give the nursery tent a great ambience which was enjoyed by a constant stream of people over the weekend. Sales for the weekend were up over 25 per cent on last year. A big thank you from Cali and me to all the volunteers who helped out in the tent over the weekend, and to the CJP team for their invaluable assistance in setting up and pulling down.



The dust hadn't settled from expo when Trish suggested revamping the entrance to the Barung office. CJPer Jeff sprung into action, unleashing his creative talents with paving, garden edging and a new sitting area off to the side – looks great, come check it out!

In April, a visit to the nursery and a seed collection walk by students of Conservation & Land Management (Cert 3) at Nambour TAFE was an excellent way to establish links with others in the field.

Don't forget, anyone with excess plastic shopping bags is welcome to bring them into the nursery for reusing.

**EFTPOS facility
available at Barung Landcare**

THE STATE OF THE REGION

Properties in the Barung area fall within one of three regions that meet in the headwaters of the Blackall Range: Natural Resource Management South East Queensland, South East Queensland Western Catchments Group and the Burnett Mary Regional Group. These regional bodies direct all natural resource management funding such as National Action Plan for Salinity and Water Quality and Natural Heritage Trust 2. It is important to know in which region your property lies.

Natural Resource Management SEQ by Susie Chapman

Wood Expo – Congratulations to all at Barung on such a successful Wood Expo this month. It is a great tribute to the dedication and enthusiasm of the community to be able to host such an event so effectively. We found it a great time to catch up with groups and individuals involved in natural resource management and with our neighbouring regional bodies.

Roundtable meetings – This month sees us moving forward into the implementation of our regional plan in leaps and bounds. We have our regional maps for priority protection and restoration ready to go for the roundtable meetings across the region starting throughout May and June. Layers of the best available data on biodiversity, landscape attributes and water quality have identified the areas we will be investing in initially.

Plan launch – Our regional natural resource management plan, *The Future in Balance*, will be officially launched in King George Square on Friday June 3rd from 11.00 am to 3.00 pm, complete with spinning plates as we balance the many precious assets of our region. A carnival in the Heart of the City!

Groundwater Investigation Groups (GIGs) – For the past six months, NRMSEQ has been co-ordinating a series of meetings with BMRG, local groups, agencies and researchers interested in developing a groundwater monitoring programme. This process has seen the birth of GIGs in the Maleny and Eudlo areas. There is a dearth of groundwater information for the Sunshine Coast and Mary Valley matched with a growing demand for this water which will no doubt increase with dryer times ahead and the Mary Basin Water Resource Plan soon in place to regulate allocations of surface water. These areas are not likely to ever be declared groundwater zones and therefore be regulated, so the best chance of achieving sustainable groundwater use will be through increased community understanding and awareness of the resource, through the community networks with the technical support of the government agencies and research bodies. Once trialled, it is intended GIGs will be developed throughout our region.

SEQ Western Catchments Group

by Bruce Lord

As a result of Ministerial accreditation of *Healthy Land – Our Future* and endorsement of our Government Investment Prospectus, SEQ Western Catchments Group is pleased to be able to offer funding for on-ground projects which contribute to addressing regional priorities for the protection and/or improvement of natural resource assets.

In keeping with the coordinated, whole-of-catchment approach to managing the regions' natural resources, funding is spread across five key implementation programs which have been linked to measurable on-ground outcomes identified within *Healthy Land – Our Future*.

1. Reviving Our Rivers and Wetlands
2. Natural Ecosystems and Threatened Species
3. Water for Life
4. Productive Landscapes
5. Community Partnerships



Locally, the Upper Stanley River catchment has been identified as a priority area for on-ground actions that protect and restore riparian vegetation, threatened species habitat and regional corridors as well as activities which address streambank and gully erosion to prevent sediments and nutrients entering our waterways.

These investment programs provide an opportunity for all of the community – Landcare and community groups, industry, Local Government and individual landholders to be involved and contribute to the entire region's sustainability.

SEQ Western Catchment Liaison Officers will be working with local groups and interested individuals to coordinate activities, providing technical advice and administrative support for projects that help contribute to meeting regional targets as well as discussing opportunities for building on existing initiatives and further developing partnerships for working cooperatively to implement *Healthy Land – Our Future*, the regional NRM Plan.

In order to help implement these initiatives, SEQ Western Catchments Group is engaging additional staff, including two technical support positions – a Soil Conservation Officer and Vegetation Officer, as well as a part-time Community Contact Officer to be based at The Hub in Kilcoy, who will play a key support and communication role for all groups & interested individuals in the Upper Brisbane & Stanley catchments.

Expression of Interest forms and information packs outlining these investment programs can be obtained by contacting Bruce Lord, Upper Brisbane Community Liaison Officer, on 3816 9720 or 0427 013 284 or by emailing upperbris@seqwcg.com.au

Burnett Mary Regional Group

by Tamara Boland



Collaboration and communication were the strong themes to come out of the regional Landcare meeting held in Gympie in mid-March. Gympie District Landcare Group played host to a get-together of groups from right across the Burnett Mary region.

From the region's newest group, Boyne Landcare Group based at Dulong, to some of the oldest and largest, representatives spoke of the importance of getting together to share ideas. Sam Morris from Queensland Landcare Foundation gave an informative presentation on how to find funding, write funding applications, and how to acquit funding. BMRG will be hoping to get Sam back into the region to run some more extensive workshops on writing funding applications and other tricks of the trade. If you are interested in having a workshop in your areas let BMRG know. Look out in the BMRG newsletter for further details.

Queensland Land and Water Carers Directors Esma Armstrong and Paul Marshall gave an update on Queensland Water and Land Carers (QWALC) business. The meeting also unanimously endorsed Paul Marshall's nomination on the Landcare Australia Limited board.

We all had a great day and the BMRG sincerely thank GDLG for doing such a super job of hosting the day. The next regional Landcare meeting will be in Wondai on 30 May. We are hoping that all Landcare groups are getting the most out of being able to meet other Landcare Project Officers and discuss various issues. If you have any suggestions call Dean Power on 07 4132 8333.

LETS GET TOGETHER!



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Phone Barung to find out more!

Small green-banded blue

(*Psychonotis caelius taygetus*)

BUTTERFLIES OF THE RANGE by Bob Miller

I have often referred to butterflies as being the jewels of the insect world, and one butterfly that certainly fits that description is the small green-banded blue. The metallic scales on both the upper and undersides of the adults flash in the sunlight as these butterflies fly slowly around with no apparent urgency to go anywhere.

If you have ever seen a small blue butterfly flying around an *Alphitonia excelsa* or *Alphitonia petriei*, the chances are it was a small green-banded blue. This is because these are the plants that the small green-banded blue lays its eggs upon and upon which its larvae feed.

The eggs are white, shaped like a mandarin and are usually laid singly on the underside of the leaves of alphitonias.

The larvae feed on leaves and can be found on the undersides of those leaves displaying the irregular holes typical of their feeding pattern. For such a common butterfly, the larvae are not easily found and a lot of searching is required to turn up just one larvae. The colour of the larvae bears a striking resemblance to the underside of the leaves, being light green with a lighter stripe running down the centre of their back, looking not unlike the leaf veins. The perfect camouflage for an animal with so many predators.

The pupae are caramel in colour with darker brown markings. They are also found on the undersides of the leaves and are attached by the tail and a central silken girdle.

The adult male butterfly is about 30 mm from wingtip to wingtip. They are brilliant blue on the upperside with a narrow black edge on its outer wings and a white patch on the hindwings. The adult female butterfly is slightly larger than the male. The uppersides are black with a white centre and a generous profusion of metallic blue-green scales. The undersides of both sexes are the same, being black with a white centre and a narrow band of metallic blue-green scales on the forewings and with a slightly broader metallic blue-green lower edge encircling six black spots. Further information on this butterfly may be obtained in *Butterflies of Australia* by Michael F. Braby, 2000.



Top: Small green-banded blue female from above.
Middle: pupa. Bottom left: Underside of adult male.
Bottom right: larvae next to leaf midrib.
All photographs by Bob Miller.



LAKE BAROON

Catchment Care Group

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Check out Lake Baroon Catchment Care Group's Water Conservation Display in the foyer of the Maleny Library from 1 to 15 June.

NEWS

by Susan Edols, Gillian Pechey and Gaby Luft

Barung's CJP Team appreciated

The Lake Baroon Catchment Care group greatly appreciates the assistance from Barung's CJP team at several of our project sites. Come rain or shine, the CJP with their leader, Ed Surman, braved the elements to tackle weeds, revegetation and whatever needed doing at the MacFarm Project along Maleny's Stanley River Rd. On the Stevens' property across the Obi, similar revegetation work has been taking place for a number of years. Maintenance at these project sites is a challenge for both organisations, so help given by temporary employment programs such as CJP is invaluable in keeping these waterway repair schemes going.

In Maleny township, the CJP team have been working along Willow Lane opposite the IGA carpark and on the Council easement, Coral St, best seen from the Showgrounds. New plantings at Willow Lane were done near the Teak St end of the drainage channel with suitable matting placed around it to prevent



damage to the new trees and curb soil erosion. On CCC land the CJP team planted over 400 seedlings in the joint Barung, CCC and LBCCG project.

Other projects funded by LBCCG

Other projects involving LBCCG and private landholders in this financial year include plantings along tributaries of Obi, Bridge and Walkers Creeks and the creeks themselves. Some of these projects have entailed fencing to keep livestock away from the watercourses. We have also helped to provide off-stream watering infrastructure in the Bridge Creek sub-catchment and in building two heavy machinery crossings on the Obi. Robert Widin, with the support of LBCCG, continues his meticulous and miraculous single-handed transformation of the Cedar Grove Park and Council easement southwards from the Park.

Call for new projects

As the new financial year looms, LBCCG is calling for expressions of interest for more projects like those referred to here. LBCCG offers up to 50% funding of private landholder projects aimed at improving the quality of water that ultimately finds its way to

Baroon Pocket Dam. So, if your property is in our area and you wish to begin a project aimed at cleaning up the waterways and drainage lines, NOW is the time to contact the LBCCG Project Officer, Susan Edols. (See advertisement this page.)

Revised Catchment Management Strategy

During the Maleny Wood Expo, Sharon Harwood presented the revised Lake Baroon Catchment Management Strategy. It was well received by the audience. Our thanks to Sharon for her work.

LBCCG tracks compliance

Representatives from LBCCG have been busy keeping track of compliance issues related to stormwater run-off at several urban construction sites as well as investigating the situation of the twin bunya pines and clearing of bamboo on the banks of the Obi Obi beside the proposed Woolworths supermarket site.

Development by catchment capability

LBCCG's submission to the SEQ Regional Plan focused on our recommendation that the Catchment become a 'Declared Catchment'. We regularly discuss the future of the Catchment and the water quality of this major source of Sunshine Coast water. Copies of the new State Infrastructure Plan, distributed at the recent Community Cabinet meeting at Kawana, are available at LBCCG and Barung offices.

In this context we are concerned about proposals to increase the population within the Catchment beyond that recommended in the City Plans of Caloundra and Maroochy Councils. Developments which are not self-contained in water and waste treatment are of most concern. On a related topic, the Landershute to Maleny pipeline proposal is re-surfacing.

PROJECT FUNDING

Expressions of interest are being called for applications for funding to enable landholders to carry out projects during the 2005/06 year, which will enhance water quality within the Lake Baroon Catchment.

Projects that have received funding in the past include creek crossings, off-stream watering points, hard surfacing laneways, riparian revegetation and fencing.

For further information please contact Lake Baroon Catchment Care Group Project Officer Susan Edols on 5494 3775 or at lbccg@ozemail.com.au

Sustainable agriculture and food systems

SUSTAINABLE SOLUTIONS

by Jackie Montgomery

The world's first human inhabitants lived sustainably with nature. They hunted and gathered to feed themselves and engaged in social systems that ensured they did not take more from the environment than could be replenished. As human populations have expanded, hunter-gatherer societies have all but disappeared.

Agriculture has taken over as a method for feeding the growing human population. It has enabled people to settle, store food and participate in a cash economy. People no longer have to produce their own food and they are freed to undertake other careers. In the western world most of us rely on others to grow and manufacture our food.

Agriculture has changed our natural environment. When first colonising Australia, farmers and the government were unaware that their practices could be so damaging. Natural resource management is now a very important issue in sustainable production – to degrade the environment means we also degrade our resource base for production.

We learn by past mistakes and continue to expand our knowledge toward better land management practices. Farmers, researchers, government departments and environmental groups are working together to improve the quality of the land.

In spite of this work, most of our food is not the wholesome food our parents or grandparents would have eaten. Nutrients are lost

when the food is grown using artificially manufactured chemicals. Nutrients are often lost as manufacturers speed up the processes of food making. Salt and sugars are added to make the highly processed foods more palatable.

Today we have perfect-looking food with little natural flavour or aroma often low in dietary value.

Around the world consumers are voting with their actions and money. They are demanding more environmentally friendly and healthy foods. They are buying organic foods free of chemical residues, local foods, free-range poultry and eggs and fair trade goods. Consumers are saying no to GM foods and demanding to know what is being added and taken away from our foods in processing.

They are even changing where they are buying their produce – they are buying from farmers' markets, co-operatives, and through Community Supported Agricultural (CSA) initiatives.

People demanding and buying environmentally friendly products are slowly changing farming practices and food production. It's great how we can all work together to achieve a sustainable future.

If you are interested in learning more about the environmental/sustainable issues in food production you might like to read Not on the Label by F. Laurence (2004, Penguin Books). It is a fascinating and easy to read book. I had to fight with my 15 year old to get it back to read it!

Great Balls of Fireweed

WEEDS by Greg Brown, Caloundra City Council

What can out-compete kikuyu pastures, can kill grazing animals, grows as a small bushy herb with yellow daisy-like flowers (about the size of a five-cent coin) which produce thousands of wind-borne seeds, and has already been found in the Maleny district?

The answer is fireweed (*Senecio madagascariensis*). The name 'fireweed' is in recognition of its ability spread across the landscape like a 'wild fire'. This Class 2 Declared Pest Plant is a winter flowerer, so landholders should be vigilant for any suspect looking plants around the area from now until about November.

Introduced from Madagascar, fireweed was first recorded in the Hunter Valley in 1918 – possibly as a garden escapee. Over the last couple of decades it has spread rampantly along the east coast of Australia, and it is now established as a major problem from south of the Brisbane River to the Victorian border.

The weed contains poisonous alkaloids that damage the liver of grazing animals. Symptoms of poisoning include aimless wandering, loss of coordination, sensitivity to sunlight, jaundice and abdominal straining. Severe poisoning can lead to death. The alkaloids can also taint the milk of both dairy cows and goats.

A number of fireweed infestations have been reported in this district over the last five or so years. But a combination of early detection and rapid action has meant they have been contained and controlled. The key to success so far is EARLY DETECTION. This is where you (the landholder) comes in. The more eyes that know what to look for, the more chance we have of catching any new infestations before they become big infestations.

Seeds will mostly be brought in as a contamination of something. That may be fodder sourced from south of the Brisbane River, turf imported from NSW, horses or 4WD vehicles used in areas from Logan south into NSW and not washed down before

*Fireweed –
treat with
zero tolerance
and handle
with gloves!*



returning, or machinery or livestock bought from these areas and contaminated with seeds.

Prevention is always better than cure – and this is especially so with fireweed. Make sure what you buy can be certified as 'weed seed free'. Wash down before returning home – or wash down when you get home in a controlled area.

If you suspect something growing in your area is fireweed, contact Council immediately to have it checked out. The key identification features are yellow daisy-like flowers about the size of a five cent coin and having about 13 large 'petals' (actually called ray florets). It grows as a small herbaceous plant – don't confuse it with common old flatweed which has leaves flat on the ground.

Hand pulling is the preferred option – but wear gloves (so there is no risk to your health). Carefully bag the complete plants and seal the bag. Don't leave the plants in the paddock because the seeds will mature and spread, and the dead plant material is still poisonous to animals. Get the sample to Council for identification.

As a community, we can make sure this pest plant doesn't get a hold and impact upon the local economy. If we fail, we could be referring to the 'yellow hills of Maleny' in years to come.

Ornamental vegies & fruit

THE ORNAMENTAL GARDEN by Joan Dillon

Apart from some strategic and limited weeding, the ornamental garden largely looked after itself during the early part of the year. This was just as well, given the lack of rain during February/early March, and our absence on holiday. There were a couple of losses, needless to say of non-local native shrubs. Since then, it has rained (a lot) but a combination of mulch and dense foliage cover has restricted weed growth to exposed edges.

Most gardeners, and I'm just as guilty as anyone else, cannot resist trying something new, desirable, and from another region! I'm slowly learning to treat these beauties as annual pot plants and grow them in an appropriate potting mix. The Japanese do this very successfully with a range of Australian natives. I still avoid anything liable to produce easily spread seed.

What has needed attention has been the vegetable garden and I'm sure most Barung members like to grow their own vegetables. Landcare is about healthy landscapes, healthy ecosystems and healthy people to care for them, so what better way to keep healthy than to grow one's own food. The ornamental garden can include a range of vegetables and herbs (parsley makes a great border), or the vegetable garden can be kept separate. Mine is separate so it can be fenced to keep the turkeys out and also because it does need some water, which the strictly ornamental garden does not.

We're lucky to be able to grow an incredible range of food plants in our sub-tropical climate so whether you favour a permaculture system or a more conventional style of production, include vegetables wherever you can. Strawberries are quite a useful ground cover although they aren't as productive as when grown separately and looked after as a crop plant. Feral pumpkins can be used as a temporary ground cover while you work out what to do with an awkward slope and many gardeners have some equally feral tomatoes somewhere. Fortunately neither seems to become a true weed. The brush turkeys will really love you if you put in some sweet potatoes but don't expect much of a harvest yourself!

The fruit trees have also needed some attention and now is a good time to review mulch levels, apply some organic fertiliser and generally prepare for the usually drier winter. Organic fertilisers are of course slow release and will take a while to start giving up their nutrients to the trees. Dig them into the soil while there is still soil moisture and warmth to start the process. If autumn and winter are anything like last year, the more soil moisture that can be retained with the use of mulch, the better. Don't, however, be too heavy-handed with the mulch if you're in a frost-prone area.

Those members living on the eastern side of the escarpment of the Blackall Range should be able to grow just about everything from blueberries to the tropical fruits found more commonly around Cairns. It's best to keep all of these trees out of the revegetation areas, since they do need some management and you'll want to make sure fallen fruit are composted or given to the chooks to reduce the opportunity for inadvertent seed spread. I've been surprised to find stray pawpaws in a naturally regenerating area. They're competing quite successfully at the moment with young macarangas and pipturus but won't survive in the long run. In the meantime we're looking forward to the crop.

We've added a few callistemons to the orchard rows to encourage our insectivorous honeyeaters to come and help control any insect pests but at the moment the young trees aren't providing enough cover for small birds. Planning for early and effective connectivity between the fruit trees and the natural vegetation, without compromising the purpose of either, and allowing for easy maintenance, is an interesting challenge. Integrating nature conservation with production is in many ways a design issue and applicable to a block of virtually any size.

Our brains will never be idle while we're part of Landcare so don't count sheep in order to get to sleep; just do some multi-level planning for that next section of the garden, orchard, reveg. etc. You'll be asleep in no time, probably from sheer exhaustion!

Cooperation is the name of the game

by Joan Dillon

It's amazing what can happen when we use our networks.

Last year the Hunchy Community Association in the valley east of Montville/Flaxton sought the help of Barung Landcare and Petrie Creek Catchment Care Group to design a project to revegetate some of the source tributaries of Petrie Creek.

The Australian Government Envirofund provided a grant and then of course the rain stopped and the soil dried out. (The network contact with 'up above' wasn't working too well at that stage.)

However it did eventually rain in April. 2000 trees were planted on three of the participating properties in that month alone. A 1000-tree fully fenced forest was established, bounded on three sides by tributaries of the creek; a wetland and spring were recovered from the blackberries and other weeds; and lots of other riparian zone trees planted. More is to come.

The patchwork rural scenes for which the Blackall Range is justifiably well known will be considerably enhanced by this revegetation project. A major viewing platform at Montville overlooks the valley and at least some of the new trees will be highly visible as they grow.



2005 Maleny Wood Expo EcoTour participants considering revegetation establishment techniques at the Dillon property.

A Barung Ecotour visited one of the properties in May and saw how progressive plantings can be linked, using a range of techniques, to complete the revegetation patchwork quilt. The landholders will all maintain their own sites and now know the whereabouts of the local Landcare nurseries from which they can purchase the right plants with the right advice. Cattle can still be used as a management tool to keep down excessive weed growth but access can be controlled.

Petrie Creek is one of Maroochy Shire's high priority creeks so we feel we're ahead of the game in planting for improved water quality and wildlife habitat. A beautiful fluffy tawny frogmouth was sitting on our gate when we came home the other evening so he/she is evidently pleased with the improved real estate.

Contracting Services plants the Woodford Festival site

CONTRACTING SERVICES by Jolyon Froude

The Woodford Folk Festival site has been the focus of one of the most interesting and ambitious revegetation projects to occur in the local area since the Queensland Folk Federation purchased the 300 acre site just over a decade ago.

During this time, over 65,000 native trees have been planted to help convert degraded open grazing land into the amazing space enjoyed by tens of thousands of people each festival.

Over the last few months, Barung Contracting Services has contributed a further 4000 trees to this significant endeavour in a project funded by SITA, an environmental management company based in Brisbane. As part of a national alliance with Landcare Australia, SITA provided funding for the planting of the trees which are protected with tree-guards printed with their logo and business name. In a good example of corporate sponsorship of environmental work, SITA gets the promotion, the Woodford environment gets the trees, and Barung Contracting gets the work.

The job has been very interesting, given the nature of the site and its unusual land use which results in quite specific project objectives.

While the site shares many objectives with other sites, such as needing to control existing weeds and establish a canopy of local native trees, other parameters are quite site-specific. These include the high aesthetic value of the plantings as well as their importance for screening, providing shade and shelter for festival-goers and defining space within the site.

Another important parameter on the site is public safety. For this reason, plantings have exclusively utilised rainforest species while limb-dropping eucalypts have been avoided. Our plantings have included a diverse range of hardy, mostly dryer rainforest species suitable for the infertile soils and dry nature of the site, with plenty of fast-growing colonisers for rapid canopy establishment.

It is interesting to see how a more sophisticated approach to revegetating the site has developed over the last 10 years. While some mistakes in species selection have been made, most plantings have been successful and even rainforest species planted in quite dry areas are performing surprisingly well. Trees from the early plantings are attaining significant size, forming a dense canopy and providing shade. And there is still plenty more space left!

On another note, the onset of winter brings perfect conditions for the control of woody weeds such as lantana, camphor laurel and privet, as well as vine weeds such as glycine, morning glory etc. Cooler conditions make the removal process easier and reduce the vigour of subsequent re-growth.

So if you're sick and tired of looking at that gully of lantana, contact me so I can schedule your job in over the coming months.



A forest of sponsored tree-guards protects the forest of seedlings planted by Contracting Services at the Woodford Folk Festival site.

Reveg site endures frost

REVEGETATION IN PROGRESS

by Greg Smyrell, Reveg & Habitat Officer

As winter approaches, it's time to say goodbye to 'scrub itch' and hello to frost; one affects our performance when planting and maintaining our plantings, the other affects our plants' ability to perform with growth over the next 3 months and often longer.

It's just on a year since our last Green Corps team organised their 'Bridge the Gap' tree plant at the Obi Partnership site at Pacific Plantations macadamia farm. Our first frost hit three days after that planting last year, and it had quite a dramatic effect. It's hard to believe it happened, looking at the site today with lots of the plants approaching two metres in height.

It's not over yet for this planting. If we have heavy frosts this year there will still be some effect (this will be interesting to monitor), then there are also floods and weed invasion to come. It will take many years of maintenance before this site can stand proudly on its own feet.

The big question is, is it worth all this effort? A resounding 'yes' from me. If we could put an economic value on healthy, functional riparian areas along our Obi Creek it would be high. Bank stabilisation, reduced erosion, a buffer keeping cattle and other hard-hoofed animals and weeds out of the creek, the slowing of flood water, keeping more of the water in the system and possibly lessening the effects of drought, plus a higher water quality. Then there is the ecological value, habitat and a corridor for species that need to migrate for their existence.

If the early settlers and their governments had our understanding of the values of intact riparian zones and how difficult it is to repair and recreate these systems, I'm sure undisturbed riparian zones would be everywhere today. Have a pleasant winter.

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Opportunities & Events

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Art in the landscape: 14 artists, 10 farms, and 4 bridges

Ten international and four Australian environmental artists will be staying with host families on farms near Imbil, Kandanga, Amamoor and Dagun between 19 and 29 June 2005.

They will be creating artworks mainly with natural materials found on site. The focus will be on sharing the experience, on the process. The resulting art pieces will therefore possibly be ephemeral, but they should be visible until at least the end of August. A number of public events are included in the program.

Organiser: François Davin

Contact: 5484 3247 or 0408 149 111 or
fr.davin@bigpond.com

More info: www.mysunshinecoast.com.au and search on 'The Spirit of Farming with Mary' on top right of screen

World Environment Day

When: Sunday 12 June, 10am to 4pm

Where: Amphitheatre at Memorial Drive, Eumundi

'Preserving the Community and Eco-friendly Development'

A West End Community Business Breakfast with Professor Ian Lowe as the keynote speaker. Ian, who took over the role of President of the Australian Conservation Foundation (ACF) last year, is an inspiring speaker with a shrewd sense of humour. This is a chance to find out the latest on federal green politics and whatever else is on Ian's mind these days.

When: Wednesday 15 June

Where: Greek Club, Brisbane

Further details: judy.abernethy@mecu.com.au

Organic Courtyard

A celebration of the vibrant and growing organic industry in the Sunshine Coast region, at this year's 100th Anniversary Sunshine Coast Agricultural Show (Nambour Showgrounds).

Local organic vendors will be selling and displaying an impressive range of fruits, vegetables, beverages, farm and garden nutrients, dairy products and skin care products. Three certifying bodies will be offering information. Local farmers will be on hand to sit down for a cuppa and a yarn with the public.

Our forums are an opportunity for farmers and consumers to share information and experiences in a welcoming and relaxed environment:

Forum 1: Organic Farming and Living

When: Friday 17 June 1.30 pm

Forum 2: Community Supported Agriculture

When: Saturday 18 June 1.30 pm

Come along to the Courtyard, try the food, join in the discussions and meet the farmers. Bring your family and friends because it will be a hoot.

For a bit of fun ...

The Brownwater Classic

The Brownwater Classic, for the coveted and highly prestigious Numabulla Cup (gold on plywood), is now well into its second decade at Moy Pocket (just a little downstream of Kenilworth).

Aimed at the young and young at heart, contestants make and decorate boats, on site, from blackbean pods and other biodegradable materials before entrusting to the river for the big race.

Following that there's the popular rock-skipping contest in various divisions followed, of course, by the night race with candlelit blackbeans and a campfire with music and poetry.

Where: E. Pickering Bridge, Moy Pocket Road, 2 km from the Gheerulla Hall on the Kenilworth-Eumundi Road (7 km from Kenilworth)

Date: Saturday 25 June

Times: The race itself begins at 3.00 pm, but boat-building facilities are available from 1.00 pm

BYO: Everything, like food, mulled wine, chairs, blankets etc, and PARTICULARLY warm clothing

Enquiries: Ian Mackay, Commodore,
Moy Pocket Yacht Club

Phone: 5446 0124

2005 Queensland Landcare & Catchment Management Conference and Awards

The Desert Uplands Build-Up & Development Strategy Committee Inc. is hosting the 16th Annual Queensland Landcare and Catchment Management Conference (and the Queensland Landcare Awards) this year. Themed 'The Outback Speaks', this year's conference will be a unique journey where, through sharing stories and experiences, you will gain new knowledge and a better appreciation and understanding of Landcare in the outback.

Where: Barcaldine

When: 4-7 August

Conference info:
www.desertuplands.org.au/2landcare.html

Registration brochure:
www.desertuplands.org.au/landcare-2005.pdf

Landcare Awards info: Brenda Walhain
(07) 3211 4409

Down to Earth:

Erosion & Sediment Management Conference

Where: Cairns

When: 6-8 September 2005

Sediment and nutrient pollution is possibly Queensland's toughest economic and environmental crisis. The EPA will be submitting solutions to Cabinet by year end. This conference will be the EPA's critical consultative process in developing the way forward.

Interested? Danielle Bolton 0407 026 819
or seq@eianz.org

Where I am, how I got here, and how you can be here too

A TRAINEE'S TALE by Jake Smith-Moloney

Hi again, this is your friendly neighbourhood trainee. Hope you had a stress-less Expo period (I know that Expo for me was quite full on). Now that Expo is over for the year I can begin to refocus on other important issues.

With staff members leaving and internal restructuring creating new positions at Barung, it struck me that of all the permanent staff there are only two under the age of 25. After much deliberation I came to the conclusion that after completing secondary or tertiary studies, students should be encouraged in the direction of the environmental sector for employment.

This article will focus on the steps that youth can take to improve their employability in relation to on-ground works.

Practical experience

In this field it is very important to have a strong grasp on the practical aspects. This includes knowing how to use basic tools, spraying technique, plant identification, planting technique, and familiarity with OH&S. The reason I chose to do this traineeship was to gain accreditation and to obtain more **practical experience** in the field. I have comical memories of students at uni struggling to use a mattock correctly.

Programs such as Green Corp and CJP are excellent ways of learning new and relevant skills. If these options are not available then volunteering is yet another way to learn while also getting your foot in the door.

Accreditation

Gaining accreditation helps improve your employability by providing proof that you have completed accredited training or study and passed relevant assessment items. Some of the accreditation commonly held by workers in this field includes ACDC (Agricultural Chemical Distribution Certificate), Chainsaw Level I and II, Senior First Aid and OH&S (Occupational Health and Safety) accredited units.

In addition, all of Barung's contracting staff have completed or are in the process of completing higher-level tertiary education ranging from diplomas to degrees and beyond. Our job is complex. On-ground works aren't just putting plants in the ground and cutting out weeds. A strong understanding of natural systems and how every action directly or indirectly affects the area is needed.

Enthusiasm

After a hard day's work clearing a hillside of lantana using a brush hook, dehydrated, covered in scratches and most probably having the discomfort of a few ticks attached to you (or in Jolyon's case, several jumping ant bites), why on Earth would you come back the next day and do it again? The passion for the job and what it represents, in my opinion, is the factor that keeps us inspired to continue the uphill battle. Knowing that the smothered little plant that was under the lantana you've just cleared may one day grow into a giant rainforest canopy tree is an amazing feeling, and is probably the most rewarding aspect of this job. Without enthusiasm, no one would last long in this occupation.

As always I welcome any comments, ideas and input you have on this or other related topics. I am contactable at Barung during business hours or you can e-mail me at Ze_Bacon@hotmail.com

The Revegetation Team

by Zoe Jung, CJP Revegetation Team

There has been a lot of positive feedback from the locals going for a walk as my colleagues and I tend the plants, shrubs and trees that enhance the Obi Obi Creek boardwalk in Coral St, Maleny. This beautiful boardwalk meanders beside the Obi Obi Creek and offers a home to a diverse collection of birds, reptiles, insects and mammals inhabiting this mini-ecology in the heart of Maleny.

The CJP Revegetation Team maintains this area and many other (mainly riparian) sites under threat from weed infestation, erosion or dieback of revegetation stock. We are a team of dedicated people employed by the Queensland Government under a 17-week stewardship to work for Barung Landcare. The stewardship involves learning about subjects related to our chosen field of work regarding landcare and regeneration, horticulture, arbour culture, landscaping and revegetation using indigenous and endemic species of flora. The team first assesses the site in question, forms a strategic agenda and then goes out in the field and implements the agreed plan.

The Revegetation Team members really love our job as it gives each member real job satisfaction learning about our local flora, fauna and introduced pests from the multi-taskers that make up the talented and diverse group at Barung Landcare. It gives the Reveg Team the opportunity to actively and constructively care for our local environment and community's natural assets.

We have worked at a number of sites around Maleny. You might have noticed us planting trees in Willow Lane behind the IGA with the council. Sometimes we're out of public sight, tucked away on a farm fixing a long riparian bank. Other times we're planting and weeding at the Macadamia Farm or in front of the RSL. One of our favourite activities is to create a beautiful oasis from a bare site like the garden in front of the Hinterland Business Centre. We have spent time revegetating sites around the showgrounds and removing many cubic metres of weeds along the fence near the High School at the entrance to our beautiful town. We lent a hand to help create the magic that is the Maleny Wood Expo and look forward to many more projects before the closing date of our time with Barung.

Let's hope there will be many more Revegetation Teams, that the government will offer future environmentally aware individuals without a lot of resources the opportunity to learn the eco-saving skills we have been allowed to learn to care for our local area.

Wanted A television!

The Barung Library holds a number of interesting videos and DVDs for member viewing at the Resource Centre, but as yet no set-up for viewing them. We have a VCR and a DVD player; now we need a TV compatible with these.

Can you help?

Correction - Interesting web site !!!

Australian Plants - Photographs

<http://members.ozemail.com.au/~peterrjones/plants.html>

This is the **correct** address for the website of Peter Jones's easy-to-use collection of Australian native plant photographs. Do note the two 'r's between 'pete' and 'jones'.

Thank You to ...

... **Jeff Scott and the CJP team** (a BIG thank you) for landscaping the front entrance to the Barung office and sales area and for the big clean up of the meeting room

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Letters

Expo dinner and auction a delight

Dear Heather,

We would like to take this opportunity to thank you and all the very many hardworking people (including Mim, Juanita et al) who organised such a marvellous evening for the 10th Anniversary Wood Expo dinner last weekend.

It was extremely well-planned and was obviously a very enjoyable evening for all present.

The decoration of the hall, the delicious food and the wonderful music all combined to make it a most memorable evening and having George Negus as guest speaker was an inspired and inspiring choice. He has certainly left us with plenty to think about, and in George Barung has evidently gained another avid ally with great connections ... well done!

We must also tell you that our beautiful camphor laurel coffee table from Randy De Graw looks stunning at home.

So, thank you for all the hours of effort and ability which provided such fun and we wish you even greater success with the Maleny Wood Expo. All best wishes,

Jane Caraffi and Tony Gill
Art on Cairncross

Satisfied exhibitor

Hello Eve and Mim,

Thank you for an excellent expo.

In particular I'd like to say that the organisation of the event was excellent as was information for stall holders, making our involvement a smooth and pleasant experience.

Congratulations on an excellent event. Thanks,

Kelvin Davies
The Wilderness Society

Plants for Maleny Community Centre

To the good folks at Barung,

Thanks very much for the donation of native plants for our working bee at MCC! The gardens look much better now and we really appreciate your support. All the best,

Barbara Nye
Maleny Community Centre

Barung Landcare...



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for Aug-Sep 2005 Newsletter contributions

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Wonderful weeds ...

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However, how valid is the case against them? In the case of rainforest restoration, I'm going to offer myself as devil's advocate (as usual) and argue the benefits of these weeds, but I'll try and also argue against myself to remain somewhat impartial and perhaps end up schizophrenic, but at least I run a 50/50 chance of being correct.

Often in the early phases of revegetation sites, herbaceous weeds grow exceedingly well. We create a situation that is perfect for them. The availability of nutrients in the soil rises as grasses are killed off and fertilisers are added to improve tubestock growth. The very act of planting cultivates the soil and releases latent fertility within the soil. Herbaceous weeds (exotic or native) are the true pioneer plants, in that they are the first step in the floral succession to move onto bare ground. Also these plants are some of the main plants you will spend the next three to five years waging war against if you follow the conventional wisdom of revegetating rainforest in our local area and have the inbuilt weed-phobia that most of us are born with.

Are these plants actually detrimental to the growth of planted stock? In most cases I would offer a definitive 'No'. They are often genuinely beneficial, particularly the lush herbs such as milk thistle, fleabane, thistles, thickhead and inkweed. These guys improve soil quality, act as living mulch, provide frost protection and create a humid microclimate that our planted stock can often thrive in. The main reason most of these weeds are cleared from revegetation sites is cosmetic. In clearing these weeds it could be argued that we over-use herbicides and brushcutters and that this in itself causes unnecessary damage to our planted stock.

Now I'm not suggesting for a moment that we let our revegetation patches become a mass of weeds and say 'bye bye, it's time to look after yourself now' to our tubestock as we plant them. On the down side herbaceous weeds can hide a lot of nasties, such as glycine, silver leaf desmodium and, worst of all ... the running grasses such as kikuyu and couch! All these plants are real and serious threats to the ongoing health of a revegetation site and need controlling and so will the herbaceous weeds that hide them.

Also the herbaceous weeds can make it very hard to even find, let alone check on, your planted tubestock, but staking can overcome this problem.

As with all weeds we should look at this group of plants and start asking questions of ourselves about how we manage them. What are the positives and negatives? Can we improve the growth of our plantings by selective management? Can we use them as a resource, rather than seeing them purely in terms of being a pest?

Perhaps we need to be tapping into their ability to thrive in spite of what we throw at them.

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Wonderful weeds

TURKEY TANGENTIAL by Spencer Shaw

Our phobia of weeds is something quite extraordinary.

If visitors from another planet were to land on our doorstep tomorrow and study the average garden I'm sure the questions would run something like a) Why do you waste so much time cultivating plants that are so inbred they can survive only with your assistance? b) Why are plants native to anywhere else on the planet other than where you actually live so attractive to you? and finally c) Why do we spend so much time at war with plants that are very successful at proliferating in spite of our attempts to wipe them out?

I've mentioned in previous articles the possible benefits of the tree weeds such as camphor laurel to our local wildlife, but today I'd like to bring to your attention another much maligned group of weeds that in reality have very few down sides and a great many benefits – they are some of The Annual Herbs and I'm not talking parsley!

This brings us back to question, 'Why do we spend so much time at war with plants that are very successful at proliferating in spite of our attempts to wipe them out?' Well my particular answer (as a professional and recreational – just can't help myself – native vegetation worker) would run something along the lines of 'to protect the diversity of our native flora and fauna we must control exotic plants that threaten their survival and ongoing ability to reproduce themselves and the ecologies they are part of'.

However are all weeds a threat?

Cobbler's pegs, fleabane, inkweed, thickhead, cats tongue, thistles, milkweed, blue top and amaranth are some names you may be familiar with in a group we classify as annual herbs or herbaceous weeds. They are generally short-lived non-woody plants that produce large numbers of seeds, mainly wind dispersed but also in some cases dispersed by small birds.

All the plants listed above are exotic and thrive in disturbed ground – they just love revegetation and bush regeneration sites. At best we are dismissive of them and at worst we hate them.

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