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[Steve Swayne]

2012 MALENY WOOD EXPO - ANOTHER GREAT EVENT

by *Mim Coulstock*

When Saturday 5th May dawned clear and sunny after the days of rain leading up to the 2012 Maleny Wood Expo, organisers, exhibitors and visitors were ready for a great event. The Expo started with a bang on the previous evening as guests and exhibitors mingled in the Main Pavilion for the official Expo Opening and the announcement of the 2012 Wootha Prize results (report on page 10). Thanks must go to the many local restaurants and businesses who donated platters for the Opening, the Maple Street Coop volunteers who managed the bar and the young folk who waited on guests so politely.

Over 6000 visitors flocked to the Showgrounds over the weekend, keeping the army of volunteers on their toes. Survey results once again awarded our volunteer army the highest accolades for their friendliness and helpfulness to visitors.



[Steve Swayne]

And the wood – what a fantastic selection of timbers, styles and finishes – the innovativeness and talent of our woodworkers never ceases to amaze us. They slab and carve, whittle and polish, cut and rebuild our beautiful native timbers into works of art that draw people from all over SEQ to the event year after year. Many wood exhibitors reported good sales at the event – the sign of a truly successful wood show.

The new indoor venue at the Showgrounds – The Wood Shed – afforded a light and airy space for makers of quality Australian-made

tools, and a wonderful venue for the Woodshed Workshops. Thanks to Randy de Graw and Richard Knight for giving their time to share their knowledge and skills with Expo-goers.

The Barung Nursery Tent looked magnificent. All Nursery staff and volunteers are to be congratulated on the quality and variety of species available. Many a visitor was seen toting a bag of plants around the Expo.

Once again Great Scott held both children and adults in the palm of his hand as he juggled and performed amazing feats with a hilarious running commentary. And the many other children's activities allowed parents to relax in the knowledge that their kids were safe and having fun!

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[Den Lalor]



ANOTHER GREAT MALENY WOOD EXPO

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The Taste Maleny Music Stage drew crowds whenever performers took to the microphones. With its generous seating and tables this was the place to sit back and over-indulge in the broad range of foods available – from coffee and wicked donuts to samosas and sandwiches.

Congratulations to Steve and all of the team: to Jono Waites for organising the volunteers; to Raine See for overseeing the raffle; to all involved during set-up and pull-down; to John Arias for the Landcare BBQ; to Maple Street Co-op for managing the bar; to John and Mary King for sharing their delicious rainforest liqueurs; to Cilla Rose for so ably looking after Volunteer Registrations yet again; and to all who did a superb job directing traffic and parking.

Thanks to all exhibitors – our woodworkers and millers and those in the Taste Maleny Produce, Sustainable Living, Natural Resource Management and other areas – without you there is no Expo.

Thanks to: all of our generous raffle donors; Karen Barnett and Montville Coffee who donate \$2 from every cup sold to Barung's Landcare education program; all local businesses who support the event in a variety of ways, including The Hinterland Times and The Range News; Ivan Hankinson and Col Sinclair, Maleny Show Society, for their never-ending support; SES volunteers for street parking; Maleny Community Gym for vacating their premises.

Thanks also to our local catering teams: the Lions Club of Maleny, Maleny Kindergarten, Ananda Marga Maleny, and Maleny High School P&C – all of whom donate a portion of profits back to Landcare. Enabling other groups to benefit from the fundraising



Thank you Steve Swayne and Den Lalor for the Maleny Wood Expo photos appearing on pages 1, 2, 8 and 10.

opportunity is part of the Expo's charter and Barung is delighted to be able to support our local community in this way.

Thanks to Events Queensland, Sunshine Coast Council, Maleny IGA and SEQ Catchments for their sponsorship and the Great South East for their television campaign.

Without everyone's input the Expo would not be possible.

But again the biggest thanks go to Steve MacLeish for his dedicated attention to detail and pulling the whole show together.

THANK YOU TO...

... **Joan Dillon, John Dillon, Raine See, Deanne Grace, Gretchen Evans, Bill Edgerton, Peter Milton and Marisse Anderson** for folding 1500 copies of the *CodLine*, and to ...

... **Raine** and **Peter** who generously returned for a second session along with **Doug & Ruth Blanch** and **Lyn Finlay** to label and sort them all.

... **Raine See** for your delightful baking and munchies adding tasty nourishment to the *CodLine* folding sessions

... **Jono Waites** for picking the *CodLine* print run up from Beerwah

... and to **Deb Seal** and **Tanzi Smith** of the Mary River Catchment Coordinating Committee who, along with Eve Witney, deliv-

ered bundles of the *CodLine* to produce merchants and general stores from Maleny through to Tiaro.

THANK YOU ALSO TO...

... **Keith Hutchins** for donating a great load of firewood at the Maleny Wood Expo which was raffled and won by Joie Sumby

... **Brian Boon** for making a hand rail for the steps into the Barung Nursery office at North Maleny

... **Laina McCoy** for the fridge – our nursery volunteers are very happy to have somewhere to put their lunches that doesn't leak or have the seal fall off when you open the door!

VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION

NURSERY NOTES by Fuschia Collard

Big round of applause to all involved in the Maleny Wood Expo. Our amazing volunteers were all shining and did Barung and Maleny proud. From the nursery perspective it ran like a dream. The only thing we will have to tweak in future is the roster for 'Pull Down' day, which seems to be notorious for being light on.

By the time this newsletter comes out we will still be making arrangements for the next Big One... Nambour Gardening Expo to be held at the Nambour Showgrounds from Friday 6 to Sunday 8 July. It will be all hands on deck for Nambour so please let us know if you can help by phoning 0429 943 152.

On 9 June we celebrated the 2012 Glasshouse Volunteers Awards with Andrew Powell at the Glasshouse Mountains Sports Centre. Barung Landcare was very proud to see Clare Sluggett receive an award on the day. Clare has been a hard working volunteer in the Barung nursery for nearly five years now. She is a little powerhouse. Clare pretty much organised nearly all the plants for the Wood Expo, with the help of our amazing team of course. Thanks Clare for your outstanding service; it was great to see your efforts recognised more widely.

We will be celebrating Volunteer week this year with a special day out in June. We will be taking our regular vollies out to see where their plants go and what they look like when they are all grown up. This year we will visit Douglas Haynes's property and then go on a mystery tour.

For the 16 weeks until the end of May I was employed five days a week by the Hinterland Business Centre (HBC) while



Congratulations and thank you to Clare Sluggett (second from left), here with Eric Anderson, Fuschia Collard and Wayne Webb.

being 'placed' at the Barung Nursery as a part of my Green Army training. HBC have been very supportive in helping Brian Boon and me achieve our training including Chainsaw, First Aid and ACDC certificates. Thank you to Edith Ann and Allison from HBC for all the work you have done for us behind the scenes.

Thankfully, I am now officially employed by Barung Landcare for three days a week to assist in managing the Porters Lane nursery. I am looking forward to serving you on Wednesdays, Thursdays or Fridays.

So come in and see our beautiful range of plants including the spectacular Blueberry Ash 'Prima Donna' *Elaeocarpus reticulatus* (left) and Eumundi Quandong *Elaeocarpus eumundi* in large pots for \$18. They make lovely gifts.

YABBA CREEK THREATENED BY TILAPIA - THE CANE TOAD OF OUR WATERWAYS

by Dale Watson, Mary River Catchment Coordinating Committee

The discovery of a Tilapia in Yabba Creek near Imbil has many people concerned about the threat this pest fish may be presenting to the Mary River system and our unique fish species.

Mozambique Tilapia *Oreochromis mossambicus*, also known as the Mozambique mouth-brooder, can quickly dominate a water body, outcompeting native fish for habitat and food. Its feeding and nesting habits degrade water quality. Tilapia reproduce year round and can hold eggs and larvae in the mouth, which can then survive even after the fish has been killed. Once established in a flowing river or creek, tilapia are almost impossible to eradicate.

They are deep-bodied with a thin profile, have long pointed fins and are usually dark grey, but can be silver with 2 to 5 dark blotches/spots on the side. The real key to identifying one is the single long continuous dorsal fin.

This fish is declared noxious in Queensland. It is unlawful to possess noxious fish alive or dead or to use them as bait. Penalties of up to \$200 000 apply. Tilapia are mainly spread by people moving them between waterways. If you catch one, do not release it. Instead kill it humanely and dispose of it away from the water.



Female (top) and male Tilapia.

[Photos courtesy of Fisheries Queensland, DAFF]



Please be on the lookout for these pest fish. Report any sightings or catches of Tilapia to the 24-hour Fishwatch Hotline on **1800 017 166**.

ROUGH MAIDENHAIR FERN

Adiantum hispidulum

Family: *Adiantaceae*

PLANT PROFILE by Wayne Webb

Adiantum hispidulum is a hardy clumping fern with attractive pinkish-red new growth, contrasting with the dark green older fronds. It grows 30 to 40 cm in height, and clumps may spread to 50 to 60 cm across. Fronds are fan-shaped with around seven fingers ranging in length from around 15 cm to 3 cm, decreasing from the centre to the outside. Each finger has leaflets arranged alternately along its length.

Adiantum is a well-known genus of ferns, commonly known as 'maidenhairs'. There are about 200 species worldwide with around nine native to Australia. Maidenhair ferns have long been popular in cultivation, with many selected forms and hybrids available. They are widely grown throughout the world as glasshouse, bush house, and indoor plants. Rough maidenhair can justify its place in any collection of ferns, its coarser texture contrasting well with the fine lacy varieties, along with the colourful new growth. As with most ferns, it should not be kept over-wet when grown as a container plant, a common cause of failure.

Adiantum hispidulum is a very widespread species. In Australia it is found from Victoria to north Queensland, across to the Northern Territory and the top of Western Australia. It also occurs from tropical eastern Africa through Asia/Malaysia to New Zealand and other Pacific Islands. It is common in rainforests and wet sclerophyll forests, and along creek lines and in moister spots in more open forest. It prefers soils high in organic matter, and is often found among rocks where leaf litter has accumulated. It is frequently seen growing along road and track cuttings where seepage and shade are available. Established clumps can tolerate dry spells quite well, along with fire. New fronds are quickly produced after rain.

While Rough Maidenhair makes an attractive container plant, it is also very useful as a garden subject. Clumps are ideal for filling those shady corners where not much else will grow, and they look fantastic beside ponds or among rocks along a garden path.



Rough Maidenhair Fern.

[Photo: Cali Salzmann]

Adiantum hispidulum can be simply propagated by dividing clumps. It can also be propagated by spores. While specialist fern nurseries propagate under sterile lab type conditions to ensure high rates of success, Rough Maidenhair is hardy enough to try at home.

I have tried by simply laying mature fertile fronds (they're the ones with dark brown spore sacks on the back of the leaves) over damp propagation mix in a seed tray. The spores should be released over the tray as fine dust within a few days. Remove the fronds, place the tray in a shaded moist position (e.g. a glasshouse), water occasionally to keep the mix moist but not wet, and be prepared to wait. It may take months for baby ferns to appear; these can be potted up once they are big enough.

Rough Maidenhair will often self-regenerate in rainforest plantings once there is enough shade to prevent competition from grasses and other weeds, and especially where there are banks of bare soil with some water seepage. The dust-like spores can be carried over large distances, and these ferns do pop up in unexpected places.

A CORAL FUNGUS

FUNGAL FORAY by Gretchen Evans

I often walk along the track from Baroon Pocket towards Kondalilla and not far from the entrance I have seen these fungi a few times growing alongside the track in large numbers. Once they were so abundant they even covered part of the hillside.

This time I am writing about a coral fungus group which includes the two genera *Clavaria* and *Clavulina* because they are hard to separate without being examined microscopically. ('Clava' means 'club' in Latin.)

They have simple or branched, fleshy fruiting bodies which are cylindrical or sometimes flattened and grooved. The colour may be yellow, apricot-orange or white. As they do not have gills or pores, the spores are produced on the outer surface and may look like a white powder if the fruiting body is mature.

They mostly grow in litter or moss in a wide range of forest types but some do grow on wood. They are quite common and are found worldwide.

Clavulina sp. [Photo: Brad Owens]



ROVING RESTORERS ASSIST LANDHOLDERS

HINTERLAND BUSH LINKS by Susie Duncan

Hinterland Bush Links has had a busy couple of months with workshops, bushcare and Roving Restorer days. Roving Restorers have helped out with weeding natural regeneration and revegetation sites at Russell Family Park in Montville, near the Obi Obi Creek at Dilkusha, and at Lyola in Wootha. The next one is at Bariya, a beautiful nature refuge property at Balmoral Ridge.

Supporting natural regeneration requires less energy and resources than planting trees and generally the result is better. But you need some existing vegetation on or near the site to start with. This allows seeds to fall, wash, roll or blow onto the site, or for birds and other animals to deposit the seed when they defecate, usually from an overhanging branch.

The dilemma many landholders face is that much of their natural seedling regeneration is tangled up in a mass of invasive weeds. On a small scale or with a bunch of helpers it is often possible to release the natural regeneration from its bondage by careful hand weeding. You need patience and the ability to pick the natives from the weeds.

We encourage you to join in with the Roving Restorers activities as it provides a training ground for getting to know your local weeds as well as the local plants. It is also a great help to landholders who are focused on restoring habitat. Feel welcome to request a visit to your own property if you have some targeted work that a group can assist with.

Hinterland Bush Links is planning a couple of natural regeneration workshops in the next six months so keep an eye on the *Barung News* or the Barung website for details. We are keen to set up local Bush Link groups where neighbours work together to restore and link habitat between their properties. Please contact us if you would like some help setting up a group.

For all enquiries contact Susie Duncan on 5429 6622 or wilderness@hotmail.net.au



Some of the Little Yabba Bushcare group envisioning the next site for weed control with humorous trepidation.

EVENTS

Friday 6 July - Little Yabba Park Bushcare **Little Yabba Park, Cambroon in the Mary Valley**

This group meets on the first Friday of the month at 8 am. Members are actively restoring vegetation along the banks of Little Yabba Creek. Contact Susie Duncan on 5429 6622 for more information.

Sunday 22 July - Roving Restorers bushwalk & weeding **Bariya, Balmoral Ridge**

Please join us for a walk through this Nature Refuge property followed by a couple of hours' weeding, then by picnic lunch on Obi Obi Creek. Car pool from the public car park behind the Maleny IGA carpark at 8.30 am or travel independently (call 5429 6622 for directions) for a 9 am start. Bring gloves, tools if you have them (secateurs, loppers, shears or weeding tools), water, lunch, boots, long-sleeved shirt and long trousers, boots, hat, sunscreen, insect repellent and togs if you wish to swim. **Please register at Barung on 5494 3151.**

And remember to check out the Hinterland Bush Links website at www.hinterlandbushlinks.org

PRECINCT PLANTING PARTICIPATION

PRESIDENT'S REPORT by Eric Anderson

Congratulations to the Maleny & District Green Hills fund for securing from the Commonwealth Government Biodiversity Fund a grant for \$175 000 for rehabilitation work and vegetation restoration in 6 hectares along Obi Obi Creek in the Maleny Community Precinct. Previously they had been awarded a Commonwealth Government Community Action Grant for \$20 000 to plant one hectare of Obi Obi Creek frontage adjacent to the Southern Wetlands. All of this will establish almost 2 kilometres of riparian wildlife corridor along the Obi Obi from the town centre. Barung is a significant partner in the project providing weed maintenance and revegetation advice. We have also offered to donate 3000 local provenance native plants to the project.

Barung also was recently successful in securing from the Commonwealth Government a Community Action Grant of \$20 000 in funding for a biodiversity monitoring and community engagement project on the Maleny Community Precinct. The project aims to enhance the capacity and skills of the community to undertake actions to protect and rehabilitate their environment. As part of the project we will soon be holding community workshops on frogs, macro-invertebrates, fish and birds to study how to monitor them.

Volunteers remain the backbone of Barung as was amply demonstrated with the holding of the Maleny Wood Expo. My sincere thanks to the more than 150 volunteers who helped make the Wood Expo happen. Thanks also to all Barung staff who worked way beyond the call of duty. Special thanks to the main organisers Steve McLeish and Mim Coulstock for their continued dedication, efficiency and professionalism. It was a great two days, helped enormously by fine sunny weather that saw some 6000 people plus attend. This ensured a financial return better than those of the last few years, as evidenced by the smile on the Treasurer's face.

Congratulations to Claire Slugget for receiving a well-deserved Community Volunteer Award for the Glass House Mountains electorate. Claire spends many long and arduous hours assisting at our Porter's Lane Nursery. We have recently said goodbye to two groups of Green Army Workers whom I thank and wish them all the best in securing future employment. We have employed Fuschia Collard as Assistant Nursery Manager – welcome back to the fold, Fuschia.

Another welcome is also in order, this time to Raine See as the newest member to the Barung Management Committee. Thanks Raine for stepping up to help us out.

NEW CODLINE ISSUE AVAILABLE

by Eve Witney, Editor, The CodLine & Barung News

The first *CodLine* for 12 months is available on the MRCCC website at www.mrccc.org.au/newsletters.html

With a catchment care focus, the *CodLine* presents landholders' stories along with news and advice for landholders and land managers throughout the Mary River catchment. Many of the articles are contributed by officers from the Mary River Catchment Coordinating Committee as well as by staff and members of all Landcare groups throughout the catchment.

By far the most popular articles, however, are written by landholders themselves about their experiences managing their properties sustainably. In this issue are three landholder articles:

- by Lee Daffin, who has been undertaking revegetation and land care for the last seven years on his 7.6 ha Land for Wildlife and Koala Nature Refuge registered property at Harpers Creek, Conondale
- by Lesley Innes, who has some 80 years of diaries to illuminate how the Innes family's 8000 ha cattle property at Boompa (near Biggenden) has been managed sustainably for generations
- by Glenda Pickersgill, grazier of Kandanga and Kinbombi (near Kilkivan), about the rapid riparian response she has seen to excluding cattle from the stream line at Kabunga Creek.

All Barung members are warmly invited to peruse this issue. A small number of hardcopies are available at the Barung office. If you would like to be added to the *CodLine*'s post or email list, please contact me via eve-eden@bigpond.net.au or on 5494 4005.

The print run this time was 2500. Of these, some 1500 are posted directly to individual addresses and a further 200 are emailed out. The rest are distributed to the counters of produce merchants, general stores and a couple of bait and tackle shops from Maleny to Harvey Bay.

The *CodLine* has been hosted by Barung Landcare since 2001. It is a long-running, highly-regarded, co-operative project between Barung and the Mary River Catchment Coordinating Committee, who find the funding to print and post the *CodLine* and pay me to compile it! The Sunshine Coast Council has kindly donated funds toward the *CodLine*'s production.

Further donations from other groups and the community would be greatly appreciated and would enable us to get this publication back to its twice yearly schedule. For further information, contact Deb Seal at the MRCCC on 5482 4766 or mrccc@ozwide.net.au



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- 3.02 PM (ish): The Big Race
- 3.45 PM (ish): Rock-skipping championships for all ages
- 4.57 PM (ish): Prize-giving ceremony by surprise Celebrity
- 5.18 PM (ish): BYO barbie dinner and more boat-building
- 6.32 PM (ish): "Blackbeans by Candlelight" boat race (otherwise known as "Brownwater by Moonlight" or "Numabulla by Night")
- 7.03 PM (ish): Campfire concert - BYO voice, instruments, poems, eyes, ears and humour.

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TIM FLANNERY to head up QUEENSLAND state LANDCARE CONFERENCE 2012

Professor Tim Flannery, one of Australia's leading thinkers and writers and an eminent field biologist will head a line-up of more than 60 presenters sharing a broad range of perspectives over the three days of the 2012 Queensland State Landcare Conference. The new State Minister for the Environment and Heritage Protection, Andrew Powell MP, will also be on hand to discuss the future of the community natural resource management sector in Queensland.

At the new Brisbane Convention and Exhibition Centre from 28 to 30 June, the conference will focus on these themes: *Cultivating communities* – approaches to developing diverse, proactive and resilient groups; *The environment around us* – experiential insights and a look at issues across the broader landscape; *Stepping towards the horizon* – empowering our future leaders including creative engagement with young people, and how to adapt to changes facing our environment, climate, economy and communities.

Registration is open up to the start of the conference. For the full program and more info call 07 3226 2800 or visit www.qldlandcareconference.org.au

WINTER FLOWERS

THE ORNAMENTAL GARDEN by Joan Dillon

May and June in particular are tricky months in the ornamental garden. I love all the leafy shades of green but occasional splashes of colour are very welcome, especially on a cold overcast day. All is not lost however, as we do have some winter flowers for us to enjoy and to provide stand-by nectar for the birds. Occasional trees and shrubs are also bearing colourful fruit and buds are forming on the wattles, which is at least a promise of things to come.

At ground level, there are still scattered flowers on the *Scaevola aemula*, and the commonly grown native violet *Viola banksii* continues to produce numerous flowers wherever it spreads. In case you haven't caught up, *Viola hederacea* is in fact a different species and not the one we all grow. *Goodenia ovata* (the ground cover version) has its year-round scattering of yellow blooms and blue Cut-leafed Daisy, *Brachyscome multifida*, is flowering in the ground and in a pot. *Lobelia membranacea* which invariably pops up each winter has tiny pale blue flowers. *Chrysocephalum apiculatum*, Yellow Buttons, continues to flower and quietly spread. This one seems to change its name rather regularly and if you happen to Google Billy Buttons, another common name, you will come up with a different genus. The joys of plant nomenclature!

Shrubs are not being particularly cooperative with flowers although a sprawling and supposedly local native member of the hibiscus family has been flowering freely. A small weak-stemmed plant, described as a suckering herb in *Mangroves to Mountains*, is *Dampiera stricta* from the Glasshouse Mountains. This small beauty has deep blue flowers.

There are clusters of blue fruit on the large *Callicarpa pedunculata*, and *Petalostigma triloculare* is covered in ripening fruit

which will soon be orange-red. These two, however, are more suited to the edge of the revegetation. For those of you who live closer to the coast, *Hibiscus tiliaceus* is flowering.

Fortunately, *Syzygium luehmannii* is sporting new and colourful foliage so there is always some colour around to help brighten the garden. Banksias are of course very reliable with *Banksia integrifolia* coming into flower now, *Banksia robur* always having a few flowers, and *Banksia aemula* to follow soon.

Much will depend on where you are as to what is actually flowering now but there are numerous buds on both *Acacia hubbardiana* and *Phebalium woombye*, two very useful shrubs. Plant these reliable winter bloomers where you can see them and preferably in numbers to create a real splash.



A carpet of *Viola banksii* in flower. [Photo: John Dillon]

BOOST TO REVEG AT PRECINCT

by Steven Lang, Green Hills

There have been some remarkable developments on the Maleny Community Precinct over the last few weeks. Firstly, Green Hills have received funding from Australia's Clean Energy Biodiversity Fund to plant the entire north bank riparian zone between Maleny township and the existing forest. This is a strip almost two kilometres long and covers much of the area through which the proposed path to Gardners Falls will run.

In the meantime Unity Water has signed a lease with Sunshine Coast Council to undertake the construction of linked wetlands and significant rainforest in the northern wetlands, otherwise known as Obi Obi Parklands area. The work by Unity Water will connect with the work of Green Hills.

Green Hills attracted \$175 000 worth of funding which they will match with other contributions of \$125 000 from Lake Baroon, SEQ Water, Sunshine Coast Council and Barung.

This is the second grant Green Hills has received this year and the brings the total funding for this riparian strip to \$345 000. The project is planned to be undertaken over three years, starting immediately, with the budget including on-going maintenance of the plantings.

Unity Water's plan will cost \$3 million, involves 30 ha, and will be undertaken in a similar time-frame. They will be upgrading the sewage treatment plant over the next eighteen months and want the basic planting, pipework, pathways, etc, to be in by that time.

FAREWELL TO BRIAN BOON

by Jonathan Waites

Brian recently completed his Green Army placement with us and his extensive experience in construction has been of immense value to us, particularly in furthering the Landsborough project. His motivation and innovativeness has been much appreciated and has assisted us in completing a number of tasks to a high standard.

At the Green Army graduation ceremony held at Mary Cairncross Park, Brian expressed his appreciation to Hinterland Business Centre for the opportunity to undertake the program, and to Barung Landcare for the chance to develop a greater connection with and appreciation of the natural environment.

I would like to thank Brian for all his help and wish him all the best for the future.

'GARDENING ON THE EDGE'

It may have been a wet weekend but there were a good number of visitors to the High School Activities Centre and many stopped by the Barung Display to ask questions, seek advice about plant species, purchase themed carry bags of tubestock, and learn more about the Hinterland Bush Links project.

It's always helpful to put 'your' place in the big picture and several visitors took advantage of the opportunity to locate their properties on the large regional map we displayed. All agreed that connecting pieces of protected habitat is a great idea. The focus of the display, HBL, connected Barung and our plant nursery to a wider audience, which can only help the environment.

A BIG THANK YOU TO OUR WONDERFUL WOOD EXPO VOLLIES - WE COULDN'T HAVE DONE IT WITHOUT YOU!

What a fantastic weekend! The weather, the crowd, the exhibitors and our vollies - it was all Good, as they say! The 2012 Maleny Wood Expo was a success and as always it is thanks in large part to our vollies, so thank you, Thank You, THANK YOU to everyone listed here, and everyone else who has helped! ... and we look forward to seeing you all again next year.

Tracy Adams
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[Steve Swayne]



SKILLING QUEENSLANDERS GRADUATION

by Kate Brooks

A big congratulations to the participants of the second intake for the Barung Landcare Suncoast Farmflow team. The fantastic four (Tom Fryer, Victor Kariz, Daniel Kennedy and Nathan McIntosh) graduated on Friday 11 May after 15 weeks of blood, sweat and tears. Joining them were the participants of the Maroochy Waterwatch, Noosa Landcare and Mooloolah River Waterwatch and Landcare groups.

During the graduation photo montages were rolling in the background and family and friends in the room got a glimpse of the work the participants had undertaken. As they received their certificates, there was a great sense of pride in the room toward them and their achievements.

What a job well done by all groups! The properties looked amazing and you could see the challenges each team had faced and overcome. I hope all the participants got a lot out of the course and go on to do bigger and brighter things!

Now to keep the admiration rolling ... here another couple of letters of thanks from the owners of a property we worked on:

Dear Kate,

Many thanks to you and to the Barung Green Army team – Vic, Tom, Dan and Nathan – for all the work you have done at our place. We really appreciate all that careful weeding of the revegetation areas adjacent to our roadside and northern boundary. We are especially pleased with the clearing and planting done near the waterhole. We inspected this area last weekend, and sniggered in a few black bean seeds amid the rocks and the lomandra that you planted. The area is looking fantastic.

Terry Boyle.

Dear Green Army members,

Thank you for this marvelous job performed at our property. Thank you to the strategists who were not discouraged but instead planned the battle and worked out how to manage the head-high wall of enemy weeds – creepers, lantana and privet; to the strong ones who hacked down the wall; to the patient ones who cleared the roots and rubble into neat nests; to those who carefully poisoned weeds with deft precision; to those who dug and planted multiple lomandra; to those who marked each with a bamboo stick. It looks like God's garden. You are all angels from heaven.

Once again, many thanks. Your efforts are much appreciated.

Rhonda Boyle.

Makes you a bit warm and fuzzy, doesn't it.



From left: Daniel Kennedy, Tom Fryer, Nathan McIntosh and Victor Kariz in action... learning about macroinvertebrates and their ties to water quality.

RANGE BEES TAKING OFF

RANGE BEES by Diane Clarke

Many people across the Range are actively encouraging bees into their little pieces of paradise. Some are concerned they've had no pumpkins, cucumbers or melons this year, and others think they have less bees than they used to have and want to encourage the bees back. Range Bees now has more than 130 people on our information email list and a growing group of members.

Range Bees meetings are held at 2 pm on the 2nd Saturday of the month. A recent meeting was facilitated by experienced local (native and honey) beekeepers and focused on the things you need to know and consider in getting started in bee keeping. Attendees had the opportunity to ask about equipment, costs, government requirements, success rates, and diseases.

Some Range Bee members attended a recent Valley Bees and Gympie Landcare workshop on building nests for solitary bees. This was a very interesting workshop and Range Bees are looking to hold a similar workshop.

At the Queensland Garden Expo at Nambour on 6–8 July, Rob Rabbe will have his display of native social stingless bee hives and we will be supporting him. If you have ever wondered what a native social stingless bee hive looks like, this will be an opportunity to see inside several hives.

If you are interested in joining Range Bees, want to be on the email list for upcoming events, want further information, or have a suggestion for a future meeting or field trip, please email rangebees@hotmail.com

Fascinating and colourful information brochures prepared by Valley Bees are hosted on the MRCCC website:

ATTRACT BEES is a 28-page highly informative overview about bees (honeybees as well as native social and solitary) and how you can help your local bees

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[Photos: Steve Swayne]

WOOTHA PRIZE PRESENTATION

After Master of Ceremonies, Ian MacKay, thanked all guests for attending and Bev Hand gave the Welcome to Country, the 16th annual Maleny Wood Expo was officially opened by the President of the Maleny Chamber of Commerce, Nathan Arrowsmith in the evening of Friday 4th May.

This was followed by the announcement of the winners of the 'One Door' themed Woottha Prize. This is the fifth year the Woottha Prize has run, forming the feature exhibition on the stage of the Main Pavilion. The three judges, Linda Nathan, Editor of the *Australian Wood Review*, Don Powell, renowned local timber sculptor, and Norman Richards, award-winning Maleny architect, decided to share the \$2500 first prize between Obi Valley woodworker Jack Wilms and Matt Bird from Guanaba. Jack's superbly finished 'Entrance Door' was hand-carved from red cedar and depicted a variety of Australian native animals, while Matt's 'The Guardian' was a chainsaw sculpture of a wizard carved from a massive mango tree (detail shown at right).

Second place was awarded to Maleny artist Ken Munsie for his sculpture 'Everywhere'. Constructed from recycled hardwoods, handmade paper, rusted metal and other found objects, the piece is part of a series of sculptures exploring the craft of assemblage. Pete Price of Whiteside won third prize with his beautifully crafted sculpture 'The Ascension', hand-carved from a single piece of Camphor Laurel and embellished with touches of mother of pearl in the intricate 'Door of Life'.

Thank you to Forestry Plantations Queensland, Landcare Queensland and Wasabi Marketing of Maleny for their generosity in sponsoring the prize monies; Steve Worley (Forestry Plantations Queensland), Tim Odgers (Vice-Chair, Landcare Queensland) and Juanita Anderson (Wasabi Marketing) for presenting the awards; and the judging panel for their time and expertise.

Special thanks must go to Forestry Plantations Queensland who have pledged their support for a minimum of three years. This support enabled new bamboo and fabric panels to be constructed for the exhibition which lifted the presentation of the Woottha Prize to a new level. Many thanks to Rob Brieschke for his help in designing and making the panels and assistance during set-up.

Thanks must also go to Heather Gall of Tree Frog Gallery for exhibiting the majority of pieces for a further three weeks post-Expo.

The Woottha Prize will be back in 2013 and application forms will be available soon from www.malenywoodexpo.org.au



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AUSTRALIAN BRUSH-TURKEY

RAINFOREST BIRDS OF THE BLACKALL RANGE by Eric Anderson

Brush- or scrub turkeys are large black fowl with prominent tails that are flattened sideways. They have bare red-skinned heads and necks with bright yellow wattles. Males and females are of similar size. The male's heads and wattles become much brighter during the breeding and nesting season. The underside of the body is sprinkled with white feathers, which are more pronounced in older birds. Chicks do not look much like their parents, being small, plump birds with rich brown feathers. They grow fast, and within a few months a chick will have the dull blue-black plumage and the characteristic upright tail of the adult. Its head and neck will have become a featherless rich pink.

Brush-turkeys are large ground-living birds but fly heavily up into trees, with flapping leaps to roost and to escape danger. The voice is a variety of harsh deep grunts and loud clucks. Males have a deep three-noted booming call.

The Brush-turkey's range extends along eastern Australia, from Cape York Peninsula south to the Illawarra region of New South Wales. They are most common in coastal districts but also in adjacent highlands, inhabiting rainforests and wet sclerophyll forests, but can also be found in drier scrubs west of the Dividing Range. They feed mainly on small reptiles, amphibians, insects, seeds and fallen fruits, which are exposed by raking the leaf litter or breaking open rotten logs with their large feet.

In Queensland they breed mainly from May to November. Their nest is a mound up to 4 m in diameter and 1.5 m high and constructed with leaves, other organic material and earth. Some 12 to 16 pure white, long-oval eggs, 91 by 64 mm, are laid in holes in the mound. The male regulates the temperature in the 33 to 35°C range. Incubation takes about 7 weeks, after which the young dig unaided to the surface and immediately begin fending for themselves. Perhaps because of this, the mortality rate for brush turkey chicks is high, with only about one in 200 chicks surviving to adulthood.

Brush-turkey eggs are a favourite food of goannas, snakes, dingos and dogs and once were a staple of Aboriginal Australians. Often goannas exhibit wounds on their tails, having been pecked by Brush-turkeys who ferociously chase them away from their nests. In situations where Brush-turkeys come into contact with humans, such as in picnic areas in national parks, they exhibit little fear and will often boldly attempt to steal food from tables.



Male Australian Brush-turkey. [Photo: Eric Anderson]

Brush-turkeys will nest in suburban gardens, and in search of material for their nests will patiently remove enormous amounts of mulch from neighbouring gardens. A standard garden can be stripped by a mound-building male Brush-turkey in less than a day. Once a male Brush-turkey has started to build its mound, it is extremely difficult to prevent it from continuing its efforts. If you disturb or move the mound during the day, the male will probably rebuild it in the same location the next day, persisting until the end of the breeding season.

No single method of deterrence has proved effective in all situations, but you can try spreading a heavy tarpaulin over the mound and weighing it down, to prevent the bird from working. Also, try diverting the bird's attention to a less attractive or valuable area of your garden by building a household compost mound. Ideally, this compost mound should be sited next to at least one large tree providing 80 to 95 per cent shade. The Brush-turkey may be attracted towards the area, and may eventually take over the compost mound as its nesting mound. For further ideas on how make your garden more Brush-turkey-proof refer to the DERM website:

www.derm.qld.gov.au/wildlife-ecosystems/wildlife/living_with_wildlife/brushturkey.html

BARUNG THANKS ITS EXPO VOLLIES

Eric Anderson and his tireless Board cohort thanked this year's Wood Expo vollies for their cheerful and dedicated efforts towards producing a successful outcome to our showcase fundraiser by putting on a barbie down at Lake Baroon in glorious sunshine. The heartfelt thanks were appreciated all-round and we are all looking forward to next year.



CARING FOR WILDLIFE

For information on rescuing, rearing, rehabilitating and releasing native animals back to the wild, check out the WILVOs (Wildlife Volunteers Association) website on

www.wilvos.org.au

or phone the hotline (07) 5441 6200.



BIOCONTROLS FOR VINE WEEDS

Biocontrol agents are now available that are active against Cat's Claw Creeper and Madeira Vine. See article on page 10 of the new *CodLine* (Issue 23) at www.mrccc.org.au/newsletters.html

Contact the Mary River Catchment Coordinating Committee for more information on mrccc@ozwide.net.au or 5482 4766

KIDS ACTIVE IN THE ENVIRONMENT

The Sunshine Coast Council is coordinating an annual regional youth forum called 'Kids in Action', targeted at local schools, which will focus on local environmental issues. The event is a kids-oriented peer teaching conference, for kids by kids, with interactive workshops and presentations. Karen Shaw and Clare Kitley, from Brush Turkey Enterprises, are coordinating this event for Michael Gilles, Community Nature Conservation Officer at the Sunshine Coast Regional Council.

The event will be held in the Australia Post 'Kids Teaching Kids' week in August and will incorporate student-led presentations and activities, professional entertainment and hands on activities. Twenty-five local schools will be involved in the event.

In their presentations they will be celebrating and showcasing sustainable environmental initiatives in their school or educating other students about an environmental issue or topic locally relevant to their school and community.

This event builds on a two year history of Sunshine Coast Council's involvement with the Australia Post Kids Teaching Kids conferences where council partnered with community organisations to host environmental projects days and mentor schools to assist them in preparing for conference workshops.

The event will be held on Wednesday 29 August at Lake Kawana Community Centre and Thursday 30 at the Lower Mooloolah



River Environment Reserve with a variety of Environmental Project Activities.

This will be a fantastic experience for students, teachers and environmental professionals. The aim of the conference is to inspire students and cultivate a culture of sustainability in our Sunshine Coast community.

We feel that kids are prepared to take up the challenges of improving our environment when they are given responsibility to manage their own learning.

The theme for this year's conference is 'Our Green Community' and the aim is to inspire students and cultivate a culture of sustainability in our Sunshine Coast community. It will provide an opportunity for Sunshine Coast youth to develop skills, capabilities and confidence in taking action and building leadership around environmental issues.

It builds on the Australia Post Kids Teaching Kids model in engaging and supporting local schools to address a local environmental issue through curriculum inquiry and strategic teacher resourcing and training in effective environmental education.

Community groups are invited to work with and mentor students in a variety of environmental initiatives and practice. The conference will embed indigenous and environmental art activities into its program.

For more information, contact Karen & Clare at education@brushturkey.com.au or phone 07 5494 3642.

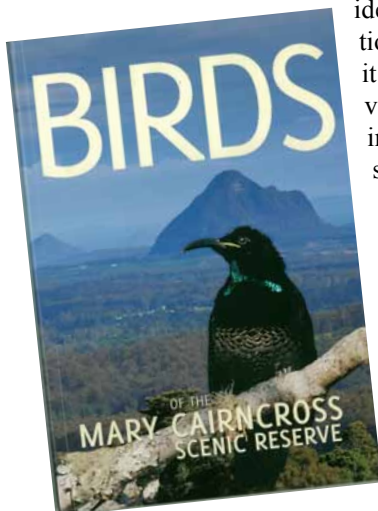
BOOK REVIEWS

Birds of the Mary Cairncross Scenic Reserve

The focus of this handy-sized book is identification rather than detailed information, and this is served very well by the excellent photos of local birds which have been provided by more than a dozen contributing photographers. Photos of just over one hundred bird species are accompanied by information that further supports

identification, such as a description of the bird's call and where it is most likely to be seen in the vegetation profile. A little general information helps to place each species in perspective.

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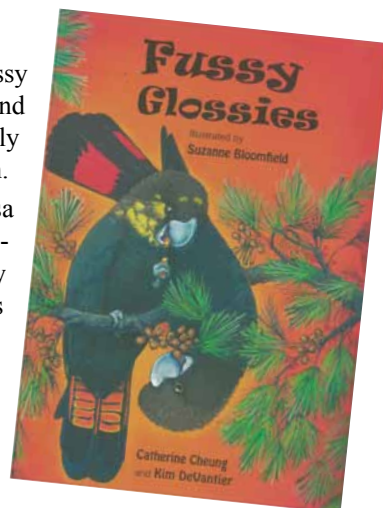
Fussy Glossies

This delightful children's book by Catherine Cheung and Kim De Vantier and beautifully illustrated by Suzanne Bloomfield integrates a surprising

amount of information about Glossy Black Cockatoo ecology, threats and conservation efforts into a lightly toned and chatty tale for children.

The book is published by Noosa Integrated Catchment Association with support from the Glossy Black Conservancy. All proceeds from the book will be used for environmental education and protection.

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WOOD EXPO RAFFLE RESULTS

by Raine See

Once again we have had a very successful raffle which raised \$6500 to help Barung function for the next year. Maleny people and businesses have always been very supportive of our raffle with this year being no exception. Many people commented on the quality of the prizes, and the quantity too! Many tickets were sold solely on the quality of the prizes.

Here is the list of prize winners, and once again we do thank the generous prize donors for their support:

- Robyn Taylor won two nights' mid-week accommodation worth \$490 at the **Bamboo Retreat B&B**
- Nathan Arrowsmith won \$400 worth of chainsaw from **Stihl Shop Nambour**
- Tanya Puglisi won a voucher for a luncheon or dinner for two worth \$250 from **King Ludwigs Restaurant**
- John Muir won two organic wool pillows worth \$210 from **Blessed Earth**
- James Reid won an organic food and wine hamper worth \$150 from **Maple Street Co-Op**
- Mark and Kim Alexander won a hand-crafted bush milking stool worth \$150 by **Richard Knight**
- Samantha Outridge won a lunch degustation worth \$100 from the **Reserve Restaurant**
- Paul Hills won two \$50 vouchers (total \$100) to **The Terrace of Maleny Restaurant**
- Margaret Owens won a pottery platter worth \$94 from **Reid Pottery**
- Kate Fraser won four local books written by **Elaine Green** worth \$70
- Garnet Kruch won a dinner for two worth \$60 at the **2Sisters Restaurant**, Maleny
- Mr Newman won a gift voucher worth \$20 from **Maleny Jewellers**
- and Ray Kelly won the Book Buyer's Prize of one night's accommodation in a luxury villa worth \$399 at **Spicers Tamarind Retreat**.

To make it all possible I enlisted the help of 24 willing volunteers. My sincere thanks go to Martina Gordon who smiled so widely at the local businesses to get the donations. Many thanks go to our ticket seller extraordinaire, Bridget Sparkes, for making herself and her home available for picking up and delivering tickets and money in the weeks before the event and for breaking her own selling record with her accomplice, Lynn Hill, at the entrance to the pavilion on Saturday morning. They sold \$920 worth of tickets in 4 hours! Well done.

The other great people who helped were Pamela Hand, Jackie Montgomery, Carolyn Willadsen, Mark Burgunder, Linda Ivezic, Jill Morris, Lin Fairlie, Dianne Brown, Penny Rogan, Patricia Geritz, Janet Carew, Claire Smith, Ted McCosker and his daughters, Rebecca and Jessica, Ted and Eunice Prickett, Jim Cox, Pam Magdefrau, Brian Ross and Renee Billing (it was good to have some young blood helping out). It wouldn't have happened without them!

Many thanks must also go to Kellie Huddy in the office who kept track of and banked the money we collected – a mammoth job. Also in the office, Lyn Finlay spent many hours collating and keeping track of the raffle ticket books. A big thank you to both of you.



GETTING READY FOR ACTION

LANDSBOROUGH NURSERY by Jonathan Waites (Projects Officer)

Construction has been continuing at the Landsborough nursery site. We now have two concrete ramps which will provide trolley access from the potting up shed to the shadehouse and out of the shadehouse up onto the growing out area. We also now have a better-block walled bin for bark chip on the concrete pad alongside the potting up shed, and a retaining wall around the pad on which the treated water supply tanks sit.

Wayne has been working hard to complete the irrigation layout over the growing out area. We need to set up the diesel pump, put in a coarse water filter prior to the sand filter, commission the sand filter and we'll be in business – it should be done by the time you read this!

At this stage there will be opportunities for regular volunteering in our new nursery – be the first to sign on! And bring a friend.

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25 Aug - 2 Sept

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More info: Check the Events Calendar closer to the time at

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GRANT PROGRAMS

EVERYONE'S ENVIRONMENT GRANT

The \$12 million Everyone's Environment grant program (Qld Dept of Environment & Heritage Protection) will provide for grants between \$2000 and \$100 000 over the next three years to tackle environmental degradation. The program will be targeted towards established local community groups that have successfully delivered projects to support or protect the natural environment. Applications open 1 July 2012.

More info: www.ehp.qld.gov.au/grants/index.html

VOLUNTEER GRANTS 2012

Funding of \$16 million is available through the Volunteer Grants 2012 program to support and encourage volunteering. Eligible not-for-profit community organisations can apply for grants of between \$1000 and \$5000 to support their volunteers with equipment and costs. Applications close 25 July 2012. More info:

www.fahcsia.gov.au/sa/volunteers/funding/Pages/volunteer_grants2012.aspx

COLES GARDEN GRANTS

The Coles Junior Landcare Garden Grants program offers grants of up to \$1000 to schools, preschools, kindergartens and community groups involving young people to help set up gardens in communities and school grounds. Applications close 5 pm Friday 27 July.

More info: www.juniorlandcare.com.au/grants-2/coles-grant

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June Godkin
Kathleen Earsman
Patricia Cranney
Stephen Moran, Marie Reeve & Family

KOALA NATURE REFUGES PROGRAM

The Queensland Government wants to partner with landholders to revegetate and manage koala habitat on their properties. Landholders whose property lies within the SEQ Koala Protection Area (which includes Sunshine Coast and Moreton Bay council areas) and who are interested in managing all or part of their property for koala conservation can apply to establish a Koala Nature Refuge.

The Koala Nature Refuge must cover at least two hectares of the property and contain at least one hectare of land that is deemed of 'high' or 'medium' suitability for rehabilitation with koala habitat trees. Funding can be applied for to revegetate the cleared

or degraded land nominated as well as for other activities that will improve koala habitat such as fencing and weed control.

Successful applicants are required to enter into a perpetual and binding nature refuge agreement with the Department of Environment and Resource Management in order to receive the funding. These agreements are negotiated directly with the landholder and are designed to suit current land management requirements. Applicants who wish to find out whether they are eligible can contact DERM with their Lot on Plan info or request a map online.

To find out more about the Koala Nature Refuges Program:

- download the brochures and guidelines at the DERM website:
www.derm.qld.gov.au/wildlife-ecosystems/nature_refuges/koala-nature-refuges.html
- phone DERM on (07) 3330 5359 or 13 74 68 (local call) and ask to speak with a Nature Refuge Officer
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