

# BARUNG

## LANDCARE NEWS

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2013



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## JUST WOW!

**A bird's eye view of Barung's 2013 Maleny Wood Expo from a Maleny newcomer and Barung vollaie**

*by Martina Gordon*

This is my second Maleny Wood Expo and I have to say it was a thoroughly unique, enjoyable and informative experience.

I still recall the delicious scent of freshly cut timber, the stunning artistry of the timber makers – from beautiful small delicate inlaid boxes to raw rough chain-sawed works with creatures brought to life out of the wood, and everything you can imagine in between!

It's fantastic – the talent that emerges out of the woodwork (literally) to this little town of Maleny once a year is astonishing.

As with many events up here, the Maleny Wood Expo would not succeed without the enormous support of the community: volunteers were everywhere, welcoming at the gate, making yummy burgers at the BBQ, helping with parking, selling raffle tickets to one and all – the list of their contributions is endless. I am truly impressed how everyone helps.

There was entertainment for young and old, great country food, and workshops to participate in if you wanted to learn anything about timber and making stuff.

If you want to get back that old feeling of community and relive how everyone pitches in and helps each other out, this is the place to come to. Put it in your diary for 2014 – the first weekend in May. I have!



*[Photos this page by Steve Swayne]*





# BARUNG 2013 LANDCARE WEEK PROGRAM

Please register for all activities either online at [www.barunglandcare.org.au](http://www.barunglandcare.org.au) or through the office on 5494 3151.  
Wear sensible clothing suited to the activity.

## Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> September

### Propagating native plants from seeds (workshop)

A discussion/demonstration of basic techniques of seed collecting, processing and sowing. At Barung Wholesale Nursery, 135 Forestry Road, Landsborough. Presented by Wayne Webb, Nursery Manager, Barung Landcare. 10 am to 12 noon, followed by a free sausage sizzle.

**Registration:** via Barung; max. 20 attendees.

## Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September

### Rainforest revegetation visit

Field trip for Barung Nursery volunteers and potential volunteers. At Ensby Road, Flaxton. Coordinated by Fuschia Collard. Meet for car-pooling at Barung's Porters Lane Nursery by 8.30 am. Lunch provided and finish by 1 pm.

**Registration:** via Barung.

## Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> September

### Bird and Plant ID Walk at Flaxton

Led by Eric Anderson & Diana O'Connor: Come join us on our morning 3 km walk in Flaxton where we would expect to see and/or hear 40 bird species. Over the last ten years we have recorded over 100 birds on this walk. Along the way we will also identify many of the local rainforest trees. Meet at 1 Alice Dixon Drive, Flaxton at 8 am. Expect the walk to take up to 2 hours. Enhance the experience by bringing your binoculars, bird book and plant ID book. Finish with morning tea at 1 Alice Dixon Drive.

**Registration:** via Barung; max. 20 attendees.

## Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> September

### Sunshine Coast Kids in Action Environment Project

Supported by Barung, on the Maleny Community Precinct.

For more details go to

[www.sunshinecoast.qld.gov.au/kidsinaction](http://www.sunshinecoast.qld.gov.au/kidsinaction)

**Registration:** Coordinator, Karen Shaw on 0427 607 628  
or [education@brushturkey.com.au](mailto:education@brushturkey.com.au)

## Friday 6<sup>th</sup> September

### Landslips (workshop and field inspection)

An update on the latest learnings on landslips – check Barung website for further details. Coordinated by David Clark and Jonathan Waites. At Maleny Mountain Wines, 787 Landsborough Maleny Road, Maleny. Start 9 am.

**Registration:** essential – numbers limited;  
via Barung phone or website.

## Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> September

### Connecting our landscape for biodiversity conservation in the Sunshine Coast Region

Joint presentation by Susie Duncan of Hinterland Bush Links and Richard Newton (Sunshine Coast Council) on the importance of connecting our landscapes and how this can be achieved.

At Sunshine Coast Conservation Forum, 8.30 am – 3.30 pm, Lake Kawana Community Centre.

**Registration:** Phone 5475 8851 to request an invitation if you haven't received one; registration free.

## AN EXPO LETTER!

Dear Eric,

It was a pleasure to be part of another fantastic Wood Expo. Please pass on our thanks to Steve and everyone at Barung for their hard work.

Also a huge thank you again for providing us with the marquee in the new cooler location; we appreciated being next to the stage, the barbeque and the doughnuts!



This year our 6 youth trainees were an absolute delight to work with. Our two mentor/managers were graduates of the trainee program from previous years who worked alongside the younger youth learning how to train others as well as manage a busy café situation. Our sales were strong this year which is reflected in the larger donation we were able to make.

Please find enclosed a donation for \$2100. We accepted 116 vouchers (value \$464) and also paid a full site fee of \$400.

With kind regards,

Karen & Richard Barnett, Montville Coffee



[Photos by Steve Swayne]

# AN ACTIVE TIME

*PRESIDENT'S REPORT by Eric Anderson*

A warm welcome to new Committee Member Dianne Clarke. On a very different note, our condolences go to Wayne Webb and Jonathan Waites who recently lost their mothers.

Following the closure of the Riverside Centre office we are settling into our small new office in the Hinterland Business Centre in Coral Street. The opportunity to move here came as our 'gear' and much junk was about to be transported to the accommodation we have at the Landsborough Nursery.

Do call in sometime and say hello to our Administration Officer, Kellie Huddy, as she welcomes the company and the chance to assist in any way possible.

Every Thursday we are still hiring the Community Centre Kiosk. Many thanks to the volunteers who attend to the Kiosk, **but more are needed**. Contact Kellie at the office if you can spare a couple of hours every month or so to help out.

## **Production underway at Landsborough**

Under the supervision and help of Wayne Webb and Jonathan Waites, and with the assistance of many volunteers, most of the 'construction' at the Landsborough Nursery has been completed.

Plant production is now progressing in earnest, again with the assistance of volunteers, led at the 'sowing' phase by Diana O'Connor and at the 'potting' phase by Alan Felmingham – a special thanks to each of them.

We are always looking for more volunteers and if you would like to assist please contact Wayne (0429 943 153).

## **Plant sales at Porters Lane**

Although plant *production* has moved to Landsborough, we have maintained all of our plant *sales* at the Porters Lane site in North Maleny. This Nursery is open for sales as 'normal' between 9 am and 3 pm, Wednesday to Friday. Look for changes in the coming months as the site becomes more customer-friendly.

## **Recent and future events**

Good organisation, good weather and good attendance, particularly on the Saturday, ensured that we had a very successful Wood Expo in May. Many thanks to the prime organisers Steve McLeish and Mim Coulstock, all Staff and Committee who contributed and the numerous volunteers who put in countless hours of work.

Many thanks to Susie Duncan, Coordinator of Hinterland Bush Links, for her untiring efforts with the number of on-ground activities and events she runs. Details of recent activities will be reported elsewhere in this newsletter and coming events can always be found in the calendar on our web site.

Other recent on-ground activities Barung has been involved in include three tree plantings –

- 25<sup>th</sup> May – Community Tree Planting at Russell Family Park, Montville, where 39 people planted 935 trees across 85 species
- 5<sup>th</sup> June – Unity Water Environment Day Tree Planting on the Maleny Precinct where about 40 people planted about 1500 trees
- 26<sup>th</sup> July – Schools' National Tree Day Planting at the Ananda Marga River School where 80 children planted 230 trees across 54 species (page 12).

Please note elsewhere the date claimers for our Landcare Week activities 2<sup>nd</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup> September and our 2013 AGM on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> October.



*Raine See and Lindsay Kruger providing a Barung Landcare presence at the Community Centre Kiosk. Stop by for a chat! (Call for volunteers, page 8.)*

## THANK YOU TO ...

... **Raine See, Lyn Finlay, Margo** and **Denis Lalor** for doing the April–May *Barung News* folding and distribution on a public holiday – Anzac Day!

... **Kerry Sluggett, Clare Sluggett, Ruth Blanch, Doug Blanch, John Dillon, Joan Dillon, Daryl Reinke, Craig Hosmer, Eric Anderson, Diana O'Connor, Ian Webster, Dianne Lanske** and **Mim Coulstock** for helping with the Nambour Garden Expo.

And thank you to all our **nursery volunteers**. We couldn't do it without you!

AND

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

... and thank you to **Ranyan, Abdul, Ahmid** and **Kanna**, participants in the Village Nursery Project, and **Nat Richie** (Homestay Host) for helping with set-up and pull-down for this year's Maleny Wood Expo (photo below).



## Weed ID apps

The Weeds Society of Queensland's book *Weeds of Southern Queensland* is now available electronically as an app both in Android and Apple format.

- **Google Play Store:** search on **weeds qld**
- **App Store:** search on **weed society**



# PORTERS LANE NURSERY NEWS - the pictorial version!



*Remember to bring your sunnies next time you visit the Barung Nursery. Office walls washed by Shelley and Reece. Plants by Marisse.*



*Some of the wire table tops have been removed to use at Landsborough nursery. Thank you John for repairing what was left.*

## PLANT PRICES

Due to the rising cost of **Everything** we have decided to review our retail prices.

- Native tubes will now retail at \$2.50 incl GST.
- Members still receive 10% discount or up to a whopping 34% discount if spending \$250 or more.
- Wholesale price stays at \$1.65 including GST.

The new stock list will be up on the Barung website in the next couple of weeks.

We have received many compliments about our healthy stock over the last few months (thanks to Wayne and his team) so if you haven't seen it yet, how about heading out to the end of Porters Lane for a visit? We'd love to see you.



*Marisse, Matt, Ody and Daryl worked all day to clear one side of shade house in preparation for the weedmat.*

## MALENY WOOD EXPO 2013!



*[Expo photos this page by Steve Swayne]*



# RENOVATIONS AT PORTERS LANE NURSERY

## NURSERY NOTES by Fuschia Collard

Hi everyone. Hope you are enjoying the reflections of winter. It's been quite mild this year. I have only seen one frost down by the creek behind the showgrounds and the regular showers of rain have kept many of you planting.

### 1000s of trees planted

Speaking of plantings, thousands of our babies went to new homes across the Blackall Range during the week we celebrated 'World Environment Day'. I was fortunate to be invited to the Unity Water tree planting that week. I had a great time hanging out with the Year 5 kids from the Ananda Marga River School. They enthusiastically planted hundreds of tubestock, including a few 'Silky Oaks' (that's the name of their class). You may be able to see the tree guards behind Cloudwalk Estate. Thanks to Christen, the Year 5 teacher, for inspiring these future Landcarers to get involved.

I also enjoyed meeting staff from Unity Water. Their eagerness to contribute to the environment was moving and their BBQ lighting skills were outstanding! Thank you for helping our local environment change for the better. Around 1400 trees went in the ground that day and a total of about 4000 plants for the entire week. Well done everybody, you made my heart sing and you made us feel that what we do is all worthwhile.

### Great day at the Garden Expo

Some of you may have seen us at the Qld Garden Expo in Nambour over the weekend of 5-7 July. We were blessed with good weather and the weekend went off without a hitch. It was great to see returning customers from previous years, many of whom deliberately hunted us down. We sold themed bags and buckets again, with the most popular being for birds and butterflies. We only sold stock from our own nursery, keeping our expenses down, which meant we made more of a profit for Barung.

Thanks to Eric Anderson, Diana O'Connor, John and John Dillon, Daryl Reinke, Craig Hosmer, Ian Webster, Dianne Lanske and Mim Coulstock for volunteering to attend the stall. Once again it was a huge team effort from our regular vollies, with special thanks to Ruth Blanch for organising all the stock, Kerry and Clare Sluggett and their trusty truck, and Doug Blanch for helping set up.

If you have never been to the Garden Expo before I would encourage you to come along next year. There's heaps to see and some amazing speakers but you may want to come with a budget because there are always lots of fabulous things to buy.

### Retail stays at Porters Lane

Just in case you haven't caught up with the news, it has been decided that the Porters Lane North Maleny nursery will stay open until we can move to our new home on the precinct sometime in the future. This means all nursery sales and enquiries will be handled at Porters Lane (0429 943 152 Wed-Fri or [nursery@barunglandcare.org.au](mailto:nursery@barunglandcare.org.au)) while all growing and production will happen at Landsborough (0429 943 153).

Wayne keeps likening our Landsborough nursery to the Weet Bix factory... 'We don't buy our Weet Bix from the Weet Bix factory,' he says. I think he is trying to say that our Landsborough Native Plant Factory is not set up for general sales, so please keep coming to see us at North Maleny.

With this now known, we can start making changes to Porters Lane. We are in the process of culling, fertilising, moving stock up to one level, redesigning and establishing a more vibrant and

welcoming area for our customers. We are working towards laying weed matt on the top level of the nursery and extending the sales area into the shade house.

### Wonderful vollies

There is A LOT to do with only a small band of merry men and women to help. Many thanks to the main stayers – Ruth Blanch, Marisse Anderson, John Arias and Alan Bannister. I don't know where we would be without you and I am looking forward to working together to create a more beautiful nursery.

Speaking of volunteers we would like to welcome Shelley Besford and Reece Fidler on board. Shelley is keen to learn more about our local species and Reece is happy to help in whatever way he can. Thank you for joining us, we really appreciate it.

We are also grateful for the help of Runjan and Kanna from the Village Nursery Project. It is so wonderful to see their smiling faces while they are working hard on whatever tasks they are given. Thanks guys. You have become an important part of our team and we hope you can stay on a bit longer.

You may also have noticed Dianne Lanske and Ian Webster stocking up our sales area on Wednesday mornings. Thanks guys, we are so happy to have you on board, especially seeing Dianne is the Bake-off Queen of Barung and Ian has a great sense of humour making Wednesday morning teas the place to be.

### Nursery Subcommittee

I am extremely happy to announce that we have started a Nursery Subcommittee again to help with the massive amount of planning and work required over the next few months. (I can literally feel the weight lifting off my shoulders!) Thank you to Daryl Reinke, Craig Hosmer, Diane Lanske, Ian Webster and Diana O'Connor for answering the call. I can't wait to start working with you.

That's about it from me for now. Keep smiling.

## Wanted Donation of old CARAVAN or SIMILAR

We are redesigning the top level of the Porters Lane nursery and require a temporary office space. This would enable us to streamline sales and provide a more efficient service to our valued customers.

It would save us a lot of effort and expense in trying to move the existing council donga (and we are not sure it can be moved, in any case).

Please phone Fuschia (Wed-Fri) on 0429 943 152 or Wayne (Mon-Thur) on 0429 943 153.

## A LETTER

Hi Fuschia,

*Just writing to thank you for all your help with our first incentive voucher from Land for Wildlife. We collected that last box last Saturday and now all tubestocks are planted! It's such a good feeling, especially since we've also been fortunate with the weather and rain...*

*Looking forward to hopefully being granted more incentive plantings in the future and seeing our remnant areas expand.*

Carla & Rob, Eudlo

# SHARING BUSH RESTORATION WITH YOUR NEIGHBOURS

By *Susie Duncan*

*Coordinator, Hinterland Bush Links*

Connecting the bush has a lot to do with connecting people. Hinterland Bush Links has been busy running workshops, presentations and Roving Restorers days over the past few months to achieve just that.

We had a great day at Crystal Waters where Geckoes Wildlife introduced us to a lot of our wildlife neighbours, and locals from the Upper Mary talked about their restoration projects. Further down the Mary at Cambroon, local people came to a workshop to find out how landholders have restored bush from the Blackall Range to the Mary River. In the Obi Valley we joined Council to introduce the community to Kirby's Road Reserve which links Kondalilla with Maleny National Park. And through Roving Restorers, Bushcare and other events, we have weeded and planted our way across many sites in the Upper Mary and Blackall Range.

So why do people come to these events particularly when there is a bit of labour involved? Well apart from a love of the bush and delicious morning teas, I think many of us are looking to share company and the bush restoration load with others. Roving Restorers can help landholders on an occasional basis but many people need assistance more frequently.

Setting up a local Bushlink group may be a way to achieve this support.

In Mooloolah a group of Land for Wildlife property holders rotate monthly around each other's property, doing whatever is required and then socialising afterwards. There is a lot of scope for similar groups to come together across the Blackall Range and surrounds. You may spend just as much time out doing the restoration work but the synergy involved in working with others may achieve greater results. And the chances are it will be more fun!

If you're interested in setting up a Bushlink group in your district and don't know where to start, give me a ring on 5429 6622 and we can talk about how to kick it off.

Happy connecting.

[www.hinterlandbushlinks.org](http://www.hinterlandbushlinks.org)



## SPALTING

*FUNGAL FORAY by Gretchen Evans*

Wandering around the Wood Expo admiring the furniture displays, most people recognise red cedar, silky oak, camphor laurel etc by their beautiful grains and patterns revealed when the timber is highly polished by the craftspeople.

But I discovered a quite different and intriguing pattern within the surface of a blackwood table top made by Richard Knight. Talking to him I learned about an aspect of fungal growth I'd known nothing about.

Of course I knew that fungal threads grow through trees, often killing their hosts, but I was unaware that interesting changes in colour induced by early stages of fungal growth are used by woodworkers, and that this effect is called spalting.

When I Googled it, most of the information was about trees in the northern hemisphere; it seems spalting is used widely by woodworkers there.

The fungal threads grow through the outer, younger sapwood, and different fungi cause different patterns. Some cause white rot, for example Rainbow Fungus (which I covered last year in the *Barung News*).



*Spalting in a blackwood *Acacia melanoxylon* table by Richard Knight.*  
[Photo: Steve Swain]

I have little information about the phenomenon in Australia but I have been told that what is called 'bluestain' can be found in hoop pines. 'Zone lines' is another effect, probably caused by two different fungi erecting barriers between them during growth.



# FINDING THE OFFICE!

## BARUNG OFFICE NEWS BY Kellie Huddy

For those of you who were not aware, the Barung Office and retail section has moved to a new location. We are still here in Maleny to provide a service to the community and we will help you any way we can.

We are located in Room 1 at the Hinterland Business Centre building, 38A Coral Street, Maleny. It's a cosy spot, but we still provide the same resources from here for Barung members.

We sell all our publications from the office and we continue to provide a place to become a new member or renew your existing memberships.

We still offer a plant identification service, so just drop in your leaves, fruits and flowers and they will be checked out by our Nursery or Contracting Staff.

**So don't be shy - next time you're in town, come on in and say Hello!**

*Enter the building at the SIDE  
- follow the path on the right*



**BARUNG'S  
NEW OFFICE**  
*Follow the signs  
around the*  
**HINTERLAND  
BUSINESS CENTRE**  
**38A Coral Street**

## Hinterland Bush Links EVENTS



### First Friday of each month

#### **Little Yabba Park Bushcare, Cambroon, 8-11am**

Members are restoring vegetation along the banks of Little Yabba Creek. Work activities followed by a cuppa and short bushwalk. New members very welcome. **Contact Susie 5429 6622.**

### Saturday 7 September

#### **Presentation: Connecting our landscape for biodiversity conservation in the Sunshine Coast Region**

Sunshine Coast Conservation Forum, Lake Kawana Community Centre, 8.30 am – 3.30 pm. Susie Duncan from Hinterland Bush Links and Richard Newton from Sunshine Coast Council will present jointly. If you haven't received an invitation from Council already, you can register by calling 5475 8851.

### Saturday 14 September

#### **Bushcare's Major Day Out, Crystal Waters, 9 am - 2 pm**

Join us for Bushcare's Major Day Out – a national event engaging communities in local bush restoration. Morning of planting and weeding activities on the Mary River followed by a cuppa, cake and guided walk on the property. See below for more info.

### Friday 25 October

#### **Roving Restorers, Hunchy near Montville, 9 am - noon**

A shady morning of weeding at Joan & John Dillon's property. A great opportunity to see restoration undertaken in stages over the past 14 years from when it was a cleared, weed-infested site. See below for more info.

#### **More info! for the Major Day Out and Roving Restorers:**

- Register at Barung on [www.barunglandcare.org.au](http://www.barunglandcare.org.au) or 5494 3151
- Car pool at the back of the IGA carpark in Maleny at 8.15 am or travel independently (call 5429 6622 for directions) for a 9 am start.
- All tools will be provided. Morning tea provided.
- Bring gloves, water, lunch, boots, long-sleeved shirt and trousers, hat, sunscreen and insect repellent.

## DEAD MAN'S FINGERS

### FUNGAL FORAY by Gretchen Evans

This is a fairly common fungus found in clusters on dead logs in rainforest such as at Mary Cairncross Scenic Reserve. *Xylaria polymorpha* appear as black woody club-shaped or sometimes flattened structures which can resemble digits, hence the common name of Dead Man's Fingers.

They can be up to 10 cm tall. Older specimens are black. Younger specimens may appear whitish when covered in spores; these are asexual spores.



*Dead Man's Fingers*  
[Photo: Fran Guard]

If you cut a cross section, you will find that the flesh is white but there is a ring of dark globe-shaped structures below the surface containing the spores. The spores are shed through holes in the 'globes' and this gives the surface of the fungus a dimpled appearance. Spores can be dispersed over a long period.

## MORE EVENTS

### Threatened Species 'UNDONE' 'UNREAL'

1 September, 9 am – 4 pm: Art and ecology celebration for children and adults at Maroochy Regional Bushland Botanic Garden. More info: search on Unreal at

[community.sunshinecoast.qld.gov.au](http://community.sunshinecoast.qld.gov.au)

### Queensland STATE LANDCARE CONFERENCE

"Healthy Habitats... Profitable Production"

27–29 September, Warwick: Incorporating a Junior Landcare Program for children accompanying conference attendees!

More info: [headwaters.ddrlandcare.org](http://headwaters.ddrlandcare.org)

# BIRDS IN THE GARDEN

*THE ORNAMENTAL GARDEN by Joan Dillon*

Back in 2007, Greening Australia ACT produced a glovebox guide about bringing back birds. It was directed at revegetation sites with surveys, scientific analysis and all the correct techniques to give unbiased results. 113 species were recorded in revegetated sites although numbers per species naturally varied depending on preferred food and nesting sites, cover and so on. The surveys identified the birds breeding in revegetated sites at the time and provided pointers to designing revegetation projects with birds in mind. How far will certain species fly over open ground, how much litter is needed for insect foraging, is open space needed for feeding – the lawn perhaps?

All of this took place of course in a very different environment but many of the birds listed are found here either as seasonal migrants or permanent residents. In other words these species are widely distributed.

A similar survey of our gardens and adjacent vegetation could also produce interesting results. It was evident that our vegetation is much more attractive to the Eastern Yellow Robin which prefers dense, dark vegetation, but we would be unlikely to see birds of the open woodland.

Do we have a reader who could undertake the design of a similar survey and train members to do the actual surveying?

We have so many birds here. A recent survey of this property undertaken by Faunawatch recorded 3 species of which I was previously unaware, and made me realise I really do need to learn bird calls.

Any birdos out there with some spare time?

Still on the birds and gardens theme, I was very fortunate recently to acquire a copy of the best book on 'birdscaping' a garden I have ever seen. I was asked to review it so how lucky can you get?

It is full of fabulous photos, lists suitable plants **with their natural distribution**, rather than automatically suggesting species which we know will not grow here, provides detailed information on a



*Yellow-tailed Black Cockatoos demolishing the Banksia robur.*

[Photo: John Dillon]

range of birds likely to visit gardens, plus lists of other plant and bird groups, and a selection of beautiful images of established birdscaped gardens. It's hard cover and obviously expensive so persuade someone to buy it for you for Xmas! The title is 'Birdscaping Australian Gardens', author George Adams.

The ornamental garden is already alive with grey fantails, and honeyeaters which usually arrive to enjoy the melaleuca (bottlebrush) flowers, are beginning to make an appearance.

In the meantime, the wallum garden is flowering. *Acacia hubbardi* has been in flower for weeks, *Hovea acutifolia* is a mass of blue/purple, *Phebalium woombye* is starting to flower and various leptospermums are showing colour. A large *Melaleuca viminalis* in the main garden is bringing in the honeyeaters and wonderful Yellow-tailed Black Cockatoos are demolishing the *Banksia robur*.

I'm quite impressed by the form of *Gahnia aspera* and a Wallum Grass Tree *Xanthorrhoea fulva* is throwing up its first flower spike. I wait to see which birds will come to feed there.

## KIOSK'S A SUCCESS - JOIN IN AND VOLUNTEER

Barung Landcare's use of the Maple Street kiosk on Thursdays has been popular with Maleny locals who purchase plants and books, and with visitors and tourists who are eager to hear about our community group and the great work we do.

Over the last couple of months, our volunteers have had many enjoyable chats with passers-by and given out information and membership brochures. Our Thursdays at the kiosk have been successful in lifting Barung's profile and staying in contact with the community.

You can also help - if you have time to volunteer for a morning or an afternoon shift, then please contact Barung's office on 5494 3151. All the materials needed are packaged, delivered and picked up; all you need to do is set up or pack up, depending on your shift. See you there!

## LINDSAY KRUGER

### COMMITTEE MEMBER PROFILE

As a founding member and committee member of Barung, I fondly recall the early days when vet David Wilson and Dean Cameron established Barung by holding meetings at David's veterinary practice in Maple Street and at the Montville Hall.

Maleny and this region have exceptional natural beauty and a community that has generated great ideas. Barung Landcare's dynamic volunteers and staff have carried out many far-sighted projects in helping to re-establish biodiversity in our fragile environment and in supporting sustainable agricultural practices. It's also been a wonderful vehicle for education.

I have often been away from Maleny in the past ten years, but I have always returned. I have worked as a project officer for state and local governments, managing some high-profile state-wide, regional and city-wide events/projects. My roles have included identifying and establishing community, private enterprise and government stakeholder partnerships and achieving successful project outcomes within budget.

I believe Barung's projects and environmental services are just as important today as they were years ago, as the Sunshine Coast is developing and our population grows, and as we face human-induced climate change.



# TAWNY FROGMOUTH

*BIRDS OF THE BLACKALL RANGE by Eric Anderson*

The Tawny Frogmouth is a common Australian nocturnal bird. It is often mistaken for an owl but is more closely related to nightjars.

Tawny Frogmouths catch their prey with their beaks rather than their feet (talons) like owls. However, like owls, their large eyes and excellent hearing aid their nocturnal hunting.

This is a 34–53 cm long owl-like bird with a distinctive beak, a long tail and eyes that do not face forward. The upper body is mottled fawnish-grey and buff-white and the underbody pale grey streaked black. The eyes are yellow to orange-yellow with a slight pale eyebrow. The sexes are fairly alike with the male being a little darker and greyer with bolder, more marbled markings; the female is plainer, browner and less marbled.

A similar bird occurring locally, and favouring rainforest habitats, is the Marbled Frogmouth. It differs from the Tawny Frogmouth in having orange-red eyes and a long jagged tail.

The Tawny Frogmouth can be seen Australia-wide in almost any habitat type (except the denser rainforests and treeless deserts), including heath, forest and woodlands, urban and rural areas. It generally does not inhabit rainforest but is quick to colonise alongside roadways in rainforest where it can forage. Tawny Frogmouths have benefited from clearing.

Sometimes they can be seen during the day on an exposed limb stiffly posed to mimic a broken branch. With bill uplifted, feathers tight against the stiff outstretched body, and their colour and patterning, they look very like bark or weathered wood.

Tawny Frogmouths live in pairs and appear to occupy permanent territories which can range in size from 20 to 80 ha. Their nesting season is August to December, although in dry inland areas they often breed following rains.

The nest is a loose flimsy platform of sticks which is placed on a suitable horizontal tree branch. They lay 2–3 eggs which take about 25 days to hatch. Both sexes incubate the eggs. The male sits during the day, but both sexes share sitting at night.



*Tawny Frogmouth, at Reeceville. [Photo: Eric Anderson]*

The voice is a muffled low, resonant, rapid but soft ‘ooo’ of about ten syllables, usually repeated for several minutes and generally only at night. Tawny Frogmouths also makes a loud hissing noise when threatened.

They hunt for ground-dwelling creatures, large insects, spiders, frogs and occasionally small mammals and ground birds. Most food is obtained by pouncing to the ground from a tree or other elevated perch. Tawny Frogmouths commonly feed along roadsides and are often killed as a result.

## Barung’s stall at the MONTVILLE MARKET

### NEEDS A NEW CARETAKER!

Joan Dillon has done a fantastic job raising Barung’s profile by attending a stall at the monthly Montville Markets. However she feels the time has come to hand on the reins.

The delightful Montville Market is held on the second Saturday of each month, from 7.30 am to midday, inside the Montville Village Hall. The MVA committee members make wonderful and reasonably priced pancakes for breakfast and of course Montville Coffee is available.

The Barung stall usually consists of 3 trays of tubestock plus some books. As part of the task, the plants and books need to be collected from Barung, and the unsold items need to be returned to Barung after the market.

If you might be interested, please contact Joan on 5442 9165 or [joan.dillon@bigpond.com](mailto:joan.dillon@bigpond.com) and she will fill you in on what is involved.

If there are no takers, then... it might be the end of Barung’s regular presence at the Montville Market at this time.

## Barung 2013 AGM

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# PATTERNS OF SEEDING THIS YEAR

**SEED ALERT** by Diana O'Connor

It has been a good year for the fruiting of a number of the Lillipilli *Acmena/Syzygium* group. This includes:

- Weeping Lillipilli *Waterhousea floribunda* – which will be in the nursery in about a month
- Purple Cherry *Syzygium crebrinerve* – a fine large tree with pink fruits
- Brush Cherry *Syzygium australe*, and
- Blue Lillipilli *Syzygium oleosum* – an adaptable, small, hardy tree that tolerates a broad range of soils and conditions, including wet, and makes a good screening tree.

In the coming quarter we need to look for White Acronychia *Acronychia oblongifolia* with its four lobed, pale fruits. We also need Foambark *Jagera pseudorhus*, which has fine prickly hairs, so take precautions when collecting. Native bees love the flowers of this species.

It seems to have been a poor year for Jackwood *Cryptocarya glaucescens*, Large-leaved Wilkiea *Wilkiea macrophylla* and Bolwarra *Eupomatia laurina*. The latter could still have fruits and any contributions would be much appreciated as it is a useful understorey plant that is always in demand.

White Ash *Alphitonia petriei* is also needed, as is the tall Sandpaper Fig *Ficus fraseri*. Scentless Rosewood *Synoum glandulosum* has quite a long fruiting period that begins in August.

Blueberry Ash *Elaeocarpus reticulatus* is fruiting now. Seed coats go shiny royal blue when ripe and come off easily in the fingers. Last year's fruit is now germinating. All the *Elaeocarpus* species take about a year to germinate.

Any help with these species would be appreciated. Either collect them yourself and bring them into the Office or Nursery or leave a message when ripe fruit is present and someone will come and pick it.

[All photos this page by Eric Anderson]



Blue Lillipilli *Syzygium oleosum*.



Sandpaper Fig *Ficus fraseri*.



Foambark *Jagera pseudorhus*.



White Acronychia *Acronychia oblongifolia*.



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# 2013 WOOTHA RAISES THE BAR FOR 2014 COMPETITION

by Mim Coulstock

The high quality of this year's Wootha Prize entries has raised the bar for the 2014 competition. Queensland's richest woodworking competition, the Wootha Prize feature exhibition at the 2013 Maleny Wood Expo attracted entries ranging from furniture to sculpture based on the 'on 4 legs' theme.

The Expo started with a bang with guests and exhibitors mingling in the Main Pavilion for the official Expo Opening and the announcement of the 2013 Wootha Prize.

After an Acknowledgement to Country by Gubbi Gubbi elder, Beverley Hand, the 17<sup>th</sup> Maleny Wood Expo was officially opened by the Hon. Andrew Powell MP, Minister for Environment and Heritage Protection, and Member for Glasshouse.

This was followed by the announcement of the winners of the Wootha Prize by the three judges: Linda Nathan, Editor of the Australian Wood Review, and Sunshine Coast master woodcrafters Ross Annels and David Southern.

The \$2500 first prize was awarded to Peter Talbot from Rockhampton for his exquisite 'Segment Hall Table' (middle photo) and was presented by Brian Farmer, CEO of sponsor HQPlantations. The visual impact of this beautifully crafted piece came from the use of highly figured timber veneer from a branch intersection of Raintree *Samanea saman* which yielded grain with crotch (flame), fiddleback and straight.

Second place went to Brisbane's Richard Vaughan for his light-hearted 'Coming & Going Table' in Red Cedar and Queensland Maple. This piece also took out the Craftmanship Award. Esma Armstrong, Chair of sponsor Queensland Water and Land Carers (QWALC), was on hand to present the \$750 prize.

And Guy Breay from Dalby received the third prize of \$500 for his beautifully crafted sculpture 'The Search for Monisha' (top right) which was inspired by the twists and turns and rough exterior of a dead Flame Sheoak tree branch.

The Design Excellence Award was presented to Peter Young for his exquisite Waterlily Table. The popular vote awarded the 2013 People's Choice to Matt Bird for Resurrection Chair (top left).

Thank you to generous sponsors HQPlantations, QWALC and Geochempet; the judging panel; MC Clare Booth; the many local restaurants and businesses who supported the Opening; and the

volunteers who ensured the smooth running of the evening.

The Wootha Prize was enormously popular over the Expo weekend, with people queuing to view it.

The 2013 Wootha Prize Exhibition was on show at Tree Frog Gallery for several weeks after the Expo. Gallery owner Heather Gall was delighted with the visitor interest in, and response to, the works on show.



Application Forms for the 2014 Wootha Prize will be available soon at [www.malenywoodexpo.org.au](http://www.malenywoodexpo.org.au)

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# ANZAC FLOWER

## *Montanoa hibiscifolia*

**WEED WATCH** by Eric Anderson

Anzac Flower is slowly on the increase in the Sunshine Coast hinterland where it invades forests, woodlands, bush clumps, rainforest margins, roadsides, river banks and disturbed sites. Seeds may be moved from place to place by vehicles and water.

Any Anzac Flower infestations should be treated when they are small to prevent them from establishing a large foothold. Controlling the plants before they seed will reduce future problems. Plants can be manually removed by hand-pulling or chipping with a mattock or hoe.

Anzac Flower is a soft-wooded branching shrub 2–5 m tall and 2–3 m wide with large lobed leaves which are paler underneath and softly hairy on both surfaces.

It was named in honour of Luis Montana, an 18<sup>th</sup> century Mexican physician and botanist; *hibiscifolia* refers to the leaves which are like those of Hibiscus. Other common names include Mexican Tree Daisy, Tree Daisy and Bush Daisy. It is native to Mexico and Central America and is naturalised in South Africa, eastern Africa and some oceanic islands with warm climates. In Queens-



*Anzac Flower, a weed to watch. [Photo: Eric Anderson]*

land Anzac Flower is found in the south-east of the State and the Atherton Tableland.

For most of the year its presence attracts little attention except in late April (around Anzac Day) through to June when it produces masses of daisy-like flowers, about 5 cm across, with white petals and yellow centres.

## RIVER SCHOOL PLANTING SEED(LINGS)

by Amanda Tinworth

July 26<sup>th</sup> was National Tree Day, and outside the River School there was a flurry of planting and growing as the community came together to revegetate the entrance to the school, rainforest edge and creek bank.

Little hands were planting little seedlings, and the seeds of enquiry and love for trees and land care were taking root. It grew into so much more than how to plant individual trees, as the children learnt to appreciate local habitat and species variety and feel the pride and ownership of the site – discovering ‘their’ tree would grow to be bigger than them (even as grown-ups) and reaching the sky by the time they had kids themselves. The pride and learning journey will continue to be reinforced each day, every time the children pass the tree plant at the entrance on the way to school.

None of this would have been possible without the magnificent generosity of local community land care groups, such as Barung Landcare. They have tirelessly dedicated so much of their time, plants and expertise in planning, preparing, positioning AND planting at the site, using their expertise in local species and



*[Photos by Alieta Muller (above) and Amanda Tinworth (below)]*

biodiversity to create a highly diverse, beautiful rainforest edge, and a strong bank for our creek’s flood waters.

Baroon Catchment Care have also been fantastic, consistently providing friendly advice, generously picking up donated plants from Coolool Community Native Nursery, and supplying us with the tree guards and weed mats which will protect our little seedlings from weeds and frost.

And of course, a huge thank you to all the green thumbs at the River School from Prep to Grade 3, and all the parents who donned their gumboots and helped us out on the day.

Together, we have turned a patch of lantana into luscious rainforest, a healthy creek and habitat for our native animals. We are so lucky to have you all as caretakers of our local forests! Thank you!





# MALENY WOOD EXPO 2013!



[Photos this page by Den Lalor]

## THANK YOU TO OUR EXPO RAFFLE PRIZE DONORS & *congrats to the winners!*

This year's raffle was very successful, the best yet. A big thank you to all sellers and buyers. People were buying \$10 books instead of \$2 tickets, and in all we raised more than \$7000. A very pleasing result!

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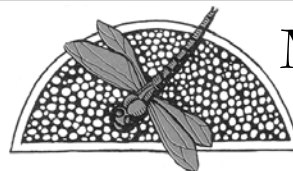
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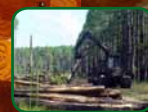
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