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LANDCARE - YOU CAN'T DO IT WITHOUT THE INCOME!

Craig Hosmer's address to Barung's 21st Birthday Dinner

*You can't do Landcare without the people,
you can't do Landcare without the ethics,
and you can't do it without the income.*

When my wife Daryl and I joined the Barung management committee in 1995, we started a journey on the Blackall Range as we developed a commitment to the ethics of Landcare and the restoration of the environment. Over the years we have met and worked with some magnificent people from the wonderful communities that dot the hills and valleys around the Range – committee members, staff members, volunteers and Barung members, so many of them undertaking restoration works on their own properties.

We took our turns as officers, served on nursery and revegetation subcommittees, helped at tree plants, managed fundraisers and volunteered on many Saturdays to open the nursery to the public. We have learned so much along the way and are still learning. We firmly believe that Landcare is about action on the ground.

However, I have a confession – we suffer from a serious addiction – we are unable to go past Barung without buying more trees! It's been going on for 17 years! We need help!

From the beginning, management committees recognised that Barung needed to develop sources of income other than grants. In the 90s important grants allowed Barung to undertake dairy effluent trials on farms, major public tree plants, workshops for people of all ages and education programs for young people, such as the after-school group with the delightful name 'SEEDS' (Small Environmentalists Eager to Do Something). But grant processes

can be fickle and funding bodies can have different priorities so Barung needed a more secure funding base.

From its earliest grassroots beginnings, members put great hope in the selling of trees from local seed sources. They started growing seedlings in back yards, then

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Barung's ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Saturday 5th November 2011

*An opportunity to visit the site of
Barung's Landsborough Nursery at*

135 Forestry Road, Landsborough

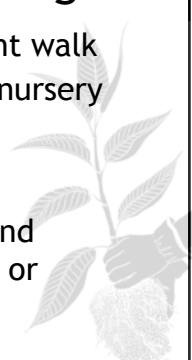
10.30 am: Inspection of facilities and plant walk

11.30 am: Information session about new nursery

12 noon: Sausage sizzle

1 pm: ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Please indicate your intention to attend
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SO MANY PEOPLE CONTRIBUTE TO BARUNG'S SUCCESS

PRESIDENT'S REPORT by Eric Anderson

It is an honour to be President of Barung in this its 21st year since incorporation as an Association on 6th August 1990 (although meetings were held earlier in 1989). Congratulations to 86 committee members, many dedicated staff and numerous volunteers and members who have been part of the journey to get us to where we are today. A full history of Barung's first 21 years has been commissioned and will be published in the new year.

Our 21st Birthday Dinner was a great success due in no small part to the presence of our guest of honour, The Governor, Ms Penelope Wensley. Her Excellency mentioned that Barung is a living exemplar of what a Landcare organisation should be. She admitted to a special interest as she and her husband, Mr Stuart McCosker, own land near Mapleton and have used Barung's services.

The Governor also launched Barung's new vision for an Education and Resource Centre on the Maleny Community Precinct. A small introductory pamphlet about our early planning can be obtained at our office, or seen on our web site. I encourage you to become involved in this journey.

In the Office

Our office has seen a few changes in recent months. Currently it is staffed full-time by Kellie Huddy (*right, seated*) who is being funded under the Green Army Scheme administered by the Hinterland Business Centre, and by Denis Lalor. Also in the office as volunteers are Margo Balfour (Wednesday) and Lyn Finlay (Thursday & Friday; *right, standing*). Missing from the office are two long time valuable volunteers, Pam Watson and Annette Lawniczak. They have decided to have a rest after helping out for six and four years respectively. Many thanks Pam and Annette for your tremendous help.



At the Markets

In this newsletter, Pat Fuller describes the changes to our involvement at the monthly Witta Markets. Part of this is due to us not being able to find a volunteer to replace Tina Lathouras as organiser of the food area and coordinator of the volunteers to run it. Many thanks to the many volunteers that helped out and an extra big thanks to Tina for her sterling effort over a number of years.

Nursery changes, too

We also have changes at our nurseries with the recent resignation of our very valuable Assistant Nursery Manager, Dawn Worthington. Many thanks Dawn for your significant contribution and best wishes for the future. Fortunately we have been able to secure the services of Kate Brooks to replace Dawn.

With more effort needed to establish our nursery at Landsborough, we will only be open for sales at the Maleny nursery in Porters Lane on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. We have also discontinued our involvement in George Street Nursery at Caloundra.



The Governor, Her Excellency Ms Penelope Wensley, and Barung President, Eric Anderson, cutting Barung's 21st birthday cake at the recent anniversary dinner.

[Photo courtesy of the Hinterland Times]

AGM and Landsborough Nursery tour

Please note our AGM is on Saturday 5th November. Please consider joining the Committee during this exciting time in Barung's development. The AGM will be held at our new Landsborough nursery and will be preceded by a tour of the site, so do come along and check it out.

HINTERLAND BUSH LINKS LAUNCH

Hinterland Bush Links is preparing for its official launch on Sunday 13th November. This visionary Barung project to protect and connect the Sunshine Coast Hinterland bush is now moving into the hands-on phase. A Bushcare group is active at Little Yabba Park, a restoration project and landholder outreach is underway in the Upper Mary Valley, and a website is on track for the November project launch.

Please join us at the launch to celebrate our wonderful landscape and the flora and fauna treasures that reside within it. It will also be a great opportunity to connect with others who share a passion for the bush. (*See the advertisement on page 13 of this issue.*)

To attend the launch, please register with the Barung office on 5494 3151 or via the Barung website at www.barunglandcare.org.au If you would like to assist with the launch or have any queries, please contact Susie Duncan on 5429 6622 or wilderness@hotkey.net.au

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Barung Community Benefit key tags

... when shopping at Maleny IGA.

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REMINISCENCES FROM THE TIN SHED

by *Mim Coulstock*

*Did you Barung your shovel?
Did you Barung your spade?*

... immortal words from Lisa Plunknett's celebratory poem penned for the 10th anniversary of the Blackall Range's own Barung Landcare at the start of the new millenium.

I first came to Barung in 1996, to the tin shed in Bicentenary Lane in response to an ad in the *Range News* for an Admin Assistant. I was a day late for my interview, but the interview panel members adjusted their schedules, welcomed me with open arms, and gave me the job.

Little did I know I was embarking on a voyage that was to change my life and my perception of the region in which I live.

The shed

The tin shed was erected in the early 1990s by volunteers Barry Beale and Phil Jacobs and was to be Barung's home for over a decade. Housing the staff, nursery facilities, volunteers, meeting space, Barung's rapidly accumulating assets (one man's junk is another man's treasure!), library and retail shop, the tin shed really was the 'heart' of local Landcare. It embodied the willingness of all to put up with often sub-standard working conditions in order to serve the Blackall Range environment.

Over the years it grew with the addition of a front porch (no more wet umbrellas and coats in the tiny office), a rear potting verandah (which kept some of the dirt out of the meeting/lunch/office/kitchen/discussion space), an outdoor meeting room under the tree ferns (not good in tick season!), a dedicated Nursery office, and a storage room or two to house the Nursery's expanding collection. With materials and labour begged, borrowed (but not stolen) and exchanged for plants, these modifications allowed us to keep up with the ever-increasing demands from a community of landholders excited by the knowledge and expertise that Barung offered.



The people

When I look back I realise I have never worked with so many passionate people dedicated to a picture so much bigger than their own lives, or had so much fun in a workplace.

To quote Coordinator John Muir: 'If you look after the people, the environment will look after itself'. John's vision, along with the inclusive ethic held close to the heart of staff, committee and countless volunteers, meant a warm welcome to anyone and everyone who walked through that door.



This is a Barung Project ... (above)

Meetings in the old tin shed ... (below left)

With Landcare education at the core of all activities, the shed echoed with the sheer enthusiasm of people keen to share their knowledge. Lunchtime discussions centred around 'ways to reveg better', how to reach out to landholders, 'new' concepts of 'bush regeneration', identification of local species, and where seed trees were to be found, not to mention endless conversations about ecosystem composition and their relation to the geologies of the Blackall Range. No wonder that Environmental Science students and graduates came and stayed at Barung – suddenly university theory was all real and under the microscope.

I remember clearly coming home so excited from the breadth of discussions at my first Committee meeting. In those days staff were required to attend a minimum of four meetings a year and to submit a monthly work report so that the Committee were kept in touch with 'the coal-face'. I remember being especially impressed by John Muir's over-arching view of Landcare; Eve Witney's (then Cod Mother and now Editor of this newsletter) report on the Mary River Cod project; and the soft but firm guidance of President Daryl Reinke.

I still laugh at memories from these early years including:

- the clouds of dust and decomposing rats under John's desk when we 'renovated' the office and laid the 'new' carpet
- the ancient computers (any computer was good enough) that brought the office into the computer age, and the ledgers and endless spreadsheets that preceded Barung's venture into the world of accounting packages
- the 'social-ness' including the regular Friday afternoon beer sessions and countless birthday cakes
- Marc Russell closing the Nursery gates 'cos the wind was up and he just had to go wind-surfing
- Jim Watson's penchant for ugg boots
- Josi Marriott running the Olympic Treeplant with a bulging belly about to be born
- Barry Liddell's shock/horror as a huge carpet snake crawled across the desk in front of his window
- Treasurer Neil MacLeod turning up with an alpaca in the back seat of his Subaru to accustom it to travel
- Arriving one morning to find the Nursery books scattered across the office floor because the termites had finally won...

BARUNG CREATES CHANGE at the Blackall Range Growers' Market

by Pat Fuller

Barung has operated the food and coffee stall for nearly as long as the market has been running – almost four years now. Initially Lin Fairlie then Tina Lathouras co-ordinated the food (arranging all the monthly volunteers, and baking) and Darryl Ebenezer managed the coffee cart and baristas.

However, Darryl has moved on to his new job at Landcare Queensland. Tina too, has hung up her market hat to finish her PhD.



I thank everyone, all the members of Barung who volunteered and Lin, and Tina and Darryl and their children, who turned up every month, rain, hail or shine, over the years. They really did a fantastic job and have been invaluable to the Market operation.

So now it's time for a change. Shakti and Cara, two terrific baristas, have willingly taken over the coffee cart under a sharing arrangement with Barung. They set up for their first market on a cold, wet July morning in the dark, surprisingly cheerfully, and they're still there three months on!

Cheryl has taken over the food as our new Chef. We are very fortunate to have Cheryl; she is passionate about the creation and service of food. For her first market in September, she served the popular bacon and egg choices as well as bringing her home-made breakfast offerings and her smile! All went well.

So, we've been lucky; the market will continue to provide good service and a great breakfast and coffee.

Market dates for the rest of 2011 are:

15th October

19th November

17th December

LIN FAIRLIE

Citation for Life Membership

Presented by Eric Anderson to Lin at Barung's 21st Birthday Dinner on 1st October 2011

After a career in teaching and Environmental Science Lin settled with her husband David in Maleny. Barung soon became an important part of her life as she saw the need for improved natural resource management in this region.

Lin is a passionate advocate for natural resource management issues on all levels but particularly at the local and regional level. She has lobbied politicians at all levels from national to local to gain support and recognition for Barung's activities and the ecological importance of the Blackall Range.

Lin has represented Barung's and the Blackall Range's natural resource management interests by sitting on more committees and making more submissions than you can poke a stick at. For over a decade she has fought hard for funding support for Barung, assisting with funding applications to corporates, councils and governments.

Lin has worked tirelessly in environmental education (especially weed education) under the auspices of Barung – from talking to Garden Clubs across the Sunshine Coast to helping write Barung's Environmental Policy and sitting on the Education Sub-committee for many years. She has made numerous contributions to the *Barung News*, including weed articles and book reviews, and these contributions are ongoing.

Thank you, Lin, for your ongoing support for Barung!

Lin is always extremely supportive of Barung's staff – always having time to listen to any issues/suggestions they might have for the betterment of the group.

She has always been willing to make time to assist in the office when required, sell raffle tickets, or do anything else that needed doing.

Lin is currently a member of the Barung Management Committee and has been a member since 1999. During that time she has been Secretary for four years, Vice President for one year and President for five years.

Barung is extremely fortunate to have had the privilege to be associated with such a warm, dedicated and passionate lady.



BARUNG - THE NEXT 21 YEARS

from Eric Anderson's address to Barung's 21st Birthday Dinner

It is hard to believe that it is more than 21 years since a small group of concerned Maleny landholders met to find a way to address landslips in the Maleny area. This meeting gave birth to Barung Landcare at the beginning of the Decade of Landcare.

Barung has gone from strength to strength, weathering many storms over two decades that have seen smaller landcare groups unable to survive. Many aspiring local and international groups make the trip to Barung to learn how it has survived so long in a difficult climate.

The simple answer lies in the people of our organisation and the support from our local community.

It is well known that for the last two years Barung has had a bumpy ride as it gave up its home in Bicentenary Lane in Maleny to allow the Neighbourhood Centre to proceed. As a result our Resource Centre, Nursery and Contracting Team moved into separate temporary locations. We are still separated.

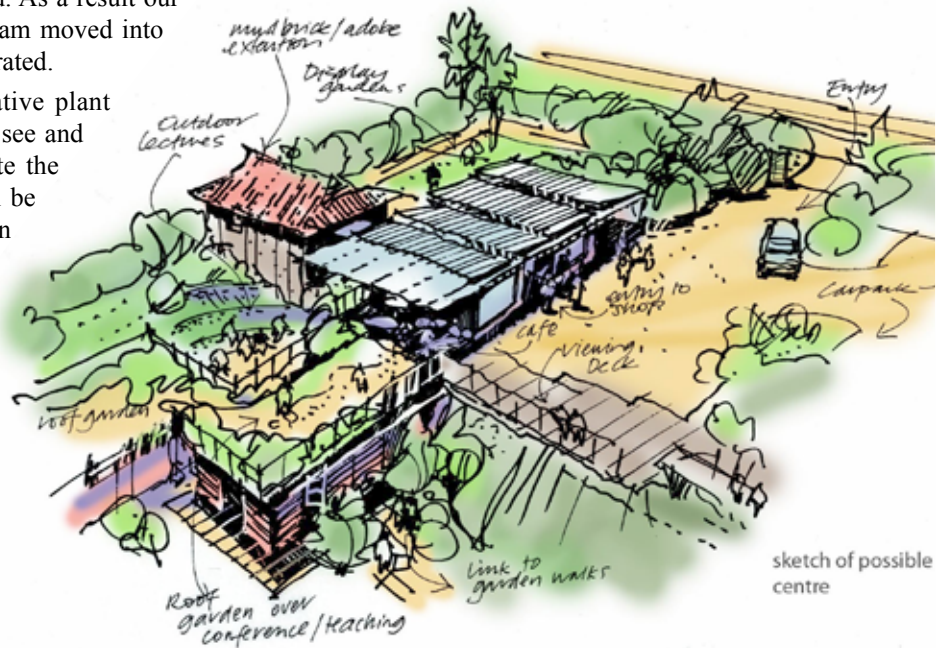
We have begun to develop a world class native plant nursery on our new site at Landsborough. To see and learn more about the new nursery please note the 5th of November in your diaries when we will be holding an open day at the nursery in conjunction with our AGM.

We have finally been allocated an area on the Maleny Community Precinct where we plan to establish a new Education and Resource Centre. We envisage the Centre becoming a multi-purpose space that will contain Barung's offices, a library/resource area, a bookshop/retail area, display/exhibition areas, a lecture theatre, a café/coffee service area; and outdoors a retail nursery, demonstration plots, arboretum, bush tucker garden, and open learning areas.

For the next 21 years, Barung's direction will be to:

- be a working model of sustainability, of environmental sensitivity, of an engaged community, of current best practices in landcare management
- have a clear education focus aimed at meeting the needs of Range communities, schools and unis, researchers, and casual visitors
- be economically self-sustaining
- develop partnerships with communities, organisations, interest groups, government and individuals to further common objectives – cultural, social and environmental as well as economic
- be an exciting destination in south-east Queensland for everyone interested in the area's profound Indigenous past, its ecological history, and a sustainable future.

Initial concept drawing for the new Barung Resource Centre.



FAREWELL PAM AND ANNETTE



by Den Lalor and Kellie Huddy

Barung has said goodbye to two of its most valued Resource Centre administrators recently.

Pam Watson had been volunteering at Barung for six years was responsible for sourcing and stocking our books for the Resource Centre's Bookshop as well as general administration duties. Barung members have greatly benefitted from the resources available to them due to Pam's efforts.

Annette Lawniczak was another valued volunteer administrator who put in four years with Barung. Annette provided valuable skills and was instrumental in keeping the office functioning perfectly. Annette will be sorely missed.

We at Barung would like to thank Pam Watson and Annette Lawniczak for all their efforts and time volunteering here with us. They will be greatly missed but we wish them luck in their future endeavours.

Thank you, Pam (left) and Annette, (right) for your years of ably keeping the chaos at bay at the Barung Resource Centre.



NEW RESIDENTS IN RUSSELL FAMILY PARK

by *Diana O'Connor*

A recent discovery at Russel Family Park, Montville, where revegetation works have been underway for three and a half years, demonstrates just how rewarding this work can be. A pair of lovely Buff-banded Rails has discovered the new habitat we have provided and taken up residence. Last week a fluffy black chick was seen following its parents as they foraged among the young trees.

This will be the first of many new species to colonise the area as it matures. Satin Bower-birds and Wonga Pigeons visit the area on occasion, but as yet cover and food are insufficient for them to reside. This should develop over the next decade. Many of the trees we have planted produce fruit throughout the year, providing a regular source of food for these highly coloured rainforest fruit-

pigeons. Our plants are sourced from Barung Landcare Nursery, which grows its stock from local seed.

Our small group have been greatly assisted by some of the Maleny Lions and Council, but we would love to have new participants so that we can progress more quickly on the considerable area that needs rehabilitation.

Council has further supported our project and the Montville community by building new picnic shelters with barbeque facilities and surrounding landscaping. Work will be done on the billabongs adjacent to our plantings to improve water quality in the upper part of Skene Creek, which has its source in the springs that feed these billabongs.

If you would like to be a part of creating this new wildlife habitat in our community, come as it suits you! We meet on the 1st and 3rd Sunday mornings of the month at 7.30 am, working for 90 minutes and then sharing morning tea. We also meet on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday, at the same time.

Ring Diana on 5445 7965, or please just turn up.



Morning tea for the Russell Family Park crew (above).

*Buff-banded Rail (right).
[Photos by Eric Anderson]*

WELL DONE, LIONS CLUB

by *Diana O'Connor*

About 100 new residents were welcomed to the district at the Lions Club's September dinner. Along with other community groups, Barung had an information stall. Eric and I chatted to many people and provided information about Barung's aims, activities and nursery. We presented all the newcomers with a free plant voucher to be redeemed at the Nursery. Table decorations consisted of our plants in attractive bamboo stands – also seen at our birthday dinner. This marvellous event is so important for building a sense of community for our new residents.

CONGRATULATIONS...

... to the Sunshine Coast Rivers Initiative, a group of over 30 community groups and government agencies headed by Sunshine Coast Council, which was recently awarded the '2011 Australian National Riverprize' for excellence in improving river health and engaging numerous communities in the Sunshine Coast region.

The award, presented during the 14th International Riversymposium in Brisbane and funded by the Australian Government's Water for the Future Initiative, is worth \$195 000 and will be used to fund innovative and catalytic waterway management and improvement projects across the Sunshine Coast.

FAREWELL TO DAWN

by Wayne Webb

After some four and a half years as our assistant nursery manager, Dawn Worthington has decided it's time to move on and search for new challenges.

Dawn first came to Barung back in 2007 as a participant in a Community Job Placement team lead by Steve Mallet. During this time, she impressed us greatly with her commitment, interest and organisational abilities. As the program ended, Dawn asked me who was replacing Cali Salzmänn, the assistant nursery manager who had moved to Melbourne the previous Christmas.

I replied, 'Well, you are!' And things went from there.

While Dawn has a background in horticulture, she was new to the Sunshine Coast area, having recently moved down from the Northern Territory. This meant she was in for a crash course on the local flora. Fortunately Steve laid a good foundation during the CJP time, sharing his vast knowledge of the Blackall Range's history and environment. Dawn started at the Nursery by spending a month restocking our retail section, and that soon brought her up to speed with plant names. It wasn't long before she was confidently advising customers regarding their plant selection.

Dawn soon became a valued member of the Barung Family and could be seen at events across the Sunshine Coast supporting Barung and the Landcare cause. Of course the biggest of these was our Wood Expo, for which she would be working with our Nursery 'vollies' for several months prior to the event, making sure stock was available, labelled and well presented. And then the mammoth effort over the weekend itself!

The other big 'event' where Dawn's organisational skills came to the fore was our big move from Bicentenary Lane to our 'temporary' site on Porters Lane. Again there were months of packing



Farewell to the marvellous Dawn Worthington (right) as she heads out to brighten a wider world. Kate Brooks (left) will be taking on the role of Assistant Nursery Manager, assisting Wayne Webb (middle) at Barung's Maleny nursery.
[Photo by Eve Witney]

and preparation followed by months of sorting out at the other end as benches became available.

Dawn's thoughtfulness and compassion toward the volunteers in the Nursery is widely recognised. Hardly a birthday would slip by without the appearance of a lemon meringue pie! Helen from Correctional Services also commented more than once on the change in some of her clients who came through Barung nursery, particularly an increase in their personal confidence.

The high esteem in which Dawn was held by vollies both past and present was evident last Tuesday as they came together to farewell Dawn over morning tea at the Nursery.

Dawn is going to be missed by all at Barung, especially by myself. We wish her well in whatever ventures she chooses to undertake.

FESTIVAL OF WALKS 2011

by Diana O'Connor

Events of particular interest to Barung during August's Festival of the Walks were a Maleny Precinct walk led by Stephen Lang of Green Hills, a tour of the Rainforest Revegetation area in Montville's Russell Family Park to be led by Eric Anderson and myself, and walk in the Conondales led by Susie Duncan.

On a cold but sunny day, about 40 people walked the Precinct, viewing the locations for a pathway around the area, the golf course, Barung's allocation and so on. Councillor Jenny MacKay was present for part of the walk. Many people exclaimed at the growth exhibited in the planting from last year's Barung AGM. There have been a few losses but generally the trees are thriving. Barung Contracting's Matt Bateman has been vigilant in providing follow-up care in the area, and the results are excellent.

The Montville Day was not so fortunate with the weather. The heavens opened and activities were moved to the school grounds. A few hardy souls ventured out, but the walk around the Revegetation area was washed out, as was Mayor Bob Abbott's proposed planting of a tree (we planted a one metre high Eumundi quandong for him the following day). The sausage sizzle and the Celtic dancing in the school hall kept the spirit of the day alive.

A MISTY WALK IN THE CONONDALES

by Susie Duncan

I led a walk in the Upper Booloumba Creek catchment in the Conondale Range for this year's Festival of the Walks. The Festival week was somewhat engulfed by rain but we were lucky to strike a day of hanging mist for our walk. The creeks were flowing and the rainforest was lush and glistening.

Hip-pocket frogs chorused as light rain drifted through the trees. The males of these tiny frogs scoop the eggs into little pouches on their hips where they metamorphose and emerge as froglets.

This rainforest is also home to some massive Bunya Pines and eucalypts which reach high into the heavens. The track emerges from the rainforest into drier eucalypt forest with a grassy ground layer. Twisted fat Bloodwoods and Forest Oaks dominate the landscape. The grassy areas were home to the Eastern Bristlebird before it declined in the Conondale Range. To create the right habitat these grassy areas need to be burnt from time to time, but not too frequently.

Our final leg took us through beautiful Flooded Gum Forest, full of bird-life. It was a memorable day.

WILDFLOWERS FOR THE GARDEN

THE ORNAMENTAL GARDEN by Joan Dillon

It's hard to believe that it's a year since I wrote specifically about wildflowers but spring is certainly the time when they are at their best. The birds are happy and many scarlet honeyeaters are feasting in the *Melaleuca viminalis* and other bottlebrushes. Yellow-tailed black-cockatoos have discovered the *Banksia robur* and are fascinating to watch as they use their strong beaks and feet to manoeuvre the tasty cones into demolition position. The banksias have survived but if the flock increases in number, a lot more will have to be planted – beyond the garden! Various leptospermums have also been flowering both in the garden and in bushland. It's a colourful time and provides the birds with an energy boost after the lean winter. Even the not quite so spectacular *Aphananthe philippinensis* is flowering heavily.

In relatively exposed sites and on poorer soils, species of pea such as *Pultenaea villosa*, *Oxylobium robustum* and *Hovea acutifolia* have already flowered and are likely to be setting seed, although the sudden onset of hot weather could mean loss of seed viability. *Lomandra multiflora*, a small lomandra uncommon in cultivation, is just about to flower and should be seen more in our gardens. We often need a small local member of this genus for edges and spaces which need filling. Be wary of those from southern states. Not all are suited to our soils and climate.

An unexpected sighting in a local retail outlet was the perfumed Vanilla Lily, *Sowerbaea juncea*. This belongs in the wallum but is worth trying in a moist but sunny spot in the home garden. It is usually seen along the edges of walking tracks in company with the small herb Milk Maids, *Burchardia umbellata*. The latter is listed as a plant of fresh water wetlands but these two species are found together in low-lying parts of the coastal heath. Growing this species might be a bit of a challenge but it's worth the experiment and the plant is definitely not likely to become weedy.

Another little beauty, seen this time at Beerburum in open eucalypt forest, was *Patersonia glabrata* Native Iris which forms attractive clumps of flat foliage and bears numerous pinkish purple flowers. *Patersonia sericea* is already doing quite well in the ornamental garden in anything but appropriate soil so its cousin, which has a more attractive form, will be worth trying.

Phebalium woombye, a delightful garden plant, is of course flowering now and *Prostanthera ovalifolia* is beginning to show



Native Iris Patersonia glabrata. [Photo by John Dillon]

colour. *Acacia hubbardiana* is proving to be a satisfactory garden plant. Regularly tip-prune to maintain a bushy habit because it will otherwise tend to become spindly and sparse.

Groundcover violets are spreading in all directions and the tiny *Lobelia membranacea*, with its delicate blue flowers, continues to pop up here and there. The native bluebell, *Wahlenbergia*, has recovered from winter dormancy, and *Hibbertia vestita* is covered in bright yellow blooms.

It's a terrific time in the garden and as I commented last year, 'If we don't grow them, we'll never know them'.

ORANGE FAN

Anthracophyllum archeri

FUNGAL FORAY by Gretchen Evans

While walking around the wet eucalypt or rainforests of the Black-all Range you may often find clusters of a small fungus, Orange Fan, growing along small sticks or twigs lying on the forest floor. Each fungus is quite small (less than 2cm), shell or fan-shaped, and usually attached laterally to the wood.

It is a deep reddish-brown and the upper surface is smooth or somewhat furrowed. The margin of the cap may be radially ridged. The gills are widely spaced and radiate out from the point of attachment. The gills appear like a fold and are often a brighter red when young.

Orange Fan is a common fungus and found throughout Australia.



Orange Fan from below. [Photo by Frances Guard]

LAST NOTES FROM DAWN

NURSERY NOTES by Dawn Worthington

Well, we thought spring was just starting and the coast copped an absolute weekend of hot summer days and wind instead! With that coming in the middle of September, what an absolute scorcher of a summer awaits us.

We may wilt in this warmer weather but the plants are loving it. There are new shoots appearing in nature's colourful array, from bright pink to lime green, deep purples to rich browns. How lucky are we to live in an area where our environment provides us with such stimulation after the winter's hiatus!

With the long-range weather forecasters saying we are going to have higher than average spring and summer rain, now is really the best time to put those 'planting boots on'! In the Nursery we have a fabulous selection of species available from the low Yellow Pea Bush *Pultenea villosa* that are still flowering out in the bush and along road verges, to the tall, majestic Red Apple *Acmena ingens*; we can accommodate almost every niche.

Landsborough Nursery

Things are moving along at Barung's Landsborough nursery site. We have completed a shadehouse, levelled off a large area of land, and cleaned up the office area to make it habitable. So we are now awaiting the gravel base for the shadehouse so that irrigation and so forth can be installed. Also we have been able to obtain a load of 'nursery stuff' from the now defunct Beerburum Forestry Nursery, so that will no doubt help.



Maleny Nursery

Wayne has been away for the last couple of weeks, so things have been very hectic here. Of course, when either of us is not here that's when bedlam breaks loose with watering problems, orders requiring immediate action, wind damage, calves helping themselves to the *Lomandra tubestock*... My husband Roy reckons there's a law called *O'Toole's Law* which is that Murphy is an optimist!

This then gives me an opportunity to thank all our volunteers because without these beautifully determined people Barung Landcare would not be where we are today.

Thank you all, boys and girls, from the bottom of my heart.

Goodbye from Dawn

I would now like to take this opportunity to inform you all that I am leaving Barung Landcare. This will be my last Nursery Notes as I am finishing up on 7th October. I have a few things to move onto and feel it is time for a change.

I would like to thank all of you personally, I have been welcomed into this community, and I have made some lifelong friends and am much richer for having associated with you all.

In addition I have gained so much from the experience, learnt about this wonderful environment in which we live and work, and feel blessed to have had the opportunity that was given to me.

So thanks to all – I am sure I will meet up with many of you in my wanderings. Take care and happy planting!

TREE PLANT AT VOLUNTEER'S PLACE

by Dawn Worthington

In response to a call for help from Pamela Owens, a long-term Barung volunteer who has had a few 'hurdles' to clear over the last year, Wayne and I organised a day out from the Nursery and held a mini-tree plant at Pam's Mount Mellum home on Friday 9 September.

We had a great day despite the forecasted bad weather. Thankfully the weather held out for the morning crew who put more than 200 plants into Mother Earth in an area where a whole lot of cane grass had been removed. When I arrived for the afternoon shift we managed to plant another 50 or so tubestock. Pamela has reported a minimal casualty rate.

A great day was had by all considering the howling winds and driving rain that occurred during our lunch break. Hopefully the plants were not 'blown out' of the ground during the next day, which was even worse!

Thank you from Pamela

Dear Dawn

Thank you to all those who were here. I appreciated the extra work that was done, such as the post and also the weeding in the vegie garden. That was such a lovely surprise. Gretchen even sent a lovely letter. It was ideal weather, despite the rain, but I enjoyed it. Thank you all so very much.

Love Pamela.



Cheryl Underwood, Wayne Webb, Ruth and Doug Blanch, and Kerry Sluggett at Pam's. [Photo by Clare Sluggett]

LANDCARE – YOU CAN'T DO IT WITHOUT THE INCOME

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at the high school, until the land on Bicentenary Lane became available at a peppercorn rent. In late 1995, when we wrote to the membership and a broader public to explain the need for the expansion of the nursery to include a larger shade structure, they responded generously and the structure was built. With the growth in production and growth in sales, the nursery became an important part of each year's budget. More importantly, it became a centre for learning about the local landscapes and vegetation.

Ashley Sewell's dream of a woodworking expo showcasing local woodworkers and native timbers led to a second income stream. In April 1996, the first "From Chainsaw to Fine Furniture" Wood Expo was presented by Barung in the Maleny Show Pavilion. The rain bucketed down, but the crowds poured in over the two days and the quality of the creations took everyone's breath away. Plus we sold books and plants and memberships while educating people about Landcare. One of the most important of those books was the *Blackall Range Landholder's Guide* created in 1997 by management committee members and staff with the aim of introducing newcomers-to-the-Range to the land management issues they could face. Tickets for the first Expo were only \$2, yet we made a surplus of \$7700, and each year after, the event became bigger and better.

In the early 2000s, Barung's Contracting Team was set up to respond to people's requests for services and it became a further source of income while helping people to rehabilitate their land.

Every one of Barung's activities had to focus clearly on the prize – teaching people about caring for the land.

Over the years, the nursery managers, revegetation officers and contracting managers have been key to these income streams, all of them helping to generate more sales for the Nursery while educating people. Our Landcare coordinators were key to keeping the education programs and workshops ticking over and finding grants for new projects. And our volunteers have always been key to the success of every activity.

It is the community spirit that stays in my memory – that day when people from all over the Range came to help at the tree plant at the entrance to Maleny – and the time busloads of people from all over the region were taken from the town to Bridge Creek for the Corridors of Green treeplant – and other success stories, like the building and the opening of the Boardwalk, celebrating the coming together of the farming community, Maleny businesses and the wider environmental community, to realise a long-held dream of revegetating the Obi through the centre of town. There is a classic photo of a group of us clinging to the steep banks of the Obi in the rain while removing weeds in preparation for planting. And everyone is smiling.

Many times Barung has operated on a knife's edge. We live in hope that it won't always be that way. Landcare is important to the Range communities and its success is an important message to send to other cultures, other countries. Landcare needs ongoing support. Barung Landcare needs the support of all of us so it can continue the great work of the past 21 years. In the meantime, we will keep on planting trees and stop worrying about our addiction.



[Photo by Steve Swayne]

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A Fire Danger Period (FDP) has been declared from 4 September 2011 to 1 January 2012. During the FDP, Queenslanders are not allowed to light a fire - regardless of size - without a permit. This is not a total fire ban, but rather requires people to obtain permits for fires that would not require permits outside the Fire Danger Period. Under certain specified conditions, a contained cooking fire may still be lit without a permit.

More information: www.ruralfire.qld.gov.au

WEEDBUSTER FILMS

by Bernie Dwyer

During Weedbuster Week, Maleny Film Cooperative members Jill Morris, Leanne Farmiloe, Christine Elcoate and Jess Begun showed their weeds-themed films to a standing-room-only audience at Maleny Library on Friday 9th September.

Chris' film, *Code Red Madeira*, is a light-hearted look at the problems faced by many people on the Range – how to identify and deal with pesky weeds. A pair of Blackall Range landholders are horrified to find they have the dreaded Madeira Vine somewhere on their property. They call in a number of local weedbusters to locate the fast-growing unstoppable weed which is a threat to remnant rainforests – and deal with it.

Jill's production, *Weeds, wonderful weeds*, explores seven of the most challenging Blackall Range weeds, their acrobatic growing achievements and even their beauty. Seven local weedbusters describe their individual methods of controlling the seven weeds, accompanied by a voice chorus narration and showcasing local artists' paintings, poetry and specially composed music.

Jess tells us to *Slow down, everything's connected*. Experienced horticulturists and experts in the area of native regeneration relate anecdotes about their experiences with weed control. Several important "dos" and "don'ts" of weed control in southeast Queens-



Maleny film-makers tackling weeds: Chris Elcoate, Jess Begun, Jill Morris and Leanne Farmiloe. [Photo by Bernie Dwyer]

land are highlighted, even the possibility that a weed patch might be better than bare ground.

Finally, Leanne showed some sympathy towards two of our most detested pests, the Scotch thistle and the non-weedy cane toad. *Weeded out* sees these two characters travel to Canberra in an attempt to have their 'pest' status reconsidered. Fortunately for us, their efforts are rejected.

The filmmakers & Maleny Film Co-op gratefully acknowledge Sunshine Coast Council for their assistance via the Minor Grants, Cultural Development program and the support of Barung Landcare.

GREEN ARMY TEAM HAS GRADUATED!

By Sarah Dickson

The Green Army participants have finished their contribution to the Farm Flow Project for 2011. A graduation ceremony was held at the Nambour DPI, with a presentation ceremony and barbecue lunch. Speakers such as Suzie Chapman and Ian McConnell thanked the participants for their work and everybody involved in making Farm Flow a success.



Green Army has made a great contribution to the local waterways and landscapes. It has proven a fantastic opportunity for the participants as we gained training and knowledge on the job. For many, it encouraged our passion for the environment and provided us with skills for future employment within the environmental industry. This Green Army team, and future teams, are in a position to greatly benefit the health of all aspects of our local ecosystems.

The participants would like to thank all those involved in organising Green Army. A special thanks goes to the on-ground supervisors – it was a great 15 weeks and everyone enjoyed our time. And thank you to Landcare, Waterwatch, Sunshine Coast Council and government representatives for making Green Army a success.

The Green Army team triumphant before a weed mound of their own creation!

PLANT CREDIT PROGRAM

With \$250 Barung members can set up a Plant Credit at the Barung Nursery to get a discount of 25% on tubestock, megatubes and some advanced stock, take it as you need it subject to availability.

PLANTING FOR LEARNING

by Alan Cross

Teacher, Talara Primary College, Currimundi

This year a number of Talara Primary College students have enjoyed getting their hands dirty during National Tree Planting day as well as by constructing a Bush Tucker garden at the school.

On National Tree Planting Day 26 students planted more than 100 native grass plants along the bank of the gully which separates the school's oval from the rest of the school. We hope these plants will help to stabilise the bank and act as a haven for small native animal species while improving the overall aesthetics of the area.

The Bush Tucker Garden is located on the northern side of the school's existing Living Classroom and was designed to enhance the hands-on learning experiences provided in this area. Students helped to plan this garden and were then required to prepare the site by weeding, mulching and constructing a path to link it to the Living Classroom. Finally, students planted out the Bush Tucker plants obtained from Barung Landcare.

The students learnt many new skills including site selection and soil preparation, as well as how to plant out and care for native tube stock. Further to this the students have developed a deeper understanding about various native environments and the importance of local plant species to the overall biodiversity of our planet. It is hoped that future students will be able to observe fruit production, sample fruits, and explore in a hands-on manner issues of sustainability and biodiversity.

All those involved would like to take this opportunity to thank Barung Landcare for their advice and donation of plants for National Tree Planting Day this year.



Planting out native grasses.

[Photo by Alan Cross]

NEWSLETTER ARCHIVE Available

Barung News issues back to late 2004
are now available - and searchable -
on the Barung website!

Articles about LOCAL NATIVE PLANTS,
ANIMALS, FUNGI and WEEDS, and
local plants for the ORNAMENTAL GARDEN!

Thank you to Den Lalor at the
Barung Resource Centre for setting this up.

THANK YOU TO ...

Those who participated in 'The tale of the bamboo table decorations for Barung's 21st Dinner' as follows:

... **Kate Brooks and her intrepid team** of people who went and collected the wrong size bamboo! Don't know what size tables she was thinking of! To Kate's credit she was not given the correct information, but she did learn lots!

... **Matt Bateman** who arrived with some dried bamboo intended for another use and offered it up – alas it was too dry and cracked after a couple of days. Back to the drawing board!

... **Doug & Ruth Blanch** for all things bamboo! These two vollies saw the whole process through, from reconnaissance to cutting the bamboo and transporting it to the Nursery in their own transport, to bringing their own tools to shape the bamboo into table decorations for Barung's 21st Dinner Celebration. Amazing!

... **Rachael Stacey** for allowing Doug & Ruth to collect said bamboo from her property.

And also to ...

... **Kerry Sluggett**, recycler extraordinaire! We had an old trolley, way past dead some would say, and with gritted teeth he brought it back to usable. Trolleys are like gold in the Nursery. He also assisted in getting goods from Nambour whilst Wayne was on holidays – most appreciated.

... **Mick Burrows** who has assisted me at the George Street Community Nursery countless times. Mick was the very special link between Kate and myself when I first started there and showed me the ways of the Nursery. Mick also supervised the Green Army team on 'wet' days when it was too dangerous for them to be out and about. He put in extra days to get tubing and whatnot done at the site. He also assisted Wayne at Landsborough on several occasions before securing some work with the Contracting team. Well done, Mick.

... **Steve Porter** who lent me a pair of bolt cutters when I was unable to get the padlock open on the office door one morning after a vollie had locked it up for me whilst I was serving a customer!

... **Noel Law** for his caffeine donations and his willingness to get foam boxes – I dare not ask where from!

... **Peter Milton** for bringing the 'Strangler Fig Planter Box' fact sheet to our attention.

... the vollies who assisted Wayne and myself at Pamela Owens' little tree plant – **Kerry & Clare Sluggett, Doug & Ruth Blanch, Gordon Halliday, Trevor Sauer, Gretchen Evans** and **Cheryl Underwood** – putting plants in the ground, mulching, removing posts and any number of other things.

... for all things gastronomic: **Clare Sluggett** with her scones, **Helen Lavery** who is fast becoming famous for her poppy seed cake, **Ruth Blanch** for her beautiful banana & walnut cakes, **Pamela Owens** who always brings some kind of 'goodies' and, of course, **Gretchen Evans** who discovered my love of Tim Tams!

... **all who bring back empty tubes**, saving us stacks of dollars and actively recycling. I think this is a very much underestimated component of what can be achieved by the individual.

A great big thanks to all those I have crossed paths with during my time at Barung – I am certainly a better person for the experience. I will miss the Nursery and all those who visit. Thank you.

Watch the Barung website for events & bookings: www.barunglandcare.org.au

WEEDS OF THE SOUTH-EAST

by FJ Richardson, RG Richardson and
RCH Shepherd

BOOK REVIEW by Lin Fairlie

Weeds of the South-East is a large book with excellent photographs and good text. You will recognise many of the plants in this book!

I found it very interesting to find that plants commonly planted around here are considered weeds (or have close relatives that are weeds) down south. These are species that I wouldn't have thought of as having weed potential here. It is helpful to know to keep a close eye on such species; for example, Snowflake *Leucojum aestivum* and English Bluebell *Hyacinthoides non-scripta* both look so harmless in my garden. It would be helpful to know about weed potential before putting such plants in the ground here.

It's also interesting to consider that native plants can become weeds outside their native ranges. Some plants that we use here for revegetation, such as *Pittosporum undulatum*, are weeds down south.

I can see this book will be very well used in the Barung Library when the Barung Research Centre is built on the Precinct.

Softcover, 546 pages. Available for reference at the Barung Resource Centre or for sale by order – approx. \$110.

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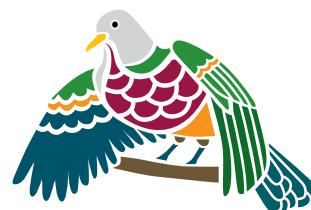
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by the launch which will finish around midday.

BRING: water bottle, hat, sunscreen, protective clothing
& your own gloves and tools if you want (some available)

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EVENTS

THE CONTENTIOUS FLYING FOX

Friday 28 October, 10 am to 3 pm, Brush Turkey Enterprises, Reesville

At Brush Turkey Enterprises, Dr Les Hall will be talking about these important ecosystem contributors and their future, covering the latest information on flying foxes and Hendra virus, community health issues, and the current situation with local roosts.

Cost: \$66 incl morning tea & lunch

Bookings essential: 5494 3642

Dilkusha's SPRING 2011 CONSERVATION CELEBRATION

Saturday 29 October, 8 am to noon, Balmoral Ridge

Are you available to help continue the environmental work with clearing and planting at 'Dilkusha'? Please bring your own gear if possible, including insect repellent, sunscreen, hat, water bottles, protective clothing (especially gloves), tools – clearly identified (e.g. secateurs, mattocks, crow bars, loppers and brush-hooks for lantana). Morning tea will be served on site. Lunch will be at 12.30pm. Do take time to stay for a relaxing chat over the meal and then explore the property after lunch if you wish.

Numbers limited by the physical constraints of our kitchen facilities!

Bookings essential: by 4 pm Sunday 23 Oct

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LANTANA FIELD DAY

Saturday 12th November, 9.30am, Ridgewood

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Cost: No fee.

RSVP: 5485 2468 or admin@noosalandcare.org

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Saturday 5 November

See notice on Page 1 of this Barung News

HINTERLAND BUSH LINKS LAUNCH & COMMUNITY TREE PLANT

Sunday 13 November

See notice on Page 13 of this Barung News

Achieving Environmental Outcomes in SE Queensland through the SEQ Natural Resource Management Plan

Tuesday 29 November, North Quay, Brisbane

1-5 pm, rego from 12.30 pm, network drinks 5 pm

This half-day forum is a component of the SEQ Regional Implementation Group's (SEQRIG) communication plan to further involve relevant organisations and individuals in the Plan's implementation, covering its history, outcomes, specific targets, and how it might be further implemented through regional and local government planning and development assessment.

More info: www.eianz.org/eventsplus and search on 'environmental outcomes'

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QUEENSLAND LANDCARE ANNUAL CONFERENCE

by Diana O'Connor

This year's conference, with the theme 'Generations of Caring in Landcare', included a Junior Landcare programme that attracted 100 children who by all accounts enjoyed themselves.

In giving the keynote address, Dr John Williams (NSW Commissioner for Natural Resources and a member of the Wentworth Group of Concerned Scientists) highlighted the need for community, at grass roots level, to embrace change to improve our practices on the ground.

He said that peak phosphorus is near. He referred to Dr Julian Cribb's book *The Coming Famine* which looks at projected population growth and limited productivity due to soil degradation globally. The cost of food must incorporate the cost of maintaining this natural resource base. Government needs to have policy that creates incentives for sustainable practices, with Australian Standards for sustainable agriculture that apply to both home grown and imported food. He pointed out that food is a huge part of our footprint on the planet.

Our field trip included a visit to the Cromarty Wetlands, a large area fringed by three species of *Melaleucas* at the base of the coastal range, yet only kilometres from the sea. It lies within



the Bowling Green Bay Ramsar site. It has some major weed problems but is tremendously precious habitat. I have never seen more spoonbills gathered in one place, accompanied by numerous magpie geese, ducks, cormorants and others.

We then visited Queensland's first Achacha orchard. The fruit of this Bolivian tree will be on the market after Christmas. We finished at a mango orchard and grazing property where compost was being used to maintain soil and pasture health.

It was a most worthwhile few days and most enjoyable.

PLANT LISTS

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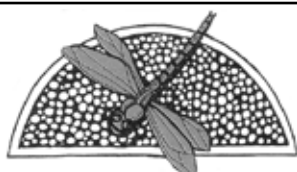
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