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REFLECTION AND HEALING AT BUNYA DREAMING 2012

by Darren Trinder



A solitary koala perched in a tree near the main stage at this year's Bunya Dreaming Festival.

The festivities unfolded throughout the day on the shores of Baroon Pocket Dam, people immersing in the culture of the Kabi Kabi people with its warm acceptance and generosity of spirit.

It was fun and full of action, with times of reflection and healing. Auntie Bev Hand encouraged all to join in the spirit of the day – one of love, peace and respect for each other, particularly for the Elders of her people.

And the koala listened, and snoozed. Perhaps the koala had read the hand-crafted message stick invitation sent to many of those who attended.

This year's message stick was a reproduction of the protection order from the Governor in 1842. The order recognised that Aboriginal people gathered to eat the Bunya nuts, and stated that the land the Bunya pines grow on must not be settled on nor the trees cut down.

This year's festival, the sixth since its beginnings in 2007, attracted people from as far afield as Cairns and northern NSW. The festival continues to grow, branching far and wide, and providing fruit for those hungry for their culture.

Danny Doyle, a Jagarah man from Brisbane, said he had wanted to attend the gathering since hearing about it several years ago. He talked of the significance of the site and tracks that spread far afield from the Baroon Pocket location.

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Call for VOLUNTEERS

Barung members and supporters, please have a think now about how you can contribute to Barung's 2012 Maleny Wood Expo. Volunteers are needed to:

- set-up and pull-down
- parking
- selling entry tickets
- selling raffle tickets (both before and during the Expo)
- preparing, cooking and serving at the Landcare Bar and BBQ
- surveying visitors
- keeping an eye on the Wootha Prize exhibition, and more!

All volunteers receive free entry to the Expo, a coffee voucher and two free trees from the Barung Nursery.

This is a great way to support local Landcare as any surplus raised through the event helps keep the Barung Resource Centre open for the local and wider community.

To register your interest, or for more information, contact the Barung Office on 5494 3151 or info@barunglandcare.org.au

**MALENY
WOOD
EXPO
2012
5 & 6 MAY**



WATERWORKS AND COFFEE

LANDSBOROUGH NURSERY by Jonathan Waites

At the Landsborough Nursery we now have a spanking new 20 x 35 m shadehouse with drainage installed and sitting on a gravel pad. Thanks to Craig Stevens of Hanson Construction Materials, who kindly donated 80 m³ of gravel, we also have the growing-out area covered. All the tanks are in place, full of rainwater (around 100 000 L), and plumbed to buildings; being able to catch rainwater at every opportunity will help reduce our pumping costs.

We've cleaned the vegetation out of a section of the small dam to facilitate access for our pump, which will deliver water up to a receiving tank at the Nursery. Luckily I wandered down there while it was storming last month – to see that the slab on which I had intended siting our engine-driven pump was underwater...

Before covering the shadehouse pad and the growing-out pad with drainage gravel we had to dig trenches for drainage, roll out black plastic and lay ag-pipe in the trenches. This was then covered with the drainage gravel (80 m³/pad) using a bobcat to cart it and spread it – around 270 trips from the gravel pile onto each pad!

We now have power connected to all buildings on the site (except one). We can run a fridge and an urn (and pumps and stuff), therefore enabling us to make coffee on-site. Soon there will be computers with an internet connection. Wayne even said he would bring some seeds down to propagate – it really is starting to look like a nursery!

WE WOULD LIKE TO BEG, BORROW (or BUY, at a *friendly price*)...

At the Landsborough Nursery, we have inherited a lawn, in fact a very large lawn, which we feel some obligation to 'keep up'. I finally got around to doing the job the other day. Unfortunately the result really isn't up to par considering the new brick veneer, peri-urban Barung Nursery setting. Our ancient Massey tractor plus slasher (see below) and its capabilities really don't meet the aesthetic expectations of our new locale.

The Jones's may not be amused, and we wish very much to keep up.

We would like to keep the tractor off the lawn and upgrade to a ride-on mower like all the best acreage blocks use.

So if, perchance, you or someone you know has a working ride-on mower taking up space in the shed or round the back that you no longer want or need, we would love to give it a home. It doesn't matter if the CD player no longer plays or the blinkers don't blink, but *it must cut grass!*

Thank you in anticipation. (And it could be tax-deductible!)



WELDING AND BRICKLAYING SKILLS *needed at* *Landsborough Nursery*

To anyone out there with welding or bricklaying skills: Don't let them get rusty! If you would like a day out at the Landsborough Nursery and an opportunity to 'brush up', please get in touch with Jono on 0429 943 151 or drop in to the Barung Office in the Riverside Centre.

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and

OTHER USEFUL NEW AND USED ITEMS!

MEET THE NEW GREEN ARMY TEAM...

My name is **Dan Kennedy** and I am from Peachester. I applied for Green Army because I'm interested in plants and conservation. My aim is to gain the skills and experience needed to work in this industry for future job opportunities. I would quite like to gain work in a nursery environment in the planting, maintenance and distribution of plants.

My name is **Victor Kariz** and I am from Mt Mellum. I signed up for Green Army because I love working in the great outdoors. From the program I wish to achieve skills and experience, and attain tickets applicable to land management. I hope to possibly get a job with the Council or Barung Landcare.

My name is **Tom Fryer** and I am from Yandina. I have a varied background of jobs but like working with plants. The Green Army course is teaching me a lot about horticulture and is giving me credentials to gain work in this field.

Hi, my name is **Nathan** and I'm from Alexandra Headlands. I got into Green Army because I love the outdoors and am keen to get further work in this industry and doing security work on weekends until I obtain my Cash in Transit license in the security industry.



From top:
Dan, Victor,
Tom, Nathan.

ANOTHER GREEN ARMY WELCOME

by Jono Waites



A big welcome to Mark Milne (new Green Army participant who'll be mainly working at Landsborough) and his partner who have just arrived in Maleny from the Gold Coast. They are living on a property on Elaman Creek where they intend to grow organic vegetables to feed their vegan/vegetarian habit. Mark has a background in sport and fitness training, qualifications in mechanical engineering, and experience in design, sales and corporate management as well as native plant nursery management.

Now that he knows his way around 135 Forestry Road I think I'll leave him the keys and go on holidays.

AND HELLO AGAIN FROM FUSCHIA!

After two years in Dorrigio it was time for my daughter and me to come home.

At the time we made the decision to return to Maleny I was able to secure a position with the latest Green Army Team run by the Hinterland Business Centre. This will allow me to be retrained for a position in the Barung Nursery at Porters Lane. I am very grateful to Edith-Anne, Eric Anderson and Wayne Webb for giving me the opportunity to rejoin the Barung family in this new role.

I would ask that you all please be patient with me as I endeavour to learn about all things native at the nursery. I would also like to thank everyone for welcoming us back with such warm hearts and open arms. It is great to be home! Hope to see you soon at Porters Lane.



WHEEL OF FIRE TREE

Stenocarpus sinuatus

Family: *Proteaceae*

PLANT PROFILE by Wayne Webb

Other common names include: Fire Wheel Tree, Tulip Tree, White Oak, White Beefwood, White Silky Oak (the white referring to the timber colour).

With spectacular bright red flowers set against glossy dark green foliage, the wheel of fire tree takes its name from the arrangement and colour of the inflorescences. About fifteen individual flowers are clustered in such a way as to appear to form the spokes of a wheel. Wheels are around 7–8 cm in diameter. Flowering time is mid-summer to mid-autumn, and flowers are attractive to nectar-feeding birds.

Stenocarpus sinuatus is usually an upright columnar-shaped tree. Mature rainforest trees can reach up to 30 or even 40 metres in height, but as a garden plant this species is more often seen at around 8 to 10 metre and is unlikely to exceed 15 metres. *S. sinuatus* are slow growing when young and may take seven years or more to flower, but a tree in full flower is worth the wait.

The Wheel of Fire is a tree of subtropical and warm temperate rainforests, though it is more commonly found in the drier sections of these. It is found from the Nambucca River in New South Wales to Maryborough in Queensland, and also in north Queensland.



Stenocarpus sinuatus.

[Photos by Wayne Webb]

Under cultivation it will adapt to a range of climates, even succeeding in drier climates if additional water is available. Cooler climates will reduce its overall height. It prefers fairly rich, loamy soils but is tolerant of most well drained soils. It may be grown in a sunny or partly shaded location. Better early growth will be achieved if plants are given some protection.

The dark, glossy green leaves may be entire or lobed, varying from broad deeply lobed 40 cm long leaves on saplings to 25 cm shallowly lobed or un-lobed narrow leaves on adult trees. The grey to grey-brown bark is wrinkled with short vertical fissures and may be somewhat corky at times.

Seed capsules are carried in clusters, and are dark grey-brown woody follicles up to 10 cm long by 2 cm wide. The seed capsules are somewhat cylindrical in cross section, and are curved or even boat-shaped. When ripe they split open to release numerous flattened winged seeds.

The light coloured timber has a close-grained figure similar to silky oak, and is suitable for cabinet work, veneer and indoor fittings.

Wheel of Fire trees are easily propagated from seed. Collect pods when mature (watch for some beginning to split open to confirm maturity) and allow to dry in a wind-free area. Once the pods have split, shake out the winged seeds and sow over seedling mix in a seed tray. Very lightly cover and keep moist, but not too wet. Excess seed can be sealed in a plastic bag and stored in the fridge for some months.



JONO'S RECOMMENDED READING & VIEWING

Worth a look:

Branching out for a green economy – a short animation about the ecological importance of forests to the health of the earth system (NB this currently includes us), narrated by David Attenborough – www.unep.org/newscentre/multimedia/

Some interesting reading:

Ecological Intelligence: Knowing the hidden impacts of what we buy, 2009, by Daniel Goleman (available from Sunshine Coast Council Libraries). About consuming with ecological discretion. Also see www.danielgoleman.info

Down to the Wire: Confronting climate collapse, 2009, by David W Orr (available from Sunshine Coast Council Libraries). Described as ‘...a sober and eloquent assessment of climate destabilization and an urgent call to action’. Also see www.davidworr.com

The Living Universe: Where are we, Who are we, Where are we going, 2009, by Duane Elgin. Brings together cosmology (and our place in it), biology and physics, exploring the relationship between science and the world's major spiritual traditions. Also see www.duaneelgin.com

The Great Work, 2000, by Thomas Berry. According to Berry, ‘...the planet is so damaged and the future is so challenged by its rising human population that the terms of survival will be severe beyond anything we have known in the past.’ Also see www.thomasberry.org

Although the topics these books address can sound somewhat grim, the books are actually charged with hope and expectancy about the possibilities for our future.



BUNYA DREAMING 2012

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‘In the old days people would come from everywhere – from Carnarvon and past Toowoomba and Dalby – and for Bev to start this up again is great. I am so proud to be here and be a part of it,’ said Danny.

‘Today I am being healed because I’m around my own people and around people with good energy in them. We are here to care, be friends and acknowledge each other.’



Rhonda Hetzel, who attended this year’s event as a volunteer, said she enjoyed seeing the look on people’s faces while she worked.

‘I coordinated the food workers and prepared the scones for morning tea. I also walked around the crowd and told people to go and help themselves to whatever they wanted to eat. It was all free, which surprised some folk,’ she said.



Special ‘thank you’s from Bev - see page 7.

‘It is the custom of the local Aboriginal people to share whatever food they have with everyone who comes along. Non-indigenous Australians are surprised by this and I really enjoyed inviting them to accept the hospitality offered by Auntie Bev and the festival organisers.’

Sue Pele, another invitee, reflected: ‘Bunya or Bonyi Dreaming to me was like meeting with extended family. I found myself in awe as my four-year-old son, generally shy in a new environment or with new people, was taken in by the men in learning traditional dance.’

‘He was separated from me for over two hours and had no fear, just sheer excitement about being a part of something bigger.’

‘When he danced down the hill with the men, his eyes wide and a smile that was so deep with joy, I was so grateful to Beverly Hand and for the warmth extended in the invitation to be present at such an amazing heartfelt experience.’

Once again the challenges inspired many participants – from Bunya nut gathering, shucking, and storing, to cooking, storytelling and art. People feasted, socialised and relaxed, and at dusk, Kabi Kabi dancers closed the day.

It could have been hundreds of years ago, but it was Bunya Dreaming 2012.



Photos: Dancers (this page) by Josh Back.

All other Bunya Dreaming photos by Den Lalor.

SEEDS AND RELATED MATTERS

Diana O'Connor

After discovering the delights last year of the short Fig Tree Walk at Little Yabba Creek, south of Kenilworth, we returned in late December to show a friend the massive Moreton Bay Fig Tree. On the path at the beginning of the board walk, we found masses of round yellow fruits. Binoculars revealed the source as being a tall tree with light green leaves still holding many fruits. The tree is Yellow Kamala *Mallotus discolor*. It often grows near creeks. (The fruit is shown on the back cover of the 'Red book').

What is fruiting next that the Barung Nursery would be delighted to receive seed from? I notice the berries on Palm Lilly *Cordyline rubra* are turning red. Please collect only from plants with narrow leaves. A species from further north has been brought into this region – we do not want it for the nursery! Cunjevoi *Alocasia brisbanensis* flowered well this year so look out for the red seeds on the heads for collection.

Hoop Pine *Araucaria cunninghamii* is now opening its cones high up and the seeds are floating down. Please take time to collect some – near the Old Witta School house is a good site if you live near there. We always like this species as there is great demand for it.



Top to bottom:

Cunjevoi *Alocasia brisbanensis* fruiting.
Yellow Carabeen *Sloanea woollsii* leaves,
pods and seeds.

Palm Lilly *Cordyline rubra* seeds on the
plant.

[Photos by Eric Anderson]



Mat Rushes *Lomandra* spp. are widely used in landscaping these days. The seeds are now brown and ripe. If you can collect from wild plants near creeks, all the better, as these tend to droop more than many. Cut the seed stems and let them dry in an open box – don't soak the seeds of this species.

Bleeding Heart *Homalanthus nutans* is a useful pioneer. As a fast growing species it protects slower long-lived sun-sensitive species in revegetation sites – see an example in Russell Family Park behind the shops in Montville. Bleeding Heart seed pods will turn purple as they ripen over the next few months. If you have time to do some preparation work on pods you collect for the nursery, this would be a great help as the nursery is short of volunteer hands at present. Allow the pods to dry for a day or two until they open. Then remove and soak the seeds.

Yellow Carabeen *Sloanea woollsii* should be seeding at present, but I have not seen any that have set seed this year. If you can find any seed it will be greatly appreciated. Weeping Lilly Pilly *Waterhousia floribunda* is ripening. It grows beside creeks – but also outside the shops at Montville as a street tree! Brush Cherry *Syzygium australe* is also fruiting – this is hard to find wild so if you know of any please do get some.

Crow's Ash *Flindersia australis*, which is often left as a lone tree in paddocks, will be seeding soon. It has those wonderful spiky, wooden, flower-like fruits that release winged seeds. We'd like some.

Good seed sleuthing! We at the Barung Nursery look forward to your help.

GOLD TUFTS *Cyptotrampa aspratrum*

FUNGAL FORAY

by *Gretchen Evans*

This unique and pretty little fungus has been searching for a name ever since it was first noted in Ceylon in 1847, and over the years it has been given 28 names and placed in 14 different genera.

It is quite small and a brilliant yellow-orange. The cap diameter can be up to 5 cm but all the specimens I have found have been 2 cm or smaller.

The striking feature is the cap which, when young, is covered with pointed conical scales or tufts. The stalk is also covered with orange scales. The cap margin is curved inwards and the gills are white.

Locally, it grows on fallen branches or twigs in rainforest or wet sclerophyll forest. Elsewhere it has been described in habitats across a wide range of latitudes, for example, Tasmania and North America.



Cyptotrampa aspratrum.
[Photos by Fran Guard]



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FOR YOUR SUPPORT AND HELP FOR THE BUNYA DREAMING...

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... and **Paul Moore** from 'Dilkusha', **Ian Green**, and **Bunya Nut Ernie** from Maidenwell for donating loads of bunya nuts to the Bunya Dreaming 2012.

AND

ESPECIALLY TO ...

Tina Marion

Steve McLeish

Kelly Huddy

Den Lalor

Laina McCoy

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... **Craig Stevens**, Glasshouse Mountains Quarry Manager at **Hanson Construction Materials**, for 80 m³ of gravel and 8 m³ of roadbase to lay on the growing-out pad at Landsborough Nursery

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... **Susan Anderson** for bringing in foam boxes which we use to pack orders into – they don't fall apart like cardboard when the plants are watered

... **Fran Guard**, **Daryl Reinke** and **Craig Hosmer**, **Diana O'Connor**, **Phil Wilson** and **Matt Bateman** for seed donations

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Thank you,

Candace Watts

Maleny Library Assistant

Sunshine Coast Regional Council



WALKS, TALKS & WORKSHOPS

HINTERLAND BUSH LINKS by Susie Duncan

The trees planted near Booloumba Creek last November are booming. After a fantastic community launch day for Hinterland Bush Links, we were all a bit anxious about how the trees would fare in the hot weather. Thanks to some strategic follow-up watering by Matt Bateman, Kate Brooks and others, there have been very few losses. The trees are now growing by the minute with all this wonderful rain. Many thanks to the 130+ people who helped plant out the 700 trees to enhance habitat on Wompoo Creek.

Hinterland Bush Links has a raft of activities planned for 2012 to connect and restore the bush in the Hinterland – a talk by Henry Nix, who will provide the big picture on landscape connectivity (mid-March) and a bush restoration workshop at 'Laughing Waters' (late April) as well as regular monthly activities by the Roving Restorers and the Little Yabba Park Bushcare Group. Dates, details and booking arrangements are all listed on page 14 of this newsletter.

Remember to check out the Hinterland Bush Links website www.hinterlandbushlinks.org You might also like to become a Facebook friend of 'Wilma Wompoo' – she will keep you up to date with what's happening in the bush with interesting snippets about connectivity.

HOW ARE LOMANDRA AND BARUNG'S VOLLIES SIMILAR?

NURSERY NOTES by Wayne Webb

The year started out with people saying it's too dry to plant, now it's too wet to plant – nothing really ever changes in Maleny! If you can manage to get out between showers, the plants will really take off, and no follow up watering required – a bonus.

If you are worried about erosion or land slippage, consider planting *Lomandra*. A number of people commented last year on how effective *Lomandra* had been at holding their soil together. We have plenty of *Lomandra hystrix* in stock at the moment.

Farewell Noel and Helen

Last December saw the retirement of nursery volunteer Noel Denning, who has been with us for eight and a half years – long enough to see many staff and committee members come and go! During this time Noel made the task of tube washing his own, and in doing so saved Barung thousands of dollars by enabling us to recycle used tubes instead of having to buy new ones. For his efforts Noel was awarded Volunteer of the Year in 2008 and presented with a trophy made for him by fellow vollen Kerry Sluggett. Fortunately for Noel, his job was made easier when Dawn purchased a pressure cleaner – scrubbing tubes out with a dunny brush was not pleasant in the middle of winter. Thank you, Noel, for your invaluable contribution to the work of Barung Landcare, and we wish you well for your retirement.

Another of our longer term vollies, Helen Lavery, has also decided it is time to 'really retire'. Helen Lavery says:

To all at Barung,

I would like to thank you all for some very enjoyable times 'vollying' over the past three or so years. I'm afraid I'm going to have to retire from helping at the nursery, however, as Peter and I are spending a lot of time away from Palmwoods and I think that now it's probably really time to retire. Please give my special thanks to Wayne and Kate and the special vollies at the Maleny nursery.

Cheers and best wishes, Helen Lavery

We wish Helen well, and will miss her dropping in with an apple tea cake for morning tea. Thanks Helen for all you have done for Barung over the years; it is much appreciated.

CALLING NEW VOLLIES!

So! Volunteer members in the nursery have been dwindling of late. The Barung nursery relies heavily on its volunteers – it is their work which provides good quality local provenance tubestock for revegetation projects across the Blackall Range and beyond.

If you are interested in helping out please contact the Barung nursery on 0429 943 152. Come learn about our local flora, how to tube up young seedlings and watch them grow into saleable plants, how to prepare and sow seeds, and above all enjoy the company of like-minded folk, even engage in some deep and meaningful light-hearted discussions on all sorts of topics.

As well as the Maleny nursery, the Landsborough nursery will soon be needing volunteers as we move into plant production.

By the way, you don't need to bring along delicious homemade cakes for morning tea, just be prepared to enjoy them! (Although, if you can cook ...)

Kate

Kate Brooks has been filling the role of assistant nursery manager since Dawn left last year. Kate, however, is now busy supervising a Green Army team until May, with another team to follow. A big thank you to Kate for so ably filling in and keeping the ball rolling in the Maleny nursery. We are currently considering options for replacing Kate so we can keep the Maleny nursery open to the public three days a week while I concentrate on Landsborough, so watch this space!

And the answer to the question in the title? *Lomandra* and Barung's vollies are both remarkably good at holding it all together for the benefit of the Blackall Range landscape!

GET OUT YOUR DIARIES - IT'S ALMOST WOOD EXPO TIME

by Mim Coulstock

The 16th Maleny Wood Expo 'From Chainsaw to Fine Furniture' will be hosted by Barung Landcare on Saturday 5th and Sunday 6th May at the Maleny Showgrounds, and both exhibitors and visitors are gearing up for the best yet.

Put the date in your diary and bring your family and friends for a great day out. Across the site the region's best furniture makers will be showcasing their work – from fine furniture to more rustic alternatives – all crafted from sustainably harvested Australian, weed and recycled timbers. Whether you're after a unique Mother's Day present, a superb piece of hand-made furniture, an outdoor BBQ setting or a couple of slabs to work your own magic on at home, the Wood Expo has it all.

The \$12 admission for adults includes parking at the Showgrounds, and children under 16 enter free of charge. Pensioner concessions are available.

The Wootha Prize, the feature exhibition, is themed 'One Door' in 2012. The theme is open to artistic interpretation but all entries must adhere to the Expo's timber ethics. Selection application forms are available from www.malenywoodexpo.org.au and applications must be received by the Barung office by Friday 24th February.

The Barung Nursery will promote the advantages of planting local natives with an extensive range of grasses, shrubs and trees for sale. Displays by other groups will highlight regional environmental and conservation initiatives. Visitors can stock up on local boutique produce at Taste Maleny and explore alternatives at the sustainable homes displays. Apart from these attractions, the Expo will bring our timber heritage into the present with chainsaws and



mobile mills in full swing demonstrating how huge logs are prepared for end-users.

Exhibitor applications

Stallholder applications close in mid-March. Application forms for exhibitors such as mobile millers, woodworkers, tool suppliers, Taste Maleny produce suppliers, environmental displays etc can be obtained by ringing Expo Coordinator Steve McLeish on 0428 674 335.

And of course Barung will be putting out the call to all members to set aside a few hours over the weekend to help fill the numerous volunteer positions that have built the Expo's friendly country reputation. (See notice on the front page.)

Thank you to supporters

In 2012 the Maleny Wood Expo is benefiting from funding received under the Events Queensland Regional Development Program (EQRDP). The EQRDP is an investment program designed to extend the flow of economic and social benefits of events to regional Queensland. A state-wide initiative, the program is committed to enhancing existing events in regional Queensland, as well as assisting in the establishment of new events.

The Maleny Wood Expo would also like to acknowledge the generous support of Forestry Plantations Queensland, Sunshine Coast Council, SEQ Catchments, Maleny IGA, Landcare Queensland, Wasabi Marketing (Maleny) and the Hinterland Times, as well as the many local businesses and organisations who participate each year.

For more information visit www.malenywoodexpo.org.au or contact Coordinator Steve McLeish on 0428 674 335.



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PLANTING PROGRESS ON THE PRECINCT

by Steven Lang

For those amongst us who've been watching and waiting for something to happen on the Maleny Community Precinct (MCP) our patience is, at last, being rewarded. Green Hills applied for a Community Action Grant from the Federal Government's Caring for Country program late last year and were awarded \$20 000 for a section of riparian repair along the bank of the Obi Obi Creek, near the outfall of the Southern Wetlands.

In early January a remarkable machine (designed and built in Finland) and a tree-feller arrived to do some clearing work, removing approximately thirty large camphor laurels and ten very large exotic pines from the site. The machine has a 12 m reach with a mulching device on the end which allows it to grind whole trees *in situ*. While it might seem an expensive, high-tech and somewhat brutal option it was, in practice, a much cheaper and more efficient way of dealing with these weed species than any other method available. It also ground up most of the privet, lantana and other weeds along the banks (we left clumps here and there to prevent erosion on the river banks; these will be removed by hand when the newly planted trees are established). Barung removed the old fences to make it easier to work in the area. Lake Baroon Catchment Care will be replacing the fences as their contribution to the project.

The site was chosen for several reasons. The MCP has about 4.3 km of frontage on the Obi and much of this has an established riparian zone, albeit one that's heavily infested with weed species in some places. The two big tree plants done by the community (under the auspices of Barung and Green Hills) in October 2010 were repairing and augmenting these zones.

But there is a length of the Obi, starting in town at the Riverside Centre and running for 1.5 to 2 km, that has no riparian tree cover at all. The new site we're working on is a 250 m stretch at the far end of that reach.

Our work there is the beginning of what we hope will be revegetation all the way to town. It's also where the Southern Wetland joins the Obi. The Southern Wetland has been identified as a 'regional ecosystem of concern' and every report prepared for the Precinct has recommended plantings for erosion control in this area.



Before and after ...



Green Hills, Barung and Lake Baroon Catchment Care Group are all working together on the site. All three organisations are, in their different ways, focusing on connectivity, trying to set up linkages between established bits of bush as well as those in the planning stage.

Unity Water will, it now seems certain, be planting a substantial area of rainforest in the Northern Wetland area of the MCP. This will connect (across North Maleny Road) with work that Lake Baroon has been doing in Lawley Creek. The creation of rainforest in the riparian zone in the above-mentioned area becomes an essential link, joining the northern Wetland with the Obi corridor, both east and west.

We're planning to have a series of community tree plants on the site, beginning in late April and May.



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BUNYA DREAMING FUNDRAISING DINNER

by Jacinta Foale

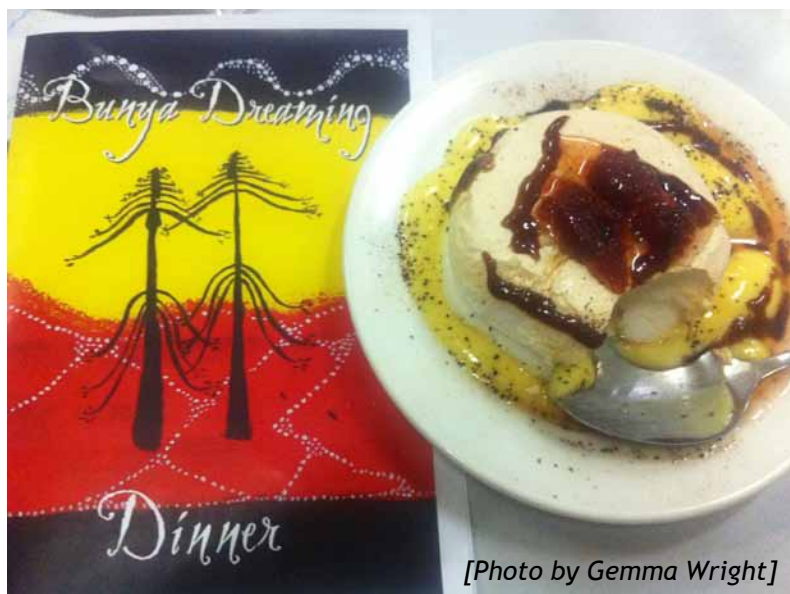
At the Bunya Dreaming Fundraising Dinner in the Montville Hall on 21st January, with a plume of emu feathers bouncing gracefully in her hair, Beverly Hand, indigenous elder of our region, reiterated her dreams for the regeneration of all of our connection to country. Bev's honouring of her own mother and father, their forbears, and the broader past and present indigenous legacy of this region seem to anchor us all in an awareness of family and land. She leads us with her 'dreaming' – holds us present to what is, and what could be, for the Dreaming Festival at Baroon Pocket. Bev's call to move forward together was embodied in the way the afternoon of preparation and the evening of celebration came

together. Councillor Jenny McKay and Senator Claire Moore were at the dinner. Rachel Stacy and Laina McCoy led a team of 27 volunteers in creating an atmosphere of ease, delight and respect. Women Out Front decorated the hall, stage and tables – the baby bunnies on the table were such an evocative symbol of what Bev is creating. 'From little things, big things grow!'

A special surprise for the evening was the showing of Robyn Hoffmeyer's gorgeous film *Walk Talking Country*, celebrating Bev's life and work. The film is an uplifting reminder of Bev's own special legacy, tracking her work as an indigenous leader in this region, with particular attention to the Bunya Dreaming.

Auntie Pam White and TerriAnn Goodried smoked everybody as they came in through the doorway in the time honoured way; Sabine Wienand and her team of helpers created a delicious three-course meal using special 'Basically Wild Edible Art' dressings; Bunya guitar custodian Lilly Delmas led a group of young performers; Kerry Niel entertained and amused us with his didg playing and animal antics; some of the women of Sweet Chilli choir accompanied Bev on her grandfather's Gabi Gabi version of American Folk song 'Spring Time in the Rockies'. Special thanks to Paula who looked after the sound. Bev's 'call' to all of us reminds me of the last lines of Mary Oliver's poem 'Wild Geese':

*'Whoever you are, no matter how lonely,
the world offers itself to your imagination,
calls to you like the wild geese, harsh and exciting
over and over announcing your place
in the family of things.'*



[Photo by Gemma Wright]

MOVING FORWARD

PRESIDENT'S REPORT by Eric Anderson

Happy New Year to old and new members of the Barung Family. This is an important year as we move forward in our next phase of development.

There is little news about developments on the Maleny Community Precinct as there has not been a Precinct Advisory Group meeting this year. We are still to sign the 'Agreement to Lease' with Council for our piece of 'real estate' on the Precinct. The delay was caused by a change in our boundary due to an access road being located between Barung's allocation and Pattermore House. However this has now been finalised and the signing is a formality. Our long term planning to establish an Education and Resource Centre on the Precinct is in early gestation and will gain some momentum over the next few months.

Change is now a word we can associate with our plant nurseries and is currently being accelerated by the Queensland Government Green Army Program. The program funds full-time employment for 16 weeks. What are the changes? Firstly Kate Brooks, who has been filling in as Assistant Nursery Manager following the departure of Dawn Worthington from our Porter's Lane Nursery, has left to supervise a Green Army Team. They will be doing revegetation work in the upper Mooloolah River Catchment. At the same time we have been successful in obtaining two Green Army members, Fuschia Collard and Mark Milne, from the Hin-

terland Business Centre's Green Work Placement Program. Both of these people will be working at our nurseries.

Welcome to Fuschia and Mark. A special welcome back to Fuschia who returns to us after a few years in the 'south'. She will mainly be working at the Porter's Lane Nursery so that Wayne can maximise his time establishing our new Landsborough Nursery. Mark will mainly be employed at the Landsborough Nursery. From Jonathan Waites's report in this newsletter you will see that we will soon be in a position to start producing plants at the Landsborough Nursery – a major milestone indeed.

With native plant production shifting from Porter's Lane in Maleny to Landsborough we will now require more volunteers. Apart from volunteers to help out with normal nursery activities we are also looking for someone with welding skills to assist with building plant benches. If you are interested in helping out please contact the Barung Nursery on 0429 943 152.

Finally I would like to acknowledge the long-serving efforts of two recently 'retired' volunteers Noel Denning and Helen Lavery – many thanks Noel and Helen for your help.

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EASTERN YELLOW ROBIN

RAINFOREST BIRDS OF THE BLACKALL RANGE

by Eric Anderson

The Eastern Yellow Robin is the only robin in Australia whose underside is completely yellow, except for the chin and upper throat area which is white. It is a medium-sized robin 15 to 16 cm long. The adults is largely grey above, with brown-grey wings and tail and an olive to yellow rump. A faint white wing patch shows as a double bar in flight. It has a dark brown eye, slender black bill and dusky brown legs. The sexes are alike.

Eastern Yellow Robins move about quietly and deliberately and remain still to escape notice. Yet they are also most inquisitive birds and will come up to look at a person.

The voice is a distinctive clear even piping whistle – a succession of piping notes which is pleasing, even if monotonous. It is one of the first species to call in the morning, well before dawn.

Eastern Yellow Robins are usually found singly or in pairs, although occasionally in small family parties. They are often seen perching silently on low branches or clinging to trunks of trees or saplings from where they pounce onto the ground to seize prey. They eat mainly insects such as spiders, moths, grasshoppers, wasps and flies, and occasionally fruit and seeds. They generally forage on or near the ground, less often among foliage.

These birds are found from Cooktown in Queensland to south-eastern South Australia, in a diversity of habitats with a tall shrub layer and sparse ground cover. This includes the dense understorey of eucalypt forests and woodlands as well as subtropical and temperate rainforests. This species is sensitive to fragmentation and degradation of habitat and is usually absent from remnant patches that have been heavily grazed.

Eastern Yellow Robins breed mainly from July to January during which period several clutches may be produced. The bulky cup-shaped nests are usually placed in the fork of shrubs and trees in



Eastern Yellow Robin.

[Photo by Eric Anderson]

the understorey. The nests are made of fine twigs, long strips of bark, grass, leaves and moss bound together with spider web. The outside of the nest is usually decorated with lichen. The female lays two or three eggs that are round to oval, grey-green to pale blue, with red-brown and purple-brown markings. Only the female incubates the eggs which takes about 15 days.

When eggs or young are threatened, the adults perform distraction displays, fluttering along the ground, sometimes falling to one side and holding up an outstretched wing. They may also scold and chatter at intruders with an alarm that is a harsh repeated *chit chit*.

Eggs of several species of cuckoo and bronze cuckoo have been found in the nests of Eastern Yellow Robins.

LANDHOLDER ENVIRONMENT GRANTS

Council's Landholder Grants will be open for expressions of interest until **24 February 2012**.

Private landholders looking for financial assistance to carry out conservation projects on their properties can apply for assistance with:

- fencing to restrict stock access to significant vegetation, creeks and rivers
- installing off-stream stock watering points and stock crossings
- revegetating degraded areas or establishing vegetation corridors
- undertaking soil conservation works, sediment and erosion control
- controlling environmental weeds to rehabilitate native vegetation areas
- restoring habitat for rare or threatened species
- modifying existing fencing to make it more wildlife friendly.

Priority will be given to projects with high ecological value.

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Information and application process:

1. Visit the Landholder Environment Grants webpage at www.sunshinecoast.qld.gov.au/grants for info and to download an Expression of Interest form.
2. Complete EOI and return to council before 5 pm on Friday 24 February.
3. A Conservation Partnerships Officer will contact you to arrange a site visit to discuss your project.
4. Following the site visit, complete and submit an application.

For advice and support, please contact Council's grants team on 5441 8616 or email grants@sunshinecoast.qld.gov.au

Expressions of interest are open from Monday 6 February to Friday 24 February. Applications will be open between 5 March to 15 April.

THE GARDEN MAKEOVER

THE ORNAMENTAL GARDEN by Joan Dillon

I really dislike those TV programs promising a 'total garden makeover'; while the 'hard' landscaping will prevail, the plant element in such gardens is unlikely to look any good twelve months on.

However, all gardens do in time need some form of regeneration. Shrubs may become leggy due to shading, some have a finite lifespan, personal needs may alter in terms of the way the garden is used, or we may feel it's simply time for a change. So, what to do?

As with all activities related to plant growth in our climatic region, don't try to do it all at once. Look at those plants in greatest need of removal and get rid of them first. Stand back, look at the space created, and decide whether they in fact need to be replaced. Adjacent shrubs may appreciate a little extra space and expand to fill the gap, or alternatively a more open garden could be an improvement and all that is required is mulch to suppress the weeds which will inevitably appear in bare ground with more light.

Perhaps over time you will have concluded that a different type of plant might perform better in the specific soil type, drainage patterns and other variables found in your garden. In this case, consider the extent to which the replacement will complement or contrast with the existing garden structure. Leaf type and shape will be important.

After 10 plus years of growth, our ornamental garden has reached this stage. The banksias and bottlebrushes are much taller than were originally anticipated but are loved by the birds and will stay. Some shrubs in the middle of the largest part of the garden have been shaded out and have collapsed but are now providing food and shelter for assorted invertebrates as they quietly decompose. Since they are hidden from view by the aforementioned banksias and bottlebrushes, they can be safely ignored.

NSW Westringias which were tried early on are all dying out and some will have to be replaced with species more suited to the prevailing conditions whilst others will leave spaces to be occupied by existing neighbours. We will remove them progressively, avoiding hasty decisions.

The Midjim requires serious pruning but will respond well in a period of very active growth and become more dense and, dare I say, tidier. At present it's just a bit too invasive. A self-sown *Melastoma affine* with its large pink flowers is adding to the colour palette and will receive judicious pruning to encourage more branching and a greater profusion of blooms. Provided the root structure is good, some self-sown plants can be potted up or planted elsewhere if they turn up in the wrong place. A highly invasive local native, *Plectranthus*, has had to be removed and is being replaced with a more diverse range of the low plants required in this particular area.

A couple of the original forest trees have expanded their canopies to create much shadier areas which are progressively being invaded by ferns and native violets. No intervention needed there beyond occasional mowing of the remaining grass; the natural and best sort of garden makeover.

There's no such thing as a static garden but therein lies the fun and creativity of gardening.



A Midjim in need of a haircut. The shrubs in the background are growing together, creating a tangled variety of cover that the birds love. From left: a Callistemon cultivar, Banksia robur and a Babingtonia cultivar. Scaevola aemula is the groundcover on the right.

[Photo by John Dillon]

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**Meet 8 am on the first Friday of each month
Little Yabba Park, Cambrook, in the Mary Valley**

This group is actively restoring vegetation along the banks of Little Yabba Creek with Sunshine Coast Council support. We are seeking new members so feel welcome to come along.

More info: Susie Duncan on 5429 6622

ROVING RESTORERS

**Sunday 4 March
Booloumba Creek, Cambrook, in the Mary Valley**

Join us for a couple of hours planting, weeding and mulching at the Hinterland Bush Links Launch planting site. Guided walk and picnic in Conondale National Park afterwards. Car pool at back of IGA carpark in Maleny at 8 am or travel independently to 243 Booloumba Creek Road, Cambrook for 9 am start. Bring gloves & weeding tools, water, lunch, boots, hat, sunscreen, insect repellent and togs if you wish to swim.

Please register at Barung: Phone 5494 3151

'CONNECTING OUR BUSH' PRESENTATION

**Wednesday 14 March at 7 pm
Maleny Community Centre Verandah Room**

Why is it so important to connect the bush? Henry Nix, who launched Hinterland Bush Links with some entertaining stories last year, will be providing the big picture on landscape connectivity and why it is so critical for our wildlife. Gold coin donation.

Please register at Barung: Phone 5494 3151

ROVING RESTORERS

**Tuesday 10 April
Russell Family Park, behind info kiosk in Montville**

Join us for a couple of hours planting, weeding & mulching in this scenic park. Guided walk and picnic in Kondalilla National Park afterwards. Car pool at back of IGA carpark in Maleny at 7 am or travel independently to Montville for 7.30 am start. Bring gloves & weeding tools, water, lunch, boots, hat, sunscreen, insect repellent and togs if you wish to swim.

Please register at Barung: Phone 5494 3151

BUSH RESTORATION WORKSHOP

**Sunday 29 April
Laughing Waters, Flaxton**

Learn more about restoration, weed management and creating wildlife corridors at a beautiful property on Baxter Creek. This is a great opportunity to learn from the experience of a local landholder who has done the hard yards revegetating a cattle property that was seriously over-run by tenacious weeds.

More info, to register: Phone Barung on 5494 3151

EVENTS & WORKSHOPS

MANAGING HORSES ON SMALL PROPERTIES

Saturday 10 March, Yandina School of Arts

Workshop on developing sustainable properties with practical advice on pasture, manure, water and vegetation management as well as property planning and design by Jane Myers MSc (Equine), nationally acclaimed author and expert on horse property management. Free, lunch and refreshments provided, includes information materials.

**Book by 2 March with Susie Chapman,
SEQ Catchments, on 0400 910 682 or
SCchapman@seqcatchments.com.au**

PLANTATION ESTABLISHMENT FIELD DAY

Saturday 10 March, 9 am - 2 pm, Obi Obi Valley

Plantation design, marking-out, access track construction and drainage, weed control, site preparation, planting techniques, form and lift pruning, spraying, planting and pruning equipment. This workshop is a prerequisite for landholders wishing to participate in the Re-forest.net project. Free, morning tea provided. Bring a packed lunch, water bottle, hat and covered shoes.

**To book and for details on how to get there:
Private Forestry Southern Qld on 5483 6535 or
pfsq@bigpond.com**

WILD PHOTOGRAPHY

Raoul Slater, Friday 30 March

BENEFICIAL VALUE OF WEEDS

Spencer Shaw & Brendan Stephen, Friday 27 April

GEOLOGY OF THE SUNSHINE COAST AND ITS IMPLICATIONS FOR LANDSCAPES AND SOILS

Warwick Willmott, Friday 18 May

All workshops: 10 am – 3 pm, at Brush Turkey Enterprises, Reesville. \$88/person, includes morning tea and buffet lunch.

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28 - 30 June, Brisbane Convention Centre

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More info: www.qldlandcareconference.org.au

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30 July - 2 August, Caloundra

CALL FOR ABSTRACTS open until 29 February.

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