



This is just a small number of the guests who attended Barung's 25th birthday celebration at Mary Cairncross Park Cafe.

### 25 Years and 2 Million Trees!

#### by Lindsay Kruger

Approximately 100 present and past members, staff and volunteers celebrated Barung Landcare's 25th birthday at Mary Cairncross Scenic Reserve on Saturday 15 November last year. Entitled '25 Years and 2 Million Trees', it was a wodnderful occasion of connection, re-connection and acknowledgement of what has developed over this time!

Of particular interest were the talks given by past and present stalwarts on milestone events which created our rich history. The speakers were: Dean Cameron, founding member and Barung's first coordinator; Margi O'Connell, founding member; Ashley Sewell, founding member; Marc Russell, former manager; Craig Hosmer, former president and treasurer; Joan Dillon, former president and life member; Susie Duncan, Hinterland Bush Links coordinator; Eric Anderson, past president; Diana O'Connor, former committee member; Martina Gordon, current committee member; and Bev Hand, environmental educator.

Rob Longstaff treated the throng to musical interludes and café proprietor, Sarah, organised very enjoyable food. The party was ably MC'd by our newsletter editor, Robyn Harper and oganised by Steve McLeish.

Barung Landcare was established in Maleny and the Blackall Range in 1989, the same year that the national landcare movement was established.

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President Lindsay Kruger welcomed guests and began proceedings.



Beverly Hand (centre) enjoying the celebration with Mal and Margaret Thompson. (Photos: Kerry Chave)

## **President's Report**

by Lindsay Kruger

A Time to Reflect and to Plan: It makes good environmental and economic sense! continued from front page.....

Having grown over the last quarter of a century into a diverse community, Barung Landcare has achieved significant results and influenced local and state government practices, also building resilience in biodiversity. Our organisation is now firmly ingrained into the fabric of our regional community.

My sincere thanks go to members, volunteers, staff and colleagues who have shown dedication, resourcefulness, integrity and commitment in working towards maintaining the success of the organisation.

With the onset of global warming and its detrimental environmental and economic impacts, Barung is just as important today in providing information, local provenance tree species from our nursery, and volunteers for remedial works to protect, restore and improve the sustainability and value of our environment. It also makes good economic sense.

With Barung reaching this significant 25-year milestone, we celebrate our history while focusing on growing our future.



# Tourism and Events Queensland Backs Maleny Wood Expo Again!

by Mim Coulstock

The Honourable Jann Stuckey, Minister for Tourism, Major Events, Small Business and the Commonwealth Games, recently announced that the 2015 Maleny Wood Expo had been successful in securing funding through round 27 of Tourism and Events Queensland's Regional Development Program.

The funding will be used to promote the Festival to audiences outside the Sunshine Coast region and will lead to a higher profile nationally.

Expo Coordinator, Steve McLeish was thrilled to receive the news: "It's wonderful recognition of all the hard work that Expo organizers have put in over the past 18 years," he said. "The Maleny Wood Expo is one of the longest running events on the Sunshine Coast, and is now recognised by many as THE major wood festival in Queensland."

"TEQ's support is a win for the whole region – for our woodworkers and everyone involved in the timber and tourism industries across the Sunshine Coast and broader SEQ."



Left: Maleny Wood Expo visitors observe the operation of a portable mill. (Photo: Mim Coulstock)

## Barung & Hinterland Bush Links **EVENTS**

First Friday of each month (Fri 6 Feb, Fri 6 Mar)

Little Yabba Bushcare - Little Yabba Park, Cambroon in the Mary Valley. 8 - 11 am

Members are actively restoring vegetation along the banks of Little Yabba Creek. Work activities are followed by a cuppa and a short bushwalk nearby. New members very welcome.

**Sat 24 Jan** - Pre-Bunya Music Gig at Mimburi, 280 Newspaper Hill Road, Belli Park. Noon til Dusk \$25 donation

Featuring Neil Murray, one of Australia's finest singer/song-writers, formerly of 1980's indigenous group The Warumpi Band and writer of APRA award winning 'My Island Home' featured at Sydney 2000 Olympics.

**Sat 25 Jan** - Bunya Dreaming at 'Mimburi', 280 Newspaper Hill Road, Belli Park. 11 am - 8 pm \$10 donation

Annual gathering to celebrate the majestic Bunya tree - an icon on the Sunshine Coast. The day generates an understanding of Indigenous culture providing a forum for networking and information sharing and strengthening of community partnership.

Festival Activities include 8 Challenges, Bunya Guitar play-off, feasting, prizes, art, workshops, treeplant, you'ar (dance).

Register at http://barunglandcare.org.au/event-1830769 or email info@barunglandcare.org.au or P: Barung 07 5494 3151.

**Fri 6 Feb** - Birds in Backyards - A Gardens for Wildlife Event - Conference Room, Hinterland Business Centre, 38A Coral St. 9 - 10.30 am (including morning tea)

A presentation of design strategies for you to implement in your backyard to help encourage a range of birds to visit regularly and possibly take up permanent residence.

**Sat 14 Feb** - Roving Restorers Upper Cedar Ck. 9 am - 12 pm

A great tree-planting morning just down the Conondale hill from Witta. The landholders are in a key wildlife corridor between Bellthorpe and Maleny National Parks. Join us for a fun morning out, followed by morning tea.

Car Pool at Maleny IGA carpark at 8.15 am or travel independently for a 9am start.

**Fri 13 Mar** - Roving Restorers Harper Ck, Conondale. 9 am - 12 pm

Enjoy a relaxed morning, hand-weeding Polka-dot plant along Harper Ck. (continued next page...)





## Being Bold And Keeping Hope Alive

by Daryl Reinke

Those of you who came to Maleny Community Centre to hear Harvey Locke speak on 5th November already know what a great night it was. For the rest of you, here are some highlights and related insights. Better yet, you can find him at www.youtube.com/ watch?v=Vx6ZyhFzFhE.

Harvey thinks big, and encourages us all to do the same. His key message is that we need to apply scentific learning when looking for conservation gains. "Be bold", he says. "Ask for what you know is needed - don't allow your fear of failure to limit your



Harvey loved the old-growth forests and wildlife of the Conondale Range. (Photos: Susie Duncan) when we can.

later, circumstances will change and that small linkage will expand.

Harvey also urged us to remember that inconvenient things make us richer. His example of the bull elk on his front porch that forced him to enter his house through the back door, caught our attention. What does that mean locally? Well melomys chewing on your shoes obviously springs to mind. So do ticks and jumper ants. They all fulfill an ecological purpose - we just need to live with them, and enjoy them

The night before the public event, a small group had the privilege of having dinner with Harvey and his wife, Marie-Eve. Harvey commented on the number of grey haired people in the room and charged us with a special responsibility to convey hope to younger generations. Without hope, we can fall into a kind of paralysis - 'what does it matter what I do'. Well, like Mary Robinson, the former president of Ireland, who has now set up The Mary Robinson Foundation - Climate Justice, we all need to be 'prisoners of hope'. Counting the gains already made, may help us as a community to redouble our efforts and move towards the future we want for all species.

walking in beautiful old-growth forests in the Conondale and Bellthorpe National Parks and seeing Harvey and Marie-Eve's excitement in encountering colourful, new birds, koalas, platypus, pythons and a Satin Bowerbird at a bower. Getting out in the bush was valuable for Harvey to engage with our vision for this region and the Great Eastern Ranges.

It was wonderful to see plenty of people without grey hair at the Harvey Locke event. We know they left inspired to think big, act positively, encourage each other and work towards the connections we hope to see re-established through the Great Eastern Range Initiative.

ing this event, and for all that HBL has achieved through the year. See online resources: www.Natureneedshalf.org for some extraoddinary case studies with details of initiatives worldwide initiatives.

Susie Duncan says her favourite moments personally, were

Thank you, Susie Duncan and Hinterland Bush Links for arrang-



Bronwyn McAdam, Matt Bateman, Barry Traill, Sue Brieschke, Harvey, Marie-Eve, Ian Mackay at Bundaroo Ck, Conondale Nat. Park

## not big enough, we run the risk of discouraging the preservation or establishment of a small, but vital linkage. Perhaps a little

ambition. Nature needs half!" His experience with the Yosemite

to Yukon program is truly inspiring. On the other hand, he also

emphasises the value of little things. His description of the 18

inch (45 cm) connection between two key areas of habitat really caught the imagination of the audience. What did he mean by this?

Well, we decided that we should think boldly about linkages,

aiming to make them wide enough to provide habitat for species

that are usually restricted to large, wild spaces, but that we should

also not overlook the value of that small safe place for species to

move through the landscape. Perhaps when we say something is

#### Events continued from previous page.....

This is a Voluntary Conservation Agreement property and provides key connectivity in the Upper Mary Valley. Morning tea provided. Car Pool at Maleny IGA carpark at 8.00 am or travel independently for a 9 am start.

Fri 27 Mar - Roving Restorers Policemans Spur Rd, Wootha. 9 am - 12 pm

Join us to hand-weed lantana and a little Broad-leafed Paspalum. Restoration on this property contributes to the wildlife corridor between Bellthorpe and Maleny National Parks. Morning tea provided.

Car Pool at Maeny IGA carpark at 8.15 am or travel independently for a 9 am start.

For all outdoor events: All tools are provided. Please bring gloves, water, boots, insect repellent and sunscreen. Long-sleeved shirt, trousers and hat are essential (Work Place Health and Safety Regulations).

For enquiries and directions please contact Susie Duncan Ph: 5429 6622 E: sduncan@hinterlandbushlinks.org Further Details: www.hinterlandbushlinks.org

Please register with Barung Landcare Ph. 5494 3151 www.barunglandcare.org.au

## **Activity @ Porters Lane**

NURSERY NOTES by Fuschia Collard

Hi everyone, I hope your Festive Season was a pleasant one. To cap off the old year and launch into the new one, we bring you a collage of 'thank you' notes to and from Barung Landcare, for help received and given throughout recent months...Enjoy!

Barung Nursery would like to express heartfelt thanks to:

♣ Barung member and volunteer, Peter Milton for collaborating with Noosa Integrated Catchment Assn. Inc. to see Barung's name



Beautiful, practical, gift ideas at Porter's Lane Nursery.

added to some of the pages of Noosa Native Plants website.

- ♣ Stephanie Haslam, of Noosa Native Plants fame, for all the time and effort she put into adding Barung's name to the appropriate individual pages of Noosa Native Plants website. We love the website and use it often.
- ♣ Richard Dent for his persistence and talents in reconditioning and repairing the Barung sidewinder (a portable machine used to injects poison into privot trees). In addition, Richard has kindly donated a battery recharger. We are very grateful.
- ♣ Dianne Lanske and Ian Webster who very kindly donated a tank and pump to Barung.





#### **Robert Foote**

Gardens for Wildlife Member (Mooloolah)

Hello there.

Many thanks for making it possible for us smaller landholders to show that we are actively trying to preserve and encourage our Native Flora & Fauna. A very commendable initiative on Barung Landcare's part!!

Thank you for offering the 10 free plants & tree surrounds (and the additional bale of hay); all which I collected last Saturday, along with my Folder.

I was thrilled to be able to collect a couple of Vanilla Lillies and Cone Sticks! Thank you!!

Wishing all staff & members a wonderful 'silly season' & very Happy Christmas, and, I look forward to further involvement with GFW in 2015 & onwards.

Keep up the GREAT work !!!

Cheers for now,

Robert

## Brad Owens, Acting Head of Department Vocational Education and Technology

Maleny State High School

To all our Year 10 Work Experience Workplace supporters, I wanted to thank you all for the outstanding support you and your workplace have provided to our Maleny State High School, year 10 students in the previous week.

The feedback we are getting is very positive from both students and workplace staff.

You have all had a significant impact on our students' understanding and appreciation for what really goes on in the workplace. This is a very important part of their education and can help them focus on their future studies and direction in life.

To create a refreshing, earthy atmosphere at popular Woodford Folk Festival venue, 'Bill's Bar' this year, Barung Landcare provided on loan, about 60 large pot plants from Porters Lane and in addition, Wayne planted a Native Violet wall that went behind the bar. They were

outcome

and I must say it all added to the ambient, relaxed atmosphere of Bill's Bar.

very happy with the

Ann-Marie

Bill's Bar Organiser
Woodford Folk Festival

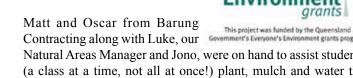
I just wanted to extend a huge thank you from our Bill's Bar team this year. What a marvellous ride it was to bring together the best version of Bill's Bar yet! As an added bonus Bill's Bar made the top 3 venue list for drink sales at the festival .... A sign that people were well and truly enjoying themselves in the space we created. It wouldn't have been such a great success without your support and we are very appreciative of

that

## Revegetation - Hand in Hand with Education

by Jonathan Waites

Just before Christmas, Barung Contracting was able to 'value add' a revegetation job at Christ the King Catholic Primary School in Deception Bay, by offering their students the opportunity to plant out a section of the school grounds with 650 native tree species supplied by the Barung Nursery. The site was being replanted with a mix of sclerophyll/wallum species chosen to provide habitat natural to the Deception Bay area with a focus on koala food trees.





Natural Areas Manager and Jono, were on hand to assist students (a class at a time, not all at once!) plant, mulch and water the trees. Luke gave each group an introduction to the site and helped them become more aware of what we were hoping to achieve by revegetating this area in terms of developing habitat and why it was important, not just for their school, but the whole planet. It was encouraging to see that some students had a level of understanding of what it was about, from kindy to grade 7, and that the majority were very enthusiastic to get their hands dirty. In fact we had a job to limit the planting enthusiasm of the earlier groups, so that there were enough trees left to put in the ground by those who came along later, .

Although it takes a bit longer and may not be the most 'efficient'

way to complete a revegetation project, practical land restoration combined with environmental awareness-raising, may prove to be the most 'efficacious' in the long term, particularly when dealing with this demographic. Funding for the project was secured by the school through the successful application for a Queensland Government's Everyone's Environment Grant.



(right) at Christ the King Catholic Primary School.

### Lichens

#### FUNGAL FORAY by Gretchen Evans

Following earlier weeks of dry weather and no fungi to be found, I decided to write about organisms which can be found almost anywhere at any time - lichens. Let us venture out with a magnifying glass into a miniature world which is often overlooked.

The body of a lichen consists of a fungus and algae or cyanobacteria which are in a symbiotic relationship. The fungal partner provides the body, giving protection against UV and moisture loss, whereas the algae (or cyanobacteria) provides carbohydrates.

Lichens grow everywhere - on soil, bark, dead wood, rocks, rainforest leaves, abandoned cars etc. There are over 3,000 species in Australia. Essentially, their role is to start ecosystems by breaking down rocks and producing conditions for other things to grow. Lichens are important in capturing carbon and are important



habitat for microfauna like spiders. Some lichens contribute nitrogen to the ecosystem. However they do not like growing where there is a lot of pollution. The fact that my citrus trees are covered in lichens denotes what a healthy environment we have in the Blackall Range.

The lichen body or 'thallus', comes in a variety of growth forms. Some have a shrubby appearance, some are leaflike, some are crusty on rocks, others hang down like straps.

Lichens may reproduce vegetatively by means of small packages of fungal hyphae and algal cells which break off easily. Only

the fungal partner can reproduce sexually.



These two photos show reproductive structures on the face of two different species.

(Photos: Fran Guard)

## Birds in Backyards - Gardens for Wildlife Event

by Jonathan Waites

'Birds in Backyards' is the subject of our next Gardens for Wildlife event to be held on Friday 6th of February in the Conference Room at the Hinterland Business Centre, 38A Coral St.

Beginning at 9 and running to 10.30 am (including morning tea) we will be presenting design strategies for you to implement in your backyard which will help encourage a range of birds to visit regularly and some to perhaps take up permanent residence.

Birds are perhaps the most noticeable form of wildlife we see in our urban and peri-urban landscapes. They can be noisy, colourful, interesting, secretive, annoying or all of the above. These feathered critters provide us with connection with nature and have that attracts wildlife. the potential to lead us into the

complex intricacies of interrelatedness that exist in our natural environments. Think food webs and the many and varied roles birds play within them as plant pollinators, seed dispersers and insect controllers. In fact birds are considered important enough to have their status included in the Australian Government's 'State of the Environment' report.

an easy and interesting point of Ferns, Hoya and a waterdish, contribute to a garden environment (Photo - Joan Dillon)

Topics for discussion will include plant species suitable to your area and soil as well as their appropriateness in regard to providing habitat (food and shelter) for the birds you are trying to attract;

> while of course considering which species of birds you are trying to attract to your garden and why. We will also be considering the 'ins' and 'outs' of providing such features as nest boxes and bird baths into your garden layout.

> A great way to begin to acquaint yourself with your local bird population, if you have a bird bath (a pot/dish on the ground will do – but not if you have a visiting or resident moggy), is to join the Bathing Birds survey which begins on Friday 23rd January and runs for four weeks until Monday 23rd of Febru-

ary. For details, see http://root.ala.org.au/bdrs-core/ npansw/home.htm. For a wealth of information about birds in backyards visit, http://www.birdsinbackvards.net.

The workshop will be free, however for catering purposes please book online at www.barunglandcare. org.au or phone 5494 3151.



## Wildlife Friendly Gardening

#### by Joan Dillon

Given my long interest in growing local native flora, combined with the joys of living with our wildlife, it has been decided to combine 'The Ornamental Garden' with a regular update on 'Gardens for Wildlife'. Hence the changed title.

The long dry spell resulted in some spectacular flowering of both native and exotic trees that was much appreciated by nectar and pollen gathering insects. The bees sensibly had a siesta during the hottest part of the day but the Syzygium australe windbreak could be heard buzzing in the early morning and late afternoon. Silky Oaks (Grevillea robusta) and Flame Trees (Brachychiton acerifolius) demonstrated just how well adapted they are to a variable climate, as did some smaller trees and shrubs.

If a regular water supply is not available, it will be worth listing those plants that have survived and remained healthy in each soil type. The forecast El Nino plus continued warming and drying for our part of the state, suggests that we would be wise to have a good look at our

preferred species. Given the geological history of the area, there is more than one soil type across the Range and we will continue to be able to maintain species diversity. Despite the dry conditions, seasonal breeding does not appear to have

been interrupted. Dusky honeyeaters regularly steal coconut fibre from the hanging baskets and melaleucas provide an endless supply of soft bark for lining nests. There's no doubt our honeyeaters are increasing in number, as are the brown pigeons, bandicoots and swamp wallabies. Reports are also being received of larger flocks of yellow-tailed black cockatoos than in previous years. There could be more than one reason for this, but they are a welcome sight.

As members will be aware, there have been unavoidable delays to the production of Gardens for Wildlife 'Notes' but they will come in 2015. Photos from past events and details of forthcoming events are posted on the Barung website.



Bee on Syzygium.

(Photo - Joan Dillon)

## Birds of the Blackall Range - Pacific Baza

#### by Eric Anderson

When I started bird watching, the Pacific Baza was aptly named a Crested Hawk. This slender, medium-sized, 35-45 cm, long-tailed hawk, has a small crest on a slaty-grey head. It is a colourful bird with golden yellow eyes and bold dark bars across its white belly and flanks. The sexes are similar in appearance, although the female is slightly larger and less colourful. On the juvenile, the crown and upper parts are browner with the breast being a light cinnamon while the barring is darker and narrower than on the adult.

Pacific Bazas are found in coastal and sub-coastal, closed and open forests from the Kimberly in WA, across northern and eastern Australia, to as far south as southern NSW. They are also found in Indonesia, New Guinea and the Solomons. They are generally a sedentary species maintaining a territory throughout the year. Their main habitat is around the margins and in spaces in the forests and rainforest. They are often found in the leafy hinterland gardens and can be seen weaving and circling around the tree tops before plunging into the canopy foliage, snatching at stick insects, mantids, frogs or small reptiles on the foliage or branches. At times they will catch these on the ground.

They are generally rather unobtrusive birds and seem to cause little alarm among small birds. In the air, their gliding and soaring flight is graceful, effortlessly floating on long wide wings. During the breeding season, Oct-Feb, they are known for spectacular aerial displays, soaring to great heights then swooping and tumbling while making loud calls. Typically they can be heard giving out a shrill rising and falling, double whistle.

# Mighty Red Cedars Honoured by Wootha Prize

#### by Mim Coulstock

Called by the local indigenous name for the mighty red cedars that brought the first timber cutters to the Blackall Range, the Wootha Prize celebrates the region's ongoing timber heritage.

Queensland's richest woodworking competition with over \$4,000 in prizes, the 2015 Wootha Prize, themed 'Planting the Seed', will form the feature exhibition at the Maleny Wood Expo to be held on 2nd and 3rd May.

The application deadline for this, the 8th annual Wootha Prize, is 13th February and successful applicants will be notified by early March.

Wootha Application Forms and Guidelines are available at http://www.malenywoodexpo.com/wootha-prize/



Frank van Brunschott,
Second Place and
Craftsmanship Award
winner with Rhonda
Alexander representing
sponsor, Queensland
Water and Land Carers.
(Photo: Boris Daniljchenko)



Pacific Baza is a colourful bird with golden yellow eyes and bold, dark bars across its white belly and flanks. (Photo: Eric Anderson)



## **Exhibitor Applications Now Open**

#### by Mim Coulstock

If you're interested in exhibiting or having a stall at the 2015 Maleny Wood Expo, then simply drop Expo Coordinator, Steve McLeish, a line at steve@ malenywoodexpo.org.au or give him a call on 0428 674 335.

Applications are now open for furniture, toolmakers, mobile millers, chainsaw carvers & other wood-related stalls, Taste Maleny and Sustainable Lifestyle exhibitors.

The Maleny Wood Expo has a strong focus on ecological sustainability and sustainable use of local timbers.

The first Maleny Wood Expo in 1996 was born from Barung Landcare's recognition of the need to raise awareness about sustainable use of native hardwood and rainforest cabinet timbers. If our beautiful native timbers are to be available in the future, we must protect our resources.



Women of all ages 'had a go' at woodwork at Patt Gregory's Woodwork for Women stand in 2014. (Photo: Mim Coulstock)





Tracy Lewis runs 'crazy critter' workshops for children at The Wood Expo (Photo: Mim Coulstock)

The main point of difference between the Maleny Wood Expo and other wood shows is that our wood artisans are required to work in sustainably harvested, native, weed or recycled timbers.

To achieve this, we require all exhibitors to respect our ethic and tell us where they source their timber.

The Expo aims to promote the whole 'timber' story – from seed collection through planting forests, harvesting and milling to the end product, the furniture.

To stay up-to-date with the latest Wood Expo news, like us on Facebook and visit http://malenywoodexpo.com/

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WOOD EXPO 2nd & 3rd May 2015

## Volunteers!!!!! Volunteers!!!!! Volunteers!!!!!

by Jonathan Waites

It's only three months to the Maleny Wood Expo, Barung's major (supremely significant) fundraiser for the year and the call for volunteers is out. If you are new to the Hinterland, this is a great opportunity for you to meet up with your community while supporting your local landcare group. Past supporters have the chance to catch up with old friends from previous years and be part of the iconic Maleny Wood Expo. Come

along and join the dynamic team of volunteers who help make this 'extravaganza of wood' happen.

We have lots of spots waiting for you to fill - helping on the Landcare BBQ (you get to eat), directing traffic (tell people where to go...nicely), selling raffle tickets (smile a lot), and more. Have a look at the registration form on our website for more opportunities and come in and have a chat if you would like to discuss anything or call me – 0429 943 151.



Volunteers enjoying last year's Expo. Ode Claxton-Smith (right) other names not suppied. (Photo: Steve Swayne)

We would love to hear from you sooner rather than later – it helps organisers enormously with planning and keeping stress levels within tolerable limits.

1. Register on line. The direct link is not up yet but you will

be able to access the registration form from the website (www.barunglandcare.org.au) or the Maleny Wood Expo site (www.malenywoodexpo.com) soon.

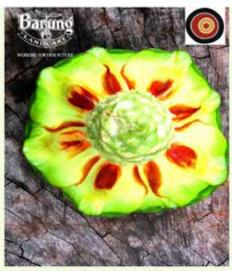
OR

2. Pop into the Barung Office in the Hinterland Business Centre at 38A Coral St or at the Nursery in Porter's Lane and register in person.

OR

3. Contact Jono on 0429 943 151 for further information.





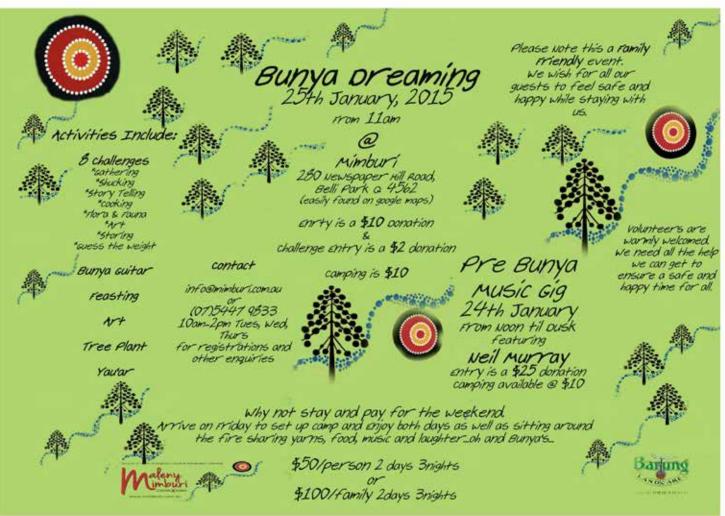
Minburt would like to acknowledge our past elder's of the Kabi Kabi Kabi gubbi people. If it had not been for their resilience and dedication to their cultural traditions and customs, it would not be possible for us to enjoy the opportunities presented to us today. May their stories and customs live on through us.

on through us.
We would like to thank the Kabi Kabi First
People's corporation for their support in
holding Sunya oreaning on country at our
new location of Minduri on the beautiful

new location of Mindus on the beautiful Mary River.

In particular Mindus' would like to thank Aunty Joy Pitt-Lithgoe and Unde errol Janes for their organg support at Mindus'. Mindus' also thanks our Major sponsors for Bunya oreaning. These include, Australian form forestry, & Barung Landkare. Another group who have been a great kelp are the Maleny Mindus' conxions friends. THUK YOU! THUK YOU!





## Denhamia celastroides - Orange Boxwood

#### PLANT PROFILE by Paul Barnes

Denhamia celastroides, known as Orange Boxwood, is a small tree or shrub to 7 metres with occasional specimens reaching 18 metres. It can be found in most types of rainforest and their margins with wet sclerophyll forest, from Manning River in NSW to the Windsor Tableland north west of Cairns in north Queensland. The specific name 'celastroides' refers to the similarity of the leaves, to those of closely related vines, Celastrus sub-

spicata and C australis. These vines sometimes grow in the same forests as the tree, creating potential for confusion.

The trunk is fluted or irregular and the bark is brown rough oir slightly scaly with transverse lines. The outer surface of live bark is bright orange or apple green with cream flecks on small trees. The wood is uniformly pale, and extremely suitable for turnery, knife handles, rulers and engraving.



Denhamia celastroides is available at Porters Lane Nursery now. (Photo: Fuschia Collard)

The leaves are alternate, or grouped at the ends of Branchlets, simple toothed elliptic to lanceolate 4-13cm long, 2-4 cm wide tapering gradually to both tip and base and green and shiny on both sides. Leaf stalks are 2-9 mm long, smooth and green.

Little creamy green flowers occur in masses in spring followed from February to June by hard, woody, grey capsules, 10-17 mm in diameter, which split into 3 or 4 cells, each containing one or

two dark brown 3 mm seeds more than half surrounded by a thin, fleshy bright red covering.

There are no birds documented as consuming the fruit, though species like Lewin's Honeyeater and bowerbirds, eat similar fruit of related species. For successful germination, seed should be fresh, but taken from mature fruit. In the garden, this is a slow growing decorative small tree best planted in part shade providing attractive new growth and mass flowering which is ornamental in fruit.

Keep an eye on the Barung website for upcoming events and new features: www.barunglandcare.org.au

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This entitles you to the quarterly Barung News, two free trees from the Nursery, discounts with participaing, local businesses and enables you to support Barung Landcare's work in preserving and enhancing the natural environment of the Blackall Range and environs.

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- acknowledgement of your support at Barung displays
- three (3) free trees, and
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