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*Bunya Dreaming artwork 2018*



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## President's Report

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*Joseph Rosenberg*

*Mark Berndsen* ...and our many Volunteers.

*Barung Landcare acknowledges the Yinnibarra people who are the traditional custodians of the land on which we stand.*

One of the things you find out about when taking on a new role, is that there are hidden traps for new players, and tasks that you didn't realise you needed to do like writing this article!

I want to start by thanking the retiring committee, and particularly past President Lindsay Kruger, and past Secretary Raine See. To both of them, we offer our thanks, and best wishes in their future ventures. During Lindsay's presidency there were significant improvements in Barung's finances, which has enabled us to replace some elderly bits of machinery, and start to plan for a positive future.



*Ian McMaster, President*

Barung has some exciting times ahead. While it is still a demanding task to sustain our strong financial position, two new opportunities are ready to bear fruit. Having done much preparatory work, we will shortly be formally asking Sunshine Coast Council to agree to a lease on the Maleny Community Precinct site. This is the first step in relocating our Porters Lane Community Nursery to the new site. Working closely with architect Tim Guymmer, we have devised a modified site layout that allows access to all the facilities proposed on the one level. We will be holding a members' meeting in the near future to provide an update.

We also hope to significantly increase the opportunities for members to engage with Barung, with a broader range of workshops being planned for this year. Very recently we ran a workshop on seed collecting and propagation, unfortunately in very hot weather, which made it demanding for all participants. Like many of our workshops, this one was fully subscribed, so be sure to look up the program and book early. If at all possible we will try to repeat the popular workshops at alternative times.

Barung is above all a members' organisation, and we will be looking for better ways to get your views and incorporate them into what Barung does. Please give us your feedback at [info@barunglandcare.org.au](mailto:info@barunglandcare.org.au)



# Birds of the Blackall Range

Eric Anderson

## The Great Egret (*Ardea alba*)

This is a large graceful long-legged Egret, up to 830mm in length, often seen leaning slightly forward with its characteristically kinked long neck stretched out. The neck and head can be up to one and a half times as long as the body. The sexes are similar and the general plumage is white. In flight, the legs project far beyond the tail. The voice consists of deep guttural rattling croaks.

The Great Egret has naked yellow facial skin extending back in a spur under and beyond the eye. The eye is yellow, although red when courting; the bill is long, strong and dagger-shaped and for most of the year is pale to rich yellow and sometimes with a dark tip. The legs and feet are blackish; in breeding plumage the bill is black and the facial skin pea-green to blue-green. This Egret breeds throughout the year, depending on availability of food and nests in colonies with other water birds. The nest is a platform of dry sticks, with a saucer-shaped hollow on top, in a tree, or sometimes in a reedbed at ground level.

Feeding mainly on fish, frogs and invertebrates in shallow swamps, flooded fields and along the edges of ditches and streams, it catches its prey after waiting quietly in shallow water, then darting its bill suddenly at the prey - it is often seen alone. Clearing and the development of irrigated agriculture have probably benefited the species.

The Great Egret is widespread in coastal and inland Australia. It also occurs throughout the world and like other closely related Egrets, it has beautiful, long nuptial plumes in the breeding season extending on the back and beyond the tail. These plumes were formerly used as ornaments in ladies' hats – but thankfully the hunting of the birds for their feathers is now prohibited in most parts of the world.







# Wildlife Friendly Gardening

Joan Dillon

Hopefully most readers will have taken advantage of the recent rain and planted some of the very attractive flowering plants presently in stock at the Porters Lane nursery. The majority are adaptable to our varied soil types here on the Range.

My wildlife friendly/ornamental/house garden has run out of planting space, so an outlier has been established in the back paddock. Bees are the intended target and a hive will come in due course. Several species of *Leptospermum* are growing vigorously although *Leptospermum liversidgei* struggles in our heavy clay. Some plants are very particular when it comes to soil type. Assorted flowering shrubs are part of the mix and will extend the seasonal nectar sources for birds as well as butterflies and other insects.

Close by on the edge of a planted and now well-established forest is a large *Melicope elleryana*, with branches presently covered in clusters of pink flowers. Latish in the afternoon these flowers are visited by a host of butterflies, including Orchard Swallowtails, Blue Triangles, Varied Eggflies, Common Crows, Monarch and sundry others in the white and yellow range but at present of uncertain identity. All of these flutter and glide around the house garden. The little booklet *Butterflies of Coastal SEQ* is always on hand at lunchtime out on the deck.

Back in the “house” garden, a very dry and semi-shaded area has presented species choice challenges and a need to experiment. The best plants so far seem to be the local clumping *Dianella caerulea* and, surprisingly, the Wallum Grass Tree, *Xanthorrhoea fulva*. Given half a chance, *Dianella caerulea* spreads its suckers in all directions and is therefore very useful for filling difficult corners, suppressing weeds, and covering bare soil. Keep an eye out for suckers as they can travel underground and come up in unexpected places. Just pull them up and cut off beside the main clump.

Some grasses are also being tried but shade is the critical factor. Where there is sufficient light, *Poa labillardierei* is the most successful and will self-seed. The small seeds have been seen in scats so are clearly liked by something small and furry, another aspect of wildlife friendly gardening.

Even in autumn it can be very hot, so mulching plants well will pay dividends. Do take advantage of the rain when it comes and plant some of the very attractive flowering plants presently in stock at the Porters Lane nursery while the warm months are still with us. The majority of plants are adaptable to our varied soil types here on the Range and will prosper with little watering.



**Can anyone identify this “new” moth? I’ve seldom seen anything with such complex patterning. Nature is full of surprises.**





# Barung Workshops

## Bring Ya Bug, Fungi or Plant Along

Have you ever found a really odd (interesting) bug or an especially bizarre fungus that resembles a cage... a plant with a leaf reminiscent of a candle flame perhaps... and wondered, what on earth is that?

On **Saturday 7th of April** Barung will be holding an intriguing new workshop at the **Maleny Community Centre** that may resolve such conundrums. If you have found a bug, fungus or plant that is particularly perplexing or has simply aroused your curiosity, would you like to know what it is, what it does and why it bothers...

The panel, Michelle Gleason (the Bug Lady & author of *Miniature Lives*), Frances Guard (co-author of *Australian Sub-tropical Fungi*), and Wayne Webb (Barung Production Nursery Manager, yet to publish), will astound you with their brilliance and breadth of knowledge.

You will have 5 minutes with the panel member of your choice who will (hopefully) identify your specimen and tell you a story about it. Michelle, Frances and Wayne will each contribute a short presentation at the end of the morning about the various species brought in and provide some context for their presence in the landscape at this time of the year.

Cost is \$5/category (bug or fungus or plant). You may bring up to three specimens in each category. Morning Tea will be provided. This workshop is supported by the Burnett Mary Regional Group, through funding from the Australian Government's National Landcare Programme. Register online at <http://www.barunglandcare.org.au> or phone the Barung office 5494 3151.



*Tremella fuciformis*

## 50 Shades of Green: Garden Design with Rainforest Species

Barung is very pleased to announce a very special garden design workshop on **Sunday 8th of April** in the Conference Room, Hinterland Business Centre, Maleny with well-known Queensland landscape architect Lawrie Smith AM.

The diversity and versatility of rainforest species offers an extensive palette of plants to use as unique and dramatic horticultural subjects in landscape and garden design. Creating your own lifestyle environment in Maleny is an ambition that most of us share - but we never really know just how to do it!

The key is 'Design with Nature' - the philosophy that landscape architect Lawrie Smith AM has followed throughout his career spanning almost 50 years. You may have enjoyed some of his landscape without realising it - he was responsible for the entire external environment of World Expo 88, everything outside the pavilions. Roma Street Parkland in central Brisbane is his design and the Maroochy Regional Bushland Botanic Gardens is being created from his master plan, as are more than 20 other botanic gardens.



This Workshop will be presented in simple everyday layman's language, accompanied by photo images to provide some inspirational ideas. Lawrie will guide you through the planning and design process as you analyse and understand the opportunities and constraints presented by your site, and then you will use this in a hands-on session to do the basic design for a chosen section of your own garden. From this you will define the specific functional and design requirements for the plant material needed in your garden and Lawrie will guide you through the selection process to allow you to identify the most suitable species.

Whether you live in town or on a large rural site, the design principles you learn at the workshop will help you to create an Australian inspired garden of any scale that has the appropriate 'sense of place' that will forever belong to Maleny - Design with Nature defined by Fifty Shades of Green.

Register online at <http://www.barunglandcare.org.au> or phone the Barung office 5494 3151, Members \$30.00, Non-Members \$45.00





## Workshops Roundup

### Australian Native Bees \*

In September last year, Dr Tim Heard from Sugarbag Bees ran this very popular full day Workshop which followed the format of his book, *The Australian Native Bee Book* (available at the Barung Resource Centre) and covered all aspects of native stingless bee keeping. As well as a presentation supported by an extensive range of slides (mostly photos from the aforementioned book), the day included two practical demonstrations covering hive design, colony division and honey extraction. Due to the enthusiastic response from participants we will most likely run this workshop again in the future.



### Prepare Act Survive

In October we had 1st Officer Scot Perrie and Volunteer Community Educator, Daniel Sandeman, from the Maleny Rural Fire Brigade run this very relevant workshop. As a responsible landholder, you are urged to prepare your own Bushfire Survival Plan which will dictate what you do if your property is threatened with a bushfire. There is a template available at [https://www.ruralfire.qld.gov.au/BushFire\\_Safety/Pages/Create-your-bushfire-survival-plan.aspx](https://www.ruralfire.qld.gov.au/BushFire_Safety/Pages/Create-your-bushfire-survival-plan.aspx), where you can create your own Bushfire Survival Plan for your property. A Fire Danger Rating is published daily by the Bureau of Meteorology and can be found at <https://www.ruralfire.qld.gov.au/Pages/FDR.aspx>. The rating may be used in the event of a bushfire in your area to judge whether you should leave your property. It is usually fine to stay when a 'Very High' rating is in force, but in the event of 'Extreme' and 'Catastrophic' ratings you may need to leave. The designated Neighbourhood Safe Place for the Maleny area is at the Maleny Show Grounds.

### Ticks: Our pets and us \*

This is another very popular workshop that will probably be repeated later this year. We were very fortunate to have the Senior Medical Superintendent at the Maleny Soldiers Memorial Hospital, Dr Ted Chamberlain, and veterinarian, Dr Leigh Findlay to discuss the effect of Paralysis ticks (*Ixodes holocyclus*) on their human and animal hosts respectively. Maleny, along with the Northern Beaches area of Sydney, is a Paralysis tick hotspot in Australia, unfortunately, with a high rate of allergies of unknown cause and anaphylactic reactions in humans. It is best to avoid irritating ticks when removing them, the application of scabies cream (e.g., Lyclear) or freezing (e.g., Wart-Off Freeze Spray) is recommended to kill them first. This isn't the case with dogs, ticks should be removed immediately they are found on your pooch.

### Native Seed Collection and Propagation \*

Wayne Webb ran a most successful workshop earlier this year at our Production Nursery at Landsborough under very trying conditions, particularly in the propagation tunnel where temperature and humidity were at extremely elevated levels. The workshop covered a range of seed collection issues including methods, etiquette and recognition of seed maturity. These aspects were discussed and demonstrated during a walk through some of the naturally regenerated areas of the property. Back at the nursery Wayne covered a range of propagation techniques relevant to various plant species followed by a 'potting up' demonstration.



### An Introduction to Natural Landscapes \*

Greg Smyrell presented this workshop in the Theaterette at Mary Cairncross Scenic Reserve. Greg discussed the importance of selecting the right plant species (individually and as suites of species) when designing revegetation projects.

To exemplify the way in which some of us tend to choose plants in a nursery for a reveg project, he applied similar logic to a hypothetical car building project which begins with a visit to an auto parts shop to choose the necessary parts, resulting in the analogy depicted below.

The story goes like this:

“Greg knows you only need one car body to build a car so that’s what he gets. However he likes steering wheels and finds three that are particularly appealing. He loves listening to music and couldn’t decide on a particular CD player so picked up three of those too. But the part that really floats Greg’s boat is the mag wheel, and they had a tray full on special – so he grabbed thirteen at a bargain price! He’d been told that he would need tyres, but wasn’t fussed so only bought one. Likewise with nuts which he found black and boring, but as an afterthought pocketed two on the way out anyway.”

The point is, to successfully initiate your reveg project you need to know your plants (parts). You need to know their function to understand why they are needed in the revegetation system (car), what their roles are and how together they bring a system to life from whence it proceeds to evolve.

This workshop was in such demand we were able to run it a second time for our Skilling Queenslanders for Work participants as well as the eight people we had on a waiting list from the first workshop, plus four more. Special thanks to Greg for generously fitting us into his busy schedule a second time.



## An Introduction to Cooking with Bunya Nuts

Janet Webb ran this great workshop at the Maleny Neighbourhood Centre for an enthusiastic group of native food cuisiniers. Participants had the opportunity to ‘test drive’ two nut de-husking proto-types as well as trying their hand at an old stand by, a large kitchen knife. A full complement of fingers was retained by all takers. Janet demonstrated the preparation of her renowned bunya pesto and a sample was provided to all participants to take home along with a recipe to prepare more of the same plus some of the vital ingredients.



## Gardens for Wildlife

Susie Duncan and Barry Traill hosted and presented our first Gardens for Wildlife workshop for 2018. A lovely morning (sans rain) was spent rambling through their wildlife friendly garden, discovering egg-laying butterflies above ground and a Red triangle slug (*Triboniophorus graeffei*) laying eggs below ground (well it would have been if we hadn’t un-earthed it). The Red triangle, Australia’s largest native land slug, was caught on camera by Susie. Have a look at the Hinterland Bush Links Facebook site (March 4) for an action photo. Barry estimates that there might be 4 – 5,000 species of soil dwelling invertebrates occupying their approximately one acre yard. Susie and Barry have offered to run another workshop later this year in Spring, so for those of you who missed out or who would like to repeat the experience, keep an eye out for a Barung email around October.

\* These workshops are part of the “Getting to Know our Place” project which is supported by the Burnett Mary Regional Group, through funding from the Australian Government’s National Landcare Programme.

Thanks to Jonathan Waites who organises Barung’s Workshop program.

For full details of upcoming workshops go to [barunglandcare.org.au](http://barunglandcare.org.au)



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## Pyrophilous or Fire-Loving Fungi

Solveig Gillis

Fungi tend to prefer habitats that are damp and shaded, such as the forest floor, and they usually pop up in our gardens and forests after rain. So when we decided to do a day walk around the Lake Manchester Circuit track (part of Brisbane Forest Park) in winter, we didn't expect to find many fungi, especially as it had been a particularly dry winter. In addition, large portions of the area around the lake had recently been burnt – so recently in fact that the ground was still warm and some of the tree stumps were still smoking.

Imagine our surprise when we encountered a patch of dinner plate sized fungi emerging out of the ashes! These were *pyrophilous* or fire-loving fungi, and this particular one was a polypore, having tiny pores rather than gills on the underside of the cap. It belongs to the genus *Laccocephalum* and these fungi are well adapted to fire, having subterranean storage organs.

This species of *Laccocephalum* had fruiting bodies up to 250mm in diameter, and up to 60mm thick. The underside was creamy white, but the surface of the cap was a rusty tan and is usually cracked, probably due to the residual heat of the soil, which in places was still warm to the touch. This really is an amazing species of fungus, adapted to an incredibly hostile environment!

*Laccocephalum* species are commonly found in southern Australian eucalypt forests, where they decay logs and buried wood. For further information about fungi and fire in Australian ecosystems, refer to the excellent article by Sapphire McMullan - Fisher et al in the Australian Journal of Botany (2011), Vol 59, pp70-90.



Burnt Habitat



*Laccocephalum* sp



Pores on Underside



## Natural Areas Services Report

We have recently taken delivery of our new vehicle which looks amazing and is now fully kitted out and already hard at work. This vehicle primarily takes over from the Hilux (which remains in service for closer sites and as a backup in busy times).

Last week, we went along to the Sunshine Coast Council's annual supplier briefing to ensure we are providing the SCC Council with what they look for from the businesses they do work with.

In line with our goal to ensure that all our staff are capable and confident, we have conducted several internal training sessions, for example, a session on Pole Saw use as per the Australian Standard. We have also conducted sessions on our personal protective equipment processes and the new online timesheet system, with many more training sessions in the works.

Our Skilling Queensland group have been busy acquiring skills, such as bushland operational assessments and mapping skills, nursery operations, chainsaw use and obtaining industry relevant licences. They continue to broaden their local and industry knowledge in a variety of ways, for example, time spent with the likes of local Bushcare groups. Pictured is the Avocado Lane Bushcare Group.







## Maleny Wood Expo 2018

It really does get better and better every year and the forthcoming Maleny Wood Expo: *from Seed to Fine Furniture* is looking particularly interesting. Here a few highlights to date, but watch this space...

Young people up to the age of 16 years are admitted free! Every child or youth coming through the gate will be given a hand-made wooden medallion and a mini-workbook outlining activities in the Junior Landcare Paddock. A truly amazing array of Kids' Workshops are happening there over the three days (5, 6 and 7 May). This is a great chance to make a present for Mothers' Day at the Cool Stool School (bookings [here](#)) or at the Blackall Range Woodies and Men's Shed Maleny workshops.

There is also macrame, stick play, lantern making, didgeridoo making and boomerang painting. Young visitors can create a plant holder and pot up a native plant from Barung's Nursery stall; decorate a cutting board or build a toy boat.

Expo Coordinator Steve McLeish has brought together a wonderful entertainment program featuring the best of our Sunshine Coast musicians and bands along with roving entertainment.

Adult workshops are filling up fast: see the MWE [website](#) for full details and book sooner rather than later. The expertise provided by wood artisans Carol Russell, Don Powell, Richard Vaughan and Richard Knight in these workshops is world class.

As the Expo gets bigger and better, so too the demand for volunteers increases. It is Barung's major fundraiser for the year and we need your help! Over 200 volunteers are needed over the 3 days and you will be rewarded with a free burger and coffee plus a free plant from the Barung nursery.

You will be in good company, so please contact the office on 5494 3151 or email [info@barunglandcare.org.au](mailto:info@barunglandcare.org.au) to lock in a roster time and a job to suit you now. We'll hold a Volllies' thankyou BBQ once we have all recovered!

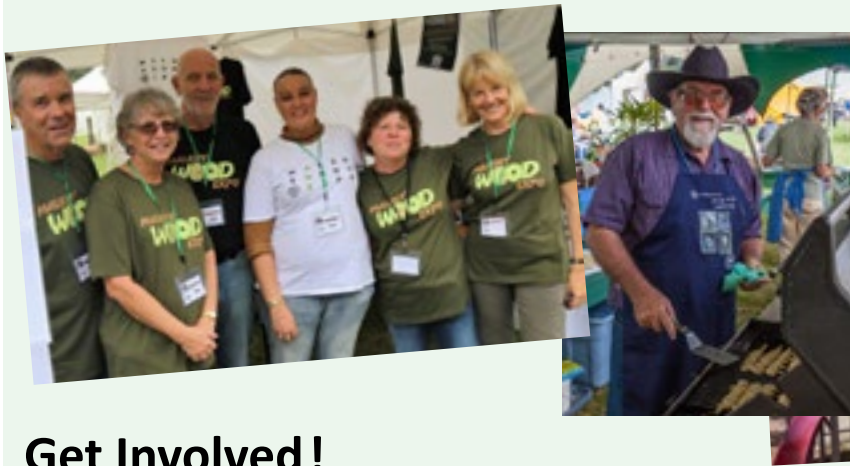




# Volunteer for the 2018 Maleny Wood Expo

If you would like to meet new people and be part of the iconic Maleny Wood Expo, why not join the team of dynamic volunteers that helps keep this event alive and thriving?

We have many spots waiting for you to fill - from selling raffle tickets, helping on the gates, the Landcare BBQ and more...



## Get Involved!

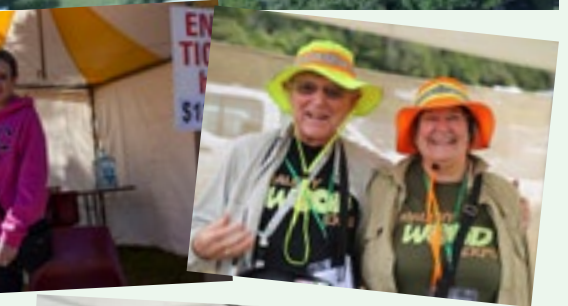
Join the Expo volunteer team and give our Expo visitors a taste of Maleny's famous country hospitality.

**Phone Volunteer Coordinator**  
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All our Volunteers get  
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a **FREE COFFEE**, and  
a **FREE BARUNG NURSERY PLANT**.



**Sat 5th to Mon 7th May 2018**  
Maleny Showgrounds - Sunshine Coast Hinterland



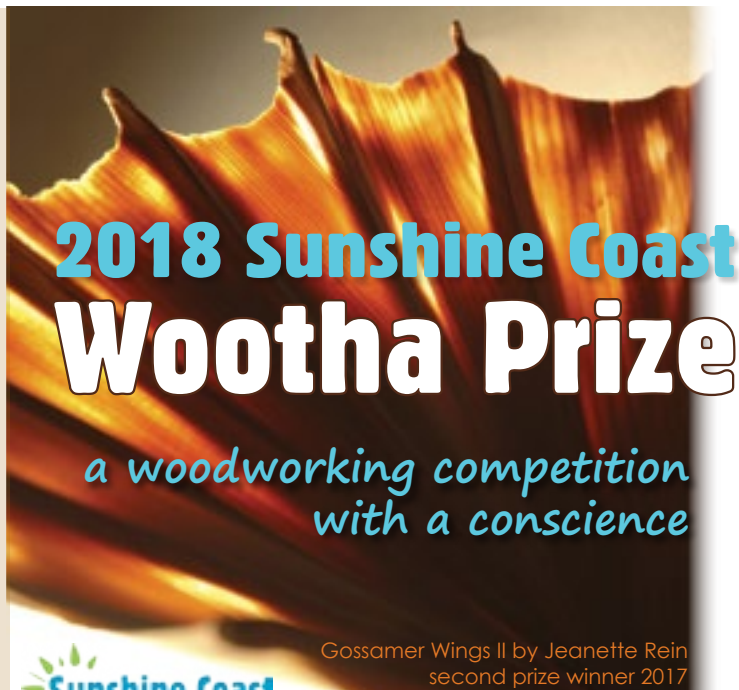


## Wootha Prize Boost

The Wootha Prize is named in honour of the Indigenous name for Red cedar, the giants of the subtropical rainforest that once populated the Blackall Range area and beyond. Applications have already closed for 2018 and selected entries will be displayed onstage at the Fine Furniture pavillion.

Whilst the winners are announced at the opening night party, visitors are invited to vote for the People's Choice award during Expo. It is an inspirational exhibition, curated this year by artist Corrie Wright and a team of volunteers. The theme for 2018 is "joined", which should make for some very interesting interpretations.

The real news is that the prize pool has been boosted to a fabulous \$10,000 first prize by support from the Sunshine Coast Regional Council. This is a vote of confidence in Maleny Wood Expo as a major regional event. Barung would like to acknowledge the continuing support of sponsors HQ Plantations (\$2,500 second prize and the \$500 People's Choice); Timber Transitions (\$1500 third prize); Queensland Water and Land Carers and environmental consultancy Geochemp.



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Gossamer Wings II by Jeanette Rein  
second prize winner 2017



## Zina Burloiu Chip Carving Workshop

Barung Landcare is excited to announce a special and very talented guest workshop presenter at the 2018 Wood Expo. Zina Burloiu is from Romania and is acknowledged around the world as the premier exponent of her craft. She is variously known as a traditional Romanian chip carver and spoon maker, a creative decorative artist, and a sculptor who exhibits internationally. She has been teaching chip carving for 20 years.

Zina uses knives that she makes herself. She is also a qualified engineer and will be bringing her knives to Australia and will have a knife for every participant to use. She can show participants how to grind and sharpen their own knives, but if they choose she can sell them one of her knives for \$50. If stocks run out she can take orders.

Zina will introduce you to traditional chip carving interpreted in her own unique style. Workshop participants will be shown how to draw and execute different designs and patterns using a Queensland beech practice piece. Bookings are going fast. Go to <http://www.malenywoodexpo.com/workshops-2018>





# Barung Nurseries

*Cam Burton, Nurseries Manager*

Hi from both the Landsborough and Porters Lane nurseries.

The summer is a busy time of the year for the nurseries, being the peak season for the collection and propagation of Rainforest species. Wayne has been spotted by many rummaging through the undergrowth collecting all sorts of fruit, and Kim, our horse riding collector, has brought in many interesting species. Dianna and Eric have been 'on the hunt' bringing in a range of seed, particularly focusing on species from Burgess Avenue which borders Mary Cairncross Reserve. Their collection of *Cinnamomum oliveri*, Oliver's Sassafras, which is a large rainforest tree endemic to east coast Australian rainforests, will be an important addition to the diversity of species available for revegetation.

Maia and the team of 'vollies', as well as the Skilling Queenslander Trainees at Landsborough, at times battling through some hot conditions, have produced some quality tubestock. Of note is the propagation of *Argyrodendron actinophyllum* subspecies *actinophyllum*, the Black Booyong. A large, buttressing rainforest tree that occurs between Sydney and Gympie, it mainly grows at higher altitudes on rich basalt soils or scattered throughout drier rainforests.

Taylor, our school based trainee from Maleny High is proving to be a valuable worker at the Porters nursery and recently he dedicated some hours to the collection of *Flindersia schottiana* seed, collecting about a bucket load. Germination from the seed happened within days of sowing and the seedlings are making rapid progress. Well done Taylor!

The crew at Porters Lane have also been doing a wonderful job presenting and maintaining healthy stock. Joining the stalwarts are two new volunteers. Toni is using her previous nursery experience to do a wonderful job monitoring and treating any unwanted pests in the nursery and Fabienne has been shown the propagation ropes by Gretchen. Great to have you both on board!



Koala bells *Artanema fimbriatum*



A focus at Porters is propagating garden-friendly plants under the 'Gardens for Wildlife' banner. A propagation success that is looking spectacular at the moment is *Artanema fimbriatum* 'Koala bells', a striking perennial with purple trumpet flowers, which is best cut back quite hard to extend its life in the garden.

The propagation and care of our plants is truly rewarding here at Porters - though without question, a highlight of the week is always the lively and thought-provoking discussions, a cup of tea, and of course some of Di's legendary ginger slice.



Bumpy ash  
*Flindersia schottiana*



Oliver's Sassafras  
*Cinnamomum oliveri*,



Black Booyong  
*Argyrodendron actinophyllum*





## Bunya Dreaming 2018

Barung is proud to be associated with the Bunya Dreaming festival which keeps alive the Indigenous heritage of the area.

This season the Hand/Bond family along with other Kabi Kabi families welcomed a new venue at Ewen Maddock off Steve Irwin Way (opposite the Big Kart Track).

A record crowd (around 500 people) attended and the day was warm and sunny. The lovely grounds with shaded areas provided an ideal venue. One challenge thrown out to everyone by Beverley Hand was to have a conversation with someone you had not met before about (you guessed it) Bunyas.

There was a sense of connectedness and coming together in fellowship and goodwill both culturally and environmentally. Delicious bunya based snacks, the art challenge (see cover page) and team games kept adults and young people busy.

The magical Bunya (*Araucaria bidwillii*) is said to bear heavily every 3 years and this year was probably considered a light crop, so watch out for next year!



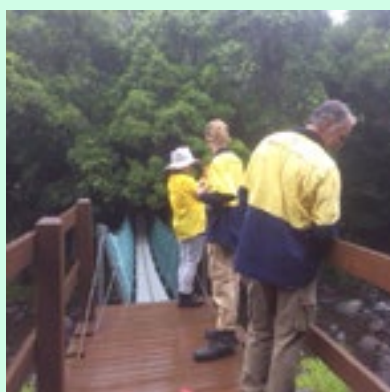
## Skilling Queenslanders for Work on the Range

*Danielle Steele*

Barung Landcare is proud to see the first round of participants successfully complete a 22-week paid traineeship under the Skilling Queenslanders for Work project.

Skilling Queenslanders for Work provides skills development, training and job opportunities to unemployed, disengaged or disadvantaged Queenslanders through a suite of targeted skills and training programs.

The project focuses on developing an individual's skills, supporting them to begin a learning pathway to a Certificate III qualification, and providing direct assistance to those Queenslanders that need extra support to enter and stay in the workforce.



Eight participants completed the program: every one demonstrated enthusiasm and dedication throughout the traineeship. The Skilling Queensland group worked on various weed control and bush regeneration projects across the Blackall Range, alongside training within Barung's retail and wholesale nurseries and experience with specialised equipment at the Landsborough depot.

The trainees are now well-placed to re-enter the workforce with a fresh range of skills, knowledge and qualifications; some of whom will be working with Barung on future projects.

Barung Landcare is set to begin its second round of Skilling Queenslanders for Work on the 26th of March. We look forward to introducing the next group of trainees to our local community and environs.

This Skilling Queenslanders for Work project is proudly funded and supported by the Queensland Government.



## The Crow's Ash (*Flindersia australis*) or Australian teak

This is a fine evergreen rainforest tree that grows up to 40 metres high and can develop a buttressed trunk with age. It is a most adaptable and attractive tree although slow to get going and prefers a sunny position or partial sunlight. The high branches provide good nesting sites. The new growth is a lovely bronze shade and abundant white or cream petalled flowers appear any time from August to February depending on the site. Crow's Ash trees are particularly attractive to the Orchard Swallowtail butterflies, as well as bees and other insects, honeyeaters and both the fruit and blossom bats. High branches provide excellent nesting and resting sites for birds.

However, the truly magnificent feature of this tree are its seed pods which appear first as woody capsules up to 10cm in length. They are covered with blunt prickles which were used by Indigenous people as a sort of grater to peel the skin and dirt from tuberous root vegetables. As the seed pods ripen they pop open and split into 5 boat-shaped valves that have been described as looking like a starfish. These are great for floral arrangements and art projects, even Christmas tree decorations.

The actual seeds ripen to release papery wing-like seeds which germinate readily if planted immediately or seed can be stored in the fridge for a long time and still remain viable.



Tracey Lewis has been running a very popular workshop at the Maleny Wood Expo using native seed pods to make bush critters. If you can collect dry seed pods from a Crow's Ash or any other unusual seed pods for kids to use at the 2018 Expo, please drop them into the Barung Landcare offices at 38A Coral Street Maleny up to the end of April.

## New computer donated

Thanks for the generous donation of a new HP I7 computer. It is being put to good use by our volunteers at the Barung Resource Centre in Coral Street.



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