

CJP 12 join Barung Team

CJP TEAM by Ed Surman

The Barung centre is normally a pretty busy place but lately it's been a buzz of energy. Twelve new faces have joined the Barung team for the next 17 weeks.

These people are participating in the Community Jobs Plan or, as we like to call it, the CJP. The Hinterland Business Centre and Barung Landcare are partners in this exciting project.

The twelve participants are working in two areas within Barung. The Administration team – Steve, Gabbi and Keith – are busy helping with the smooth running of the centre and assisting with the lead up to the 'Chainsaw to Fine Furniture' Expo. The Revegetation team – Dee, Donald, Valerie, Jeff, Leon, Daniel, Tara and myself (as supervisor) – are providing maintenance for several of the major revegetation project sites undertaken by Barung over the last few years.



The energetic CJP revegetation team, with Ed Surman, front and centre!

We are working on the Obi Obi Partnership site, the Obi boardwalk, the Mountains to Coast planting at the Landsborough-Maleny road entrance to town, and the creek line and park right near Barung, with work at more sites planned.

Already the CJP team are excelling, having removed over one cubic metre of Madeira vine tubers from the road reserve on the Mountains to Coast planting, more than 12 cubic metres of weeds from the Obi Creek boardwalk (which is a mountain!), tamed the overhead jungle of weeds at the Obi partnership site, and assisted with planting 270 trees. The team has also prepared an area for an additional 1000 trees to go in upstream of the original site at Pacific Plantations. In fact, the team is always ready to lend a hand whatever the task, from weeding, tubing up and potting on in the nursery to erecting the Barung tent to seed collecting.

The CJP project is not just about work. Participants are learning tree identification, nursery skills, bush regeneration and about the environment on the range – a sense of place and the importance of the work Barung does.

It's early days and already the team is going great. I'm already impressed with the quality and amount of work these people can do. They are all so keen and enthusiastic and a real pleasure to work with. The object of the CJP program is to assist people into full-time employment with training, job search skills and hands-on experience. So if you are looking for a quality employee, contact us at Barung and we may have the person for you.

BARUNG LANDCARE NEWS



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WORKING FOR OUR FUTURE

Volunteers Still Needed For Expo

Once again we are calling for help from all Barung members to support local landcare by volunteering for one or more shifts at the 2005 Maleny Wood Expo *From Chainsaw to Fine Furniture* from 30th April to 2nd May at the Maleny Showgrounds.

Any surplus generated by the Expo goes towards maintaining the Barung Resource Centre and carrying out education and revegetation projects in the region, so it's a great way to support Barung at least once during the year.

The 400 volunteer shifts filled by both Barung and community members make the Expo work. Without this contribution there would be no Expo.

One of the main feedback comments from the 2004 event survey was that 'the Expo's friendly and helpful volunteers' made the Expo stand out among other events!

Volunteers are needed to help out with a variety of jobs from erecting tents and setting up prior to the event, to selling tickets, parking cars, chopping onions, clearing tables, putting out and collecting road signs, sorting rubbish and a myriad of other jobs.

So if you haven't yet offered a couple of hours, please ring Gaby at the Expo Office on 5429 6566 and discuss with her where you would like to assist. As a small thanks to our Expo volunteers, you will each receive a plant voucher for the Nursery, a free drink voucher, and complimentary ticket and parking pass to the Expo.

HRM experience needed

Barung is forming a subcommittee to review our Human Resource Management issues, and would like to hear from members (or friends) with experience in HRM. Please contact Katrina Shields at the Office.



Damien Draper presents a brand new brushcutter (valued over \$400), donated by Conservation Volunteers Australia, to Greg, Wayne and Cali at Barung Landcare.

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WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

(Compiled by Barry Liddell)

Don & Annie Boyd	Pamela & Lucky Watson
Lawrie Woods	Jedda & Elken Scott
Ross Westmoreland	Faye Knopf
John Ison	Geoff & Pam Webb
Marion & Ian Nalder	Clem & Pauline Davies
Jan Scudamore	Paul Barnes
Kurt & Sally Watter	Christopher Hughes
Kerry & Prue Mason	Bernadette Benade
Nick Heath	David Porter
Rick Weeks	Chris Patterson
Lil Kelman & Stephen Reed	Jonathan Lloyd
Scott Dawson	David Thomas

WELCOME BACK

Maleny Amcal Pharmacy	Susan Starling
Carol Vardy	G Gwynne
Capt. Gordon Scott	

THANK YOU FOR YOUR LANDCARE SUPPORT

BARUNG MEMBERSHIP RATES

Individual / family membership	\$ 20 pa
Business membership	\$ 55 pa
Business sponsorship	\$275 pa

Donations of \$2 or more to the Barung Environmental Gift Fund are tax deductible.

When your BUSINESS supports Barung Landcare, you will be acknowledged in the bimonthly *Barung Landcare News* (700 distribution) and at Barung displays, and you are entitled to three free trees and discounts on plant purchases at the Nursery.

Contact the office at Barung Landcare on 5494 3151 or email barungadmin@big.net.au for a Business Sponsor form.

FROM OUR PRESIDENT

Lin Fairlie

Barung is very happy to welcome the new on-ground CJP team and their supervisor, Ed Surman. The Resource Centre is again bursting at the seams, making the move to a new site even more needed. It is a great team, enthusiastic and hard working and already the Board Walk and the Obi Project areas are looking 'loved' again. Two CJP workers at the Expo Office and one more in the Nursery sales/Resource office are also making great contributions, freeing staff to be more productive with less interruptions. (There is no news to report about 'the move'.)

We hope to see as many members as possible at the 10th Anniversary Expo Dinner on Saturday 16th April, to help us celebrate the success of this important annual event (see details elsewhere in this newsletter).

Talking of Expo, please don't forget to contact the Expo Office (5429 6566) if you intend to be one of the happy band of volunteers for Expo but haven't yet registered. Expo does need the support of all members. It is your Expo, after all.

Thinking of membership, we were not overwhelmed with responses to the request for a new Management Committee member – in fact, there was no one. So if you are slightly interested and felt too shy to contact us, now is the time.

Once again landholders in south-east Queensland are conscious of the lack of 'normal' rainfall (if there is such a thing). It is only a few months since signs of stress were appearing in plants around us and here we are again, seeing the same signs. When the soft-leaved weeds start to droop we know that extra care should be taken with all water use. There has been a little rain as I write this. Hope it does not just continue the 'green drought'.

Two highly invasive weeds, morning glory and Madeira vine, are presently in flower, giving clear indications of their locations. Take this opportunity to mark any infestation on your land so that if you do not have time to address it now, you can return to the exact spot in the future. I have just found a single, well-established specimen of Madeira vine with a stem as thick as my finger in a reveg area where previously there was no infestation. Its flowers on the top of a four metre tree gave it away. So this has taught me to be vigilant.

Hope to see you all at the Anniversary Dinner and at Expo.

Tax-deductible gifts support Barung's work

Barung Landcare, a non-government, non-profit, community-based organisation, works tirelessly to conserve and enhance the rich diversity of natural resources of the Blackall Range and environs. Not wishing to depend on the vagaries of government funding, we strive for financial self-sufficiency, deriving our income from memberships and donations, nursery sales, contracting services and the Wood Expo. In fact, Government grants account for less than 30 per cent of our total income.

We always need ongoing funding to plan and implement projects to protect, promote and restore our unique local landscapes and diverse ecosystems at risk.

Barung is listed on the Australian Government's Register of Environmental Organisations, so donations over \$2 are tax-deductible for the donor. **Please support Barung** by using the donation form inserted in this newsletter, and thank you for your priceless contribution to protecting our natural heritage.

2005 Expo EcoTours

We've all heard the environmental mantra, 'Think Globally, Act Locally', but what does it really mean? How can we put it into action? Find out first-hand when you meet Maleny's eco-innovators on our exclusive EcoTours, part of the 2005 Maleny Wood Expo.

The daily EcoTour program has nine different guided bus tours that reveal a fascinating but less visible side of the Blackall Range.

An EcoTour highlight will be the **EcoHousing Tour**, which offers insights into 'green' principles in practice as applied to two contrasting house designs in Maleny, as well as a presentation by Ahtee Chia, a Maleny architect with a particular interest in ecologically sustainable housing design. The first EcoHouse is a two-bedroom 'viable alternative' rammed earth construction modern home designed by Chris Rew and built by John Oliver. The second home, designed by Keith Kuchenmeister, consumes as few resources, time and money as possible while remaining aesthetically pleasing, low maintenance and functional.

The **EcoGardening Tour** visits two small acreage properties evolving from former weed-infested grazing land into exemplary native gardens with 'Land for Wildlife' accreditation.

Three **Farm Forestry Tours** will showcase young and developing plantations, designed to complement conservation areas under rehabilitation while still being commercially viable. The sites also demonstrate innovative establishment and management techniques.

For the more adventurous, an **Off-Beat Rainforest Tour** heads off the beaten track in 4WD air-conditioned luxury to experience nature at its awesome and majestic best.

Foodies with an environmental conscience will enjoy the **Mary Valley Flavours Tour** culminating in a sumptuous organic lunch, the **Café Latte Tour** with tastings of locally-grown coffee and a visit to the award-winning Maleny Dairies, and the **Fresh Farm Organics Tour** showcasing natural nutrition and Community Supported Agriculture (CSA).

All EcoTour prices include a weekend pass to the Expo at Maleny Showgrounds.

To secure your place on an EcoTour, book soon at the Expo Office (by phone or email). For more in-depth information on all tours, visit the Expo website.



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Expo Speakers' Tent targets weeds

Susie Duncan

Saturday afternoon at the Speakers' Tent features a forum on camphor laurel. A wide range of speakers will explore the positives and negatives associated with camphor spread in the landscape. Millers and woodworkers will discuss the finer qualities of this timber.

On **Sunday afternoon** you will be treated to a walk along the Obi Creek to tales of our local plants and animals – how they interact and how we can make life better for them. The theme of the session is 'A Sense of Place', and we will have a special opportunity to gain an indigenous perspective from the Mairwarr Indigenous Environmental Group.

And then on **Monday afternoon** you can get the low-down on how to tackle those nasty weed vines that threaten to smother lots of remnant vegetation in the region. Come and get some practical advice from the experts.

In addition to this great range of topics, there will be farm forestry/wood products talks each morning. So see you at the Speakers Tent.

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The Maleny Wood Expo *From Chainsaw to Fine Furniture* is supported by the Queensland Events Regional Development Program, partnered with Telstra Country Wide. The program is a State Government initiative designed to take unique and creative events to their full potential to increase local economic activity and development.

Expo organisers would also like to thank Caloundra Tourism, Caloundra City Council, Channel 7 Queensland, Maleny IGA, Maleny Credit Union, Maple Street Co-op, Bold in Gold Fine Art Gallery, Hill House Timbers and Range Hardware and Hire for their generous support.



THE STATE OF THE REGION

Properties in the Barung area fall within one of three regions that meet in the headwaters of the Blackall Range: Natural Resource Management South East Queensland, South East Queensland Western Catchments Group and the Burnett Mary Regional Group. These regional bodies direct all natural resource management funding such as National Action Plan for Salinity and Water Quality and Natural Heritage Trust 2. It is important to know in which region your property lies.

Burnett Mary Regional Group

Tamara Boland



Well it's surprising that another year has passed, and here we are after another AGM for the Burnett Mary Regional Group.

This year's successes have been great:

- An overwhelmingly successful science symposium held in December
- Development of the NRM plan
- Partnerships with the Landcare Groups across the region under the National Landcare Program
- Priority technical and planning work completed
- BMRG membership increased to nearly 400 individuals and groups
- Opening of two regional offices to support local communities (in Wondai and Monto)
- Development of the Regional Investment Strategy (RIS)
- The beginnings of a regional schools and training program
- Structure for an interim working group for Aboriginal Representation on the Board.

But it doesn't stop there... our plan and RIS have received formal recommendation from the Joint Steering Committee for approval for accreditation and funding by the Ministers. So the roll-out of the plan is just a short time away.

A big thank you to all our members who took the time to read the plan and provide feedback and identify where they see themselves and their organisations partnering in activities across the identified management actions. It appears we are going to have a very productive next few years that will involve many, and achieve plenty. We look forward to meeting with these partners in the very near future and taking the next steps in managing our natural resources sustainably. Look out for a call to action soon.

Natural Resource Management SEQ

Susie Chapman

Regional Bodies Amalgamating

The news is NRM SEQ and SEQWCG will become one regional body by mid-2005, hopefully to be joined by Moreton Bay Waterways & Catchments Partnership.



This move will provide substantial benefits for the region, reducing the duplication of effort and ensuring coordinated outcomes, allowing economies of scale in terms of professional effort to be realised, and reducing bureaucratic processes. A meeting to discuss the move will be held in Nambour soon, date yet to be announced.

The SEQ Landscape Assessment The most recent spatial information has been gathered, and we are being assisted by NR&M to combine the layers, including mapping the social capacity to implement the actions. Funding for on-ground works becomes available around the end of March – the landscape assessment will help us target the areas where activity will give us the greatest chance of making a difference. The maps will be on display at the Maleny Wood Expo.

Compost Tea Project An exciting project is underway on the Sunshine Coast that could provide far-reaching benefits for human and ecosystem health. At the broad farm scale and in the backyard, this collaborative project will study the effects of applications of 'compost tea' on productivity and disease pressures and will build capacity in the community to brew an effective compost tea. Contact Susie Chapman on susie@nrmseq.com or 0400 910 682.

Speechcraft courses NRM SEQ is offering a series of Speechcraft courses run by Toastmasters over the next few months. Participants will develop skills in public speaking, listening, effective evaluation and conducting meetings. Courses run for six or seven weeks for two hours each week. Contact Susie Chapman.

Landcare Links Forum On 22 February representatives from across the region gathered to share information on their respective NRM programs and activities in horticultural industries, dairy, farm forestry, grazing, intensive livestock, aquaculture and sugar cane. For more info, contact Scott Graham (NRMSEQ Regional Landcare Coordinator) on 3211 4404 or scott@nrmseq.com

SEQ Western Catchments Group

Bruce Lord

NRM Plan update We are extremely pleased that our regional NRM Plan *Healthy Land – Our Future* has been accredited by the State and Australian Government Ministers and the Government Investment Prospectus, seeking a total investment of \$4.47 million over the next 12 months, has been endorsed.



SEQ Western Catchments Group Sector Liaison Officers will be contacting groups to look at opportunities to implement the programs identified in these documents.

Funding opportunities SEQWCG is offering revegetation opportunities under the **eTrees program**, a computershare initiative in association with Landcare Australia. Guidelines are available from Bruce Lord on 3816 9720 or at upperbris@seqwgc.com.au

Next Upper Brisbane Region Catchment Network meeting Thursday 14 April, Kilcoy. Guest speaker will be Glenn Moller (DNR & M) addressing the draft Riverine Habitat Condition Assessment for Upper Brisbane & Stanley Catchments Report. RSVP to the Secretary, John Barber, on 4163 8111.

Field day 'Forest practices & Property Maps of Assessable Vegetation', Saturday 9 April from 9 am. Hosted by Brisbane Valley-Kilcoy Landcare Group. Contact David Matthews on 5498 1092.

Forum 'Acclimatising Agriculture for Climate Change – Minimising risks and maximising opportunities', 8.30 am – 4.30 pm, Friday 8 April, Brisbane. Hosted by QFF and Regional Groups Collective, the forum will explore issues faced by the agricultural sector in responding to climate change. More info: Doug Parsons (RGC) on 3211 4412 or rgcppo@nrmseq.com OR register with QFF by fax 3236 4100 or post to QFF, PO Box 12009, Brisbane 4003.

Volunteer Risk Management workshop Tuesday April 12, Nambour. Conservation Volunteers Australia (CVA), in partnership, invites you to attend a free capacity building workshop focussing on risk management. Numbers are limited so register directly with CVA on Freecall 1800 032 501 or via <http://www.conservationvolunteers.com.au/major-initiatives/workshops.htm>

Time flies when you're having fun!

A TRAINEE'S TALE by Jake Smith-Moloney

Hello again to my faithful readers. Well it's been six months since I started my traineeship at Barung and I am still learning a lot but also having a lot of fun along the way. In the past couple of months I have done many things, including supervising Barung's CJP team, participating in the Echidna Creek walk, helping Greg in a site assessment of the Obi Creek boardwalk, and a multitude of other tasks. More and more I find myself being involved in work that is directed towards planing and management rather than basic manual labour. I think this is great as it is the direction in which I want to head with my career.

I completed my Chainsaw Levels 1 and 2 course a while ago, and now I am going on to doing my ACDC. I decided to defer this semester of uni due to my current workload and the huge job involved in organising the Maleny Wood Expo. With Youth Week coming up, I hope to be involved with some kind of environmental youth activities. There is the possibility of making contact with Maleny State High School and getting students involved in a weed vine removal job. Lastly, a big shout of thanks to NRM SEQ for the package you sent me – the t-shirt rocks!

Learning from Experience

by Mim Coulstock

Barung has been fortunate to secure \$2,500 funding from the Department of Natural Resources & Mines (NR&M)'s Activity Awareness Grants program to write case studies on some of our past on-ground projects. This will be supplemented by funds from the Sustainable Land-use National Landcare Project (NLP) to produce matching posters for displays at shows, education days and events such as World Environment Day.

Barung's ex-Reveg and Habitat Officer, Marc Russell, will be working on these over the coming months. The aim is to document the successes and failures of six sites with another case study focusing on regenerating the bush following removal of privet. Each case study will highlight the learnings from the site, the partnerships involved, and the environmental outcomes.

We feel very strongly that it is important to capture the history and lessons learnt from these projects before staff changes result in the loss of corporate memory about the sites. The case studies will be available for use by both Barung members and landholders.

Local artist Penny Smith will base the posters on the case studies, translating the information into a display-friendly format.

We hope to finish these resources by Natural Resources Week in late May, in time for use at the Maleny Show. Many thanks to both NR&M and the NLP for making this project possible. It's something we have been wanting to do for a long time.

DEADLINE - Wed 18th May

for June - July 2005

Newsletter contributions



Please renew your membership - your support is very important to Barung.

THANK YOU

Master Woodworking Class at Maleny Wood Expo

One of Australia's living treasures, Master Craftsman Robert Dunlop OAM, will hold a Master Woodworking Class at this year's Maleny Wood Expo. Examples of Robert's finest work are at both the High Court of Australia and Federal Parliament in Canberra. Robert's workshop will run for 12 hours over two days of the Expo, exploring the use of veneer as a sculptural material.

The Queensland 'wood guru' said, 'Now I am over 80, I can feel the need to pass on the old tricks of the trade. Maleny Wood Expo offers this opportunity and it gives me great satisfaction to give'.

Other Master Classes offer the chance to work with Maleny's own Master Woodcarver Don Powell and French Polisher and Furniture Restorer Marilyn Kunde.

Don Powell's work displays a passion for sculpture classically identified by realism and intricate details. Marilyn Kunde's half-day workshop will cover all aspects of French Polishing. Marilyn has produced works for Bell Bros, Doomben Race Course and the Hotel Conrad.

This is an affordable and unique opportunity for local and regional woodworkers to discover the enormous range of knowledge, artistry, skill and talent these three tutors offer.

These Master Classes are proudly supported by the Caloundra City Council Regional Arts Development Fund.

Places are limited so book early at the Expo office to avoid disappointment. More info: www.malenywoodexpo.com

George Negus to Celebrate 10th Wood Expo

Acclaimed journalist George Negus will visit Maleny to speak at the 10th Anniversary dinner celebration on April 15th. George, a long term Landcare supporter, will be the keynote speaker for the evening.

George Negus said, 'Now the environment is no longer on the general public and media agenda, it is fantastic to see groups such as Barung carrying forward the ideals of Landcare. I am delighted to be involved in celebrating such a remarkable milestone.'

Legendary percussionist Greg Sheehan and his band Coolangubra head the musical bill. Coolangubra, one of Australia's most distinctive contemporary music ensembles, is a fitting choice, taking its name from a beautiful, unprotected forest in south-eastern Australia where the three members of the ensemble have been deeply involved in the environmental movement.

The trio creates an atmospheric mood through the subtle interplay of acoustic guitar, violin or electric viola, percussion from around the world, and the odd utensil or toy to produce a sound that is immediately appealing and organic – and distinctly Australian.

Dinner will be a gourmet bushfood feast. An auction of exhibits from the ArtisTree Exhibition, generously donated by George Gavaric, Keith Patullo and Randy De Graw, and performances by local musicians will add to the festivities.

This promises to be a unique, humorous and thought-provoking evening and Barung Landcare invites the local community to join in the pre-Expo revelry at the Maleny Showgrounds Pavilion.

Tickets are \$55 per head and discounts apply for tables of 10. For more information and bookings, please phone the Maleny Wood Expo office on 5429 6566 or email info@malenywoodexpo.com

Leafwing butterfly

(Doleschallia bisaltide australis)

BUTTERFLIES OF THE RANGE by Bob Miller

As the name implies, when this butterfly is at rest it is the perfect image of a dead leaf. This enables it to be perfectly camouflaged in its natural rainforest environment. The underside of the wings are light brown in colour, with a line running down through the centre, not unlike the mid-vein on a leaf. The upperside is orange-brown, with a black outer edge.

The larvae of this butterfly would have to be among the most stunning I have seen. They are black with many branched spines rising from orange-red and iridescent blue spots, which literally sparkle in the sunlight. The pupae are just as spectacular, not because of their colouration (usually only light-grey or caramel-brown) but because of their geometrical shapes.

The pupae are always found hanging upside down, usually not on a food plant. This would be because the larvae are very voracious, usually eating all of the food in the immediate area. If the larvae selected a food plant on which to pupate, they would fall to the ground to most definitely die.

The only native food plant I have found the larvae on is love-flower *Pseuderanthemum variable*. This is a low-growing herbaceous plant with flowers varying in colour from pure white to dark purple; some of the most beautiful are white with a red-speckled throat. The leaves of this plant also vary in colour, being green on the top and green or purple-maroon underneath.

Barung Landcare usually has this plant in stock, but be warned: if you intend raising this larvae, you will need a lot of plants. One good thing is that this food plant seeds very freely if given the right conditions.



Anticlockwise from top right: Leafwing pupa, larva, adult (side) and adult (top).

[All photographs by Bob Miller].

Ecological Sustainability - What's your footprint?

SUSTAINABLE SOLUTIONS

by Jackie Montgomery

Not so long ago the words *sustainable* and *sustainability* weren't in the dictionary. Today these words are used in many different contexts and are buzzwords in many sectors of society. What do they really mean, and why have they become so important?

'Development that meets the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to satisfy their own needs' is an accepted definition for *sustainable development*. Satisfying the 'needs' of this generation can be hard enough – while 20 per cent of the world's richest nations consume 80 per cent of resources, and many people in the other 80 per cent of nations live in poverty and are unable to feed themselves.

Production and consumption have become important economic tools in the western world, which affects our perception of 'needs'. Food, clean water, clean air and shelter cover the basic needs for humans and other animal species. There may be other *needs* you can think of, but sometimes it is difficult to see when a 'need' is really just a 'want'.

The more we need now, the greater the impact on the environment. Polluting our waterways and wasting water, filling the air with vehicle and industrial fumes,

reducing the natural landscape to a landscape of buildings and roadways ultimately means we are slowly degrading our environment. This reduces the likelihood of future generations being able to meet even their basic needs.

Unless we start changing our behaviours, the earth will no longer be able to support many of the plant and animal species here today. This includes humans. Humans are already causing catastrophic impacts on the environment – deforestation, pollution of our air and water, loss of species, waste and over-consumption, to name a few – and future generations' opportunities are being eroded rapidly. World leaders, all levels of government and increasing numbers of the world community are aware that change is needed.

This is why the word *sustainable* has become so prominent in our language. As the concept becomes more popular, there is a danger of it being used out of context, which can make the issues even more confusing.

To reach a sustainable future there has to be a lot of change now. We're not entirely sure what a sustainable future will look like, which makes finding the right direction difficult.

What we do know is that unless we all take responsibility for our individual needs, wants and actions, work together to reduce our impact on the environment, and consider the basic rights of other people and other species, our great grandchildren may not have a very hospitable planet to inhabit.

Calculate your ecological footprint – find it at <http://www.ecofoot.org/>



Contracting Services helps take a big project even further

CONTRACTING SERVICES by Jolyon Froude

In early February the Contracting Team spent two days planting a further 730 trees on the property of Daryl Reinke and Craig Hosmer at Dale View Lane, Flaxton. Daryl and Craig purchased the property 11 years ago and, as well as dedicating countless volunteer hours to Barung over this period, have undertaken one of the most impressive revegetation programs I have ever seen. Although their land is very steep, covered in a range of vigorous weeds and often difficult to access, Daryl and Craig have established close to 20,000 trees to form a continuous riparian corridor along the upper tributaries of Echidna Creek, which begins on their property.

I first became involved in Daryl and Craig's ambitious project almost 5 years ago when I began helping with weed-clearing, planting and maintenance on a part-time basis. Less than a year later we began work on the Echidna Creek project that would add a further 3500 trees to the property and 14,000 trees to the five properties downstream to form a continuous 4.5 kilometre riparian revegetation corridor. The implementation of this project became a full time job for myself (and Daryl and Craig!), and once the trees were planted I managed the project's on-going maintenance. The four years since planting at Echidna Creek have seen the faster-growing species reach eight metres in height and good levels of natural regeneration, canopy development and weed exclusion. But back to our recent planting! Daryl and Craig have been incrementally extending the Echidna Creek planting by continuing to clear weeds and plant trees upstream from the project boundary.



Contracting services planting in Febuary of this year.

The recent planting was the third such extension. Daryl and Craig cleared the area of weeds during winter with the assistance of Kennedy Webb, who has been working on the property for the last 4 years.

The area was dominated by dense lantana, yellowberry and glycine with the occasional weed-inundated native tree. Once the spring rain had stimulated sufficient re-growth, the area was sprayed to kill lantana. Two re-sprays over the summer period reduced subsequent glycine re-growth and left the site well prepared for planting, as well as allowing for some natural regeneration of macaranga and native mulberry.

This process underlines the importance of working with the seasons and taking a strategic, long-term approach to the revegetation process.

The plant order had been placed well in advance of the planting date, so we had great quality and diversity of stock. Perhaps the greatest challenge was getting the plants, mulch mats, stakes and other materials to the site, which involved a several-hundred metre walk up a narrow, winding track through the previously revegetated area. By the end of the second day we had all the trees and lomandras planted, watered and mulched.

This project demonstrates how Contracting Services can contribute in assisting private landholders with the most labour-intensive stages in the revegetation process. We can provide a huge boost (both physically and psychologically!) to make seemingly daunting tasks achievable.



An adjacent area, where the plantings are 3 years and 3 months old. See what can be achieved in just a few years!

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Opportunities & Events

REVEGETATION IN PROGRESS by Greg Smryrell

Come see the real Obi Obi Creek

On **Sunday 17th April** you will have a rare opportunity to see one of the best remnants on the upper Obi Obi Creek.

The morning will involve a short walk down to the fully canopy-covered creek, on the way looking at and discussing the mixture of plant species and how their dominancies through the stratas create a functioning structure, some of the past and current impacts on this remnant and the creek, and what is being done and what we can do to lessen these impacts.

Next we'll start work on this site's major impact – weed invasion. Let's help liberate it and do some bush regeneration by carefully removing the problem species. You will be guided on the best techniques.

You will also see our nearby revegetation efforts. Planted last May, these are our Obi Partnership/'Bridge the Gap' plantings that many of you may have helped on or heard about last year. These plantings had a rough start with continual frosts and drought. They're doing well now and we think you will be impressed.

Come along dressed for work – old work gear that covers your arms and legs, and strong boots or shoes. Caloundra City Council will be supplying a BBQ lunch for the workers, so booking is essential. Call the Barung Office to book in and for details on where to meet.

How's Your Neighbourhood?

Barung is keen to help set up and support *groups of people* wanting to do Landcare work in your district, neighbourhood, micro-catchment etc.

Perhaps you have your eye on a patch of remnant vegetation that needs your support. Perhaps it's a gully or creek bank that needs help in regenerating or revegetating. Perhaps you are a group of neighbours wanting to do adjoining plantings along your property boundaries.

When a group of people take on a project, the environmental outcomes are increased. Also group- or partnership-type projects are more likely to obtain funding than stand-alone projects, and it is more practical for Barung to support small groups than lots of individuals.

So if you have a worthy project in your neighbourhood, call Greg (Barung's Reveg and Habitat Officer) on 5494 3151.

WELCOME!

by Mim Coulstock

Ed Surman - At Barung at last!

Welcome to long-time Barung supporter Ed Surman, who has joined the Barung staff as Supervisor of our excellent Community Jobs Plan (CJP) reveg team.

Ed has loads of local experience in revegetation, bush regeneration and team supervision from many years of being involved with Green Corps teams and on-ground projects focused in the upper Stanley.

He has had extensive experience with working towards eradicating the dreaded cats claw creeper and other threatening Canopy Killers, and has worked closely with the Bellthorpe Progress Association on the rehabilitation of the Bellthorpe Reserve, among other projects. His connection with and knowledge of the upper Stanley catchment will be especially valuable when we source some funding for projects in that area through the new regional arrangements.

Welcome on board the Barung Mothership Ed – it's a pleasure having you as part of the team.

And Welcome to our EXPO CJPers

Welcome also to our fabulous Expo CJPers – Gaby Luft and Steve McLeish. Gaby is a real 'Jill-of-all-trades' – turning her hand to all sorts of jobs as well as taking on coordinating our Expo volunteers. Steve has already lined up the Expo's entertainment program, is coordinating RAW Rhythm Arts & Words (Expo's youth music competition) and is invaluable across a number of fronts.



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Platypus survey

The Wildlife Preservation Society of Queensland (WPSQ) is coordinating the Queensland component of the Victorian-based, Australian Platypus Conservancy's *Platypus Care* project.

If you haven't already reported information you have about platypus to another database, share your knowledge with WPSQ by

Website: <http://wildlife.org.au/w-platypuscare.html>

Phone: Scott Burnett on 07 3221 0194

Email: scottburnett@wildlife.org.au

If you would like to be involved in platypus surveys or other volunteer wildlife activities, contact Scott.

Interesting web sites !!!

Australian Plants - Photographs

<http://members.ozemail.com.au/~peterjones.html>

Peter Jones, Brisbane maths/science teacher, created this easy-to-use collection of Australian native plant photographs, which is growing all the time. Linked with SGAP and Native Orchid society.

Weeds Australia

www.weeds.org.au

Created by the Australian Weeds Committee, this site easy to use, so you'll be able to curse weeds by name as you pull them out! Also info on current issues and national initiatives.

'Rainwater Tanks - The Way Forward'

Free workshop (in conjunction with the Ozwater Convention) with speakers from CRC WQ&T, Sydney Water, NRM&E, Monash University, Qld Health, Gold Coast Water, WBM Oceanics, Green Plumbers and Noosphere Ideas.

When: Sunday 8 May 2005, 1.00 to 4.30 pm

Where: Brisbane Convention & Exhibition Centre

To register: Kate Bennett on phone 02 9495 9902

Email: kbennett@awa.asn.au

Fax: 02 9413 1047

More info: www.awaozwater.net

The Ozwater Convention and Exhibition is the Australian Water Association's biennial event which brings the water community together to talk policy, technology, business and environment.

Welcome to Keith

NURSERY NOTES by Wayne Webb

It is with much pleasure that we welcome a new face to the Barung nursery team. Keith Hickman has joined us as part of the current CJP (Community Jobs Program) team, and has been given the role of manning the front office. It is therefore Keith who will generally be the first point of contact for people coming into the nursery or office, and also for incoming phone calls. Keith will be able to help people with plant sales, memberships, etc, or put them in contact with the person they need to talk to. For example, if customers require advice on plant selection, Keith will put you onto either Cali or me.

The really exciting thing, though, is that Keith brings with him a great knowledge of our local fauna. He has been involved with the community-based fauna monitoring program 'Faunawatch' for six years, and he's proving a great asset. So come on in, say 'Hi' to Keith, and have a chat about our local birds and butterflies.

Also in the front office our resident handyman, Max Smith, has made up perspex covers for our book sales display rack. This will help to keep the books cleaner and prevent the covers from curling. Thanks Max.

A big 'thank you' to Rob Outridge of Maleny IGA supermarket. Rob rang and suggested we take some local 'Aussie' plants up for them sell in the week leading up to Australia Day. Around 600 plants were sold, with all proceeds going to further Barung's work.

On March 10th we had a visit from a group of year 1 students (the Lillipillies) from the River School. We talked about the need to grow and plant local tree species, and then showed the children how to clean and sow seeds and tube up seedlings. Then they had a go at tree planting down by the creek. The kids were very attentive, and back at school they drew pictures of trees and tree planting which they made into a beautiful book that they sent to us. Thanks Kids!

The other exciting news (for me anyway) is that yours truly is now a Maleny resident. After 8 months of commuting each day from Brisbane, we finally sold our house and have moved onto nearly an acre just out of town. Our two kids, Ryan (6) and Jessie (5), have already staked their places at the potting bench.

No quick fix for vine weeds

by Lin Fairlie

The recently announced Caloundra City Council Weed Initiative has great potential for addressing problems with weed vines that some landholders may previously have felt unable to handle. Congratulations to the Council for this, but a greater funding commitment will be needed if these rapidly spreading problems are to be controlled, let alone removed.

Free weed-killing chemicals and up to \$300 for actual weed control is just the beginning when attempting to control Madeira vine and morning glory vine.

Many different techniques for removing weed vines have been tried over the past few years, and it has been found that a certain level of success can be achieved if specific techniques are used over a period of time. There is no quick fix.

Madeira vine is causing major problems in many parts of south-east Queensland. To deal with an infestation of Madeira vine, follow these steps:

- Determine the extent of the infestation. This vine is currently covered with tiny, creamy flowers in a pencil-like arrangement, spreading across the top of the trees or shrubs.
- Look for the stems on the ground beside any form of support. Madeira vine stems are well camouflaged and easy to miss. If the infestation is small and you can locate the vine stems, cut the vines and immediately immerse both ends in a small container of 1:1 glyphosate and water. Then tie the vines and leave them for a few days. A large infestation cannot be treated this way and the removal will be a long, staged process involving strategic spraying of the tubers on the ground.
- Locate the extent of the fleshy-leafed seedlings and spray them.
- The tubers readily fall off if the vine is disturbed and it is very difficult to see the tubers on the ground among the litter. So if you are attempting to remove the vine, if possible spread a large, old sheet under the tree to catch most of the tubers as they fall.
- Bag and burn all vines and tubers that you collect.
- In following years, check the ground for further seedlings and spray these promptly. This may have to be undertaken for a number of years as the tubers have great survival powers.

Myla Road Bushland Reserve needs help

Information morning tea

The Myla Road Bushland Reserve (also known as Vidler Park) on Myla Road at Landsborough needs a helping hand. Caloundra City Council would like to hear from people interested in establishing a Bushcare group for the reserve.

The 2.8 hectare reserve consists predominantly of lowland riparian rainforest, fringing a tributary of Addlington Creek. Environmental weeds such as Madeira vine and Singapore daisy are beginning to become established in the reserve but, with a little effort, can be controlled.

What: Information morning tea

When: 7 May, 9.00 am

Where: Meet near the creek on Myla Rd, 150 metres north of Vidler Rd, Landsborough

More info: Nathan Kirby on 5499 5141.

Dear Wayne,

Just a quick note to say many thanks for your time and effort with us on Thursday 10th March.



The children absorbed more than one thinks at the time.

Regards, Vanessa (Lillipillies teacher)
Ananda Marga River School

Thank You to ...

... *Michael Howard* for all your help with the Expo computers and Volunteer Database

... *Damian Draper, Conservation Volunteers Australia*, for donation of a brushcutter for the Green Reserve team

... *Jo Freeman and the team at Hinterland Business Centre* for assisting us with getting the CJP team on board

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... *Jill Jordan and Diamond Creamer* for loan of a laptop and donation of Coordinator supervision sessions for Katrina

... *Trish Brunton* for donation of a 6 Gb hard drive for the Nursery retail computer

... *Leon Shingles* for erecting a shade cover for the Djaa Gungan garden at the back of the container.



Letters

1. Congratulations Barung!

Congratulations, Mim, to you and the team at Barung Landcare for winning Caloundra City Council's Community Event of the Year Award for promoting the sustainable use of native and weed timbers and farm forestry at the Maleny Wood Expo.

Initiating the *From Chainsaw to Fine Furniture* Wood Expo was a visionary exercise and one which has benefited the local community, the businesses and, most importantly, the environment.

Barung Landcare is highly deserving of such an award and I am thrilled to see the recognition you have received.

To bring the Wood Expo from concept stage to a major event within only a few years is due to the passion, hard work and sheer grit of the Barung team. Once again, congratulations to you all.

Kind regards, *Carolyn Male MP, State Member for Glasshouse*

2. Congratulations Barung!

I refer to the citizenship ceremony held at the Caloundra Civic Centre on Australia Day, 26 January 2005. As Federal Member for Fisher, I congratulate you on earning the prestigious award of Community Event of the Year 2005.

This award is an acknowledgement of your invaluable contribution toward the community and making the Sunshine Coast, and indeed Australia, a better place in which to live. May your future be equally successful and rewarding.

Please accept my sincere congratulations, *Peter Slipper, MLA*

3. Congratulations Barung!

On behalf of Caloundra City Council, congratulations again on the nomination for the 2005 Caloundra City Council Australia Day Awards. Barung's commitment to promoting responsible and sustainable use of native and weed timbers and showcasing local and national wood artisans through the Maleny Wood Expo is to be applauded. It is hoped that by encouraging and rewarding those who work for our community for the benefit of others we will encourage greater community participation from all citizens.

Again, congratulations. Caloundra City Council is proud to recognise Barung Landcare Association and the Maleny Wood Expo as the 2005 Caloundra City Council Australia Day Community Event of the Year.

With kind regards, *Don Aldous, Mayor, Caloundra City Council*

4. Congratulations Barung!

Just wanted to offer my congratulations to you and your team on your win as the Caloundra City Community Event of the Year. You must be very thrilled and very proud of your achievements.

Congratulations, *Leanne Layfield, Caloundra Tourism*

Contracting services recommended

In early February, Barung Contracting Services planted over 700 trees on our most difficult site to date (not that any of our steep sites have been exactly easy). Their plant knowledge, planting skill, energy, stamina and good humour were outstanding. While we have had to rewater the plants three times because of the terribly dry conditions, we are now hopeful that natural rainfall will take over and the trees will prosper. We wholeheartedly recommend Jolyon Froude and his team (Jake, Chris, Brendan and Shane came to our place) to anyone in search of expert revegetation services, and thank the team for making our planting such a success.

Craig Hosmer and Daryl Reinke

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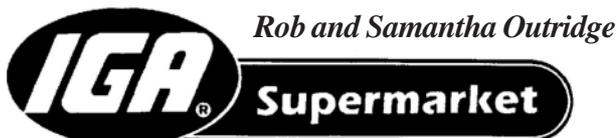
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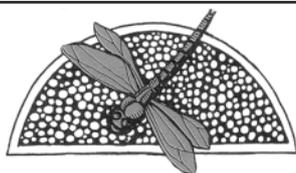
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of local residents prove far more influential in the implementation of revegetation projects than the needs of local ecosystems and wildlife.

Some view-obsessed coastal residents often don't realize that the very thin and fragile strip of vegetation in the way of their inspirational viewing and serious real-estate dollars is also literally the only thing holding back that beautiful ocean from washing their valuable real-estate away.

The same applies to our hilltop views. If trees aren't recognised for their importance in the geological stability of the landscape, then your ridge-top view could quickly, and I'd imagine rather terrifyingly, become riverside real-estate in a landscape that is infamous for its landslide potential.

Do we personally need to own a view? That's the big question here. 'The view' has become a commodity, an asset, even a status symbol.

Reality dictates, however, that we can't possibly make use of this view all day long and that the majority of the day is either spent at work or asleep. Actual time spent enjoying 'the view' is quite small. So investing in a view is often quite a poor use of your resources.

The other strange aspect of 'the view' being a commodity is that there is so much view out there for free; all you have to do is go for a walk.

The wonderful thing about the free view is that it's all over the place and wonderfully different with every step you take.

The free view of the ocean is even better than the commodity view, because you can actually feel the sand between your toes. (Although with the way some coastal residents have obliterated vegetation from the dunes in the way of their views, they too may soon have the pleasure of feeling the sand between their toes in their very own living room!)

Do I consider myself above the need for a view – of course not! I appreciate a good view as much as the next person. As I mentioned at the beginning of this article, I consider the need for a view to be very much a part of who we are.

However I have reconciled myself to the fact that the view from my kitchen window will not be of the distant hills in the years to come but of the trees we've planted and the wildlife that will make use of them.

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A View To Kill For

TURKEY TANGENTIAL by Spencer Shaw

A few millions years ago on the African plains, our early hominid ancestors knew the importance of keeping a look out for the big toothy predators that saw them as a potential breakfast, lunch or tea.

Later still, our more recent ancestors knew the importance of a clear view of the surrounding countryside when it came to shoring up the fortifications of their village against the marauding bunch of blokes from down the valley.

Whether we realise it or not, our appreciation of a good 'view' is a deeply ingrained part of our psyche and very much a part of who we are.

However there is a dark side to this love of the 'view' and it is becoming more and more evident as a cause of environmental degradation, particularly on the coast and closer to home here in the hills. The last 50 years or so has seen a boom in real-estate with a 'view'. A clear view of the ocean or a clear view from a hill

is worth serious dollars. A culture has evolved that is so busy trying to get away from itself that for some people the need to own a view of somewhere else becomes pathological and it's our local native vegetation that becomes the victim.

If you're thinking I'm being a touch dramatic and wondering about my point of view (sorry, couldn't resist slipping that one in!), consider this tale. A friend and fellow tree-planter was engaged to plant some trees on a client's property. As soon as these trees became established they were poisoned, by a person one can only assume to be a pathological view seeker. Trees were replanted and re-poisoned, and eventually security cameras were fitted to try to catch the perpetrator. This may sound an extreme example but unfortunately I could list many a story like this one.

The view psychosis reaches its pinnacle on the coast and all too often the frontal dune vegetation such as coastal she-oak (*Casuarina equisetifolia*) and coastal banksia (*Banksia integrifolia*) are either removed, poisoned or butchered – to improve 'the view'.

The other insidious impact of the view psychosis is its effect on revegetation efforts. All too often with coastal plantings the 'views'

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