

BARUNG LANDCARE NEWS

August-September 2006



“Continuity gives us roots; change gives us branches, letting us stretch and grow and reach new heights.” ~ Pauline R. Kezer

In recent weeks, Barung staff and Management Committee have taken the opportunity to refocus our activities to better utilize resources and space and to maximise our commitment to local environmental work and members' needs.

The Expo Office has been reintegrated into the Bicentenary Lane Resource Centre, resulting in massive archiving of little-used resources and reorganization in order to fit everyone into the Bicentenary Lane building.

Barung's traditional ingenuity will mean business as usual, even if on a reduced scale in some areas of operation. The Nursery and Barung Contracting Services will continue and hopefully expand operations.

Prior to 2000, our Natural Heritage Trust (NHT) projects successfully supported two positions and Expo was going from strength to strength. This set the tone for Barung's operations and led to many innovations and positions.

Post NHT, the ANZ Staff Foundation and Caloundra City Council recognised Barung's contribution to the hinterland with part salary support for Coordination and Reveg staff in FY 2001/02 and 02/03, and 04/05 and 05/06 respectively. During this time the Management Committee was cognizant of the 2007 end of our Licence to Occupy the Bicentenary Lane site and was looking at future expansion for the Nursery and Resource Centre on alternative sites. Ideas for achieving greater natural resource management (NRM) on the Blackall Range included initial scoping to establish a 'Centre Of Excellence' which would cover research, job training, farm forestry etc as well as Barung's day-to-day activities and some of the gaps left by reductions in State government landholder extension activities.

Between 2000 and 2006, we contributed many written responses and attended many meetings all over SE Qld to help achieve good outcomes for on-ground groups, in response to both state and federal government discussions about the form of NRM post NHT.

The result was a national system of 56 catchment-based regional NRM bodies. The Blackall Range was situated on the overlap between three regions, but the amalgamation of NRMSEQ and SEQWCG in 2006 means that Barung now liaises with South East Queensland Catchments (SEQC) and the Burnett Mary Regional Group (BMRG).

To date, the focus has been on planning and research etc rather than on-ground works. This change of focus has impacted on Barung's traditional activities as it has on the activities of many other similar groups.

Managing these changes is a challenge. While we no longer have a Coordinator, the 12 month Mary River Threatened Species

project, funded by BMRG, will keep Mim at Barung. We are actively seeking funds to continue the Revegetation and Habitat Officer position – a core role within Barung. As Operations Manager, Darryl is taking on many of the Coordination duties, especially with relation to Regional Bodies and local government.

What we now need is the talents of the Barung membership to add to the efforts of Barung staff and Management Committee as we address current funding and other issues. Please contact Darryl in the office if you feel that you can contribute to helping Barung through this “time of change”.

BARUNG'S 2006 AGM

Barung Committee and staff invite you to join us for morning tea and the 2006 Annual General Meeting.

This year our AGM has been brought forward to coincide with Landcare Week and Threatened Species Week. There are a number of community treeplants scheduled in September, so we are not holding the 'traditional' AGM treeplant this year.

Nominations for the Management Committee for 06-07 close on Monday 28th August. Nomination forms can be picked up from the Barung Office.

Please join us at 10.30 am for morning tea before the AGM.

Date: 10th September 2006

Time: 10.30 am for 11.00 am start

Place: Barung Landcare Resource Centre, 17 Bicentenary Lane, Maleny

FROM OUR PRESIDENT

by Bob Hall

Since the last newsletter Barung staff and some Management Committee members have travelled many miles attending various Landcare meetings from Bundaberg to Brisbane to Eidsvold. It sure is an industry that has a lot of meetings and one wonders at times at the level of real productive outcomes.

At an important meeting in Gympie on the 28th June, Acting Chair of the Burnett Mary Regional Group (BMRG), Kev Mahoney, and Acting EO, Carolyn Taylor, openly discussed the difficult issues and solutions facing the BMRG with representatives of Mary catchment NRM organisations. Mike Lee, General Manager of the Australian Government NRM Team from the Department of Agriculture Forestry and Fisheries (DAFF), attended on behalf of the Federal Government.

Since that meeting, Russell Stewart has been elected as the new Independent Chairperson. Dale Bell has been appointed as NRM Program Manager, and Alan Jamieson as Corporate Services Manager. Carolyn Taylor will remain as Acting Executive Officer. Barung looks forward to working with this new team and will continue to emphasise both the important biodiversity of the Blackall Range area and the on-ground works essential for its preservation and enhancement.

Barung is in the final stages of contract negotiations with the BMRG for funding to prepare a Threatened Species Activity Plan for the Mary River catchment.

Barung staff and Committee look forward to showing the BMRG Board members some of our on-ground projects prior to the August Board Meeting in Maleny. We will encourage the Board to make a Blackall Range meeting an annual event. The area's biodiversity warrants it!

You will note that this Newsletter is a little slimmer than usual. This is a direct result of the currently constrained financial circumstances that the Management Committee is working to overcome. Other changes are the closure of the Expo Office to save rent, and relocation of staff back to Bicentenary Lane. To make room, excess furniture and other 'stuff' has been stored in a container on land opposite the Nursery. Shane Katsaris has generously allowed Barung to use this land for the immediate future. Other changes are underway to expand the nursery's growing capacity on the current site.

There has been some recent comment in the local press about Barung's lack of success in the 06/07 Caloundra City Council Budget. Last year Barung received \$75,000 from the Division 1 Councillor's Discretionary Fund. Unfortunately we were not successful in this year's budget deliberations. While any organisation cannot assume funding every year from the Council or Councillor, the lack of any funding will place severe strains on Barung. Barung had been working to achieve line item recurrent funding in the Council Budget but it was not achieved this year. We are working to source funding for the important positions that would have been supported by Council funding.

Since the 2006 Maleny Wood Expo in May, the Committee, staff and other interested community members have been reviewing the goals and outcomes of the event, as foreshadowed in my last column. While it is widely acknowledged that the Expo has been an important contributor to the financial and social fabric of Caloundra City's hinterland, we have to decide if it's beyond Barung's current capacity to host the Expo in its current form.

It is with great sadness that the Barung team waves goodbye to Ed Surman. Ed has moved from Supervisor of the Green Corps

Team to a Bushcare position with the Caboolture Shire Council. It has been wonderful to have had Ed's infectious enthusiasm, knowledge and ability at Barung and our sincere congratulations go with him.

With wet weather and warmer days not far away, we should all be thinking about our spring planting requirements. The Barung Nursery is well stocked and Manager Wayne Webb and his team are waiting for your visit to discuss your needs.

BARUNG CONTRACTING SERVICES

Prepare Now for Spring Plantings

With the end of winter just around the corner, it's time to start planning and preparing for the spring treeplanting season. Spring plantings are best carried out in September or October to allow plants to settle in before the hot weather of late spring and early summer. The regular showers we have had this winter mean there should be reasonable soil moisture at most sites which will help to carry plants through until storm rains commence.

When planning a tree planting project, it is vital to select an area of manageable size. Planting is the beginning of a demanding maintenance process which will last for several years, so it is important to ensure that adequate resources will be available for this. Think quality, not quantity. It is preferable to do a good job of revegetating a smaller area than to cover a larger area poorly.

Site preparation is the beginning of this process. Preparation requirements will depend on the site and the nature of the project. At most sites, grass and herbaceous weeds will need to be sprayed, and woody weeds removed or controlled. At some sites, the ground may need to be prepared by ripping or blanket mulching. All these processes are best undertaken at least one or two months before planting.

Other factors to consider are selecting the species, determining how many plants are required, and ordering nursery stock. Order your stock early in the process to ensure the plants you want are available when it's time to plant.

Good planning and preparation is the starting point of a successful revegetation project. Barung Contracting can assist landowners with all aspects of the process.

BARUNG CONTRACTING SERVICES for landholders	<ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ reveg, regen & farm forestry✓ project management - planning, site prep, planting, maintenance✓ weed identification & control✓ property planning & consultancy✓ environmental landscaping
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BUSINESS CONTRIBUTORS	
James & Suzanne Davidson	Taman Sari
Maleny Motor Trimmers	Mulchmakers
Lilyponds Holiday Park	Frasers Selection

NURSERY NOTES By Wayne Webb

During the 05/06 financial year, the nursery has **supplied some 70 000 plants** to a range of customers, including local landholders, local councils, local revegetation contractors, and our own revegetation projects. Greater than 95% of these were tubestock of species native to the Blackall Range, grown from seed collected off local remnant vegetation (ie. local provenance). To carry out 'Best Practice' revegetation projects, it is crucial that we are able to supply this local provenance tubestock. We are very much indebted to the local landholders who allow us to collect seed from their properties.

We also endeavour to **collect from a broad local gene base**, which means not going back to the same tree year after year. Most of our rainforest seed is quite perishable so frequent monitoring is needed to ensure seed is harvested at the optimum time. Then once in the nursery, some seeds have low viability rates and others take a long time to germinate.

So you can see that **producing revegetation tubestock in quantity** is a very time-consuming and challenging process. It is, however, **an essential process** if we are to promote and carry out effective rehabilitation of our hinterland ecosystems.

Remember that Barung nursery staff are on hand to offer **free advice and plant identification** to our members and to the general public. Our priority is to help you select the right plants for your situation, with regard to soil type, aspect, your requirements, and favourable environmental outcomes.

Over the last month or so our **volunteers have been busy** helping to sort out the chaos of squeezing the Expo office back into Bicentenary Lane. They have done a great job repairing and painting our old container and a new one. Gordon has also been busy refurbishing a generously donated old cement mixer. As always, a big 'thank you' to our volunteers – we can't do without you!

Spring is just around the corner. It's an ideal time to plant. Let's hope we get some useful spring rainfall like last year.

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OBI BOARDWALK NRMA TREEPLANT

8th September, 10 am - noon

Many years ago, Barung had a vision of Obi Obi Creek – as a continuous vegetation corridor from Lake Baroon upstream to its headwater springs. Barung began to fulfil this vision at the Boardwalk site in 1997, clearing environmental woody and vine weeds and planting pioneer, mainly frost-hardy, species. A Barung-hosted New Work Opportunity team constructed the 600 metre Boardwalk with materials sponsored by Caloundra City Council.

We have learnt a lot about ecosystems and their geological underpinnings since those early days! Several of the original planted trees were recently removed by Barung's CJP team under the supervision of Greg Smyrell to help the Boardwalk planting evolve toward a sustainable ecosystem.

Barung and community members are invited to a public treeplant, generously sponsored by NRMA, from 10 am to noon on Friday 8th September to correct and enhance the original plantings. All treeplanters are welcome to a Boardwalk BBQ after the treeplant and a free tree voucher from the Barung Nursery.

IGA CONNECTION TREEPLANT

Later in September we would like you to help again with the first of the IGA Connection Treeplants at the Maleny Showgrounds.

Not only will the "IGA Connection" provide a lasting 'thank you' to Rob and Samantha Outridge and the IGA for their generosity to our local community, it will create an essential linkage to help preserve the viability of the isolated Showgrounds remnant, improve the quality of water entering Obi Obi Creek, and restore the creekbanks from a weed-infested rubbish heap to a rainforest that will help beautify the Maleny Showgrounds. Barung's Green Corps team has been doing a fantastic job clearing a jumbled array of environmental weeds from the site.

Barung has been asking all community groups and their members and beneficiaries who have received assistance from the IGA – this must be almost everyone on Maleny! – for \$10 donations to help cover the cost of trees, stakes, mulch and maintenance. All donors will have their names on permanent plaques around the site as a lasting legacy to Rob and Sam's community spirit.

So keep your gloves and mattocks handy and watch The Range News for the date of the IGA Connection Treeplant.

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FRIDGE CALENDAR

August - September 2006

phone 07 5494 3151 for bookings

Tues 15th Aug - BARUNG MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING - Please advise Barung Office if you wish to attend, time & venue TBA

21st-24th Aug - Q'LAND STATE LANDCARE CONFERENCE

Mon 28th Aug - GUIDE TO NATIVE FOREST PRACTICE CODE FIELD DAY - Clynton Wells, DNRMW, supported by Agforests and Agforce, bookings Rohan Allen on 3254 3098 or 0408 769 918

1st & 2nd Sept - QLD ORGANIC CONFERENCE - Beerwah, speakers & farm tours, Keith Morrison on 0500 581 469

2-8th Sept - NATIONAL THREATENED SPECIES WEEK, with National Threatened Species Day on 7th Sept

4-10th Sept - NATIONAL LANDCARE WEEK

4-10th Sept - BARUNG'S LANDCARE & THREATENED SPECIES WEEKS PROGRAM - see insert

Fri 8th Sept - NRMA OBI BOARDWALK TREE-PLANT - 10am-noon, BYO gloves, mattocks, free BBQ lunch & tree voucher, please let Office know you're coming for catering

Sun 10th Sept - BARUNG LANDCARE AGM - Morning tea at 10.30am, AGM at 11am

9th & 10th Sept - CHAINSAW LEVEL 1 COURSE (2 days) - Ring Office ASAP to book

11th & 12th Sept - CHAINSAW LEVEL 2 COURSES (1 day each) - Treefelling, ring Office ASAP to book

23rd & 24th Sept - FUNGI WORKSHOP (Sat 9am-1pm) and FORAY (Sun 8am-noon approx) - Registration essential, contact Barung office

September sometime - IGA CONNECTION TREEPLANT - Watch *Range News* for details

Wed 4th Oct - INTERNATIONAL LANDCARE - Overnight billets needed urgently, ring Barung if you can help.

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