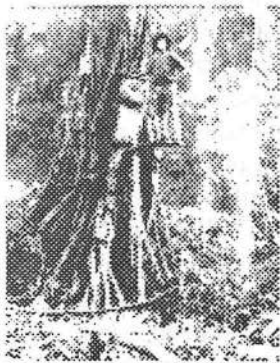


From Chainsaw To Fine Furniture - An Exposition April 27th - 28th 1996

Please put these dates on your calendar, and encourage all your friends to join you at an exposition at the Maleny Showgrounds Pavilion, from 10 am to 4 pm on Saturday, April 27 and Sunday, April 28. Our goal is to showcase the work of



local artisans, to give you an opportunity to see first hand the beauty of a variety of native timbers, and to encourage the residents of this area to consider growing native timber species.

We can assure you of a wonderful experience. Works on display will range from small wood turning pieces through massively heavy pieces of furniture. Most of the works will be on sale; we have asked exhibitors to make sure that significant pieces are not removed until the end of the exposition so that late arrivals will still see a fascinating display.

Other attractions will include samples of local timber with information about their key characteristics, a timber identification specialist to help identify any samples you may wish to bring in, a plant specialist to identify any native plants on Sunday morning, old timber-getting photographs and wood working tools. And when your feet begin to hurt, you can sit down to watch videos borrowed from the Woodworks

Museum at Gympie, or take a break at the cafe where we'll be serving lunch, morning and afternoon tea. Barung was delighted to receive a grant from Caloundra City Council to help us mount this event. **This is Barung's major fund-raising event for the year, so please help us in any way you can:**

- exhibit your work in native timbers if you are a Sunshine Coast artisan (call Lisa Wood for a registration form with all necessary details) - let us know if you can assist



Randy DeGraw - an Expo Exhibitor

with ticket sales, setting up or taking down Barung's displays, cooking or cleaning - **we need volunteers so please enrol -**

and COME TO THE EXPO with all your friends

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From The President Committee Changes

For those of you who helped us with our March 2 tree plant, thanks a million. John Muir was the mastermind for the day. So many people helped us with the planning, but I'd like to acknowledge particularly Jo Ferrier, Kath Zaiko, and Marc Russell, as well as David Fraser for his help with water and mulch. And thanks also to all the members of the Queensland Dairymen's Organisation who constructed the fence to keep livestock away from the trees. Slashing was done by Slash n' Sprinkle, and Queensco donated fencing materials. It was a great day, made very enjoyable by the wonderful spirit of our volunteers, and even more so because of the BBQ we enjoyed around 11 am. Maleny Meats donated the delicious sausages and steaks as part of their sponsorship of Barung, leaving us all very well fed!

We put in 362 plants (37 different plant species in all), and will further widen the diversity of the planting when there is some cover for plants requiring more shelter. DPI Forestry provided some of the trees (thanks to Ashley Sewell), Caloundra City Council also provided funding as well as the initial site preparation (thanks to John Birbeck, Ron Ticknell and colleagues), and 75 of the trees were planted in recognition of two of our generous sponsors - the Farm Barn and Maleny Moonlights.

For those who couldn't help us with the planting effort, I hope you'll take the opportunity to look down towards the Obi Obi behind Queensco and use your imagination to envisage the glories to come as the trees reach maturity. With our wonderful climate, and a little maintenance, they'll be a really impressive size before we know it.

The planting season isn't over yet - Craig and I are still busy putting in trees on our slopes, and no doubt many of you are doing the same. Happy planting!

Daryl Reinke

We have accepted, with regret, Dixon Hammer's resignation from the Management Committee in order to devote more time to his studies. In noting this change, we'd like to thank him particularly for his contributions in the areas of publicity, nursery operations and staff relations. We'll miss him at our committee and sub-committee meetings, but want to confirm that we will take up his offer of help with specific tasks when his other commitments permit this.

From The Editor

When I first saw Barung two years ago, it was a small nursery and an office, a potting area which doubled as a meeting room (the smell of chicken manure could never be swept away...) and a mountain of good will and energy. Today, it is a nursery which is a delight to walk through, an office, a potting area which doubles as a meeting room (the smell of chicken manure adds piquancy to gatherings) and a mountain of good will and energy. Somehow, though, Barung seems bigger. Perhaps it's the extra volunteers and workers who now pot up and weed and catalogue and prepare seeds and sweep; perhaps it's the outward signs of Barung which can be seen around town, on the Obi, in the paddock next door and down below Queensco; perhaps it's the busy clatter and chatter you'll always find in the office there. A few faces have been there my two years and more; Denise, Lisa, Jan, Barry, Ashley...these people have been through frost and the mixed blessing of committees, scant resources and long cold nights in the fragrant meeting room. Many, many faces are new. John Muir seems to have settled in like a well loved moccasin so it's easy to forget he's only been with us a few months. Sylvia deserves a volunteer of the year award if there is such a thing. What is heartening is the fact that you'll hardly ever walk into Barung with-

out finding some member of the committee there. I enjoy the place so much I've asked for a season pass (it's been granted on the condition I stand still for ten seconds and lower my voice to a bellow). The President and Treasure (they've asked not to be singled out but blow them) seem to be 'rostered on' at least three days a week and, come Saturday morning, Jenny or David or Inger and Dixon or Daryl and Craig can be seen minding the shop. I've done my stint of Saturday mornings as well but I can't move as fast as the others, handicapped as I am with a load of Tree-ID books and species lists. I've perfected the art of reading plant tags upside down and sideways, no doubt impressing customers with my woefully mispronounced Latin. If you haven't done so recently, why not come down to Barung? It's a nursery and an office, a potting area which doubles as a meeting room and a whole lot of people with a real pleasure in what they're doing.



Cheers - Sammy.

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From The Coordinator

OBI TREE PLANT SUCCESS

Election day not only saw a new Federal Govt. installed, but over 25 local Barung Landcare and Rural subcommittee volunteers helped plant over 350 trees on the banks of Obi Obi Ck and fenced them in. It is part of the Obi Obi Ck Revegetation Community Project. The area planted is part of an esplanade path that will eventually go all along the Obi Obi Ck from the



Just part of the planting team

Showground, over the Rotary bridge behind the Enterprise Centre to the centre of town. Caloundra Council had already dug the tree holes with a special ma-



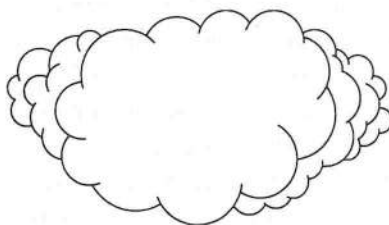
Colin Cork, Mal Lanham and Ken Webster - Rural Subcommittee Obi Fencers!

chine, which made the planting so much easier on the day, that the following BBQ lunch provided to volunteers was able to start at 11am! Many thanks to all the volunteers and sponsors who contributed, it is certainly a worthwhile longterm community project. We will be having a further plant-

ing day shortly, to replace any trees that died at the 3 previous Creek sites. We also have a draft plan by Tribe for the Native Bush Tucker site behind Barung that is available at the office for your comment or input.

We are keen to have groups adopt specific sites, both planting and maintaining them. If any other community groups or individuals wish to be involved in some way or another in the Obi Revegetation Project, please contact John Muir, at Barung Landcare on 943151 for further information.

WEATHER INFORMATION NIGHT (Rescheduled to April)



Haydon Walker (son of Lennox) has agreed to give another discussion on long range weather forecasting at Barung for the general public. This is a result of the great interest we had in the last workshop, held last year. So - if you love a sunburnt country and want to understand more about droughts, floods, cyclones and El Nino - you are most welcome to come and join us at Barung on:

**TUESDAY, 16TH APRIL
7PM TO 9PM**

With supper provided, it's only \$2 for members and \$3 for non members

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From The Front Desk

The S.E.E.D.S. group had a wonderful afternoon on 5th March, following on from Jenny Allen's Permaculture Design session. They made a Mandala Permaculture garden at Barung, constructing a no-dig mulched garden bed at the front of Barung. In the garden they planted Carrots, Tomatoes, Lemon grass, Passionfruit, Potatoes, Cabbage, Cauliflower, Strawberries, Peas, Sunflowers, Broadbeans & Comfrey. They also planted Sunflower, Peas, Beans and Silverbeet in boxes, to be transplanted in April. So far the Broadbeans, Strawberry runners, Comfrey, and Lemon grass are doing well. They enjoyed this afternoon very much despite the rain and look forward to the next S.E.E.D.S. day on 2nd April.

Fruit Trees

Don't forget that Barung sells fruit trees to order. Come in and see us and have a look at our availability list. There is a wide range of fruit trees to pick from and believe me the trees are a reasonable size and are very healthy. We have two different prices; one for members and one for non-members.

C.C.C. Free Rate Trees

The Caloundra City Council offers all rate payers in Caloundra shire two free trees. Barung has a large range of Native Plants to choose from, so bring your latest rate notice in NOW, and choose two beautiful tube trees.

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An Update To Our Species List

In the February newsletter we included a list of plants available in the nursery. As you know, we sell only native plants, specialising primarily in local native species. Here are the additional plants that have become available since that time:

- Acacia aulacocarpa* (Hickory Wattle)
- Acmena ingens* (Red Apple)
- Araucaria bidwillii* (Bunya Pine)
- Argyrodendron trifoliolatum* (White Booyong)
- Austromyrtus dulcis* (Midyim)
- Cassia brewsterii* (Brewster's Cassia)
- Cryptocarya foveolata* (Mountain Walnut)
- Cryptocarya glaucescens* (Silver Sycamore)
- Cupaniopsis newmanii* (Long-Leaved Tuckeroo)
- Cyathea cooperi* (Australian Tree Fern)
- Decaspermum parviflorum* (Silky Myrtle)
- Dodonaea triquetra* (Hopbush)
- Erythrina vespertilio* (Bat's Wing Coral)
- Eupomatia laurina* (Copper Laurel)
- Harpullia hillii* (Tulipwood)
- Ipomoea pes-caprae* (Goat's Foot Morning Glory)
- Kennedia rubicunda* (Running Postie)
- Livistona australis* (Cabbage Palm)
- Planchonella australis* (Black Apple)
- Pseudoranthemum variable* (Love Flower)
- Syzygium paniculatum* (Magenta Lilly Pilly)
- Trochocarpa laurina* (Tree Heath)
- Wilkiea macrophylla* (Large-Leaved Wilkiea)
- Wilkistromia indica* (Tie Bush, or Bootlace Plant)

If you want a local plant that isn't on our availability list, call Marc Russell in the nursery. In some cases he may be able to arrange to get it for you.

Koala Habitat Information Night (May 28)

Following all the press lately about possible Koala culling in South Australia, it is ironic that we are considering ways of improving our own local Koala Habitat

After discussing this topic with several local informants, it was decided to run an open panel discussion on the general concept of developing Koala Habitats in our environment.

Local panellists include Sandra Griffith, , Ann Peach and Denise Irons.

Because there are many issues that need to be considered, as well as problems in planting monoculture Koala Habitat Trees, we will have to widen the topic to consider other animal and plant factors also.

So on Tuesday 28 May we will continue our Information Nights, with a selection of locals, for a Panel Discussion on How to Improve Koala Habitats. Start time is 7 pm as usual, with small change for supper. Please ring Lisa at Barung for bookings and spread the word or invite a non member.

(See Article Page 7)



Staff Update

If you have been to Barung lately, you may have noticed some of our new staff and change in rosters:-

Denise Irons will be in on Fridays only, unless she can't stay away from the place.

Fridays and Tuesdays are preferred *volunteer days*, but anytime is OK. Many thanks for the new and old volunteers (figuratively speaking only) that make it in to help out.

Lisa Wood is Tuesday to Friday and can help you with anything!

Marc Russell, is our new nursery supervisor whom is on a Jobstart scheme with us for at least 6mths and is working 4 days a week except Fridays. As a result of having nursery staff on hand all the time now, our stock turnover and service has increased. Marc and Denise are also supervising our new New Work Opportunity (NWO) staff:-

Bill Box is the first of 3 NWO Horticultural staff who are with us for 6 months. It is amazing how much extra work can get done with keen and energetic team members. **Peter Curtis** and **Linda Duanne** started in April, with some training required at Cadet in Caloundra.

Mark Curtis has just finished one month Youth Conservation Corps work experience with us and we appreciate his assistance and involvement and wish him all the best in the future.

Helen Bird continues her one day a week student work experience with us and we value her input greatly.

John Muir is in on Tuesdays to Thursday, but, as one can appreciate, these days are a guide only, and appointments should be made if coming to see someone specifically, to avoid disappointment.

Unravelling Botanical Names

By Jenny Allen

As our school Latin teacher was writing on the blackboard, the class often broke out singing...

"Latin is a language as dead as dead can be It killed the poor old Romans....and now its killing me."

Ironically, Latin is now one of my pet topics. Last week in a restaurant I was reading the "Dictionary of Botanical Names", laughing liberally at some of the more comical definitions. I looked up to see other patrons looking weirdly at me, as if I was reading some dirty comic book.

The reason that Latin and Greek botanical names are so fascinating is that they make sense - it is just up to us to make sense of them. Some are easier to understand such as *floribunda* - many flowers (*Waterhousia floribunda* -weeping lilly pilly), *macrophylla* - big leaves (*Ficus macrophylla* -Moreton Bay fig) and *robusta* - robust (*Grevillea robusta* -silky oak).

Then there are slightly more difficult names such as *pubens* - downy, (*Endiandra pubens* - hairy walnut), and *Callistemon* - *calli* (beautiful) *stemons* (stamens).

Other botanical names can be unfamiliar superficially until we think of related English words. *Reticulata* means a small net and refers to the conspicuous net veins of leaves (*Elaeocarpus reticulatus* - Blueberry Ash). *Melaleuca* comes from - *mel* (black -ie melanoma) and *leucos* (white - ie leukemia), referring to the fact that some species have black bark and others have white.

Other names can be more difficult, yet often helpful and always fascinating. For example, *acerifolius* means maple-like leaves (*Brachychiton acerifolius* - Flame tree), *castanospermum* means likeness to chestnut seeds



Leafus cliparticus

(*Castanospermum australe* - black bean), *eucalyptus* - *eu* (well) *calyptus* (covered) - referring to the cap which covers the eucalyptus flower in bud stage. *Caerulea* means dark blue (*Alpina caerulea* - native ginger and *Dianella caerulea* - Flax lilly) and *casuarinus* (*Casuarina*) is latin for the cassowary, as the branches resemble the bird's feathers.

You may be confused trying to work out Latin and Greek meanings for names such as *smithii*, *Grevillea* and *Davidsonia*. These are a few of the many names that refer to people, often famous botanists, and explorers. Yet some may be named after less known people, such as the rare *Diploglottis campbelli*, named after Mr R Campbell, a Tweed River resident who discovered this species.

And leaving on a smelly note; *Sterculia* refers to the bad smell of flowers on some species - it comes from the Latin name *Sterculus* - the Roman god of dung heaps!

(3 free Barung trees for the first person to ring me with the correct definition for the large family *Proteaceae* - on 999 442)!

Report on SEQ Farm

Forestry Seminar

Held 25 March, 1996. Attendees included Councillors from various shires along with their environment staff. Councillor Ian Bryce was present, representing Caloundra Council.

Following previous discussions in late 1995, the above seminar was held at DPI, Nambour, on 18th March, to rationalise the broad plans discussed.

Much time was spent on guide lines to give tree farmers some certainty of the right to harvest trees planted by them. The gathering felt that a simple registration form should be prepared by councils to be completed by farmers; a small fee to meet administration costs could be charged.

It was decided to have a universal "Code of Practice" prepared to cover the harvesting of planted trees. Ashley Sewell will obtain copies of Codes from NSW, Victoria and S.A. A working party has been established to examine these Codes and adjust them for local conditions.

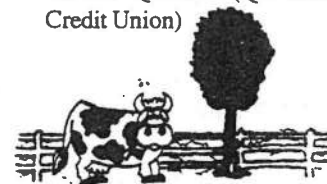
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Recovering Resources

Dean Cameron, the founding co-ordinator of Barung Landcare, has for many years played an important role in helping the local community think more carefully about the environment in which they live. Dean has spent 10 years designing and refining DOWMUS toilet systems. They cleverly harness nature's chemical storehouse of worms and other beneficial organisms to provide a natural composting and filtration process. Following the successful DOWMUS no flush toilet system, this Maleny based company has been overwhelmed by public response to Dean's revolutionary 'First Flush' recycling toilet system. It looks and functions like a regular flush toilet but utilises Dean's specially designed biolytic filter which was recently approved by Tasmanian and Queensland governments. There is also a steady stream of enquiries from overseas countries looking for solutions to the treatment of on-site waste water. DOWMUS is now well known as more than just a toilet. It's a smart way to recycle water, reduce garbage and re-use natural resources. Dean continues to design products that care for the environment and - in doing so - reminds people that there are special talents in Maleny.

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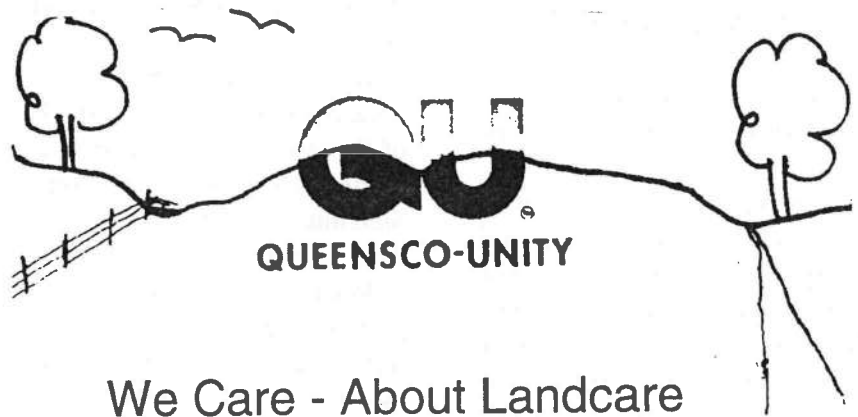
Community Biodiversity Network

Australia is only one of about twelve countries which together harbour 70 per cent of life on Earth: a strong reason why Australians are involved in protecting our rich diversity of life. The good work of Parkcare, Coastcare, Landcare and numerous local conservation groups immediately comes to mind. To further increase awareness and involvement, these initiatives can be catalysed by a range of interrelated measures. One such measure is the Community Biodiversity Network. CBN - a new non-government, community based network of organisations and individuals designed to link existing non-government organisation (NGO) networks, other key conservation NGOs, community groups involved in promoting biodiversity conservation, the Commonwealth Government's National Biodiversity Conservation Program and the National Biological Diversity Advisory Council. The CBN has three major roles:

- promote biodiversity, it's value, issues relating to it's conservation and encourage community action through collaborative projects with existing networks and groups;
- provide easier access to information on biodiversity conservation; and
- present community views to the National Biological Diversity Advisory Council and widely report it's outcomes.

To provide quick access to information on what's happening in the biodiversity conservation arena, the CBN produces a bimonthly Biodiversity Bulletin available by

email or fax, supplemented by Fax Alerts when needed. The CBN will also be writing regular articles for inclusion in newsletters and magazines. The CBN also has a one-stop-shop of all its information on the World Wide Web. The homepage is at <http://www.peg.apc.org-bdnet>. The work of the CBN will be scaled up over 1996 to coincide with the adoption by Commonwealth, State and Territory Governments of the National Biodiversity Conservation Strategy. Through implementing the National Strategy, Australia will meet the requirements of the International Convention on Biological Diversity which it signed at the Rio Earth Summit in 1992. In Maleny, Gwyn and Sandra Griffith are working for The Community Biodiversity Network. Having completed two and a half years work with The National Threatened Species Network (QLD), they are now committed to the wider concept of Biodiversity. They still run the Biodiversity project P.A.W.S., with other communities further afield now using Gwyn's data base design, to paint their own wildlife picture. There will be a regular copy of the updated Bulletin at Barung Landcare for resource and general information purposes. If you would like to be on the CBN mailing list please collect an information brochure and form from Barung. If you would like further information on either CBN or Biodiversity in general, call Sandra or Gwyn on **944 281.**



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GARDEN ESCAPEES--ALTERNATES

Type	Common Name	Species	Suggested Alternative
Shrubs	Pink tephrosia	<i>Tephrosia glomerata</i>	<i>Brachyhiton bidwillii</i> (Little Kurrajong)
Shrubs	Blue taro	<i>Xanthoxylum violaceum</i>	<i>Archidodomyrtus beckleri</i> (Rose Myrtle) (edible)
Trees	Indian Siris	<i>Albizia lebbek</i>	<i>Acacia</i> spp.; <i>Archidendron hendersonii</i> (White Lace Flower)
Trees	Chinese elm	<i>Celtis sinensis</i>	<i>Euodia elleiyana</i> (Pink Euodia)
Trees	Camphor laurel	<i>Cinnamomum camphora</i>	<i>Gmelina leichhardtii</i> (White Beech), <i>Ficus waltiana</i> (Nipple Fig), <i>Cryptocarya glaucescens</i>
Trees	Fiddlewood	<i>Citharexylum spinosum</i>	<i>Acmena smithii</i> (Lilly Pilly); <i>Metrosideros queenslandica</i>
Trees	Cotoneaster	<i>Cotoneaster pannosus</i>	<i>Acmena smithii</i> (Lilly Pilly); <i>Syzygium paniculatum</i>
Trees	Persimmon	<i>Diospyros kaki</i>	<i>Syzygium leuhmannii</i> (Riberry)
Trees	Loquat	<i>Eriobotrya japonica</i>	<i>Litsea leafeana</i> (Brown Bollywood)
Trees	Coral Tree	<i>Erythrina (exotic species)</i>	<i>Erythrina vesperillo</i> (Bat's Wing Coral); <i>Brachyhiton acerifolius</i> (Flame Tree)
Trees	Cockspur coral tree	<i>Erythrina crista-galli</i>	<i>Erythrina vesperillo</i> (Bat's Wing Coral); <i>Brachyhiton acerifolius</i> (Flame Tree)
Trees	Coral tree	<i>Erythrina x sykesii</i>	<i>Erythrina vesperillo</i> (Bat's Wing Coral); <i>Brachyhiton acerifolius</i> (Flame Tree)
Trees	Cadaghi	<i>Eucalyptus torelliana</i>	<i>Eucalyptus grandis</i> (Rose Gum), <i>E. tereticornis</i> (Red Forest Gum)
Trees	Rubber tree	<i>Ficus elastica</i>	<i>Ficus macrophylla</i> (Moreton Bay Fig)
Trees	Ash, European	<i>Fraxinus excelsior</i>	<i>Diploglottis campbellii</i> (Small-leaved Tamarind)
Trees	Ash	<i>Fraxinus griffithii</i>	<i>Diploglottis campbellii</i> (Small-leaved Tamarind)
Trees	Honey locust	<i>Gleditsia triacanthos</i>	<i>Castanospermum australe</i> (Black Bean)
Trees	Jacaranda	<i>Jacaranda mimosaeifolia</i>	<i>Melia azedarach</i> (White Cedar)
Trees	Golden rain tree	<i>Koelreuteria elegans</i> , <i>K. paniculata</i>	<i>Barklya syringifolia</i> (Golden Shower Tree)
Trees	Privet, large-leaved	<i>Ligustrum lucidum</i>	<i>Elaeostachys nervosa</i> (Beetroot); <i>Rhodamnia argentea</i> (Malletwood)
Trees	Mulberry	<i>Morus</i> spp.	<i>Sterculia quadrifida</i> (Peanut Tree) (edible)
Trees	Packalacca/Ombu Tree	<i>Phytolacca dioica</i>	Native Figs (<i>Ficus superba</i> , <i>F. obliqua</i> etc.)
Trees	Pines (exotic)	<i>Pinus</i> spp (<i>P. caribbaea</i> , <i>elliotti</i> , <i>patula</i>)	<i>Araucaria</i> spp. (Bunya, Hoop Pines), <i>Agathis robusta</i> (Kauri Pine)
Trees	Radiata Pine	<i>Pinus radiata</i>	<i>Araucaria</i> spp. (Bunya, Hoop Pines), <i>Podocarpus elata</i> (Plum Pine)
Trees	Peach tree	<i>Prunus persica</i>	<i>Davidsonia pruriens</i> (Davidson's Plum)
Trees	Asian Bell Tree	<i>Radermachera sinica</i>	<i>Elaeocarpus reticulatus</i> (Blueberry Ash)
Trees	Weeping Willow	<i>Salix babylonica</i>	<i>Waterhousea floribunda</i> (Weeping Lily Pilly)
Trees	Umbrella tree	<i>Schefflera actinophylla</i>	<i>Omalanthus populifolius</i> (Bleeding Heart)
Trees	African Tulip Tree	<i>Spathodea campanulata</i>	<i>Brachyhiton acerifolius</i> (Flame Tree), <i>Stenocarpus sinuatus</i> (Wheel of Fire)
Trees	Cocos or queen palm	<i>Syagrus romanzoffianum</i>	<i>Archontophoenix cunninghamiana</i> (Bangalow Palm); <i>Livistona australis</i> (Cabbage Tree Palm)
Trees	Athal Pine	<i>Tamarix aphylla</i>	<i>Casuarina</i> spp. (She-Oaks)
Trees	Tipuana, Rosewood	<i>Tipuana tipu</i>	<i>Acacia</i> spp. (Wattles)

These plants have escaped into the wild, and in many cases out-compete native species and destroy habitat for native animals.

List compiled March 1996

Contact Marc Ruesell, Barung's Nureery Supervisor, for more information on alternates

BARUNG LANDCARE		17 Bicentenary Lane, Maleny 4552	Telephone: 943 151
Type	Common Name	Species	Suggested Alternative
Climbers & Creepers	Madeira vine, lamb's tail	<i>Anredera cordifolia</i>	<i>Millettia megasperma</i> (Native Wisteria)
Climbers & Creepers	Moth Vine	<i>Araujia hortorum</i>	<i>Pandorea pandorana</i> (Wonga Vine)
Climbers & Creepers	Dutchman's Pipe	<i>Aristolochia elegans, A. macrophylla</i>	<i>Aristolochia praevanosa</i> (Richmond Birdwing Vine)
Climbers & Creepers	Mile-a-minute	<i>Ipomoea calica</i>	<i>Millettia megasperma</i> (Native Wisteria)
Climbers & Creepers	Morning Glory	<i>Ipomoea indica, I. acuminata</i>	<i>Millettia megasperma</i> (Native Wisteria)
Climbers & Creepers	Jasmine, Chinese	<i>Jasminum polyanthum</i>	<i>Pandorea jasminoides</i> (Bower of Beauty)
Climbers & Creepers	Jasmine, Creeping	<i>Lantana montevidensis</i>	<i>Vitex ovata</i>
Climbers & Creepers	Honeysuckle	<i>Lonicera japonica</i>	<i>Pandorea jasminoides</i> (Bower of Beauty)
Climbers & Creepers	Passiflora	<i>Passiflora</i> (most exotics)	<i>Passiflora aurantia, P. hiberniana</i>
Climbers & Creepers	Black-Eyed Susan	<i>Thunbergia alata</i>	<i>Hibbertia scandens</i>
Climbers & Creepers	Wandering Jew	<i>Tradescantia albiflora</i>	<i>Dianella caerulea</i> (Blue Flax Lily)
Climbers & Creepers	Singapore daisy	<i>Wedelia trilobata</i>	<i>Helichrysum ramissosum</i> (Yellow Buttons)
Grasses & Herbs	False sisal	<i>Agave decipiens</i>	<i>Doranthus excelsa</i> (Spear Lily)
Grasses & Herbs	Century Plant	<i>Agave spp.</i>	<i>Doranthus excelsa</i> (Spear Lily)
Grasses & Herbs	Camry, Indian Shot	<i>Canna indica</i>	<i>Alpinia caerulea</i> (Spear Lily)
Grasses & Herbs	Pampas grass	<i>Cortaderia seloana</i>	<i>Lomandra longifolia</i> (Lomandra)
Grasses & Herbs	Glory Lily	<i>Gloriosa superba</i>	<i>Kreysigia multiflora</i> (Sarsparilla Lily)
Grasses & Herbs	Balsam, busy lizzy	<i>Impatiens spp.</i>	<i>Orthosiphon aristatus</i> (Cat's Whiskers)
Grasses & Herbs	Formosa Lily	<i>Lilium formosanum</i>	<i>Prophrys cunninghamii</i> (Brisbane Lily); <i>Crinum pedunculatum</i> (River Lily)
Grasses & Herbs	Fishbone Fern	<i>Nephrrolepis cordifolia</i>	<i>Doodia aspera</i> (Prickly Rasp Fern)
Grasses & Herbs	Asparagus fern	<i>Protaspargus densiflorus "Sprengerii"</i>	<i>Adiantum hispidulum</i> (Rough Maidenhair)
Shrubs	Coral Berry, Ardisia	<i>Ardisia crenata</i>	<i>Eugenia reinwardiana</i> (Beach Cherry) (edible)
Shrubs	Cocos Palm	<i>Arecastrum romanzoffianum</i>	<i>Archontophoenix cunninghamiana</i> (Bangalow Palm); <i>Livistona australis</i> (Cabbage Tree Palm)
Shrubs	Butterfly Bush	<i>Buddleia spp.</i>	<i>Grevillea spp.</i>
Shrubs	Senna (all exotic species)	<i>Caesalpinia (exotic)</i>	<i>Caesalpinia tomentella, C. marksiana, C. queenslandica</i>
Shrubs	Cassia, Smooth Senna	<i>Caesalpinia floribunda</i>	<i>Caesalpinia tomentella, C. marksiana, C. queenslandica</i>
Shrubs	Duranta	<i>Duranta repens (Directa)</i>	<i>Petalostigma trifoliarum</i> (Quinine Berry)
Shrubs	Brazilian cherry	<i>Eugenia uniflora</i>	<i>Syzygium oleosum</i> (Blue Lilly Pillily); <i>S. leuhamanii</i> (Riberry) (edible)
Shrubs	Lantana	<i>Lantana camara</i>	<i>Alyxia rusciifolia</i> (Prickly Alyxia)
Shrubs	Leucaena	<i>Leucaena leucocephala</i>	<i>Acacia spp.</i> (Wattles)
Shrubs	Small leaved privet	<i>Ligustrum sinense</i>	<i>Backhousia citrifolia</i> (Lemon-scented Myrtle); <i>Buckinghamia celsissima</i>
Shrubs	Mock orange	<i>Murraya paniculata, M. exotica</i>	<i>Pittosporum undulatum</i> (Native Daphne)
Shrubs	Ochna, mickey mouse plant	<i>Ochna serrulata</i>	<i>Austrorhynchus inophloia</i> (Thread-barked Myrtle)
Shrubs	Plumbago	<i>Plumbago</i>	<i>Westringia spp.</i>
Shrubs	Guava	<i>Palium guajava</i>	<i>Rhodomyrtus pallidoides</i> (Native Guava)
Shrubs	Indian hawthorn	<i>Raphiolepis indica</i>	<i>Psychotria daphnoides</i> (Smooth Psychotria)
Shrubs	Smooth senna, wild cassia	<i>Senna floribunda</i>	<i>Native Cassia spp.</i> or <i>Metrosideros queenslandica</i>
Shrubs	Common or easter cassia	<i>Senna pendula var. glabrata</i>	<i>Native Cassia spp.</i> or <i>Metrosideros queenslandica</i>

Koala Habitats and Biodiversity

The following illustration is a good example of an acknowledgement of Biodiversity requirements. Different species require different layers and positions in the ecosystem. Some fauna species even use separate flora species for eating and living. We need to be aware of their needs, and plant accordingly.

So, when you are considering attracting wildlife, and providing a refuge for our wonderful native flora and fauna, look at the whole picture. Get to know your part of the earth by heart!

Our Koalas are some of our most beautiful animals, and well worth our care however, there are others just as much in need, and just as deserving.

In recent years, the struggle to save the Koala, that most adorable of Australian marsupials has reached great heights. Unfortunately, it has been made even more difficult by the 1994 Nature Conservation (Wildlife) Regulation (subordinate to the Nature Conservation Act 1992-Queensland), demoting the Koala to "common wildlife". Within the regulations pursuant to the Act, there is a declared management intent provision for "common" wildlife which ensures the government has regard for wildlife of special cultural significance.

The advisory panel to the Minister considers the numbers of Koalas are above that which would render them eligible for threatened classification under the state act.

To change this classification, it would be necessary to furnish the Minister with scientifically based data, proving the numbers are less than estimated. It is not enough to raise protests or produce reams of signatures. These will not change the Koala's status in Queensland! It can be changed, however, it will not be an easy task. There are organisations working on it.

So, when we speak only of planting food trees and corridors for Koala-

las, are we considering the whole picture, and best using our energies? There are other animals, and indeed animals here on the Sunshine Coast, which are considered more endangered, vulnerable and rare than Koalas. We have the Coxens Fig-Parrot, the Glossy Black Cockatoo, the Mary River Cod, the Quoll, and others. Also, we must remember, we want to keep the animals we do have, safe.

Another aspect of singling out a species for special attention is the worry of too much of a good thing. Some years ago, Eucalyptus torelliana was touted as being a great food tree for Koalas. People rushed out and planted them in their hundreds. We now have a weed problem with that species. So, are we considering what is best for the whole environment? Indeed, are we even considering what is best for the Koala? There is a very real concern that corridors which are too small, too sparse, and too limited will cause stress, and ultimately death, for Koalas trapped in them, (as well as other species in the same situation.) It is becoming apparent to those working closely with the environment, we need to consider the whole picture.

Is the tree species appropriate for the area? Has it a history there? Will the soil in that area support that flora species? What are the fauna species which use the tree? How do they use it? How is the tree species likely to affect other vegetation and habitat usages? Consider how the seed is dispersed.

In other words we have a quite a puzzle on our hands. How can we solve it? When we begin painting an environmental picture, the first word which comes to mind is **BIODIVERSITY**.

Biodiversity is the variety of all living things. It differs from the reactive position taken with Nature Conservation and adopts a proactive effort, seeking to meet

human needs from biological resources while ensuring the long-term ecological sustainability of Earth's biotic wealth.

So, instead of concentrating on the needs of just one species, let's start looking at how we can provide homes and livings for all the beings in our ecosystems.

One of the keywords is ECOSYSTEMS. If you live in a rainforest ecosystem it is not appropriate to plant species from the coastal ecosystem and, of course, vice versa. They will not grow well, maybe not at all, and it's useless to invite wildlife to dinner to serve them food which they cannot use! Instead of planting trees which no Koala will ever see, your money and energies may well be better spent supporting Koala research or lobbying for better development planning.

How much land do you have available? It has been suggested that the male Quoll, for example, may need up to 64 hectares per animal! An adult Koala eats up to 1kg leaves per night! It is necessary to know which wildlife inhabits your area, what their habitat requirements are, and how they make a living. You may well have Koalas in your ecosystem, or they may have been there originally, in which case, by all means provide for them. (They do not actually live in closed forest or rainforest, preferring tall, wet sclerophyll forest.) As well, you may need housing for possums and other mammals, birds and reptiles, not forgetting leaf litter for echidnas!

In other words, you need information. Seek good, reliable information from sources near you. Landcare groups, conservation groups, (farmers know a lot about the wildlife on the land, and they know their area well, they have often been born there!) The Queensland Departments of Environment, and Primary Industries both have

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Koala Biodiversity cont'd

sections which can furnish useful details.

Most conservation and landcare groups have resource libraries. Read as much as you can about property management and wildlife requirements.

You can be confident that by helping the other animals you will be helping the Koala as well. So, if Koala is your very favourite animal, do it a big favour, look at the whole picture!

**INFO NIGHT ON KOALA
HABITAT:
MAY 28th 7pm**

Ref: Wildlife Conservation on Planned Properties. Kay Dorricott & Brian Roberts.

Sandra Griffiths

Mary Cairncross Reserve

It was a great pleasure to join the 120 Montville Primary School students as part of their World Forestation Day activity on March 21st.

Mary Cairncross Park was a great venue. 20 plants and animals had to be identified during the walk. Several Paddy Melon Wallabies were sighted but we missed out on the Python that had just swallowed one! We were able to provide several tubes to the students from our nursery to plant back at Montville Primary School. They were all species that the students were able to find during their Reserve walk. Educational Community activities such as these are a major component of Barungs programs, and we welcome further requests for such services.

For the record, Caloundra Council has approved Barung staff to collect seed from the Reserve track

area only, providing we have the letter of approval on hand. Marc Russell was able to take staff and volunteers on such a collection and identification walk there last week for the first time. Please advise if members are interested in participating in such future walks.

I have been appointed on to the Mary Cairncross Advisory Committee, so if anyone has issues or ideas on the Reserve, I would welcome your comments. This is especially relevant with the continuation of the New Work Opportunity Development Program that has been approved by Council from Cadet. With over 450,000 visitors estimated annually, human impact on the 40ha area is high and needs addressing.

The Park is certainly a beautiful location worthy of careful consideration and preservation, as well as being good for the heart and mind. Please Enjoy - its yours and local!

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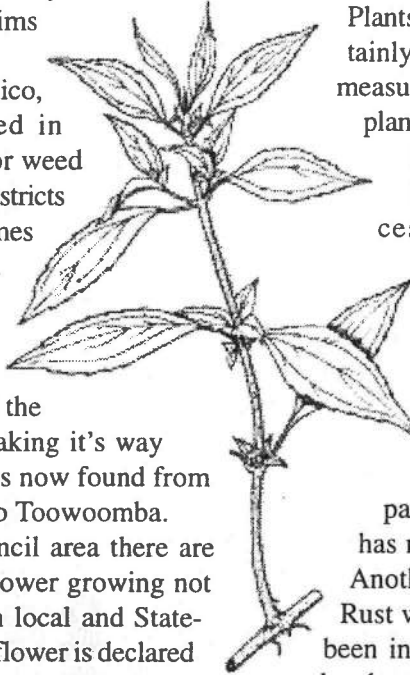
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Weed Profile - Mistflower

Mistflower (*Eupatorium riparium*), also known as "creeping crofton weed", is an aggressive weed in wet tableland areas of South East Queensland. It spreads into pastures reducing the carrying capacity significantly and will also dominate the understorey of timber country. There are claims that the plant is toxic to stock.

Mistflower, introduced from Mexico, was first noted as naturalised in Queensland in 1921. It is a major weed in the mountainous, high rainfall districts of SEQ and Northern NSW, at times covering whole mountainsides. One of the first areas of infestation in this area was around Mt. Mellum, but it is now found all over the Maleny Plateau and the Conondale area. The plant is making its way down the rivers and gullies and is now found from Gympie to the border and west to Toowoomba. Within the Caloundra City Council area there are some large infestations of mistflower growing not only on private land but also on local and State-government controlled land. Mistflower is declared under the Rural Lands Protection Act, Category P3, and it is the responsibility of landowners to reduce the infestation on their properties. The potential of this plant to spread is great. One mature



plant produces between 10,000 and 100,000 seeds annually. It spreads mainly by seed but colonies also increase in size by layering, forming a mat of interwoven stems. Seed is transported by wind and water and to some degree by man.

Plants should be controlled before flowering or certainly before hard seed is formed. Current control measures include cultivation hoeing, burning and planting of competitive pastures and spraying with herbicides. Biological control of mistflower has been attempted in Hawaii with limited success. A Pterophorid Plume Moth and a stemgalling Trypetid Fly was released in 1973 and 1974 and by 1988 was successfully controlling Mistflower at altitudes of 150 to 1250 metres. Because of this success, the stemgalling fly was introduced into the Maleny area in 1986 and has become established over a wide area. Unfortunately a native parasite has now attacked the fly and the test has not been very successful.

Another bio-control that is being investigated is a Rust which affects the leaf of the plant. This has been investigated by New Zealand, and Australia has been asked to contribute to the cost of this investigation.

For further information contact Peter Be11 (018 711 886), Noxious Plants Supervisor, Caloundra City Council.

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More Weeds

One of the kindest things Barung did for me in my early days on the Range was to convince me that I didn't have to eradicate all weeds immediately. Learning that Lantana, while definitely a weed, nevertheless served as good interim habitat for birds and other native wildlife was an enormous relief, as was learning that the gradual approach of removing weeds only as I could replace them with native species was not only easier but wiser.

Mother Nature abhors bare earth. Its against the natural order for earth to be exposed, and weeds rush in to fill any gap created in the vegetation cover. All weeds are not created equal. Some may actually serve a useful purpose, beyond their shading of the earth, by using deep tap roots to bring nutrients back to the surface levels of the soil. Certainly in my garden weeds are used to mulch the soil. When I've ordered my priorities correctly, the weeds are pulled before they set seed. Even when I've missed that critical period, I sometimes still use less harmful weeds (Cobbler's Pegs, for example) for mulch on the assumption that any cover is useful. At least my experience is that the weeds can be hand pulled more readily when growing through a thick layer of mulch!

To help you in your battle against some of our worst pests, we'll use this newsletter to alert you to flowering and seed setting times. Right now is a good time to control:

NOOGOORA BURR (*Xanthium pumgens*) - seeds usually set February-April. Mechanical control - this plant is relatively easy to pull up by the roots, and very easy to locate because of its distinctive large, pale leaves. Often along creeks.

GROUNDSEL (*Baccharis halimifolia*) - male yellowish and female white flowers are visible mid to late March. Seeds are airborne, blowing from mid-April. This is a declared plant which must be controlled. Mechanical control - pull out small plants; dig plants out, or cut off more than 10 cm below ground level. (Slashing or burning will rarely kill plants.)

MORNING GLORY (*Ipomoea indica, I. cairica*) - flowers through most of the year, seeds prolifically, seeds remain viable for many years, and any time you can find to control this vine is worthwhile. It is not yet on the declared list, but the evidence of its destructiveness to native vegetation is all around us. Mechanical control - pull out small plants, or dig plants out.

Barung has copies of **PESTFACT** sheets issued by the Department of Lands on a variety of declared

weeds. These sheets are very helpful for identification of weeds, and give a description of various control methods. As yet, there is no such sheet on Morning Glory.

Of course, there are many other undesirable plants - garden escapees that invade the bush, just like groundsel which was first introduced to Australia as a garden plant. We've made our first attempt at preparing a list (SEE INSERT) of some of these plants, with suggested alternatives that are native to this area. We'd welcome your input in two areas - first, new plants to add to the list, and second, any ideas on better alternative choices.

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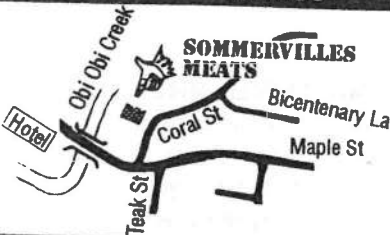


Half cut white cedar in the process of being milled up.

EUCALYPTS

Barung has a new addition to the list of plant identification books on sale. This one, by Tony Bean, is titled "Eucalypts of the Sunshine Coast", costs \$7, and is well worth the price. (For those of you who haven't looked at our supply of books lately, we also have excellent guides to the identification of rainforest species.)

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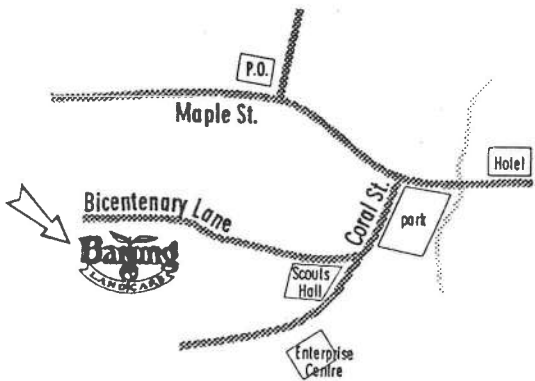
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