

BARUNG LANDCARE NEWS



WORKING FOR OUR FUTURE

1989

The Year of
Landcare &
available
NSCP
funding

First Meetg
Ashley Sewell,
QSF
Margie
O'Connell,
DEVIT & Dean
Cameron to find
a way to remedy
landslips in
Maleny area

**Barung
Reafforestation
Project**

Constitution
Baroon Pocket
Planting
School comp
(Logo)
Funding
applications to
- GA (\$5,000)
- DPI (\$250)
- MCU (\$250)

**Barung Landcare
Initiative**
Bi-monthly meetg in
Maleny/Montville AGM
planned

Inaugural Meetg
Montville Hall
First Committee
Dean Cameron -
Coord.
Barry Johnston - Pres.
Mal Thompson - Vice
Tony Yorkston - Sec
David Wilson - Treas
Lexy Forbes
Boris Danijchnko
Bill Hall
Raoul Kapira
Ken Levett

Committee Meetg
Maleny Vet
Supplies
**BARUNG
LANDCARE
GROUP INC.**
sought funding
* National Soil Cons
Program (NSCP)
* Local Councils
* GA Schools Nurs
Programs

Baroon Pocket Dam
Tree Plant

Committee Meetg
Maleny Vet Surg.

Junior LC Program
Western Avenue
Tree Plant
Bird Watching



... there was
'the nursery'

*In the
beginning.....*



Reflections from Dean Cameron, Barung's first coordinator

Looking back, the important events of Barung's early days are framed by the generous and enthusiastic support of a broad range of people with varied skills and interests which they brought to bear on a problem larger than all of us involved.

Highlights included working with Ashley Sewell and Margi O'Connell to get the idea off the ground. The fact that our awareness of the needs coincided almost exactly with the birth of the Landcare movement illustrates the sort of synchronicity which convinced many of us that this was a movement and social ethic whose time had come.

The enormous response to a well thought-out brochure to enlist people's support was wonderful. Local businesses such as Cairncross Press and The Range News, and people like Marek Malter, Rob Cork and a host of others, readily donated their time and money to a cause they all saw as important. Barry Johnson and David Wilson in particular, gave very generously of their time to ensure the group got off to a professional start. Mal and Marg Thompson helped the group stayed grounded in its prime objectives, assisting financially by taking out a life membership. It is impossible to convey how such an eclectic group of people with different political views and social attitudes came together, and willingly put aside their prejudices to achieve what they all believed had to be achieved.

The floods of 1989/1991 really galvanized this sort of general support. The numerous and very obvious landslides which followed the 540 mm of rain on Anzac Day 1989 highlighted the fact that many people were prepared to face up to the fact that blame for past clearing on slopes which had become unstable, could no longer be directed at past landholders who were in fact required to clear and fence the land or loose it. Many people were prepared to take responsibility for what they could do now to make a difference for the future. This sort of attitude was typical of almost all of the grass roots Landcare groups I encountered during my time as coordinator. Schools, teachers, parents and grandparents all gave freely however they could. Jean and Sid Jarvis, Ken Levitt, and Jean Jollo-Hinda together with the unstoppable Denise Irons, formed the core propagation team working for the reward of the pleasure of each other's company and the knowledge that they were making a real difference.

The early focus of the Barung team was the need to foster a spirit of enterprise. It was the conviction of the early steering committee and later the Management Committee that the group could undertake commercial work which related to and fostered the core objectives of the group. The propagation efforts were the first example of this. Educational events, property plans and land management advice made money for the group to keep expanding. Plantings were organized and executed by volunteers (Jo Ferrier was an absolute Trojan). Barung's persistence at self-

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October - November 1999

1990

Feb 90

Mar 90

Apr 90

May 90

Jun 90

Jul 90

QDF

Free trees to LC
groups: 5000
To landholders:
1000

Moved to
C.E.D.A.

New Committee
Members

- ◆ Jane Skandries (PR)
- ◆ Lindsay Kruger (replacing Raoul & Boris)

Propagation WS
with Hugh & Nan
Nicholson
First Property
Plan

Warwick Willmot
Geology WS
Educational Bus
Trip
Botany Watch in
Range News
Glen Thomas,
QUT, Research
Masters, Obi Obi
Catchment

Dean Cameron
Part-time
coordinator
Greening
Australia (\$200
per week)

Tree Plant
Baroon Pocket
Dam

ID of Rainforest
Plants in Gympie
(ANU)

First Funding
DEVIT \$5,000
For
reafforestation
feasibility study

Maleny Show

Plane Flights
over the Blackall
Range for
members

World
Environment Day

Sheraton tree
plant Montville

First ideas on
Nursery sites
(Skill share
David
Greenwood)

Jack's Jungle
Jaunt

Jack Mitchell's
regeneration
technique WS

BLC First
Planning Day



L to R Ashley Sewell, Jock Douglas,
Lexy Forbes, Jo Ferrier & Sam Brown
- the first tree in the ground at

Apologies to anyone left off our list
of thankyou at the 1999 AGM - so
many people over such a long time ...
THANKS TO EVERYONE who has
been a part of the 10 year team...

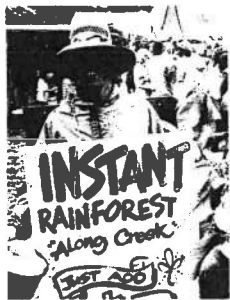
Reflections...

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funding forged a sense of self-reliance which characterized early endeavors. There are too many people to thank individually, but I must mention a few more: Lexy Forbes, a tireless organizer who took over as coordinator; Trevor Angel with his unpaid hours of computer work and desk top publishing; and all early Committee members, especially Jane Skrandies, Gillian Ainscough, Lindsay Kruger and Tony Yorkston. Spectacular successes include the grant of the lease for Barung's present site, thanks to Jill Jordan and Winston Johnson. We also had some flops (I could include the Barung Note-book in this category I think!)

A group succeeds because of the commitment, enthusiasm and plain hard work of many people. I've missed out so many wonderful people, (always a danger in starting this sort of exercise with limited space), but I want to say thanks to all of the people who worked to make it happen. I still take an active interest in Barung and have pride in the fact that some of the visions we shared are now coming to fruition.

There is a certain amount of disappointment mixed with the sense of achievements I share for Barung. Local Government Authority is the next step to sustainability in this area. We need a coordinated approach to planning to reconstruct a badly damaged habitat base.



Keep up the
good work! I
hope to become
actively involved
again some day.

Dean Cameron -
Barung's first
Coordinator

Barung Landcare - a historical perspective from outside by Sam Brown

I attended my first Barung Landcare meeting in 1990 soon after becoming DPI Landcare Facilitator for S E Queensland. In those days, the meetings were held in the CEDA office in Maple Street. I was the new boy on the block, and was made to feel very welcome by the committee, headed by Barry Johnson.

I was warmly received by Barung during my 8 years as a Landcare Facilitator and even today I am always inspired when I visit. In 10 years the group has grown from an enthusiastic flapping fledgling to an eagle in full flight, from a rented meeting room to the complex that is so visible. Over the years I have seen the group go through all the forming, storming, norming & performing stages and often all at the same time! It is a tribute to the local community that as one talented person takes a break there is always someone to take their place. Barung was one of the first groups to obtain funding from the National Soil Conservation Program (NSCP) for a part-time coordinator, and Dean Cameron accepted the challenge! About \$15,000 pa was allocated for employment and operating expenses - very tight to say the least! Much of the landcare success in Q'land, and in Barung, is because of the 'employ someone for 2 days a week and they will work for 5' syndrome. In my eyes, this early coordinator funding was one of the reasons Barung became an acknowledged landcare leader. In some groups everything was left to the coordinator without any direction from their committees. It is a tribute to successive Barung management committees and talented coordinators like Dean, Lexy Forbes and John Muir that the work has been spread around.

Not being predominantly rural based has always made Barung different from most other Q'ld landcare groups. In early days there was much paranoia in rural areas that 'greenies' would take over landcare. As a result the DPI put together 3 Model Constitutions, recommending that two thirds of landcare management committees be primary producers. This was completely inappropriate for the Maleny community and Barung ignored the suggestion. Some SEQ groups who adopted it ended up being regarded as virtually irrelevant by their local communities, with many smaller landholders feeling alienated.

In the early 1990s, projects were assessed by a State Panel dominated by rural representatives. Groups like Barung often had difficulties as they weren't considered 'real landcare groups!' Luckily, Barung's early committees and coordinators overcame such hurdles by writing funding applications which could not be ignored.

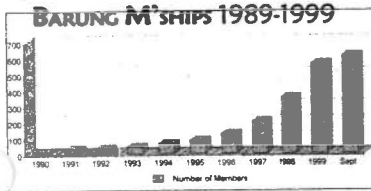
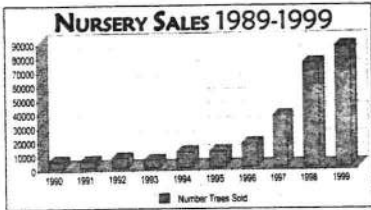
I have always believed that the main landcare issues in SEQ revolved around people - that if we could get everyone at least talking to each other, solving land degradation issues would be a breeze! Barung was one of the early groups to recognise that the local community was their greatest asset. The present Barung resource centre, multitude of projects and people are living proof of this.

It is interesting to imagine where Barung will be in another 10 years. Unfortunately, large budgets and ever increasing projects lead to greater complexity in administration etc. *I would hate to think Barung might ever lose sight of the fact that landcare is about local people doing things in their local area, and that people will only continue to be involved in voluntary organisations if they are enjoying that involvement.*

This has been one of Barung's strengths over the first 10 years - long may it continue.



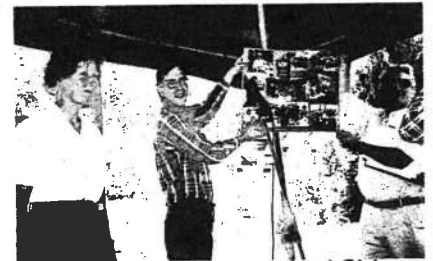
Aug 90	Sep 90	22 Oct 90	Nov 90	Dec 90	Jan 91	Feb 91	Mar 91
BLC Newsletter	Curramore Overnight Camp	AGM Montville New Committee Bill Hall - Pres Barbara Schwabe - Vice P	2020 Vision Planning Workshop	Junior Landcare Awards Maleny SS Year 7	Folk Festival Tree Plant Maleny Showgrounds	'Land Management Forum' for CCC Lexy & Dean shared Courts	First Proposal of Bicentennial Lane Barung Landcare site
Reminiscence Day, Witta	Tree Plants: Baron Pocket Elamon Creek	Lexy Forbes - Sec David Wilson - Treas Jane Skrandies Tony Yorkston Marg Thompson Lindsay Kruger Mal Thompson Malcolm Wright	Electric Fencing Workshop			Tree Plant Maleny State School	Tree Plants: Western Ave Wildlife Corr & Boorobin



\$7,500 NSCP funding

Tree Plant
Ron & Sue Smith

Save the Bush application with CCC



Thankyou Joan ... at the AGM.

EXCERPTS FROM PRESIDENT'S REPORT TO THE 1999 AGM

Joan Dillon

I'm taking this opportunity to reflect on the impact of change on the landcare movement and to look towards the future. Thank you to all past and present committee members and staff for helping guide Barung through everything which has made it what it is today. Many have contributed significantly and it's a mistake to try to acknowledge them all and risk leaving someone out. It's not so long since the Obi Boardwalk was an area of unsightly woody weeds fringing a rather degraded creek. Individuals saw its intrinsic value and encouraged others to share their enthusiasm with the result that it is now a valued community asset which has featured on national television and attracted funding from the Open Garden

Scheme. With growth Barung has become better able to contribute to the environment and communities of the Blackall Range. Growth does not come without cost - an increasingly busy work environment and streamlined management practices. A willingness to accept those challenges also brings local and state recognition which in turn attracts support. That recognition has to be maintained and built on. Any organisation which chooses to stand still usually ends up going backwards. As the landcare movement matures, there is realisation that attitudinal change is of greater long term benefit than immediate on-ground activity. This in no way devalues community and individual activity. The realisation can, however, change the way we spread our investment in time and resources to secure a long-term future. Barung has striven to provide the community with knowledge with which to inform decision making processes. It has updated its information base so that on-ground activities undertaken with the community encompass best practice and move us all forward. It is now better understood that a concentrated effort in the least disturbed areas of our catchments will deliver better long term results than the expenditure of large amounts of energy and resources in severely degraded but more obvious areas. This could result in a significant change in how funds are applied for and allocated.

All landcare groups are facing possible changes to funding for natural resource management. In this uncertain social and political environment it can be difficult and challenging to make long term plans. Barung will need a high level of community support to maintain its resource base and deliver the services people have come to expect. Competition for funding is highly competitive and that is not likely to change. We have to think and act on a whole catchment basis, taking into account regional priorities for management of biodiversity and other natural resources. Many individuals do not think much beyond their back yard. Landcare groups are now being asked to form wider cooperative networks and to contribute to a plethora of enquiries and initiatives. This change places significantly greater demands on volunteer and staff time. It's a challenge we must meet if Barung is to retain its high profile and build on past achievements. I have long been involved in the landcare movement and thrive on change. I can no longer accept that change comes slowly. The impacts of vegetation loss, spreading salinity and the loss of productive soils for a whole variety of reasons are seriously degrading our resource base. The challenge now is to bring about wider community attitudinal change to increase long term commitment to and involvement with the environment. I wish the new Management Committee well, trust it will accept future challenges, and look forward to spending a little more time bringing about change both in my immediate rural environment and local catchment. Both John and I will continue to devote time and energy to landcare and will be available to assist Barung should we be needed.

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

- | | |
|--------------------|------------------------------|
| Chris Rew | RE & LR Miles |
| Ian Russel | M Beenders |
| Ian Semmel | Trevor Manders |
| Brian Butler | Ian & Christine Reid |
| Alan Gleeson | Bruce Mitchell |
| Janele Leong | Ken McGregor |
| Gary & Jane Earl | Samantha Dyson |
| Jill McNicol | Ann & Trevor Fogden |
| Stephen Moran | J & J McGaw |
| Rob Leatham | Trevor Maxwell |
| Mrs. J Pullen | Rod Zimmerman |
| Bruce Johnson | Marlay & Clark |
| Sonia Anketell | Jan McNicol |
| Max & Judy Boland | Susan Valentine |
| Mrs. Marie Spiteri | Alan Kerr |
| Arian Plucknet | John & Iris Sparshott |
| Scott Duncan | Ian & Sandi Hodgkinson |
| Marie Gower | Craig Ritter & Donna McMahon |
| Nancy McLennan | Bev McKee & John Bretherton |

THANKYOU FOR YOUR LANDCARE SUPPORT

May 91	Jun 91	July 91	Sep 91	Oct 91	Nov 91	Jan 92	Feb 92
Tree plant Maleny State School	Seed Collect Camp - Peach Tree	General Meetg & Video night	AGM - Uniting Church <u>New Committee</u> Jo Ferrier - Pres Mal Thompson - V	Bus trip Upper Mary	Barung L'dears moves to ECM First Jobskill w'ker	First RURAL Sub-committee First shade house at M'ville - GA School Nurs Program	Seed Collection Camp. Boolumba Creek L'care for New Farmers Video (Andy Jordan)

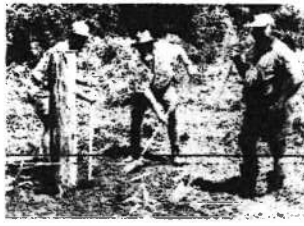


Maleny Players take the Landcare message on the road

ID Notebook launch with Pat Comben

The Mary River Congress

farmers for landcare...



Tree Plant Maleny Folk Festival

First M'ship computer prog.

Nursery site dozed at Bicentenary L

Rob Tap - 1st Property Plan

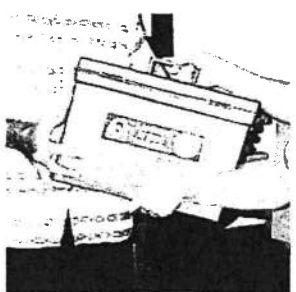
Landcare Summit

Nature Search 2001

Prop M'tment Planning WS with DPI



PRESIDENT'S REPORT *Kel Harding*



The red box changes hands

How does one go about writing a President's Report after 3 days in the job?

My association with Barung began several years ago on a memorable evening with the "Men of the Trees." Since then I have spread mulch, drilled holes, and done irrigation trenching and site prep for Dairy Effluent Run-off Trials. This left me with the impression that the people at Barung like to act effectively and efficiently for the best results.

These trials fascinated me as my background

(way back) is rural NZ. At that time agchem materials were coming onto the market thick and fast. We were told how 'harmless' and 'safe' and 'selective' these products were, so I did a five year stint spraying crops and 'weeds'. This five years did much to form my present attitudes to chemical producing companies. Nowadays using chemicals on my own land is not an option.

Lately I've read books describing the human impact on our environment. These books invariably ask at the end - now you have the knowledge, what are you going to do about it?

I'm told that one person can make a difference, but how? Running a sole operator business and maintaining 101 acres doesn't leave much in the way of surplus time or energy. So I figured I needed help. Barung was my first choice as support - so here I am - embarking on a massive learning experience with a group of people who are committed and passionate about Landcare.

I would like to acknowledge Marc Russell and John Muir for their part in taking Barung to the largest Landcare organisation in Queensland. I can only guess the fabulous contribution of Joan Dillon, our past President. Both times I've heard Joan speak, she totally impressed me with her eloquence and clarity. This trio set the groundwork for last year's \$717,000 budget, which directly benefits every person in our immediate area.

Barung needs support from the community and we deserve to have it. Join us for \$15 annual subscription, and you get 3 trees in exchange. Purchase \$100 in trees and you will get your subscription back in discounts. Should you wish to take the trees over time - that can be arranged. I would ask members to introduce friends and associates to Barung. Members who haven't got around to renewing over the past year or so - please send us your renewal.

Funding is critical if Barung is to maintain services to the community - this is becoming more challenging given government fiscal attitudes.

I look forward to meeting you at forthcoming events.

COORDINATOR'S CHAT

from John Muir

I'd like to begin by acknowledging that all of Barung's activities, ideas, energy and achievements have only been due to a great TEAM effort from committee, staff volunteers, govt. advisers and members. I wish to thank all members of this team and I look forward to working towards an exciting and challenging vision for Landcare. I am proud and honoured to have been part of the Barung team.

It is with sadness, a feeling of accomplishment, and excitement that I write my last Barung Coordinator's report. The last four years have been challenging, demanding and expansionist for both Barung and me. In '95/'96 our budget was \$80 000 with a membership of 230 people. This compares with over \$500 000 for the '99/2000 year and 633 members plus an additional \$500 000 worth of volunteer hours across all of Barung's projects and activities!! New NHT funded projects for that time include:

- * Mary River Cod Community Network;
- * Revegetation & Remnant Protection;
- * Education & Extension (and Coordination);
- * Corridors of Green;
- * Farm Forestry Coordination & Extension (PDIE funded);
- * Remnant Vegetation Mapping;

and * the new Landcare in Horticulture 'Farmcare' project.

One of Barung's challenges over this time has been to focus on on-ground and educational project development, implementation and management, while maintaining community focus and support. This can often be blurred where funding agencies and not local groups like Barung determine priorities.

Another challenge has been to coordinate, facilitate, manage and utilize the different knowledge, skills and attitudes of so many people to realise the best outcomes for Landcare. This is difficult as Landcare means so many things to so many people. I have enjoyed these last four years and know that Barung and I are better for it, and better equipped for the coming century.

It is also pleasing to know that Mim Coulstock has accepted the role of Education Project Officer. Mim has a natural talent for building good relationships which creates an attractive environment for staff, volunteers and the wider community. Hopefully a new administrative assistant will be on board soon, to help with the office workload.

In the future I will be operating out of Barung as Farmcare Project Officer, coordinating the new SEQ Landcare in Horticulture project, based at the DPI Horticultural Research Station, Nambour. This project includes a Landcare community development arm in the Philippines (see last newsletter for project details). My role will be promoting and facilitating new Farmcare groups in

Mar 92 Apr 92 May 92 Jun 92 Jul 92 Aug 92 Sep 92 Oct 92

Dean resigned Lexy 3-day Coordinator	Dairy Effluent Submission	L'care Retreat Toowoomba	Committee Planning WS	Inaugural Mary River Congress, MSH	Funding for Comp MapInfo (DPI \$3,900)	AGM at Jo's <u>New Committee</u> Jo Ferrier - Pres	First Baroon Pocket CC
Tree Plant Picnic Creek BP site	Map Info WS Gatton	Direct Seeding WS	Farm Walk - Moris	Nursery fenced	Mike Olsen gd trthing for MSC	Mai Thomson - V Marion Greenwood, Sec Trish Jacobs - Treas Jane Skrandies Gillian Ainscough Bill Hall Denise Irons Harold Hopper	Mt Mee Field Day R forest Cabinet Timbers & Agroforestry
	Tree Plant Schultz Road	Tree Plant Baroon Pocket	World Enviro Day	Landslip Rehab Bridge Creek - Col Cork (NSCP \$2,500)	Working Bee Nursery Site - Power - Water - Phone	Ent'prise Arm SC Rural SC Computer SC	Tree Plants: Jack Mitchells Genesis, Upper Cedar Ck
		Maleny Show				CCC Rate Trees	
						Bus Trip Gatton	



S.E.E.D.S. with Ann Oliver

With the environmental movement really taking off in the early 90's, a brainchild of Sandra Griffith was born. A junior Landcare group was formed in May '94. With Sandra's quirky way with words, "S.E.E.D.S." - Small Eager Environmentalists Doing

Something - was born. Thanks to Jan Tilden (Threatened Species Network), a quoll carrying the 'Barung' seed was developed as the S.E.E.D.S. logo. With no funding but lots of enthusiasm and encouragement from Barung and the Q'land Threatened Species Network, S.E.E.D.S., a non-school-based group began with activities covering fauna, flora and biodiversity. Meeting irregularly at first, regular monthly meetings quickly evolved. S.E.E.D.S members came from Primary Schools within the Barung area.

With the need for more structure came myself, a teacher by trade, an artist of nature and an environmentalist. Eager to develop children's awareness of their environment. I enlisted my three children and brought S.E.E.D.S. to the vibrant and energetic program that it is today.

Over the years S.E.E.D.S. have been exposed to a wide variety of activities. Wildlife such as bats, snakes, possums and frogs have all found their way to Barung. Trips to Harold Hopper's dairy farm, Underwater World, the Reptile Park, Curramore Wildflower Farm, Jenny Allen's permaculture garden and a Dugong Discovery Tour have all been educational highlights. Guest speakers like Hayden Walker (Cromhurst Observatory), Rid and Carmel Kennedy (W.I.L.V.O.S.), Sandra Griffith (Biodiversity Network), Peter Oliver (Water Quality specialist) and Terry Irvin (Australia Zoo) have all enthralled S.E.E.D.S. members.

Obi Obi Creek has provided many afternoons of fun. John Muir led Aquatic Animal Studies, Water Quality and Flood & Erosion Activities while exploring the many wonders of 'our creek'.

Special interest afternoons which enabled children to enjoy being out of their environment included the big hit, orienteering. The showgrounds' remnant is an ongoing S.E.E.D.S. project - weeding and planting with big Green Corps buddies. The Mary River Cod has found a home in their hearts thanks to Sandy Jones' entertaining endangered fish activities, Marc Russell taught them how to collect and propagate native seed, Alice Hungerford led them on an afternoon of self discovery and high drama. I have helped them create clay masterpieces, banners, scarecrows and christmas trees decorated with forest delights. They even spent an afternoon cleaning up rubbish in the main street of Maleny and everyone comes together at the end of the year with their families for a S.E.E.D.S. breakup.

Group camps have been held at such venues as Kondalilla Falls, Sunday Creek and the Beerwah Field Studies Centre. These camps have all witnessed different children and adults making our environment a place to discover and nurture.

After 5 years at the helm, I pass my S.E.E.D.S. cap to Karen Shaw. Karen is an ex-primary teacher with a keen interest in children and the environment.

S.E.E.D.S. is a wonderful way for children to learn about their world and what it has to offer. I hope that S.E.E.D.S. is nurtured in the years to come and that all who work with it get as much out of it as I have. Keep SEEDing.



and Karen Shaw

How lucky I am !! - to be coordinating the fabulous S.E.E.D.S. group. I feel fortunate to be following on from Ann Oliver's marvelous job. Maleny has been truly lucky to have such a dedicated person to establish these exciting opportunities for our young community members.

To commemorate National Threatened Species Day in September, S.E.E.D.S. designed posters and browsed the Internet for information about threatened species. They each received an information package containing fact sheets, stickers and ways to become involved to help protect our flora and fauna. We also made our scarecrow - **MULCHMAN** - for the Scarecrow Festival.

As an introduction to 'Weeds Week,' Woody the Weed visited our October meeting to teach us about weeds and how we can help. Older members participated in the School Mapping Competition and we worked towards a fabulous Community Fair display. Look out for it! November will have a recycling focus, with the local SCRAPs (School Communities Recycling All Paper Scheme) coordinator as our guest. We would like to become more involved with Barung's recycling and waste minimising practices and investigate their planned worm beds.

Our Break-up party is to be at Mary Cairncross Park with a sausage sizzle and night walk through the park. We all love parties, so this event will be great fun.

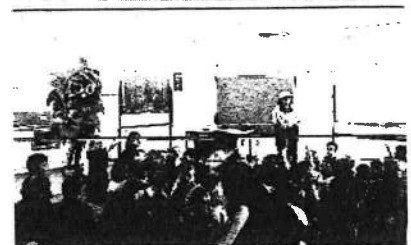
MEMBERSHIP FORMS ARE AVAILABLE THRO' BARUNG AND AT OUR NEXT S.E.E.D.S. MEETING. SEE YOU THEN!

horticultural industries. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you wish. I congratulate you all and thanks for being a part of the Barung team.



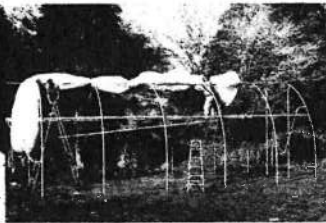
John congratulates Mal & Barry - our 1999 Volunteers Of The Year

Woody the Weed visits Maleny Primary as part of Weed Week '99



Nov 92	Dec 92	Jan 93	Feb 93	Mar 93	Apr 93	May 93	Jun 93
First Job Skill Person	Prop Planning WS ECM	First shadehouse complete in Bicentenary L	Enterprise Arm starts	First ICM Grant (\$20,000)	LEAP Scheme starts	First ICM Meetg Kenilworth	Barung moves into shed at Bicentenary L
Water Quality workshop MSH	"A Walk with Mary" Steven Lang		Prop M'ment WS	Craig (Gatton)	National State L'care Coord visit by Helen Alexander & Jenny Mottay	State L'care Conference, Townsville	Jack Mitchell - Demo plant at P & T Jacobs
		Glen Thomas QUT "L'care by Design"	Jack Mitchell, Reveg WS	"Woody Weeds"			USER WS (DPI)

The 1992 'team' at work



The new 'Jupiters' igloo

NURSERY REPORT

Spencer Shaw

The Barung Nursery is one of the great success stories of the landcare movement, from the backyards of a dedicated few we have grown into the largest landcare nursery in Queensland. In the many years since Barung establishment, the nursery has not only grown many hundred thousand plants but has itself grown to meet the challenge of revegetating this beautiful little part of the planet we call home.

The nursery is a self-funding arm of Barung, providing an annual surplus to assist and educate our local community with many landcare projects. It is also the community input into the nursery that keeps us going strong. To all the volunteers, committee members and staff over the years, congratulations - we've done a great job!

I believe the importance of the work performed by volunteers and committee can not be overstated. It has allowed the nursery to supply the broad range of quality fairly priced plants that reflect the biodiversity of our region. The diversity of species we now supply is hard to match, our stocklist contains three hundred plus species and is still growing - a range of plants that will enhance the natural beauty of the Blackall Range now and into the next century. Thankyou also to all of the people who supply seed to the nursery or make their properties available for seed collection - your role crucial in maintaining the diversity of our future environment.

This year we have seen a change of nursery managers. In June, Marc Russell moved on after his great management of the nursery for many years - luckily we haven't lost him completely and he's still very much part of Barung. I would like to take this opportunity to offer a special thankyou to Marc for all his work in helping to educate us to the wonderful biodiversity of our region.

I have been fortunate enough to take over management of the nursery in the quiet winter months, which has given me a chance to understand the dynamics of how our nursery works before the busy summer season. The plants are at last growing again after their winter rest and the volunteers are potting-up at a great pace taking advantage of this great weather, to pack the nursery to maximum capacity with our own tubestock. In closing I would like to thank all of the people who have been part of the Barung Nursery over the last ten years, I look forward to being part of the team that takes us into the new millenium.

History of The Building by Barry Beale and Phil Jacobs

By the end of 1992, Barung had outgrown its various locations - its nursery and potting facilities, originally housed at various members' houses and the Maleny High School - and the office which was situated in a very small room at the Maleny Enterprise Centre.

As tenure had been secured for the land at 17 Bicentenary Lane, which had already been fenced by members, it was decided that a 'home' should be provided there for both the nursery and the office. Funding had been acquired for a modest building to house all operations under one roof on this site and discussion took place as to the type of building to be afforded. In the end, the decision was narrowed down to two alternatives: a metal infrastructure type building or a timber structure using plantation timber where possible. Timber was decided on as it would be more in keeping with Landcare objectives, but may not be affordable without a large volunteer effort.

At this point, "the Septuagenarian duo", us, came forward and offered our services to complete the project with the assistance of other volunteers, under the supervision of Registered Builder Peter Bray.

A final plan was arrived at for a 12 x 6m rectangular building, with one third partitioned off for office space. This section was to be lined and sealed with the remainder left unlined, for potting, equipment storage and a meeting area. A small area was to be walled off between the two rooms for a toilet with adjacent kitchen facilities. A roller door was envisaged at one end for pickup and delivery vehicles. Draughtsman John Gibson's plans were submitted to Council and Peter Bray kindly allowed us to use his Builder's License Number. Finally, in March 1993, formalities were completed and we were ready to go. Peter Bray supervised the laying of the concrete foundations and floor, and kindly lent us an air compressor and nail gun.

The timber was delivered to the site and Barry and Phil, with the assistance of Lyndon McPherson, a trainee nurseryman, who supplied muscle and help from time to time.

We might add that Lyndon's nursery space at that time was under large camphor laurel trees situated where the propagation igloo now stands. His 'filing cabinet' was two plastic garbage bins - lids did not always keep out the rain! Construction continued with a few breaks due to bad weather.

When the frame was up, Henry Hurst, Bill Hall and Lyndon helped with the cladding. Peter Bray fixed the roof trusses and the two "master builders" plus Henry and Bill fitted the roof iron with an electric super-driver kindly provided by Henry.

Now we were water tight, electrician Mick Walsh, donated his labour and wired the building. It was decided that as we had to have cyclone bracing plywood on the frame, we would make a virtue out of necessity by acquiring more plywood and fully cladding the interior walls.

Some months after the building was in use it was obvious that the large area would be used for meetings rather than exclusively as a potting area. As most of the meetings took place at night, the building was particularly cold. We managed to find a few dollars to put in a gyprock ceiling to improve conditions. This virtually completed the building - except for some painting.

Various miscellaneous items for the interior were donated (with the exception of the roller shutter door) - the tiles, sink, wash basin, taps, and carpet for the office.

Now 6 years later, Barung has grown to a point beyond anything envisaged at that time. "Why couldn't you all have foreseen this?" I hear you ask. Well, on looking back, I suspect that our crystal ball must have been malfunctioning. After all it was well overdue for a service.

Jul 93	Aug 93	Sep 93	Oct 93	Feb 94	Mar 94	May 94	Jun 94
Water Quality Monitoring training WS, Imbil	ICM workshop, Gympie WAL care visit	Opening & AGM at Bicentenary L New Committee Phil Jacobs - Pres	Second Mary River Congres Kenilworth	L'care Co-ord Day hosted by Barung Tree Plants - Stanley R Rd M'tain View Rd	Soils Day Weeds Field Day	Senate Standing Committee Barung Bus Trip to the Trees- successful sites	Waterwatch Wk. Barung S'shine Coast Show - F F World Enviro Day
Numbinbah L'care visit	Rock Dust talk Farming the Future Expo, Cooroy Dairy Effluent Field Day	Jan Tilden - Vice P Marion Greenfield, Sec Trish Jacobs - Treas Denise Irons Trevor Angel Rob Cork Mal Thomson					
	Annemarie Watts DEH, Rainforest Remnants on private property	"Mary River Catchment Crawl" - from the source to the sea (water quality testing by 20 State School kids from Mary Valley)					



the on-ground troops at work ...



with Josi Marriott, Reveg Officer

WHAT DID JABARUNG

*If the past tense of spring is "sprung",
Then the past tense of bring is "barung",
So please excuse grammatical errors
For this is written in fun.*

*Did you barung your shovel?
Didja barung your spade?
Didja barung some sturdy gloves?
You could be in touch with a blade.*

*Didja barung some willing hands?
Do you mind getting muddy knees?
Don't you love the sight of the lily-pilly
Shimmering in the breeze.*

*Didja barung a set of muscles?
Maleny has mountainous slopes;
Didja barung your fags and coke?
But nobody here smokes dope.*

*Didja barung your relations?
Didja barung your kin?
It's "people power" that makes us strong
That makes our green hills sing.*

*We've three Petes, a Pop and a Mal,
And the Phantom of comic book fame;
And as long as they work as a team
Who cares if three names are the same.*

*We're grateful for help freely given,
And we hope that you learn as you go;
And your work shall live on
When we have all gone,
And the four winds continue to blow.*

Lisa Plucknett, Maleny 18-9-99
(Celebrating Barung's first decade)

Barung has had and private lands, with This includes works to additional areas at the request The labour forces achieved and the matching funding raised are a credit to volunteers, staff and our generous sponsors. Following is a summary of our matching for the year, where we more than doubled the minimum required within our funding agreement:

- materials donated - \$14,284;
- financial contributions - \$81,720 (including \$45,000 funding from the BHP Olympic Landcare Project);
- volunteer hours - \$57,496 (3,833 hours @ \$15p/h);
- Streams of Trees Project - \$11,340 (including material contributions and establishment and maintenance hours).

All of this totals \$164,840 of volunteer and community contribution - it is a phenomenal effort! Other labour sources have included a Work for the Dole Project, TAFE students under training and a wonderful Green Corps. The Green Corps team supervised by Sam Pickering are to be commended on their achievements including revegetation of the showground remnant and Obi Obi creekbanks, revegetation of the creek at the school, maintenance and establishment of many other Barung sites, works in the National Park at Kondalilla and track maintenance at Mary Cairncross, to name a few! They finished last Friday and our fingers are crossed that our application for a new team in November is successful.

Barung's usual focus on public lands shifted this year with the Streams of Trees Project, with NHT funding revegetation works on riparian corridors along the Obi Obi creek and it's tributaries on private land. This proved a popular and successful project with landholders continuing to expand from these original sites. The removal of woody weeds and subsequent BHP community planting at Walker's Creek has established a site that will further highlight and educate landholders on how successful revegetation of degraded sites can be. All other revegetation sites are now within a maintenance budget and all components of the NHT funding obligations have commenced.

Barung continues to provide advice to members, landholders and organisations, and contributes to the knowledge base of local and state government bodies through networking and working parties, through education and action. The strength of Barung is its members and volunteers and their impact over 10 years on the landscape of the Range is a credit to them all.

Mellum Ck, Landsborough has some very special remnant vegetation contributing to the character of the town and the quality of its water. Similar waterways of other Sunshine Coast towns have rapidly degraded over a few decades through increasing population & associated industry. Action is needed now to retain the natural values of Mellum Creek.

Peace Park in Landsborough contains some valuable remnant vegetation buffering the creek, and is an ideal site to start education and on-ground works with the local community.

MELLUM CREEK NEEDS YOU!

BARUNG WILL BE ASSISTING CCC BY FACILITATING A PUBLIC MEETING TO GAUGE THE SUPPORT OF RESIDENTS AND LANDHOLDERS IN THE REGENERATION AND REVEGETATION OF THE CREEK AND ASSOCIATED REMNANT. PROPOSED WORKS ARE ALSO IN CONJUNCTION WITH COUNCIL'S LOCAL AREA PLAN AND PROPOSED CORRIDOR LINKAGES. IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN ASSISTING BARUNG IN THE ORGANISATION AND FACILITATION OF SUCH A MEETING, PLEASE CONTACT OUR REVEG OFFICER JOSI MARRIOTT ON 5494 3151.

Jul 94	Aug 94	Sep 94	Oct 94	Nov 94	Jan 95	Feb 95	Mar 95
S.E.E.D.S starts - Small Eager Environmentalists Do Something	AGM New Committee Jan Tilden - Pres Ann-Marie Watt - V Kath Zaiko - Sec	Australian Forest Growers Public Meeting Farm Forestry Coord	Coordinators Training WS - Noosa Fax machine from Xerox via L'care Q'land	Laxy resigns Beechmont L'care visit Prop Planning Workshop	First CCC Rate Trees	Second L'care Camp Cleanup, Treeplant & BBQ beside Barung Nursery	Walkers Ck Tree Plant Obi Obi Ck bank at RSL Obi Obi Ck bank at Showground
Portable Sawmill display	Lisa Woods - Treas Denise Irons	National L'care		Bush tucker teaching and working bee at Barung			
Nature Matter - Beerwah	David Fraser Sammy Ringer John Rea	Conf - Hobart Spring Workshop			Community at work		
Farming the Future Expo Cooroy	Tree Plants John Rae Sand & Gravel, Judy Georgeson, Maleny/Montville Road	Gaming Grants - Photocopier					
Queensland LC Con - Gatton							



just a great photo!

Removal of camphors in the early days of the Boardwalk



The Boardwalk Seed

from Lea Harrison (Barung's third Coordinator)

1995 was a transition year for Barung. It was time for the thriving youngster - born from the vision of the first coordinator and nurtured by the energetic determination of the second - to begin growing into an independent young adult. Consequently, becoming self-supporting rather than depending on the yearly scramble for uncertain funding, was now the major long-term issue. Now was the time to take the nursery, developed by previous coordinators, from a sideline to a major income-producing business. To have a commercially viable nursery, we first needed facilities of a commercial-standard and the staff to run them, and secondly, we needed to advertise our product. To develop the nursery, we needed funds. We had to look beyond our usual funding sources, and this not being my area of expertise, I looked around for people with these skills and we invited them to join the Management Committee. This produced results beyond my boldest hopes and soon the building of an extensive shadehouse was underway. This dealt with our biggest problem: the one or two frosts every winter which were enough to wipe out hours of work and weeks of growth by killing the most frost sensitive stock. Plans were already being drawn up by nursery staff and committee members for a small propagation hothouse with misting beds, and for a building extension to house proliferating nursery materials. With the material growth in hand, I was freed up to concentrate on areas in which I did have expertise: to deal with the issue of advertising the increasing number of plants we would have for sale. Free advertising comes from doing what you are good at where it is highly visible, and this was right on our doorstep. We were selling native plants, but the surrounding

public land was growing every weed that flourished in the area - there was even morning glory climbing up our fence! I had been told that one of the major difficulties was getting follow-up maintenance after past treeplants. These were in a variety of locations, scattered across a vast area, with the closest being on the banks of the Obi Obi Creek adjacent to the showgrounds. They were growing well but, for the rest of its winding passage through Maleny, the creek banks were as weed-covered as the public land next door to the office. From these observations, the Obi Obi Creek Revegetation Program was born. We surveyed the creekbank between the showgrounds and the Maple St. Bridge, into twenty-seven treeplant areas and began a publicity campaign to get local organisations to adopt an area. The initial response was very favourable. It seemed that, with a little effort, we would get all the sites adopted. Also, the local councillor allocated money for constructing a public walkway along the most inaccessible section of the creekbank and Caloundra City Council contributed funds for ongoing maintenance for the planned park area beside Barung. The first public treeplant aimed to create a park out of the wasteland beside the office. We joined with the Forestry Department, the RSL, and year six of the Maleny Primary School to do the first two creekbank treeplants. Each section of the creek bank was signposted with the names of the organisations who planted and were maintaining it. These plantings had many functions. Besides beautifying the town and creating a public amenity, they would also protect the Obi banks from flood erosion, create habitat for wildlife, provide a future seed source and have an educational function. The plan was

to label specimen trees as they grow, so people could see what grows well in the area and what they would like to plant on their own places, and they could purchase them at the Barung nursery! Virtually the whole community would become involved with Barung through this project. But Barung was not just projects and plants: Barung was primarily people. People with varying degrees of involvement and commitment, ranging from both the paid and volunteer workers who turned up for almost every need, to those who had some interest and occasional contact - either to buy plants, attend a workshop, or join an occasional sunny day treeplant. While there is much goodwill and generosity from people, I had been warned me of bitter factions and entrenched opposition. I decided on a policy of not aligning myself with any particular group, but it was not a successful strategy and I regret that I made no improvement to that situation during the year I was there. Four years later, it gives me great pleasure to see the growth of the park we planted and the rapid progress being made with the revegetation of the creekbanks under the care of the current co-ordinator, staff and committee.

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Maleny Show	Longreach L'care Conf	Weeds WS	Tree ID WS - Mary C'cross Pk	Water Festival	Obi Obi Tree Plant	Lea Harrison resigns	John Muir New Coordinator	Basic Principles of Nature Conservation Workshop
	Fundraising WS	Portable Sawmill Demo	FF Workshop			Property Planning WS		
	Plant ID WS	Plant ID WS	AGM				New Work Opportunity - Building Boardwalk	Start of Mary River Cod Project - Eve Whitney



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Marc setting out to ground truth the Obi vegetation,

CORRIDORS OF GREEN VEGETATION MAPPING

from Marc Russell

We may still be in the planning stages, but this project is shaping up to be a very successful enterprise. I'll hit you with a few facts and figures that will reflect how well things are moving along:

- ~ we already have 36 landholders in the Bridge Ck. sub-catchment that will be involved in corridor establishment / enhancement work on their properties;
- ~ 25 000 - 30 000 local trees will be planted here in the next 6 months;
- ~ 6.5 km of creek banks will be revegetated;
- ~ 6 slips are to be planted covering more than 3 ha;
- ~ 4 km of fencing, with cattle to be excluded from 1.7 km of creek and from 2 remnants;
- ~ cattle crossings will be built on 2 properties to further limit access to the creek. Two landholders will begin off-stream watering of stock;
- ~ and the total area to be planted is 12 - 17 ha.

Caloundra City Council will be using information gathered in the field to update existing GIS mapping data used for planning, etc. We have potential BHP funding to carry out a project of this scale.

The benefits of such a project are numerous, so I have listed a few of the positive results we hope to achieve:

- ~ wildlife corridors established / enhanced. Habitat improved;
- ~ remnants protected from stock. One important rainforest block is presently being assessed by the Water Board as a potential conservation reserve;
- ~ water quality improvement through shading and reduced nutrients/silt;
- ~ creek bank stabilisation through stock exclusion and revegetation;
- ~ erosion control on slips;
- ~ education outcomes through trials and community outreach. I have been enjoying this work immensely and feel that it is an extremely worthwhile initiative. Around the end of January 2000, we hope to get all of you more involved by holding a morning tree plant in a beautiful creek bank setting with an afternoon of music, dancers, bushfood walks, displays and celebrations.

Ideally we will rustle up 500 people on the day (achievable if we all invite friends and relatives to partake in the festivities). If we plant an average of 10 trees each we can do 5000 in one morning! I will keep you posted as the event draws closer, so you can put it in the diary, this is a not-to-be-missed experience. Anyone interested in being involved with organising or participating in such an event could contact me on 5494 9608.

Next time you're out planting trees and start wondering if your little bit will make a difference, just remember, you're not alone.

GREEN CORP AGM REPORT

from Sam Pickering

Just a brief insight of the Green Corps teams, their relationship with the partner agency Barung, and achievements to date.

Barung has been the partner agency for all three Green Corps teams that have worked in the Maleny area. For each of these 26 week traineeships, Barung has provided teams with an ideal workplace environment. Both on a professional and personal level, Barung staff have created not only a safe and happy workplace, but a workplace that is educational and indicative of community based organisations, organisations that hopefully all of these trainees will one day work with.

Now, some estimated figures based on project outcomes of the three Green Corps traineeship teams:

1. over 20,000 trees planted;
2. approximately 15,000m² land restored (weed eradication/revegetation);
3. endless amounts of native seed collected and propagated;
4. immeasurable amounts of park and community maintenance.

These figures can only illustrate the successful relationship between Barung and their Green Corps teams.

As mentioned earlier, it is the professionalism and sincere commitment of Landcare that has provided the Green Corps teams with a lot of their success; not to forget the hard-working trainees!!!

This commitment from a Landcare organisation has created an amazing volunteer force as well as a strong community following and awareness.

The growth and success of such an organisation is a credit to Barung, the community of Maleny, and of course the Earth.

Barung Landcare have achieved so much in the first ten years of operation,

to know that only the sky is the limit for their next ten years!

Congratulations Barung and Happy Birthday!

Sam training up a future Green Corps worker at the Barung AGM treeplant



Mar 96

Apr 96

Aug 96

Sep 96

May 97

Jul 97

Aug 97

Election Day Obi
Tree Plant & BBQReceived Gaming
Grant of \$12,000
for new
propagation houseFarm Forestry
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New Committee
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Jenny Allen - ViceEXPO -
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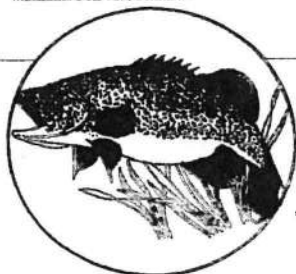
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The Cod Job - PR for the endangered Mary River Cod

from Eve Witney,
The Cod Mother

The 'cod job' has been a challenge from the start. The key challenge, of course, is to the people of the Mary River catchment to rethink their land use, domestic and commercial activities from the cod's point of view. But the project has also been an ongoing challenge to each of the project officers, who must constantly define and refine their approach to the project, and to Barung Landcare in terms of how such projects are run.

Conceptually, the cod job is a Landcare manager's dream. The cod is a powerful symbol. The top predator in the system is endangered. The system is our catchment, the Mary River and streams its lifeblood. The cod dwells in the main arteries, suffering the accumulated consequences of human activity throughout the catchment. Added to this, a wide range of people with personal experience of the cod feel a strong sentimental attachment to the species. Promoting the cod as an icon of the Mary River catchment is the job of the Mary River Cod Community Network Coordinator, hosted by Barung Landcare. Several people claim ownership of the project's conception. The position is incorporated into the species' Recovery Plan developed by the Recovery Team, a committee constituted by people representing groups such as the Threatened Species


Network, Mary River Catchment Coordinating Committee, DPI Fisheries, and the recreational fishing and stocking group with a strong interest in the Lake MacDonald fish hatchery. Environment Australia provided initial funding late in the 1995/96 financial year and subsequent funding has come from the National Heritage Trust.

The cod job has challenged each of the three project officers to conceptualise and deliver on providing the best PR for the cod amid competing, even often dramatically opposed, objectives. We're trying to save the life of an animal that has significant community appeal as a target for hunting (recreational fishing). We need to be able to promise some short-term recovery of numbers to gain people's interest, even though the species' viability can only be assured by land management changes over decades. And we need to appeal to and enlist the support and commitment of people with widely divergent worldviews: some are interested in the cod because they value biodiversity highly, while others need to know how saving the cod will help them pay the bills and stay on the land for another year.

All this within the world of the contemporary environmental project worker - not enough time (part-time only), not enough money (operational funding severely limited), and the need to supply at least some

personal resources (your own car at a minimum) to keep operating.

The final challenge comes with evaluating the project. Has the funding provider's money been well-spent... Can the commitment and exertion of the project officer and her supporters be justified? How much of a difference has the project made for the cod? Balanced against these 'costs' are the contributions the project has made toward long-term changes in community attitudes and approaches to land management. How do you accurately account for the benefits of such intangibles as the glimmer of a new way of seeing things in a landholder's mind, a new contact or friend to talk things over with through the years, the birth of understanding and commitment in the hearts of children who will grow into the next generation of land managers? And how do you factor in truthfully the real cost of the project officers' and network members' contributions of personal time, creativity and passion? *Even though the cod project officers talk 'fish' and 'funds', the cod job is really about people. It's about our capacity to care for our environment and take responsibility for the consequences of our activities for all who live in our catchment.*

Sep 97	Oct 97	Nov 97	Dec	Jan 98	Feb	Mar 98
SEEDS/Wastewater & Drain ID	Spring into Summer Bushwalk & Tree ID	Environ'm'l Film Night & display	Direct Seeding FDay & WS - Bald Knob	Dairy Farm Open Day	Seed Collection & Tree ID walk - Conondale	Tree ID Walk at Frasers Selection
First Weedbusters on Obi Obi Creek	Tree ID & Seed Collection Walk - Landsborough	Weed Display & Demo at Saleyards	Nursery Weed working bee	Local Area Plan WS & Field Trips	Permaculture Info Night	BHP 'Range to Coast' 20,000 tree plant - upper Mary Riv Catchment Entrance Site
National L'care Conf. Adelaide	S.E.E.D.S. - Dugong Catchm't Discovery Trip - Bribie Isl.		Non Farmers Soil Pit Field Day Dairy Farmers Soil Pit Field Day	NHT Reveg. Proj starts - Jim Watson	"Water in Catchments" Tesch Park	FF Field Day Bellthorpe
Spring into Summer Treeplant	Dairy Target 10 Effluent Managem't Field Day, Witta		Second Green Corps - to May 98	WEEDS DON'T SEE FENCES*		
PMP Reveg WS Work for the Dole						

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TALL TIMBERS ...Daryl Reinke & Craig Hosmer

In late 1995, Ashley Sewell approached the Barung management committee with the idea of a woodworking expo that would highlight native timbers. Passionate and persuasive about the possibilities, he talked about the talented woodworkers who lived on the Blackall Range and hinterland areas.

The committee embraced Ashley's idea, both for its educational outreach and fundraising potential. However, we were uncertain what the final outcome would be. That first year (1996) the expo was to be held in late April for two days. We hired the Maleny Show Pavilion as the venue and Barung decided to handle the food sales through the kitchen as an additional fundraiser. Volunteers did everything from baking through xeroxing and assembling programs, and sleeping on site to provide security. Woodworkers were slow to respond to our invitation to participate, and it was only three weeks out that we had a full complement of exhibitors. When setup day finally came and craftsmen began to fill their assigned spaces, our excitement grew as we saw their splendid work. With the doors opened to the public, we watched as visitors were blown away by the impact of all of these local artists displaying their work for the first time in one space. It was overwhelming. We recovered costs on the first day, making the second day a sheer joy, raising desperately needed funds to continue the operation of the Landcare information centre. Four years down the track the expo has grown to a three day event, with many additional venues and outside spaces, and educational activities. The level of creativity has continued

to grow. Woodworkers have been inspired by their colleagues to refine their talents. Many local residents return each year. Visitors from farther afield bring economic benefits to the region - to the expo and to other local businesses. Other community groups support the expo by providing food services, thus running their own successful fundraisers.

The event brings the landcare message about salvage and sustainable harvesting of native timbers before a wide audience. It shows the connections between seed collection, propagation, farm forestry and revegetation, milling, harvesting and the final product, and provides vital funding for the continuation of Barung's work in the community. In four years, over 16 000 adults and countless children have been introduced to this landcare message, and over \$46 000 has been raised for Barung's projects! Thanks Ashley, for a wonderful idea and your incredible support of each year's event! Plans are already underway for wood expo 2000. Be there - as an exhibitor, volunteer or visitor.

Sammy Ringer
 I am still awed by the time and effort busy people will give to something they care about. The concept of The Blackall Range Landholders Guide was born out of a casual remark I - as a newcomer - made, which struck a chord with others who had similar stories to relate. I'll fess up - I planted some really dumb plants in my first rush of enthusiasm. I planted weeds, I planted cuttings from well-intentioned friends, I planted unlabelled green things from the flea market. I planted stuff that DPI has on its 'Ten Most Wanted' posters. I didn't know any better. I sat and waited for the frogs and parrots and small animals to come but they didn't. Worse, my deliriously happy exotics started invading my neighbour's carefully nurtured native garden. I wanted to rectify the messy botanic smorgasbord I had lovingly established but wasn't sure what to do. I started with a shovel and secateurs and have (I will admit) moved onto a chainsaw. I thought - "I wish someone had given me a guide before I started." Someone suggested the 'guide' should be available in every real estate agent's office to give to newcomers who needed advice. Someone else suggested it should cover soil and water and wildlife and climate... One small voice in the back of the room warned that you couldn't ask volunteers to write an entire book. But they did. My heartfelt thanks to those people who put the guide together - often giving time they didn't have, but always giving it willingly. *Ann Moran - from her 'Undesirable Plant List' 1996.

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Apr 98	May 98	June 98	July 98	Aug 98	Sept 98	Oct 98
Farm Forestry Field Day - Witta	EXPO From Chainsaw to Fine Furniture	S.E.E.D.S. Water Quality Testing	Seed collection & tree ID walk - Conondale	S.E.E.D.S. Weedbusting	S.E.E.D.S. Treeplant - Showground	SEEDS - Arbor Day planting
Info Night - Natives in Landscaping	Expo Ed Day for School Students	Tree Plant Obi Boardwalk	S.E.E.D.S. Orienteering	Tree ID - Walkum Walk at Beerwah	Tree ID - Walkum G'house Mtns	Tree ID - Mapleton
Fauna Night ID Walk - Mary Cairncross Park	S.E.E.D.S. Weed Control Day	World Environment Day	Weedbuster Training Day	Info Night - Land for Wildlife	Spring into Summer ID - Reesville	Arbor Day Primary School Treeplant
MRCC ICM Bus Property Visits & Barung Landcare	On site Mulching/ Stump Grinding Woody Weed Control Field Day	Info Night - 'Marine Life on the Coast'	Info Night on Local Area Plan	Treeplanting - Mapleton	Riparian Weed Control Field Day - Conondale	Stanley R. Park Treeplant - Peachester
Range To Coast 1997 - the entrance site	Maleny Show	Plant ID Field Trip to Bunya Mtns	Tractor Safety Day	'Gard. Australia' filming Obi Bdwik	Info night on Farm Forestry	Water Watch Field Day - WIN TV News
		Farm Forestry Field Day - Witta	L'care Stall & Info Display - Witta	Spring into Summer Treeplant - Entrance Site	AGM	Info Night Dairy Water Quality
		State Landcare & ICM Conference - Cairns	PMP for Small Landholders		<u>New Committee</u> Joan Dillon - P John Dillon - VP Linda Ivezic - Sec Neil MacLeod - Treas Joe Herron Craig Hosmer Marek Malter Kerry McIntyre Mark Savage Jan Tilden	Agricola Mine Rehab treeplant
			Cooroy Farmfest info display			S.E.E.D.S. camp - Beerwah FSC



TRIPPING AROUND Funnelweb Info Night



Yes they do live on the Range!
On Thursday 21st October, Dr Robert Raven of the Q'land Museum will be conducting a

Funnelweb Information Night at the Thynne Education Centre at Mary Cairncross Park. How to identify the spider, their habits and first aid, will be just some of the items discussed.

THIS IS A MUST FOR ALL TO ATTEND.

Are the green hills of Maleny being ruined by the planting of trees?

Of course not, but we did win the debate! As all who were at the Green Hills Week Dinner on Friday 1st October will agree, the Barung team of Peter Oliver, Linda Ivezic and Joe Herron put forward a hilarious case for the affirmative, with bunches of cellophane clad kikuyu to support their cause.

We would like to thank Toastmasters for fighting the Landcare fight, and putting forward such a convincing argument for the planting of trees. Unfortunately they just were not quite convincing enough for the judging panel.

The Green Hills Fund are to be congratulated for organising such an entertaining evening. Rest assured that Barung will hold the Green Hills Perpetual Debating Trophy for the next 12 months with pride.

THANKS TO...

... *Steven Lang* for the thought provoking excerpts from his Mary River Walk which he presented to the Barung AGM

... *Karen Shaw* for the great catering at the AGM

... *John King* for his delicious intoxicating AGM bushfoods

... *Spencer's mum* for Barung's Birthday Cake

... *Lisa Plucknett* for her wit in responding to Barung's anniversary

... *Arthur Powter, Beerwah* for his kind donation of a wonderful set of Richmond Birdwing Butterfly photos. Arthur has this endangered species breeding on his Beerwah property.



NEWSFLASH - MALENY PRIMARY SCHOOL WINNERS IN ARBOR DAY AWARDS


As we go to press, we are delighted to share with you Maleny Primary School's success as the winners of the Queensland Arbor Day Award.

Over the past year students from all classes have joined together with Green Corps, TAFE students, Range Reveg and volunteers to revegetate the school creekbanks. Despite the devastation of floods and frost, this section of the Obi is flourishing, thanks to the efforts of the children. Well done all and thanks to Jim Watson for instigating this worthwhile educational project.

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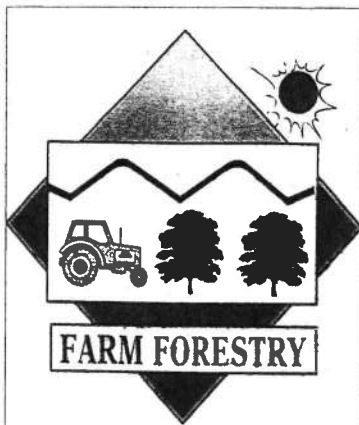
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S.E.E.D.S. - Wildflowers - Witta	SEEDS - Christmas Tree	Kondalilla Nat Park tree ID walk	SEEDS - Water Stream Watch monitoring	L'care Month display - Library	Tree ID walk & seed collection at Cedarton	EXPO - From Chainsaw to Fire Furniture
Tree ID & Seed Collection - Conondale	Riparian Tree ID & Seed Collection - Obi	CCC Aust Day Community Awd - Caloundra	Tree ID walk & seed collection - Buderim Forest Park	S.E.E.D.S. - Mary River Cod	ACTV weekend volunteer tree plant (350 trees)	MRCC Research Forum bus trip
Crystal Waters Open Day display	Water Watch Stream Testing Workshop	Small L'holders discussion group	Mary Cairncross Park CCC Free Rate Trees	MRCC Landcare Forum - Gympie	Third Green Corp team	S.E.E.D.S. tree plant
Festival of Colour - L'care Open Day	FF Nurseries Field Trip - DPI Beaufort	Info Night on Frog Habitat	FITEC subsid'd 'Chainsaw Intro Certificate' WS	Tree ID & seed collection - Mooloolah	Landslip WS and Field Day	Info meeting on WAMP in Mary River catchment
SCEC Enviro Biodiversity Awd - Nambour	'Land for Wildlife' launch & display		Propagation WS	Landcare display & street stall		Crystal Waters Open Day display
River School Landcare visit			PMP Reveg WS	Weeds in Trees Field Day		Maleny Show
			L'care Month displays - Kawana and Maroochydore	Landcare Month display		ACTV volunteer tree plant on Obi
				BHP 'Range to Coast' Community Tree plant day (2,000) Walkers Creek)		L'care Coords meeting Brisbane

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Farm forestry & the
Expo - hand in hand



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FARM FORESTERS UNITE ACROSS SE QLD

Landowners and private foresters from throughout SE Queensland converged on Nambour in late August for the South-East Queensland Farm Forestry Expo. The event was part of Agroforestry Expo 99, a national touring expo starting in Western Australia and going down the east coast of Australia with a series of linked regional expos.

Hundreds of private landowners attended from as far away as Glenmorgan, Warwick, Laidley, Beaudesert and Maryborough as well as all areas of the Mary Valley/Sunshine Coast region.

This is the first time farm foresters and private landowners interested in trees have come together for a specific targeted event. A major feature of the day was a 90 minute landowner/industry forum. In addition there were trade exhibitions, specialist arborists, entomologists, both government and private forestry consultants and contractors, portamilling displays, a fire unit, a woodchipping display and landowners' stand.

Speakers included: Martin Novak, Sub-Tropical Farm Forestry Association; David Allworth, Small Landholder rep. for Greening Australia, Toowoomba; Gordon Banks, Cooloola Forestry Co-op; Bruce McGrath, Principal Partnership Officer (Trade), DPI Nambour; David Taylor, DPI hardwood silviculturist; David Lee, DPI tree geneticist; Jim Donaldson, Bush for Greenhouse program, C'wealth Dept. of Environment and Heritage; and Rowan Reid, Melbourne Uni School of Forestry.

The Expo dinner featured Dr Jim Finley, Pennsylvania, USA, private forestry expert. He spoke on land and forestry stewardship and traced the evolution of private stewardship in the United States relative to the Australian experience. Jim showed a range of slides of private timber growing in Pennsylvania and the difficulty of growing from seedling. Apparently no landowner ever plants a tree because it takes 100 years plus for maturity of nearly all species! Jim and

other private growers all manage native forest stands. Copies of Jim's speech will be available as soon as possible.

The Expo field trips looked at native forest management, plantation establishment and management, and mixed species rainforest and bush tucker.

The SEQ Expo was sponsored by the Dept. of Natural Resources; Dept. of Primary Industries; Greening Australia; Maroochy Shire Council; South Queensland Regional Plantation Committee; Maleny Photo Lab and Mary Valley/Sunshine Coast Farm Forestry Program.

National sponsors were: Melbourne Uni; Landcare Aust.; Greening Aust.; Australian Forest Growers; Master Tree Growers; Aust. Forests, Fisheries, Agriculture; Myer Foundation; Australian Conservation Foundation; and Rural Industries Research and Development Corporation.

I would like to thank all those involved for their voluntary effort including Cecilia Warnick and fellow members of the organising group - Ashley Sewell, Neil Halpin, Laurie Capill, Ernie Rider, Wayne Johanssen, Gyl Marriott, Bob Burns, members of the national team, and all sponsors, exhibitors and patrons. Feedback has been very strong. Any further feedback would be welcome and can be sent to myself.

NB: another group of landowners has started a "FutureProfit" course out of Nambour. If you want to be involved in such a course, let me know. Things are looking good for the rest of 1999 and 2000 with more emphasis on grower and industry networking and skills and training upgrades, so stay in touch.

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Native Forest
Management WS
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Tree ID - Coochin

Treeplant
Stanley River
Park

Tree ID - Ewan
Maddock Dam

S.E.E.D.S.
Remnant
Protection

Intro to FF 'Future
Profit' Prop. Planning
workshops

Grafting WS

Info night -
Home Sewerage
Alternatives

Tree ID walk -
Waklum, Beerwah

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Joe Herron
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PMP - Intro to
Resource Mgmt
for Landholders

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REGIONAL FORESTS AGREEMENT

The commitment to save the native forests of south east Queensland, made September 16th by Premier Beattie, has special significance for the Sunshine Coast, according to Conondale Range Committee President Ian Mackay.

"Most of us did not know exactly how precious our Sunshine Coast hinterland forests were until the recent scientific studies. We were quite familiar with the spectacular old growth forests of the Conondales and Bellthorpe and the magnificent giant trees of Mapleton forest, but we now know that we have more species of plants, birds and animals than in any other Regional Forest area in Australia," Mr Mackay said.

He congratulated the Premier on finding an historic, creative solution which has drawn support from all quarters in the so-called forest debate.

"Our local forest have been plainly overcut. This, combined with the increasing use of plantation grown softwoods, had put the hardwood industry on the road to extinction. The Premier's announcement of the establishment of hardwood plantations will lead not only to biodiversity protection but also to real long-term job security for those in the timber industry."

"The Conondale Range Committee has campaigned for over 20 years to protect the native forests of the Conondale Ranges south-west of Kenilworth. For years we have been calling for a move to the establishment of hardwood plantations on already cleared land."

"This really is a great day for Queensland", Mr Mackay said.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CALL IAN MACKAY ON 07 5482 3816 (BH)

WEEDBUSTERS

8:00AM
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Weedbusters adopt a site
Weedbusters have now been running for two and a half years. We've done most of our weedbusting along the Boardwalk but we've decided to adopt one site to call our own. The boardwalk proved too big and quite daunting, so we will focus on a small stretch of creekbank opposite the Boardwalk, at the far end of the showgrounds near the Pony Club grounds. It's a strip of remnant vegetation with a lot of regenerating plants and trees. Reveg Officer, Josi Marriott, is very supportive of Weedbusters and has had mulch delivered to the site to use. We hope that by claiming ownership of one small patch of land we can nurture it over time and keep it in tip top condition rather than spreading ourselves too thin over large areas. We would love to expand our numbers

NEW HELPING HANDS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME!

Spring is sprung, and Cat's Claw Vine is at its most visible. Over outbuildings & trees, along fences & particularly along waterways, it shows a mass of brilliant yellow flowers for one or two weeks. After flowering the seed pods ripen and burst open sending the feather light seed on the breeze or water to colonize other locations. Birds aid in the process by feasting on the seed.



This Sth. American pest can be contained by cutting the leads running up the trees. All above the cut dies, allowing the tree to survive if it has not become too thickly overgrown. However underground tubers send up more shoots and the only way to contain new growth is to cut and dab quickly with glysohate. This is an ongoing job that needs much persistence.

The Mary River Catchment Cat's Claw Vine Eradication Project has 1 litre packs of glysohate for landholders who are willing to participate in eradication attempts.

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Congratulations to the Mary River Catchment Coordinating Committee, the Rivercare Award winner in the Biennial Queensland Landcare Awards.

Anyone interested in obtaining information or financial assistance to restore riverbanks, improve dairy effluent management, commence water quality monitoring or become more involved in catchment management is encouraged to contact the Catchment Resource Centre on 5482 4766

WEED OF THE MONTH

from Linda Ivezić

PRIVET

Ligustrum sinensis & *L. lucidum*

This month's weed is prolific in our region. Two types dominate innumerable stretches of roadside - the small-leaved and the broad-leaved privet. Both originate in China and Japan. The small-leaved type is in flower now. Sprays of white flowers covering large light green bushes are making them stand out all over the Range.

Ligustrum sinense, Chinese or small-leaved privet, is a large shrub to small tree, flowering in spring and into summer. It reproduces prolifically from seed (small black berries) as well as reproducing from suckers. Young branches and leaves are covered with fine hairs, the leaves are small, 2-5cm long, with wavy edges.

Ligustrum lucidum, the broad-leaved privet, is usually a small tree to 10 metres high. Leaves are in opposite pairs on the stems, hairless and leathery. Their shade of green always looks a lot darker to me. Again, the flowers are small and white and grow in large sprays and are more heavily fragrant than their cousin. Flowering starts later than that of the small-leaved privet and they develop conspicuous masses of blue-black to deep purple berries.

Spread: Birds and bats love the berries of both privets and therefore contribute effectively to their spread. Regrowth occurs readily from cut stems, so humans help them spread by dumping their branches and cuttings. If near a waterway, berries are transported and spread far and wide by the creek or river flow.

Favoured habitat: You actually see privets growing everywhere around here. Privets are found everywhere from high-set exposed roadside verges in full sunlight to shaded creekbanks.



Why are they a problem?

Their dominance of our landscape is drastically changing our native vegetation. Privet competes seriously with the species that should be growing here, trees and bushes, grasses and vines. Native fauna has less habitat to choose from, driving them into smaller pockets of remnant vegetation. Koala habitat is the most publicised, but all fauna is affected eg. wallabies lose the grass and small food plants they rely on.

Privet pollen causes hayfever and possibly asthma, and a canopy of privet readily carries fire.

Originally planted as wind breaks and hedges, privet is a dreadful nuisance to gardeners because of prolific seeding and germination. Look underneath a privet after it has seeded and you'll see a thick carpet of seedlings.

Toowoomba Council has identified privet as causing biodiversity loss in their region. We don't have to look hard to find a stretch of privet monoculture doing the same thing here. It doesn't take much imagination to visualise those patches in ten or twenty years if their growth isn't checked now. The small-leaved privet has no comparable or similar native species but the broad-leaved species is similar to *Glochidion ferdinandi* (Cheese Tree) and *Syzygium* spp (Lilly Pilly). Once you've removed your privet you can replace them with a selection of those natives and give our local fauna more habitat and food choices.

Control: The best time of year to tackle privet is summer to autumn. Seedlings can be hand-pulled or mowed. Established bushes need a heavier hand, unfortunately, with cut stump or stem injection poisoning. Barung has further details regarding chemical use plus we can put you in contact with professionals at the Department of Natural Resources.

Remember: Barung doesn't automatically recommend poisoning as the method of choice for all weeds. However, as we're so often dealing with plants which have vigorously naturalised themselves in an environment that promotes their growth and spread, we can't overcome our weeds without some help from chemicals at times without the use of hundreds of willing hands. Spreading mulch and replanting is a great way to start when you've removed weeds, but even that requires on-going diligence and commitment to each site.

Seed to collect Aug/Sept

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Rosewood - Quite a small tree but can reach a height of 30m. Leaves are softly hairy, pinnate, consisting of up to 19 alternate or opposite leaflets. The fruit is a large (30-40mm) orange/yellow ball covered with short stiff hairs that splits into 3-4 valves revealing the seeds covered in an orange aril. (NB. Be careful if you handle these fruits - you need gloves and preferable a dust mask)

* *Lagera pseudorhus* (Sapindaceae) - Foam Bark - Medium sized tree reaching 20-30m. Leaves alternate pinnate with 8-26 leaflets. Fruit is a hairy orange/brown ball which splits into 3 segments revealing up to 3 shiny black/brown seeds. (NB. Be careful if you handle these fruits - you need gloves and preferable a dust mask)

* *Pouteria australis* (Sapotaceae) - Black Apple - Medium sized tree to 30m, leaves alternate and simple. Fruit are large and plum-like, up to 60mm across, containing 3 to 5 hard glossy brown seeds. The flesh of the fruit is white to pink.

* *Hellcia elabriflora* (Proteaceae) - Hellcia - Small tree between 5-15m, leaves alternate and simple, sometimes toothed, particularly in juvenile leaves. Fruit is a succulent deep purple drupe, 10-20 mm long, containing a single large green seed.

If you can collect these seeds/fruits or any others that may catch your attention, please bring them into Barung and we'll turn them into beautiful trees. Feel free to pop in and ask for any advice or to discuss seed collecting.



DEADLINE

FOR DEC/JAN NEWSLETTER
WEDNESDAY 17TH NOV.

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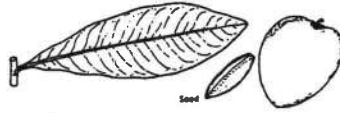
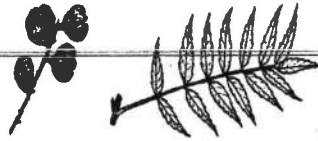
This brings us to the noble activity of seed collection. With every seed collected, germinated and later planted out, we can all play a part in ensuring both the survival of our local flora and its integration into our land-management practices. Seed collected from a wide selection of parent trees provides a broad genetic base, prevents inbreeding and creates vital and healthy plant communities.

Birds are the ultimate seed collectors in our region, spreading seed from isolated

Seed to collect in Oct/Nov

by SPENCER SHAW

*Jagera
pseudorhus-
Foambark*



*Flacchondella
australis
- Black
Apple*

Illustrations from "Trees & Shrubs of Rainforests in NSW & Southern Queensland" published by University of New England.

rainforest remnants.

Unfortunately there are too few rainforest remnants left to provide adequate food sources for our native birds. Several opportunistic introduced plants (eg. camphor laurel, large-leaf privet, small-leaf privet, Chinese elm and lantana) have tempted the locals with easy pickings, fast food-chains of the botanical kind!

I think our local birds are fairly health conscious preferring the varied diet of our local forests, but they don't have much of a choice at the moment. We can make the difference by replacing weeds with native vegetation.

Back to the seeds - following are a few species for which we will be sourcing seed in Oct and Nov:

* *Ducosulum rubrum* (Meliaceae) - Hair-
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