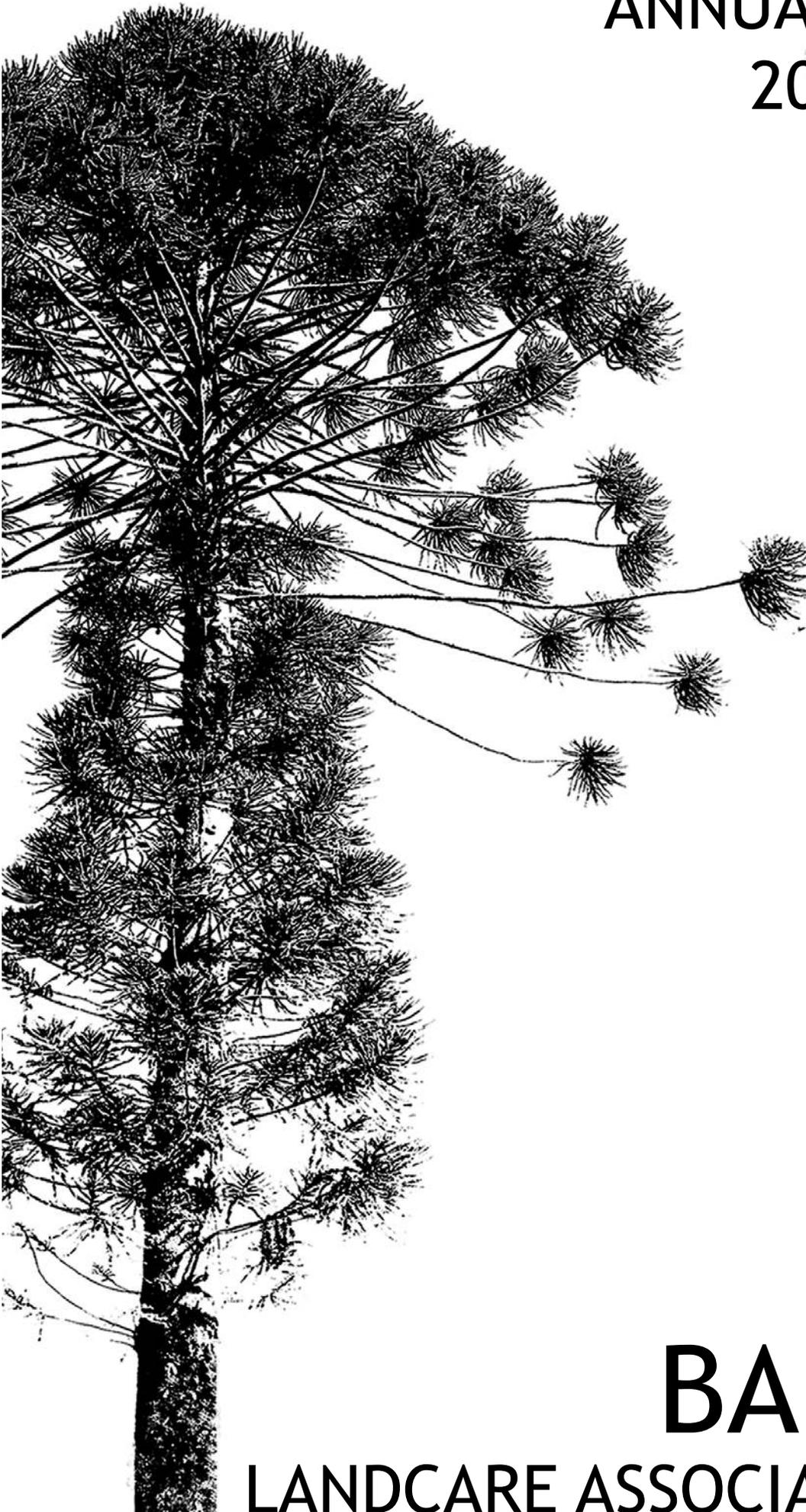


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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Eric Anderson

My first year as President has passed in a flash. My first feeling is tinged with frustration because of the P word, the Precinct, the Maleny Community Precinct. It seems I have spent the year at endless P meetings. On the positive side the Master Plan for the Precinct has finally been released and the footprint for the future has been set. In good faith we signed off on the plan along with all the other community user groups.

We were happy with the area assigned to us which provides for a Production Nursery and Farm Gate Sales, an Education and Resource Centre, and a Contractors Yard.

The Master Plan was finally adopted by Council in June. We thank Jenny McKay, other Sunshine Coast Councillors and Council officers who have helped in many ways on this journey. We are very appreciative of the Maleny District Green Hills Fund for their moral support.

On the less positive side, another year has gone by and we still have not been able to establish our Nursery at its permanent site and produce at a capacity to meet the current and future needs of the environment. As we work through our development application it's not clear how quickly we'll be able to progress on getting the Nursery established.

As noted in the recent *Barung*

News all studies carried out to date were specific to our former assigned location and need to be redone. We have engaged a town planner to help us progress. Barung's future is entwined with having a high capacity productive Nursery that is up and operating as soon as possible (if not sooner). Many thanks to our Nursery Managers, Wayne Webb and Dawn Worthington, and their band of volunteers who have kept our Maleny Nursery functioning on our current cramped and temporary site.

I started the year feeling optimistic and you may wonder if my optimism has been dented – well nearly, but no. My therapy was to re-read our *Barung News* which progressively records our activities throughout the year. It was another busy year and thanks to Eve Witney, our Newsletter Editor, for producing this important communication tool.

We are also continually upgrading our website to better inform members about Barung and its activities. With much work by Den Lalor, office volunteer and now part-time project officer, the Barung membership database has gone live on the Barung website.

Partnerships & funding

Funding is obviously important for our continuing operations. I would like to mention our collaboration with the Sunshine Coast Regional Council and acknowledge the significant contribution we receive from their Community Partnerships Program which is core funding for operating the Barung Resource Centre and our community engagement and education programs.

Thanks also to our many sponsors, with a special note to Rob and Samantha Outridge at Maleny Supa IGA and the funds received from their Community Benefit Chest. Their website currently indicates that Barung has so far benefited to the value of nearly \$30 000. Our new relationship with long-term Barung supporters, Montville Coffee, as Gold

Business Sponsors sees the implementation of a program that is offered to businesses that wish to build a partnership with Barung.

Barung was very excited to have been successful in its Commonwealth Government Jobs Fund 'Sunshine Coast Native Plant and Job Growth Project' application. This project has provided 14 green jobs for local people as well as support for increasing native plant stock and enhancing services from our native plant nursery in Maleny.

With the support of Jonathan Waites, our four horticulture apprentices are learning how to rehabilitate the landscape, mitigate landslips, increase endangered spe-



cies habitat and enhance riparian corridors through plant production, rehabilitation and revegetation activities. We were also able to purchase a transportable shade shed, solar panels to feed back into the energy grid and a transportable chemical storage shed. Thanks, Natasha Wright, for your efforts in putting together the application.

Utilising federal government funding under the Community Action Grant, Jonathan, with the support of the Barung Nursery and Barung Contracting, has run a series of popular and well-attended workshops, introducing Barung and wider community members to the wonders and intricacies of tree and weed identification; native seed collection and propagation; and revegetation, planning and preparation – thanks to Wayne, Jonathan and Matt Bateman.

Jonathan has also guided the new Barung apprentices in their work contributing to events such as the National Schools Tree Day planting at Russell Family Park by Montville State School, which was coordinated by Barung, Montville Village Association and Sunshine Coast Council – thanks to Diana O'Connor, Ashley Goodman, Jonathan and the many volunteers. The Energex Junior Landcare Activity Days (joint initiatives between Landcare Qld, Energex and the local Landcare group), organised on separate days with Conondale State School and the Maleny State Primary School, also had children involved in planting trees and testing water quality by assessing the diversity of macroinvertebrate species in water samples – thanks, Jonathan.

A partnership with Cadet Group Australia and STEPS has seen Barung establishing a new nursery for training purposes and native plant production at The George Street Community Nursery in Caloundra – thanks, Darryl and Nursery Manager, Kate Brooks. Barung has also partnered with SEQWater to deliver a project aimed at helping landholders develop control programs for aquatic weeds in and around their dams and billabongs – for landholders in the Lake Baroon and Upper Stanley River (Peachester, Woodford to Kilcoy) catchments – thanks Jonathan and Tim Odgers.

The long term relationship with Lake Baroon Catchment Care Group has continued this year. Our Contracting Services working with Mark Amos to help landholders with environmental works has been especially productive. The environment benefits from groups working proactively together. Their financial support for the editing of the soon-to-be-reprinted third edition of the *Blackall Range Landholders Guide* is gratefully acknowledged. We look forward to building on this partnership in the coming years.

I must also mention the Hinterland Business Centre who source workers for us through the Green Army program. Thanks to Troy Baxter and his seven Green Army participants who have tirelessly been working with National Parks, especially on building

and maintaining tracks. They always make a major contribution to our efforts. Earlier in the year there were our other Green army participants, Ann Turner and Jennifer Checker, and currently there are Benoit Levesque and Andrew Robertson – thanks to you all for your contributions to Barung Landcare and sustainable land management in our region.

Barung Contracting Services has continued to do a marvellous job in assisting numerous landholders with revegetation and contributing to the funding of the organisation – thanks to Matt and the team.

Barung events

Barung Landcare had a significant presence in the wider Sunshine Coast community this year through our organisation of and participation in a wide range of events.

The biggest of these and Barung's signature event was the Maleny Wood Expo. Although the numbers were down on 2009 it was nevertheless well organised with positive responses from exhibitors and attendees. Many thanks to the 200 volunteers who make it happen, with special thanks to Steve McLeish, Darryl Ebenezer, David Binstead, Paul and Kate Fraser, Jonathan, Dawn and Wayne. A feature this year was the Barung 'Figs in the Forest' Exhibition which brought the Down Under Pavilion to life by showcasing the works of more than 30 local artists – thanks Mim Coulstock, Ken Munsie, Kate and Diana.

The Bunya Dreaming at Lake Baroon, organised by Bev and Michael Hand, is an event with which we are proud to be associated.

Barung was involved in the planning of and were well represented at the recent successful Queensland Landcare Conference in Caloundra, opened by Penny Wensley, the Governor of Queensland. Her address was a powerful endorsement of the Landcare movement and a call to us all to continue the important work we are doing in view of the continuing loss of habitat and climate change. Thank you to Darryl and all the Barung staff members for their massive contribution.

Barung also played a major organisational role in World Environment Day at Sunshine Coast University (thanks Steve, Darryl, Dawn and volunteers), the Caloundra Music Festival (thanks, Steve and Darryl), and the Woodford Folk Festival (thanks Darryl).

Barung volunteers

As always, I acknowledge the tremendous contribution of all Barung's volunteers, in running the office and being our frontline contact with the public, underpinning operations at the Barung nurseries, representing Barung at regional events and planning discussions, and raising operational funding.

Our volunteers are raising funds and selling plants by maintaining the Barung presence at the

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Blackall Range Farmers Market at Witta (thanks to Tina Lathouras and your band of volunteers) and Montville Market (thank you, Joan Dillon). Joan has also attended stalls on behalf of Barung, such as at the Glasshouse Country Gardens Expo.

Barung volunteer, Susie Duncan, has led nine regular Wildlife Walks, guiding regular and new participants as they learn about and enjoy our regional fauna and flora, vegetation communities and wetlands – many, many thanks, Susie.

Barung management

The amount of activity we are involved in is enormous. The list above is not exclusive and importantly I apologise to the many people I have missed acknowledging.

Thanks to the Management Committee who have helped me keep the Barung ship on course. For those continuing on we have much to do in Barung's 21st year. We need to follow through on the strategic planning workshop we held, put some meat on the proposed strategies and plan for the next 20 years.

None of the above could have been achieved without the assistance of our manager, Darryl Ebenezer. Thank you, Darryl, for your support and assistance over the last 12 months. Barung is lucky to have you working with us.

As always we continue to play our part in maintaining, growing and renewing the natural, built and social environments of the Sunshine Coast.

David Binstead

I seem to have been saying in these reports for many years now: 'Next year at the precinct'. While this year we have had the temporary nursery site operational for the full year, we are still waiting to realise the potential of a significant increase in scale that will be achievable at the new permanent site.

But there is good news. While the cash flow situation during 2009–10 was extremely tight, we have managed a fiscal turnaround from a \$64 039 deficit last year to a \$9 393 surplus this year.

Of major assistance in this turnaround was a grant of \$85 000 from Sunshine Coast Regional Council under their partnerships program. This enabled Barung to maintain staffing in the Resource Centre to advise the community on environmental issues.

In particular, the surplus was achieved by grant funds being sourced to purchase assets. These assets (a second-hand dual cab utility and a portable shed) will continue to be of benefit to Barung for some years into the future.

My particular thanks this year go to Darryl Ebenezer for his patience and for constantly pursuing resources to enable Barung to continue to achieve its aims despite difficulties related to the stalled moving process on top of the general economic downturn.



PEOPLE, CHAOS & COMPLEXITY IN LANDCARE

Darryl Ebenezer, Manager

Adapted from my presentation to the 2010 Queensland Landcare Conference

We have known for a long time that Landcare isn't just about the environment. It's a movement. So, it's about people. At Barung Landcare, all our activities are supported and carried out by a vibrant management committee of 8 people, a paid staff team of 22 people, and more than 200 volunteers who we draw from our base of 700 members.

All the activities you read about in this Annual Report and the numbers of people involved can make for a fair bit of chaos and complexity that needs to be managed in the day-to-day. We also need to respond to the complexity of our fast-changing world.

But chaos isn't just a jumbled disorderly mess. In chaos theory terms, there's the idea that what looks like random phenomena actually has an underlying order, a beauty to it even. And, if we look closely at that randomness, patterns will emerge.

Two patterns emerge when we start to think about how to be entrepreneurial amidst the complexity of our Landcare work: finding the linkages between the micro and macro; and developing webs of relationships, and hubs and spokes, so there's a structure for mobilising people to ensure that good ideas get channelled into worthwhile action.

The Micro-Macro Continuum

The first pattern is the link, or rather continuum, between the micro and macro. This involves knowing your context; knowing who's who and what's happening in the bigger picture – the trends and potential threats as well as the potential opportunities. These apply to the broader national perspective as well as to the local and regional perspectives.

On a practical level it means listening for and hearing the bigger picture potential of an idea when we have those many day-to-day conversations with individuals. This is sometimes called 'listening for the public story in the private conversation'. So we'll be listening to and responding to the matter at hand, but also being opportunistic and strategic at the same time, alert to the potential for something new.

It also means holding true to the vision and mission of the organisation whilst being opportunistic, and not getting sucked into activities that don't support that vision and mission.

Using this pattern we become aware of the potential that exists when we embrace complexity. Then we undertake a particular kind of listening and a particular kind of strategic questioning, trying to find out what's going on underneath the surface so we can think about the best way to proceed. And this pattern is about making linkages and connections – people to people, people to ideas, and ideas to people.

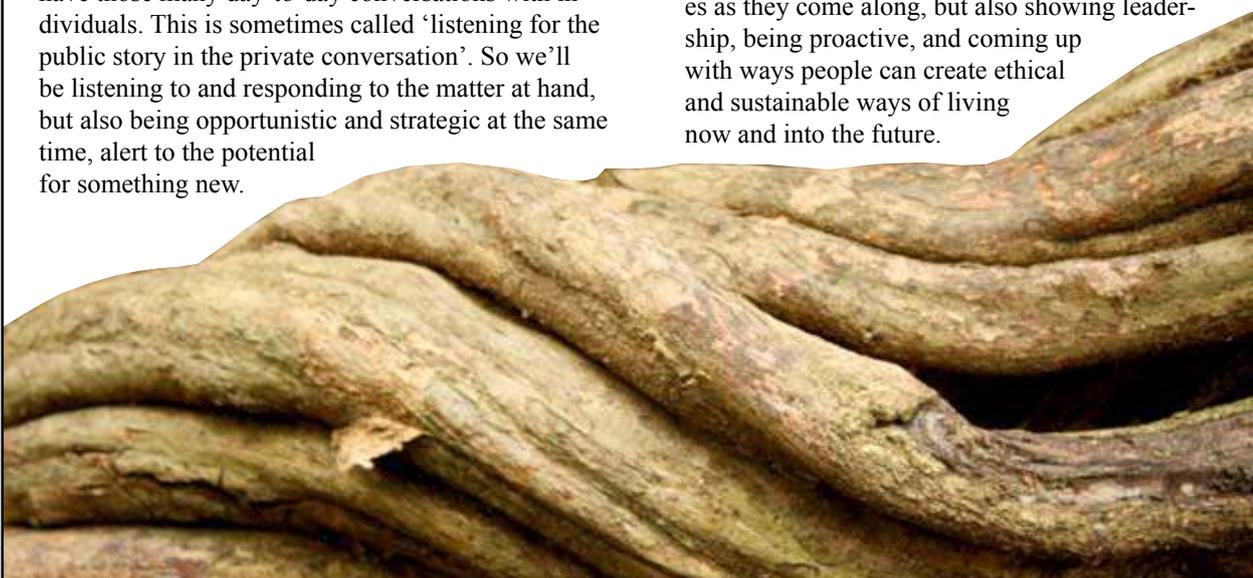
Webs, Hubs and Spokes

Another pattern that emerges could be described as webs – that is, webs of relationships, and hubs and spokes within these webs. Hubs and spokes appear when key people get involved in leading some activity and go about gathering others into that activity. This is the nuts and bolts of getting things done. It requires that we have a broad reach to connect with people through webs of relationships, and that we tap into people's motivations to run with good ideas and get things happening.

For Barung this might happen through our governance functions where the key people are on our management committee, or it might be through our involvement at the monthly Blackall Range Grower's Market where over a period of a year more than 50 people help us with monthly fundraising.

As Landcare managers we become connectors, or a conduit to help people connect up and channel their passion into some worthwhile activity. And we provide people with a base to operate from with some resources and a mandate to go out and bring about the change they want to see in the world.

Barung Landcare has been at the forefront of this work for 21 years now, and has adapted and innovated its way through a lot of complexity. We see ourselves as not just reacting to threats and challenges as they come along, but also showing leadership, being proactive, and coming up with ways people can create ethical and sustainable ways of living now and into the future.



PROJECT COORDINATION

Jonathan Waites *Projects Officer/Trainee Coordinator*

Last year it was all about Sustainable Landuse, this year it's Project Coordination. Read on!

We have coordinated a number of projects and a public treeplant this year with the objective of catering for the interests of our large and diverse membership of people whose interests range from agricultural production to native fauna/flora conservation and the many shades in between.

Working Wetlands - Healthy Farms

This project was funded by the Queensland Wetlands Program, through the Department of Employment, Economic Development and Innovation. Barung provided technical support and Barung Contracting Services undertook the revegetation component of the project and will contribute to the maintenance of the site over the next three years.

The project was carried out on David and Wendy Clark's beef cattle property, 'Latoona', near Bellthorpe. The project supports David and Wendy's long-term aim to fence and revegetate the length of an upper tributary of Kilcoy Creek which flows through the centre of their property.

Two hundred metres of permanent electric fence was erected (extending existing fencing) and 700 native tubes planted, adding to previous riparian revegetation efforts. This will facilitate better control of stock access allowing for more efficient and timely utilisation of grasses and weeds growing in riparian areas as well as significantly reducing erosion. Mustering is easier and there is less sediment and nutrient loading into downstream areas. Furthermore it will assist in stabilising a slip-prone slope on the eastern side of the creek (see photo below).

Community Action Grant

Our 2010–2011 Community Action Grant – *Engaging Landholders*, secured by Barung through the Australian Government's Caring for Our Country program, is all about citizen capacity building to achieve improved biodiversity and habitat protection.

That's just a long-winded way of saying we are able to continue our environmental education and awareness raising activities. We will run five workshops over the grant period and a community treeplant on Saturday, 23rd October.

So far we have held a Tree/Weed ID Workshop, a Native Seed Collection/Propagation Workshop, and a Revegetation Planning/Preparation Workshop. These workshops attracted around 50 keen participants. Planned workshops for the future include Revegetation Planting and Maintenance, Soil Health, and possibly Horse Management for Small Properties.

Dams & Billabongs Project

Earlier this year we partnered with SEQWater to deliver a project aimed at helping landholders develop control programs for aquatic weeds they may have in or around their dams or billabongs. The project area covers the catchments for Baroon Pocket Dam and the Upper Stanley River (broadly Peachester, Woodford to Kilcoy).

The weed species focused on include *Salvinia salvinia molesta*, Water Hyacinth *Eichornia crassipes*, Hygrophila or Glush Weed *Hygrophila costata*, and Water Lettuce *Pistia stratiotes*.

An extension officer has been employed one day a week to visit properties and advise on identifying and managing water weeds. An introductory article in the *Barung News* and the *Range News* resulted in a number of enquiries about aquatic



weed identification and control measures. Several properties were visited in the Upper Stanley area and *Hygrophila* was found in a billabong on a property near Woodford; several plants were also discovered downstream along a reach of Monkeybong Creek. Fortunately none were found further downstream between the occurrence of these few plants and the confluence of Monkeybong Creek and Stanley River. Further investigation has been initiated prior to a treatment program being developed.

An outbreak of *Salvinia* was reported on a dam on a small tributary in Delaney's Creek catchment. The two landholders who share access to the dam are dealing with the *Salvinia* by using mechanical removal and strategic spraying with herbicide. Another outbreak of *Salvinia* was reported on a dam in the Baroon Pocket Dam catchment. This is also being dealt with by the landholder.

Due to the late start to this project and the onset of cooler weather little specific control work has been undertaken. However with the onset of warmer (and wetter!) weather we expect this project to kick into gear again in the near future.

ENERGEX Junior Landcare x 2

We have had two ENERGEX Junior Landcare Days this year. This initiative of Landcare Queensland and ENERGEX which will see nearly 900 students across the south-east Queensland region getting involved in revegetation in their local catchment.

Early in the year we held a day with Conondale Public School Year 6/7 class which saw us revegetating a section of Harper's Ck where it flows through John and Mary King's property off Aherns Road.

The students planted in excess of 300 trees which will enhance existing riparian revegetation efforts. In addition a water testing exercise was run by Dale Watson from Mary River Catchment Coordinating Committee, based on interpreting macroinvertebrate species populations which indicate water quality – the water quality was found to be very good!

A similar day was held last month with Maleny State School Year 5/6 class. The students planted over 300 trees on the school grounds along Obi Obi Creek. A water testing exercise was carried out (by us this time, using equipment on loan from Lake Baroon Catchment Care Group), again giving a very good result for water quality in this section of the Obi.

Funding covered site preparation, cost of trees, tree guards, etc, as well as coordination. There will also be a little to cover some maintenance.

We were fortunate to have the assistance of the Barung apprentices both leading up to and on the day at Maleny State School where they assisted students planting trees, and Oskar Cafarella helped me wade along the Obi searching for water bugs.

These days provide a wonderful opportunity for children to engage with the natural environment.

Their enthusiasm and willingness to get involved was commendable.

Sunshine Coast Native Plant & Jobs Growth Project

This is the big one, funded by the Australian government through the Department of Education, Employment & Workplace Relations. Its purpose is to assist us in setting up our new nursery on the Maleny Precinct and hugely expand our production, fund four horticultural (Certificate 111) apprentices, fund two existing full-time positions as well as a number of part-time and temporary positions.

We also have a transportable shade shed and a chemical shed, and we will have a 3.0 kW grid-connected solar power system installed – when we can get onto our site!

Waiting for access has been frustrating to say the least but we have been busy, particularly the apprentices. They have been involved in a swag of activities including working on a range of tasks in the Barung Nursery, helping Kate Brooks set up the George St Community Nursery in Caloundra, establishing the Maple Street Co-op Garden, seed collecting, building a garden shed and the transportable shade shed, preparing a trailer to be fitted with a new floor, building nursery benches, assisting with public treeplants, gaining practical revegetation and maintenance experience with Barung Contracting, and zooming ahead with their book-based learning.

And they've also worked on the treeplant we did with a group of American students from Two Strong Trees and the treeplant at Russell Family Park, and have attended an ecology workshop in Pomona, a nursery irrigation workshop in Brisbane, and an ecology walk in Bellthorpe with Susie Duncan.

And we're just warming up!

Maple St Co-op Garden

This project involves Barung supporting the Maple Street Co-op and their members in developing a demonstration garden on vacant land behind the Co-op and the Upfront Club.

Various ideas for this area have been mooted over the years but nothing has kicked off until now. There is, as yet, no solid plan but the general idea is to assemble the various components of a 'backyard garden' and get some food growing.

We began earlier this year by getting several Camphor Laurels *Cinnamomum camphora* and two wattles *Acacia melanoxyton* felled and chipped, and brushcutting the site. We also assisted with setting up the 5000 gal tank that Barung had donated when we moved from Bicentenary Lane.

With the help of our four horticultural apprentices we have fenced off a section of the area, built one raised garden bed, and prepared five circles for the dwarf fruit trees we have purchased. We will plant

BARUNG BOOKSHOP

the trees and garden bed as soon as we can get back to the job. We will also be building more garden beds and setting up some compost bins using the old water tank kindly donated by Sue Johnson.

Through the Volunteer Grant we accessed from the Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs, we were able to purchase a small garden shed which the apprentices have erected behind Maple Street Co-op. This will be very useful for storing our equipment on-site, ensuring that it is readily available for people to use whenever they are working there.

Maleny Precinct Biodiversity Project (Stage 1)

We have received partial funding for this project through eTrees, a program launched in 2004. It is a Computershare initiative with Landcare Australia provided through SEQ Catchments. This funding will provide 1600 of the more than 4000 native tubes (including tree guards, weed mats, fertiliser, fencing, etc) needed for the Community Treeplant on the Maleny Community Precinct in October, on the same day as Barung's Annual General Meeting.

Concluding comments

Whee! As you can see it has been a busy year and we've still got plenty to go on with for a while yet. This is a good position for us to be in. And soon we will be on our site at the Maleny Precinct (keep your fingers crossed)!

Pam Watson, Volunteer

Currently the Resource Centre stocks over fifty book titles covering a wide range of topics, five CDs covering bird calls, frog calls, identification of trees, shrubs and wildflowers, and a Great Walk Topographic Map.

Our most popular titles are *Nest Boxes for Wildlife*, *Mangroves to Mountains*, the economical Queensland Museum Pocket guides to various birds, animals and insects, *Grasses of the Noosa Biosphere*, and *Rainforest Trees and Shrubs* and *Rainforest Climbing Plants*. Two new titles that may be of interest to enthusiasts relate to our native bees and dragonflies.

We also stock our President's recommended bird identification books, *Field Guide to Australian Birds* by Michael Morcombe, both the handbook and compact editions, and the excellent bible-like reference work *Rainforest Trees of Mainland SE Australia* by AG Floyd, as well as niche reference books on growing natives from seeds and cuttings, and on identifying eucalypts, fungi, butterflies and snakes.

Revegetation principles are covered in two excellent works by the Big Scrub Rainforest Landcare Group, *Common Weeds of Subtropical Rainforests* and *Sub-Tropical Rainforest Restoration*.

So, wherever members' interests lie we are likely to have them covered. The Bookshop display and sales also provide a useful introduction to Barung's activities and principles for members of the wider local community.



BARUNG NURSERY

Wayne Webb, Nursery Manager

Are we there yet?! No, we are still on our temporary site in Porters Lane. After some six months of moving and settling in, we were back in the swing of nursery production by the start of the 09/10 financial year. During this period the nursery has produced over 90 thousand native tubestock. After being essentially closed to the public while we moved and set up here (though people could still order plants for collection from the office), we are now open to the public for 'farm gate sales' for three days a week. Unfortunately we are still limited in the area we can sell from, and so are restricted in our ability to adequately display stock for sale.

Once again Barung Landcare Nursery has been a supplier for the Sunshine Coast Council's Land For Wildlife Seedling Grants scheme. This has provided approximately 9000 native plants (worth approx. \$15 000) to local landholders with Land For Wildlife properties. We have also supplied plants to Moreton Bay Regional Council's Land For Wildlife program, as well as to other council conservation programs.

What a contrast in weather we have had over the last twelve months. The second half of last year was so dry and so, so windy! Our current site is very exposed to north-westerly winds, and in fact acts as a very effective wind tunnel, situated as it is beside Porter's Wood. One customer said she had been worrying whether our plants would be tough enough for planting on her very windy site at Kureelpa – her fears were allayed when she stepped out of her car at the Nursery! More than once we have contemplated a move into wind-generated power. The wind

combined with the very dry conditions made watering the Nursery a challenging proposition, and the falling water level in the well didn't help.

Somehow we made it through with very few stock losses until the summer rains kicked in – and didn't stop. With minimal undercover work areas it got pretty crowded around the potting bench on some days. We actually had that much wet, cloudy weather that plant growth was inhibited through lack of sunshine.

As winter approached we feared the onset of cold westerly winds once more, but fortunately they weren't forthcoming. This winter has been much more enjoyable – both for us and the plants. With some useful showers through winter and now some good spring rainfall, it promises to be a great growing season ahead. Many rainforest species are flowering and seeding their heads off this year – oh, for more propagation space!

As usual the nursery has been involved in a number of events over the last year. Of course the biggest for us was the Maleny Wood Expo, with the nursery tent looking great and once again enjoying good plant sales. We also attended the World Environment Day celebrations at the Sunshine Coast University, and Maleny Garden Club's 'Gardening on the Edge' weekend. We now have plants available at both the Witta and Montville monthly markets, thanks to a band of dedicated volunteers. Barung Nursery continues to support the events of other organisations in Maleny through loaning display plants, for example to Sustainable Maleny's Op Shop Ball.

None of this would be possible, of course, without the ongoing support of our dedicated volunteers.



BARUNG EVENTS

Week after week, rain, hail or shine, these fine people are here working away. Over the last year some fifty individuals have helped out in the Nursery, contributing around 5000 hours of labour. We are also indebted to those who collect seed for us – without seeds we can't grow the range of species required for your revegetation projects. On top of this are those who help with markets stalls; those who help out selling plants, watering and restocking at Expo; those who supply time and vehicles to move plants to and from Expo; and those who help set up and attend displays, such as at World Environment Day. And don't forget the office volunteers who are called on by the Nursery for all sorts of office-type things.

From Dawn and myself, and from all of Barung Landcare, a huge thank you to all our vollies.

By way of thank you, this year we organised a vol-lie field trip during national volunteer week. After a scrumptious morning tea on the deck of Daryl Reinke and Craig Hosmer's house at Flaxton, with spectacular views over the headwaters of Echidna Creek, Daryl and Craig gave us a guided tour of their property. They have carried out extensive revegetation, staged over several years and still ongoing. Then it was on to the property of Joan and John Dillon at Hunchy for a scrumptious lunch prepared by Dawn and myself, where we were treated to a tour of John and Joan's garden and revegetation areas.

On the way back to Maleny we stopped in on Russell Family Park at Montville, where Diana O'Connor and Eric Anderson showed us around the revegetation work they are doing with a local community group and the support of Council. All three projects have used native tubestock sourced from Barung's nursery – it was fantastic for our vollies to see the fruit of all their labours back in the nursery.

The work of our vollies really does make a difference to the environment of the Blackall Range.

Steve McLeish, Barung Events

During the 2009–10 year as an employee of Barung Landcare I have coordinated the 2010 Maleny Wood Expo and site-managed the Sunshine Coast Environment Council's World Environment Day, Australia Day at Kings Beach, U-tribe Festival, Queensland Landcare Conference and, most recently, Caloundra Music Festival. I have also coordinated stalls at other festivals such as the Peats Ridge and Playground Weekender festivals in Sydney.

The 2010 Maleny Wood Expo was Barung's main event of the year and was an operational success, even though attendance was down on last year. There was an increase in interest expressed by exhibitors and late applications had to be turned away when the site plan for exhibitors was finalised at maximum capacity. As the event organiser, I was supported by a whole team of Barung employees and 192 dedicated volunteers. The weather was fantastic with glorious sunshine and not a rain cloud in sight until the Sunday afternoon, right before pack down. I will start working on the 2011 Maleny Wood Expo in November 2010 by opening online exhibitor applications and approaching selected artisans.

For each of these festivals I go through a similar organisational process: coordinating the elements of power, water, waste management, communications and site mapping, and liaising with often hundreds of people to bring the event together.

Each festival offers Barung Landcare an opportunity to engage with new people, raise funds, and impart information about environmental issues and solutions. We take advantage of these opportunities to raise awareness about our organisation and Landcare in general.



BARUNG CONTRACTING SERVICES

Matthew Bateman, Team Leader

It's been another productive year for the Barung Contracting Services team. Due to the dedication and skills of the team, demand for our services increased with planting and weed control jobs and staff numbers all up. Considering the difficult financial times both in the wider and environmental communities, and also Barung Contracting's current lack of a permanent home, it was a great effort with staff numbers peaking at 12 at one stage.

The variety and scope of services also increased. The Barung Contracting Team went from a large seed collection project for the Wyaralong Dam, south-west of Brisbane and involving open eucalypt forest communities, to the mangrove communities of Moreton Bay. The range of ecosystems this year has both challenged and stimulated the team.

But probably the most rewarding work has been on those 'hardcore' regeneration projects around the Range that Barung contracting has worked on since Barung's earliest days. Each time we return to sites such as these the Contracting team members are delighted to witness the magic of regeneration. We would like to thank the many landholders for their support and the opportunity to work with them on their properties.

Apart from working with private landholders Contracting has also increased its services to the Sunshine Coast and Moreton Bay councils. Working with the Councils has become an important component in the Contracting schedule and I would like to thank the relevant council officers for their support during the year. The Barung Contracting team also provided services to Department of Transport and Main Roads, ENERGEX, Department of Environment and Resource Management, Landcare Queensland, Woodford Folk Festival, Lake Baroon Catchment Care Group, and Queensland Water Infrastructure, so it has been a very eventful year.

Of course none of this would be possible without the dedication and enthusiasm of the contracting staff. The team excels in producing the patience, flexibility and determination needed to be effective in what is an environmentally, logistically and financially challenging industry. I would also like to acknowledge the countless volunteer hours many of the staff do in support of Barung, our clients and the environment.

The contracting team would like to thank the volunteers, Darryl, the other staff and the committee who make it possible for us to go out and do what we love.

BARUNG RESOURCE CENTRE

Amelia Ross, Project Officer

The smooth operation of the Barung Resource Centre depends on a blend of paid and volunteer staff. The much-treasured Fuschia Collard answered the call of green hills elsewhere in December 2009, and subsequently operations in the Resource Centre have come together remarkably smoothly with a team of volunteers and part-time staff sharing times and responsibilities throughout the week.

Our team of volunteer administration staff, Annette Lawniczak, Kellie Anne Huddy, Margo Balfour, Jenny Fitzgibbon and Pam Watson, take care of all emails, postal mail, phone calls and messages, and they also attend to the queries of interested locals as they stroll through the Riverside Centre; the volunteers welcome new membership applications and renew existing memberships. Annette, who is in on Mondays and Tuesdays, undertakes advertising and correspondence as well as the usual reception duties. On Fridays, Pam maintains the Barung Bookshop publications and retail stock. Kellie, Jenny and Margo are just settling in having joined the Barung family just recently, replacing Sue Tanner and Judith Potts who had been with us during the transition to the new ways. We also enjoy the presence of one of the most recent Green Army employees, Benoit Levesque, who assists with the many tasks in the Resource Centre.

David Binstead, Treasurer of the Management Committee, is regularly in the office checking with volunteers and staff that financial matters are in order. Thanks to David for undertaking this work on a voluntary basis – we could not manage without him.

Among the paid part-time staff in the Resource Centre is Denis Lalor, who takes care of our membership database, newsletter email-outs and accounts. I am also a new addition to the Barung team. I assist Steve McLeish with the organisation of various events and I've been taking some tasks off Darryl's hands, including some volunteer co-ordination and supervision.

It is the range and variety of people on our team that makes the Resource Centre the unique and interesting place that it is. Always busy, we have made it through another year and look forward to the next exciting twelve months.

GEORGE STREET COMMUNITY NURSERY

Kate Brooks, Nursery Manager

On 20th May 2010 I walked into a run-down nursery containing two years' worth of tangled weeds.

As I looked around I realised that there was a fence under all the Siratro vine on the western side of the nursery, and that some of the weeds – like Geisha Girl *Duranta repens* – had actually been propagated by past training groups.

There were also some of the biggest golden orb spiders I had ever seen as well as enough Asian geckos to overthrow a small country.

Underneath it all, however, was an amazing nursery equipped with a decent sized shade house and potting shed as well as so many hothouses and fridges I wasn't really sure what to do with them all.

So with my trusty note pad I sat in the nursery for

four hours dividing the grounds into manageable sections, and from this devised a plan.

During the next three months we cleaned up trailer-loads of rubbish and weeds, resurrected the shade house, cleaned up the potting shed, created a wash bay with a drainage pond, re-veggie-tated the veggie garden, started a worm farm and compost heap, built a seed smoker, painted benches and cupboards, washed and organised pots and trays, fixed up leaks in the irrigation and set up the office and break room.

June was spent predominantly cleaning up the nursery grounds, working out which plants we were going to grow as well as setting standards and instituting procedures so that we would get off to an organised start.

July and August saw the clean up winding down and our focus shifting more towards seed collection, sorting, sowing and propagation. Our stock list was also completed and contains species found from coastal wallum and heath land through to open eucalypt woodland and rainforest.

Currently the nursery has 3600 plants in stock, two permanent volunteers and four part-time volunteers, and an accumulated total of 360 volunteer hours (not including work done by Smart City trainees and the Barung apprentices).

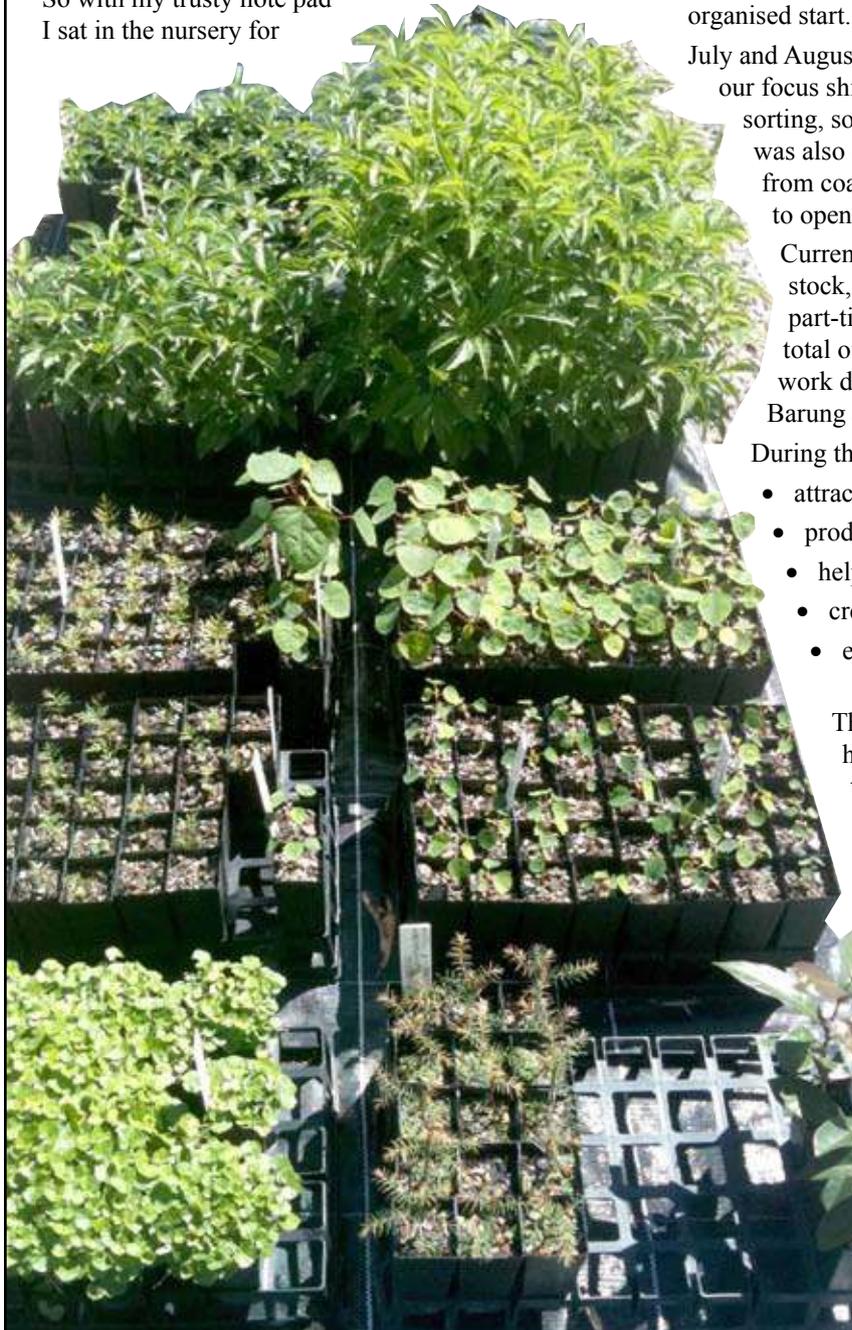
During the next financial year we hope to:

- attract more volunteers
- produce larger quantities of quality stock
- help the local community
- create strong bonds with other nurseries
- enhance Barung Landcare's reputation closer to the coastline.

Thank you to the vollies because you have all made such a huge effort to get this up and running and we couldn't have done it without you!

If you want to come and visit we are located at 9 George Street inside the Cadet training facility and are open from 8 am to 3 pm on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Phone Kate for any sale enquiries on 0457 498 544.



WILDLIFE WALKS

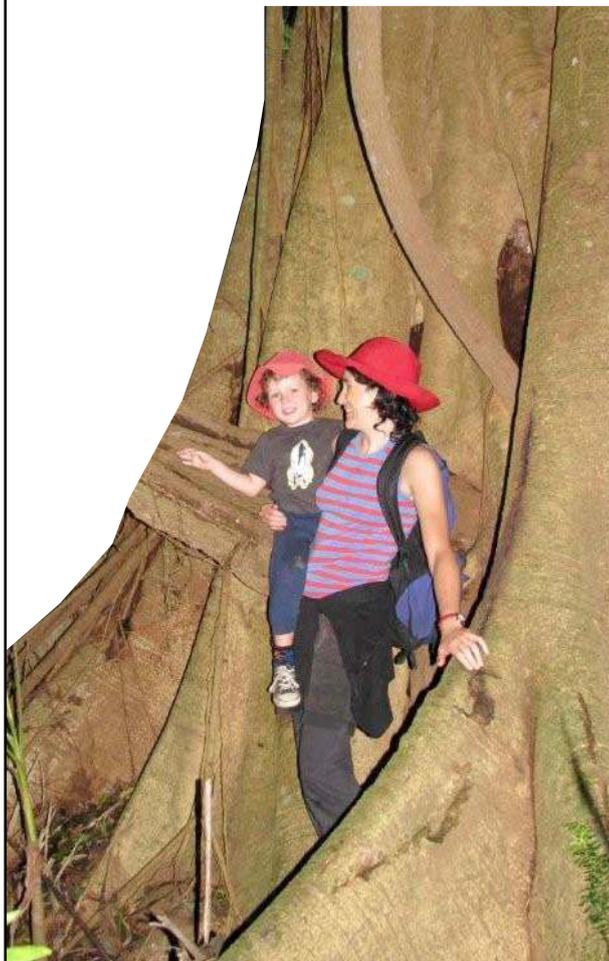
Susie Duncan, Barung Volunteer

We have had a fine year of walks. The country visited included the Blackall, Conondale and D'Aguiar ranges and the forests, wetlands and wallum of the coastal lowlands. The Bellthorpe National Park walk in August 2010 was part of the Festival of Walks and attracted a big crowd. This October I will be running a series of walks for the Barung apprentices to explore a range of ecosystems.

I am grateful to the many people participating in the walks who share their expertise, particularly in plant identification and geology. Thanks also to Annette Lawniczak and Eve Witney for continuing to publicise the walks.

December 2010 will mark four years since I began the wildlife walks. I won't be continuing the regular monthly walks in 2011 but will be available for specific Barung activities where wildlife interpretation is required. This may include some walks. I intend to spend more time on another Barung project, Hinterland Bush Links, which is focused on restoring habitat between the large blocks of bush in the Sunshine Coast Hinterland. Watch the *Barung News* for more information.

The 'Wildlife Wanderings' column will continue in the newsletter, exploring a range of ecological topics that relate to our wildlife.



MARKET VOLUNTEERS

Tina Lathouras, Coordinator

I am very happy to provide this report to this year's Annual Report about the Witta Growers Market. I started volunteering for Barung and coordinating the monthly stall at the market about 18 months ago.

Barung auspices the event and we also do breakfast and coffee for all the stallholders and market attendees. Diana O'Conner staffs a small plant stall, selling plants and educating people about Landcare. Our market presence is a good little fundraiser for Barung as it shows a profit averaging around \$1000 a month.

Unlike the previous stall coordinators, Dawn and Lin (who knew a lot of people), I was new to the organisation. So not having many contacts I couldn't rely on 'who I knew' as a method for attracting volunteers. But I remembered a statistic reported by Volunteering Queensland, that 80 per cent of people who volunteer do so because they were asked. So, I got the list of the 700 financial members of Barung Landcare and started cold calling.

Since then, 60 different people have volunteered at the markets; a core group of 30 have returned more than once. Each person does a two hour shift every three to four months. This level of commitment was the promise I made to them, and I have attracted busy people who can give this small amount of time to help raise funds for the organisation. Their contributions remind me of that famous quote by Margaret Mead: 'never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it's the only thing that ever has.'

There's also another group of behind-the-scenes people who help set up and pull down the stall each month, chop onions, and cook the cakes we sell. Many thanks to Lin, Mim Coulstock, Kyle Ebenezer, Brian, Carol and Evv.

I am certain that the people who buy the burgers, cakes and good coffee we make appreciate our efforts. We get good feedback, and Amelia Ross's reputation as an excellent barista is well known. The stallholders also love Eric's door-to-door delivery service so they don't have to come away from their customers to get their coffee.

So, all in all, this little enterprise that Barung undertakes is a good one. We're making some money, supporting local businesses and micro-enterprises in local economic development, educating people about Landcare, raising the profile of the organisation, building relationships, and contributing to the overall atmosphere and vision of the growers' market held by Pat Fuller and Michael Cole-King.

Please drop in and have a good coffee sometime. We'd love to see you.

OUR 2009-2010 SPONSORS AND SUPPORTERS

Barung gratefully acknowleges funding & sponsorships from:

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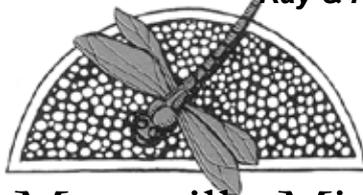


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- Qld Parks & Wildlife Service
- Queensland Complete Printing Services

BARUNG LANDCARE ASSOCIATION INC

STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE 2010

2009		2010
\$		\$
	TRADING INCOME	
114,317.18	Sales - Native Plants	90,279.91
<u>22,468.44</u>	Sales - Other (Including Books)	<u>32,849.62</u>
<u>136,785.62</u>		<u>123,129.53</u>
	Less Cost of Sales	
12,216.50	Opening Stock - Plants	5,136.80
4,570.89	Opening Stock - Other (Including Books)	2,847.36
27,148.89	Purchases - Plants	8,158.85
<u>9,197.26</u>	Purchases - Other (Including Books)	<u>18,696.02</u>
<u>53,133.54</u>		<u>34,839.03</u>
5,136.80	Closing Stock - Plants	16,907.12
<u>2,847.36</u>	Closing Stock - Other (Including Books)	<u>2,847.36</u>
<u>7,984.16</u>		<u>19,754.48</u>
<u>45,149.38</u>	Total Cost of Sales	<u>15,084.55</u>
<u>91,636.24</u>	GROSS PROFIT FROM TRADING	<u>108,044.98</u>
66.99%	Gross Profit Margin	87.75%
	INCOME	
91,636.24	Gross Profit from Trading	108,044.98
1,840.00	Advertising	245.46
49,795.66	Core Grants and Donations	22,918.95
338,946.68	Fees - Consultancy and Contracting	322,613.76
299,751.20	Grants and Donations for Specific Projects	207,243.05
10,743.64	Membership Subscriptions	9,740.96
9,683.59	Interest Received	1,079.27
112,005.18	Special Events - Wood Expo	79,561.91
28,800.19	Other Revenue	9,800.60
9,211.00	Subsidies and Grants	
<u>16,231.60</u>	Workshops	<u>4,887.49</u>
<u>968,644.98</u>	TOTAL INCOME	<u>766,136.43</u>

The accompanying notes form part of this financial report

BARUNG LANDCARE ASSOCIATION INC

STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE 2010

2009		2010
\$	EXPENDITURE	\$
2,550.00	Audit Fees	2,550.00
21,461.18	Advertising	16,881.54
1,146.78	Bank Charges	1,243.57
12,488.77	Bad Debt Expenses	
10,558.23	Catering Expenses	3,171.33
3,067.52	Cleaning	1,457.99
5,703.43	Computer Maintenance and Software	2,044.20
1,109.09	Conference Expenses	
	Consultants	5,000.00
154,178.54	Contract Work	11,299.09
21,958.00	Co-ordinator	
81,208.64	Core Project Materials	57,410.33
9,329.78	Depreciation	12,752.01
813.18	Donations and Gifts	1,560.00
1,810.94	Electricity	3,777.20
1,363.64	Entertainment Expenses	1,109.09
8,883.92	Equipment	2,567.35
17,247.78	Hire of Plant and Equipment	24,635.75
3,065.19	Insurance	2,201.20
2,000.00	Legal Costs	
517.00	Licenses and Permits	344.74
3,576.13	Meeting and Function Expenses	137.00
31.05	Mileage	
1,443.00	Monitoring and Evaluation	
4,972.47	Newsletter Production and Distribution	7,529.50
17,109.69	Nursery Costs	17,182.87
6,314.71	Other Administrative Expenses	3,406.13
9,782.67	Other Operating Expenses	10,065.65
3,013.72	Other Employment Costs	4,017.53
150.00	Photographic Records and Maps	121.11
2,937.10	Postage	2,127.36
11,566.08	Printing and Stationery	6,593.57
13,039.85	Rent	22,953.18
3,352.10	Repairs and Maintenance	4,361.05
144.97	Reimbursable Expenses	
1,977.11	Safety Gear and Protective Clothing	1,540.80
3,753.57	Security Expenses	3,273.00
2,638.64	Staff Training	582.73
4,099.95	Staff Travel	2,104.34
532.79	Subscriptions and Publications	2,273.83
42,153.41	Superannuation Contributions	38,088.80
10,544.66	Telephone	10,181.61
1,599.39	Tool Replacements	4,226.06
18,674.24	Vehicle Expenses	23,515.91
6,595.05	Venue Hire	4,066.72
449,566.56	Wages	400,509.60
29,998.83	Wage Oncost Allocation	34,845.24
10,448.55	Workshop Expenses	3,034.00
<u>1,020,477.90</u>	TOTAL EXPENDITURE	<u>756,742.98</u>

The accompanying notes form part of this financial report

BARUNG LANDCARE ASSOCIATION INC
STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE 2010

2009		2010
\$		\$
968,644.98	TOTAL INCOME	766,136.43
<u>1,020,477.90</u>	TOTAL EXPENDITURE	<u>756,742.98</u>
-51,832.92	EXCESS OF INCOME OVER EXPENDITURE	9,393.45
<u>12,206.11</u>	Less Buildings Written Off Old Nursery	
<u>-64,039.03</u>	EXCESS OF INCOME OVER EXPENDITURE	<u>9,393.45</u>

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BARUNG LANDCARE ASSOCIATION INC

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30TH JUNE 2010

2009		2010
\$		\$
	MEMBERS FUNDS	
140,254.18	Opening Balance	76,215.15
<u>-64,039.03</u>	Add Excess of Income over Expenditure	<u>9,393.45</u>
<u>76,215.15</u>	TOTAL MEMBERS FUNDS	<u>85,608.60</u>
	REPRESENTED BY :-	
	CURRENT ASSETS	
25.00	Deposits	25.00
1,029.65	Petty Cash and Cash on Hand	1,379.85
63.52	Cash on Hand - Cash Drawer	2,018.41
159,208.71	Cash at Bank	83,757.64
584.45	LETS Account	551.49
29,787.25	Accounts Receivable	230,089.35
60,210.80	Stock on Hand - Plants	77,505.12
<u>-55,074.00</u>	Adjustment for Presold Plants	<u>-60,598.00</u>
<u>5,136.80</u>		<u>16,907.12</u>
<u>2,847.36</u>	Stock on Hand - Books	<u>2,847.36</u>
<u>198,682.74</u>	TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	<u>337,576.22</u>
	FIXED ASSETS	
87,454.95	Buildings - At Cost	103,009.13
<u>27,904.75</u>	Less Accumulated Depreciation	<u>31,659.97</u>
<u>59,550.20</u>		<u>71,349.16</u>
41,690.81	Plant and Equipment - At Cost	62,418.08
<u>29,363.90</u>	Less Accumulated Depreciation	<u>35,334.64</u>
<u>12,326.91</u>		<u>27,083.44</u>
41,890.30	Office Furniture and Equipment - At Cost	45,188.49
<u>29,016.65</u>	Less Accumulated Depreciation	<u>32,042.70</u>
<u>12,873.65</u>		<u>13,145.79</u>
<u>84,750.76</u>	TOTAL FIXED ASSETS	<u>111,578.39</u>
<u>283,433.50</u>	TOTAL ASSETS	<u>449,154.61</u>
	LESS LIABILITIES	
	CURRENT LIABILITIES	
79,748.00	Unexpended Project Funds	185,743.96
740.45	Unclaimed Gift Vouchers	711.45
12,207.34	Accounts Payable	32,483.27
33,227.46	GST Control Account	28,397.42
19,314.76	PAYG Wage Deductions and Superannuation Payable	51,569.54
20.00	Membership Clearing Account	20.00
<u>145,258.01</u>	TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES	<u>298,925.64</u>
	PROVISIONS	
61,960.34	Provision for Employee Entitlements	64,620.37
<u>61,960.34</u>	TOTAL PROVISIONS	<u>64,620.37</u>
<u>207,218.35</u>	TOTAL LIABILITIES	<u>363,546.01</u>
<u>76,215.15</u>	NET ASSETS	<u>85,608.60</u>

The accompanying notes form part of this financial report

Barung Landcare Association Inc

Notes to and forming part of the Financial Statements for the year ended 30th June 2010

Note 1: Statement of Significant Accounting Policies.

This financial report is a special purpose financial report prepared in order to satisfy the financial reporting requirements of the Associations Incorporation Act (Queensland) and the committee. The Committee has determined that the Barung Landcare Association Inc is not a reporting entity.

The financial report has been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Associations Incorporation Act (Queensland) and the following Australian Accounting Standards:

AAS 1	Statement of Financial Performance
AAS 3	Accounting for Income Tax
AAS 5	Materiality
AAS 8	Events Occurring After Reporting Date

No other **applicable** Accounting Standards, Urgent Issues, Group Consensus Views or other authoritative pronouncements of the Australian Accounting Standards Board have been applied.

This financial report has been prepared on an accrual basis and is based on historical costs and except where stated does not take into account changing money values or current valuations of non-current assets.

The following **material** accounting policies, which are consistent with the previous period unless otherwise stated, have been adopted in the preparation of this financial report.

(a) Income Tax

The Barung Landcare Association Inc is exempt from income tax under the Australian Income Tax Assessment Act 1997. No provision for income tax has therefore been made in these accounts.

(b) Fixed Assets

Fixed Assets are recorded at cost. Depreciation has been calculated over the useful lives of the assets to the Barung Landcare Association Inc commencing from the time the asset is held ready for use.

© Payments to Members

There were no payments made to members of the Barung Landcare Association Inc in the form of remuneration.

(d) Inventories

Inventories are measured at the lower of cost or net realisable value. Costs are allocated on a first-in first-out (FIFO) basis and also includes direct labour, direct materials and an appropriate amount of fixed and variable overhead expenses. The nursery stock is split into stock still owned by the association and stock that has been sold and waiting for clients and members to collect. This reflected in the financial statements by the line item "Adjustment for Presold Plants."

(e) Provisions for Annual Leave, Personal/Sick Leave, and Long Service Leave

Liabilities for annual leave and personal/sick leave are recognized, and are measured as the amount unpaid at the reporting date at current pay rates in respect of employees' services up to that date. A liability for long service leave is recognised, and is measured in respect of expected future payments to be made in respect of services provided by employees up to the reporting date.

Independent Audit Report to the Committee of the Barung Landcare Association Inc for The year ended 30th June 2010

Scope

We have audited the financial statements, being a special purpose financial report, of the Barung Landcare Association Inc for the year ended 30th June 2010. The Committee is responsible for the financial report and has determined that the accounting policies used and described in Note 1 to the financial statements which form part of the financial report are appropriate to meet the requirements of the Associations Incorporation Act (Queensland) and are appropriate to meet the needs of the Committee. We have conducted an independent audit of this financial report in order to express an opinion on it to the Committee. No opinion is expressed as to whether the accounting policies used are appropriate to the needs of the Committee.

The financial report has been prepared for the purpose of fulfilling the requirements of the Associations Incorporation Act (Queensland) and the Committee. We disclaim any assumption of responsibility for any reliance on this report or on the financial report to which it relates to any person other than the Committee, or for any purpose other than that for which it was prepared.

Our audit has been conducted in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. Our procedures include examination, on a test basis, of evidence supporting the amounts and other disclosures in the financial report and the evaluation of significant accounting estimates. These procedures have been undertaken to form an opinion whether, in all material respects, the financial report is presented fairly in accordance with the accounting policies described in Note 1 so as to present a view which is consistent with our understanding of the Association's financial position, and performance as represented by the results of its operations and its cash flows. These policies do not require the application of all Accounting Standards and other mandatory professional reporting requirements in Australia.

The audit opinion expressed in this report has been formed on the above basis.

Qualification

As is common for organizations of this type, it is not practicable for the Barung Landcare Association Inc to maintain an effective system of internal control over receipts and payments until their initial entry in the accounting records. Accordingly, the audit in relation to these activities was limited to the amounts recorded.

Audit Opinion

In our opinion, except for the effects of such adjustments, if any, as might have been determined to be necessary had the limitation discussed in the qualification paragraph not existed, the financial report presents fairly in accordance with the accounting policies described in Note 1 to the financial statements, the financial position of the Barung Landcare Association Inc as at 30th June 2010 and the results of its operations for the year then ended.

Michael T. Harper (Registered Company Auditor 6286)



Dated this 7th day of October 2010



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It's all about ...

... fresh AIR

... clean WATER

... healthy SOIL

... native FLORA

... vital FIRE

... diverse FORESTS

... caring PEOPLE

... abundant WILDLIFE

*Barung Landcare is working
to develop ethical solutions
for a sustainable future.*

*We support regional and local empowerment
to conserve and enhance
the rich diversity of natural resources
of the Blackall Range and environs.*

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