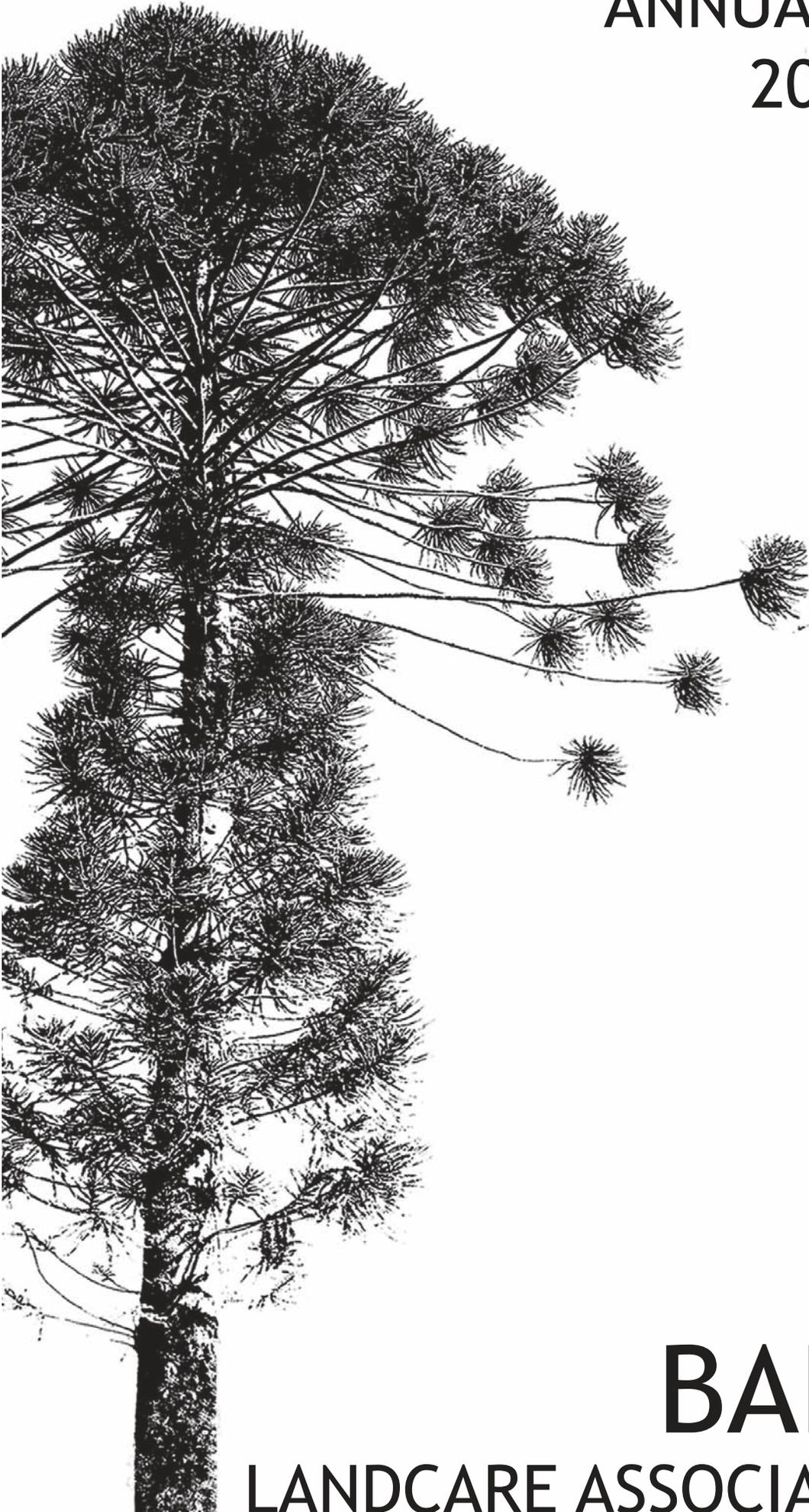


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Thanks to Leisa Gunton for Barung's new Porters Lane Nursery sign

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

by Eric Anderson

This is my fifth and final Annual Report and they are not getting any easier. Last year was extremely difficult as we faced cash flow difficulties and had to reduce staff salaries and relocate from our spacious offices in the Riverside Plaza to a modest room in the Hinterland Business Centre. The new Committee has spent a great deal of time in planning and restructuring the way we operate so that we might look to a more secure future. Priority is being given to addressing the need for our business arms to be 'professionally' managed, financially viable and contributing to the aims of the organisation. In the short term the spotlight is on Contracting, Nursery and Events. We have had a better financial year but we have a long way to go. I will leave it to the Treasurer to provide the financial update.

On the positive side we have been fortunate to move into a better office space, at little extra cost, in the Hinterland Business Centre and are grateful to the manager, Edith-Ann Murray for all of her assistance.

I always feel proud and positive when I look at the great range of activities we have organised and/or been involved in such as:

- Numerous in the paddock activities under the Hinterland Bush Links Roving Restorers' program, which is going from strength to strength under the energetic guidance of Susie Duncan
- Water Watch workshop held by MRCCC in Maleny
- Weed Vine Workshop, Conondale
- Seed Recognition and Collection Field Walk, Balmoral-Montville-Flaxton area
- Rainforest revegetation walk on Douglas Haynes property, Maleny, for nursery volunteers
- Tick Information Session, Maleny
- Koala Ecology and Conservation Workshop, Maleny
- Fungi Workshop, Maleny
- Tree identification workshops with Ashley Sewell
- Providing an information presence on a weekly basis (every Thursday) in the Maleny Community Centre's Kiosk – thanks to Kellie Huddy and her volunteers

- A very successful Wood Expo as a result of good organisation, good weather and good attendance – thanks to Steve McLeish, Mim Coulstock and numerous volunteers
- Qld Garden Expo at Nambour, World Environment Day Expo at Sunshine Coast Uni and monthly Markets at Montville and Witta – many thanks to the Nursery Staff for preparing the plants and the volunteers who participated in these events
- Tree planting and Bushcare events on the Maleny Community Precinct
- Creating Wildlife Habitat in your Backyard workshop, Maleny
- Bird and Plant Identification walk Flaxton
- Bushcare Major Day out events at Montville and Crystal Waters
- Walks on the Wildside at Mary Cairncross Reserve, Mapleton National Park, Ewan Maddock Dam and Point Cartwright
- Maleny Lions Club Welcome Dinner for new residents

The saga continues with the potential location of our proposed Resource and Education Centre and Retail Nursery on the Maleny Community Precinct. We thought that progress was being made when Council offered us land that had been set aside for Community Use and the Aquatic Centre. However, after viewing the Draft Agreement there appears some doubt about the suitability of this location.

Another unfinished business that has been with us for some years is the sale of the Genesis property which is at 62 Upper Cedar Creek Road and is jointly owned with Northey Street City Farm. After many earlier difficulties the property is finally on the market and attracting some interest.

Earlier in the year we faced the prospect of running out of water at our Landsborough Nursery which called into question our lack of planning for water security. Negotiations are continuing with Unity Water to access water from their Landsborough Sewage Treatment Plant (STP) from a nearby pipeline. Similar negotiations were also held to access water from the Maleny STP for the Porters Lane Nursery; however it transpires the water is not suitable to use in a retail nursery that has public access.



Since the first tree was planted on the Maleny Community Precinct earlier this year, over 18,000 trees have now been planted thanks to the work and dedication of staff and volunteers.

Congratulations to Lorraine See, Martina Gordon and Janet Hamilton, all members of Barung Land-care Association, who have started the Group 'Walks on the Wildside'. Their vision is to connect people, especially children with nature. Barung is pleased to auspice the group in order to provide them with insurance cover during their excursions.

Welcome to Robyn Harper who started the year as our new Newsletter editor and many thanks to Eve Witney, our previous Editor, for her long (9 year) and invaluable contribution to Barung. This year we produced a quarterly newsletter.

Thanks to all of the staff members for your continuing commitment and loyalty to Barung. Welcome to new members in the 'Contracting Team', Luke McWilliam as Natural Area Manager and Brenton Schwab as Team Leader. The reorganisation was precipitated by the stepping down by Matt Bateman after seven years valuable service. Many thanks Matt.

Our sincere condolences to the relatives and friends on the passing of two of our early members Denise Irons who joined in October 1990 and Bill Egerton who joined in February 1991. They were contributors in many ways over many years and helped develop our wonderful organisation.

I again thank our numerous volunteers and wish we could reward all of you. This year it was great to see Alan Felmingham be Barung's Nominee to receive the Glasshouse Electorate Volunteers Award for 2013. Also congratulations to Steve McLeish the recipient of the Sunshine Coast Council's Australia day Award in the 'Creative' category.

Finally, thanks to all of the Management Committee for your input during the year. Welcome to new Member Sue Brieschke who helped fill the vacancy left by the retirement during the year of Dianne Clarke.



A group Of 27 adults and children undertook the first 'Walks on the Wildside' in June this year.



Barung President, Eric Anderson thanks Hinterland Business Centre Manager, Edith-Ann Murray, for her assistance in securing Barung's excellent new office location.

VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

by Lindsay Kruger

This past year has been characterised by a change in Management Committee (MC) responsibilities with the formation of subcommittees to be responsible for tasks. They were: Membership, Business Strategy, Marketing and Promotion, Education, Newsletter Editorial, Finance, and Precinct. These were formed in January and dissolved in August, with ongoing tasks allocated to MC members where necessary.

Ongoing committees are: Nursery, Gardens For Wildlife and the Wood Expo Committee. Auspiced groups are Hinterland Bush Links and Walks on the Wild Side. The MC deemed the introduction of additional sub-committees necessary to manage the organisation's business more effectively, as the job is too big to be handled by one or two persons. In previous years, an Operations Manager was employed to carry out many of these tasks; however, a few of years ago, Barung found that it had no spare funds to pay a person in this role. The President adopted the additional workload.

My sincere thanks to my committee colleagues who have shown dedication, resourcefulness, integrity and commitment in working towards Barung Landcare's wellbeing. There is still much work to do.

Thanks also go to our wonderful volunteers, they're dedicated to continuing to support the good works carried out by Barung Landcare. They are an inspiration to the Management Committee.

Proposed Membership Restructure and Benefits

In the first six months of 2014, many local businesses were approached to offer discounts of between 5% and 10% to Barung members who produced a current membership card. There are currently 15 participating shops.

It is proposed that Barung's membership structure be made more flexible. The proposed new structure was published in the July-September newsletter and is to be voted on at the AGM. When assessing this, please remember that the proposed increase in the basic membership fee is easily recouped when taking advantage of discounts offered by local businesses.

Environmental Levy Partnership Funding Agreement

Barung Landcare is appreciative of Sunshine Coast Council's funding allocation of \$47,000 annually (\$141,000 over a three-year agreement) from Council's environmental levy. Council has acknowledged that the amount allocated is \$35,000 less per year than was applied for, as available funds needed to be distributed to an increased number of community groups. The challenge for the next MC, is to make Barung Landcare function successfully with significantly reduced funding.

New Communication Success - Texting Messages

Our office has begun sending text messages about Barung's activities to the mobile phones of our volunteers and members who don't have an email facility. It is much appreciated by those members who had been feeling left out when they didn't receive notifications.

A Time to Celebrate! 25 Years and 2 Million Trees

YOU'RE ALL INVITED! Members, staff and volunteers are invited to Barung's 25th Birthday celebration at Mary Cairncross Park on Saturday 15 November, from 3.30 to 6.30 pm. This birthday celebration won't happen again, so don't miss out. There'll be entertainment, speeches, food and drinks, and lots of reminiscing. The four founders of Barung Landcare are intending to be there, so come along and meet them.

Barung is a not-for-profit organisation which has been transforming the community for the last 25 years. Its 'esprit de corps' has seen it through many difficulties, and there is much to celebrate about our organisation.

TREASURER'S REPORT

by Alan Harrington

From a financial point of view, 2014 was a successful year with Barung Landcare returning a healthy surplus. This is particularly pleasing in an environment where funding has been reduced. During the year an operational review was carried out which resulted in structural change that has enabled the Association to more efficiently carry out its functions. This review is ongoing and has extended to all facets of our operations.

The year also saw a very successful Wood Expo which was enjoyed by a record number of people. Interestingly enough more than half of the visitors were from outside the Blackall Range!

Barung continues to face challenges particularly in developing the proposed site on the Precinct.

None of this year's success would be possible without the significant contribution of our staff and wonderful volunteers. From my personal point of view, I extend a special thankyou to Den Lalor.

I look forward to a successful 2015!

Note: More specific financial information has not been provided as auditing had not been completed at time of printing.

BARUNG NURSERIES

Landsborough Production Nursery by Wayne Webb

With construction work largely finished, we at Barung's Landsborough production nursery have been able to concentrate more on plant production for a pleasant change and stock is looking fantastic.

There was a fairly major hiccup when the dam ran out of water after a prolonged period without any rain. We were looking at trucking stock up to Porter's Lane and having to buy in water (very expensive). Fortunately, the day after it ran dry we had flood rains (this is Queensland after all!), the dam filled up, and we all breathed again. The dam is currently near full, but with a hot dry period forecast??? As long as we get some rain, it should be OK.

As always, we are indebted to our fantastic band of vollies. I would particularly like to thank Ruth Blanch for her massive efforts in preparing plants both the Wood Expo nursery tent and the Queensland Garden Expo. Ruth, along with Alan Felmingham and Peter Atherdon also helps greatly in organising the more short term volunteers, and they keep things running smoothly while I'm on holidays.

Thanks also go to Diana O'Connor for her efforts in seed collecting, cleaning and sowing, which has seen our propagation shed kept full of a wide range of seedlings ready for tubing. Unfortunately, Diana is unable to continue in this role. Her help will be greatly missed. I am also thankful to Paul Barnes, who has taken over the role of writing the plant profile for Barung's newsletter.

We have had some large projects to grow for this year. Revegetation planting has begun in earnest on Maleny's Community Precinct with around 19 000 trees planted on the northern section in the first phase of Unity Water's Irrigated forest. These were grown by the Barung nursery, with more to follow in 2015 and 2016. 'Green Hills' is currently planting a further 8000 trees along the Obi Obi, again supplied by Barung. We also provided a large number a tube-stock for Barung Contracting's work at the Sunshine Coast University.

Porters Lane Nursery by Fuschia Collard

I am happy to report that Porters Lane Nursery is running smoothly. The redesigned nursery helps us provide better customer service, increased efficiency and easier access for customers to our diverse range of stock. The addition of the Eftpos machine has also been an added bonus to customers and sales.

Open Saturdays - The beginning of 2014 saw the return of Saturday morning trading at Porters Lane. A dedicated team of volunteers open the nursery on Saturday morning from 9 am -12noon. Thanks to volunteers, Daryl Reinke, Craig Hosmer, Paul Barnes, Gretchen Evans, Peter Milton and Karen

Hawkins. Interest and sales are increasing.

Water - A few pump issues in the dry spell lead us to pursue the viability of using Unity Water recycled water to irrigate the nursery. Unfortunately, Unity Water has since advised that the water quality is not suitable for our purposes. The Solar pump however, is working well. Thanks go to Lindsay Kruger for helping with pumping throughout that challenging period. Additionally, Porters Lane experienced a number of heavy frosts this year, but due to the efficient timing on our sprinkler systems, we did not sustain any frost damage.

Sales - Over all nursery sales have increased over the last financial year. Again, we have enjoyed assisting many Land for Wildlife customers. The Maleny Wood Expo and Nambour Garden Expo sales were consistent with last year's events. We supplied plants for the Unity Water's reforestation project (phase one) and Green Hills project. The 2014 launch of Gardens for Wildlife, developed for owners of smaller properties, brought an increased number of Wildlife-friendly gardeners to our door. We provided GFW members with 10 plants each, a bale of mulch, information and 10 tree guards. Barung plant stalls at the Maleny kiosk, Montville and Witta Markets continue with the kind support of more wonderful volunteers like, Kellie Huddy, Lorraine See, Lyn Hill, Paddy Parr, Lin Fairlie, Michelle Felmingham, Sammy Ringer & Lindsay Kruger. I would also like to thank John Arias, Ian Webster and Dianne Lanske and other short term volunteers for their contributions to our community nursery. This year has seen an increase in revegetation orders from further afield. We've packed orders for Toowoomba, Brisbane, Crow's Nest, Kingaroy, Monto and Bundaberg to name a few. With the increase of sales comes the increased demand on Wayne's car. Wayne has transported over 50,000 plants from Landsborough to Porters Lane since January. This issue is currently under review and will hopefully be resolved shortly.

All in all things are looking up and I look forward to a more prosperous future for the nursery.



Nursery sales increased across the board this year including this year's Wood Expo.

PROJECT COORDINATION

by Jonathan Waites

Projects & Talks

The Village Nursery Project managed by Landcare Australia and funded by the Westpac Foundation, finished up in December 2013. The project was to provide refugees seeking asylum, who were being hosted by families on the Sunshine Coast, opportunities for gaining work and social skills. Unfortunately, we were not able to continue the program in 2014 due to refugees not being hosted on the Sunshine Coast, not because of a lack of host families up here, but due to some decisions being made in Brisbane that we were not privy to.

However Ranjan (one of our initial refugee participants starting at the beginning of 2013), has continued to volunteer each week through 2014. He has become an enthusiastic member of our team of regular volunteers at the nursery at Landsborough. Until January, when he moved to Brisbane, Kanna, a fellow Tamil from Sri Lanka who was being hosted by a family at Witta, also volunteered regularly in Landsborough. His place has been taken by Jeeva, another Sri Lankan, who has become one of our regulars at the nursery each week.

I would also like to acknowledge the support we have received from members of Buddies Refugee Support Group, in particular Fergus Fitzgerald, who continues to organise (and provide) transport for Ranjan and Jeeva to the nursery each week. We are very pleased to have the help of these men and the opportunity they provide for us to relate to a culture which is having to endure circumstances difficult for us to grasp, both in their own country and ours.

With funding received from Everyman's Environment Grant Round 2 (administered by the Department of Environment and Heritage Protection, we were able to kick off the Gardens for Wildlife (GFW) project in May. GFW is a version of the Land for Wildlife program, but aimed at urban and peri-urban landholders. Like the latter, it provides recognition and support for those who are actively encouraging wildlife habitat in their backyards and contributing to habitat connection.

The opening GFW event was held in Paul Barnes' garden, where Dr Nita Lester addressed around one hundred guests. Since then, 92 people have become members of the program and to date, picked up 490 tubestock from the nursery for planting in local gardens. There have been three GFW activities following the launch; two were held in gardens looking at local examples of gardens for wildlife and one at the Maroochy Botanical Garden. The first GFW newsletter has just come out and a number of information sheets is in production and will soon be ready to add to the Notes folders members have already received.

We have almost completed the installation of the equipment funded by the Gambling and Community



Dr. Nita Lester addressed around 100 guests at the Gardens for Wildlife Program launch on 24th May.

Benefit Fund grant. The great deal that tank manufacturer, Polyworld, gave us meant we were able to purchase an extra tank and will be able to collect rainwater from the potting-up shed in addition to all the other buildings at the nursery at Landsborough. I would also like to acknowledge the support of Craig Stevens, manager at Hanson Construction Materials, who provided us with road base and crusher dust on which to sit four of the new tanks.

We were very fortunate to receive funding again from the Sunshine Coast Council Community Partnerships Funding Program. This funding has been of great benefit in helping to offset some of the costs associated with our advocacy work. It has supported the salaries for extension, management and administration officers as well as office rental costs. Directly and indirectly, it assists us to provide information (e.g. plant selection guides), events (e.g. Maleny Wood Expo), field days (e.g. community tree plants), practical workshops (e.g. native plant identification) and the dissemination of written information (e.g. the quarterly Barung Newsletter). This coming year (2014/15), it has become the Environment Levy Partnership Funding Program and our grant amount has unfortunately been reduced by approximately half.

As part of Landcare Week 2013, we ran several workshops and supported a couple of others. LANDSLIP - Processes and Practices in the SC Hinterland was one, which was part of the winding up of the SunCoast FarmFLOW Project, a collaboration between Maroochy Landcare, Queensland Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry (DAFF), Sunshine Coast Regional Council, and SEQ Catchments. The day was an information session attended by 50 landholders looking at local geology, the impact of landslip on the landscape and some of the activities that have been carried out as a result of the FarmFLOW funding in the Upper Mooloolah catchment. Warwick Willmott, a recognised authority on the geology of the area with a particular interest in

landslip, was the first presenter of the day followed by Dave Clark (Sunshine Coast FarmFLOW Officer) who gave a summary of the project. Mark Amos presented a case study of a revegetation project over an extensive slip on a local cattle property and David Lowry reported on a large slip in the Boorobin area which is feeding into the Mary River.

In March we held Ticks and Us - a talk attended by over 50 people to pass on information about the ticks in our area and their effects on our pets and us. We were fortunate to have the services of local vet Kurt Watter and local hospital nurse, Jude Carlson, cover the entomology and health aspects of our local species.

Other Stuff

- I coordinated the Maleny Wood Expo volunteers again this year and as always they did an extraordinary job. Some volunteers had the opportunity to fill in a short survey about their volunteering experience at the Expo; in short, all except one were positive about their experience and 89% said they would volunteer again next year (terrific!).
- Fuschia and I visited the Conondale School Yr 5 class to support the development of their 'Kids in Action' activity which had a bunya tree theme. Although we didn't get to see it on the day, we received a very enthusiastic report about their presentation from one of the Kids in Action organisers.
- Three years ago Barung was approached by the directors of the Genesis Foundation and asked if we would be willing to assume ownership of their 34 ha property on Upper Cedar Creek Rd (jointly with Northey Street City Farm) to prepare it for sale and distribute the proceeds between ourselves and several other not-for-profit community groups. To this end, a working bee with Northey St and Barung members was held in December to clean up the hut and surrounds, resulting in a large amount of rubbish going to the tip. The property went on the market in March and is still eagerly awaiting a buyer. In the meantime, we are keeping the weeds down and paying the rates (with Northey St) while waiting for that new owner to appear.



Kanna and Ranjan (obscured) from the Village Nursery Project, fit the overflow pipe into one of the new tanks purchased with funds from the Gambling and Community Benefit Fund Grant.

- Recently I met with Putri Rengannis and Diah, who are Masters students from Indonesia studying Community Development and Rural Development at UQ to discuss various aspects of how Barung interacts with the community. They were required to engage with a Landcare group as part of their Master's program and chose Barung to discuss the various ways in which we engage with our communities of interest. This is a reflection of the esteem with which Landcare in general, and Barung specifically, is held in regard to community engagement and fostering community participation. It is also an example of the extension role Barung provides to our community, locally and internationally!



HINTERLAND BUSH LINKS

by Susie Duncan

Hinterland Bush Links has been building great momentum over the past year. The community is enthusiastically engaged with on-ground activities and the project has forged strong ties with Sunshine Coast Council, Queensland Trust for Nature, the Great Eastern Ranges Initiative and other connectivity projects throughout Australia. This places Hinterland Bush Links in a national context for biodiversity conservation. A big vision is critical to the conservation of migratory and nomadic species, particularly in the face of climate change.

Within the Hinterland Bush Links (HBL) region, key linkages are the focus for restoration and connectivity activities, but all landholders are encouraged to be part of knitting back a healthy landscape. Some great works are underway in the Cambroon, Obi Creek, Reesville, Bellthorpe and Mary Cairncross linkages.



Tuan and Rufous Bettong – protected by reserves and restoration in the Cambroon Corridor.

A strategy for weed vine management has been developed to expand mapping and control works in the Cambroon Wildlife Corridor to include the entire upper catchment of the Mary River. With funding from Burnett Mary Regional Group, good progress has been made in this area by the Barung Contracting team.



Dutchmans Pipe (toxic to Richmond Birdwing Butterfly larvae) and Cats Claw creeper (smothers rainforest) are two of the prime targets of Barung's weed vine control work in Upper Mary Valley.

Roving Restorers continues to be well supported with 369 participants assisting 20 landholders with tree-planting and weed work in 2013-14. These events not only provide assistance to the landholders but also training for participants and a great exchange of ideas between practitioners.



Roving Restorers after weeding privet on the Obi Creek and...



...tree planting on the Mary River.

Little Yabba Bushcare, supported by Sunshine Coast Council, continues restoration work on Little Yabba Creek which enhances the Cambroon Corridor. HBL also contributes to Bushcare restoration work along the Obi Creek in Maleny.

A wonderful range of workshops has been held, including sessions on weed vine management, bush restoration, koala conservation and the ecological role of fungi. Particular workshops were run for neighbours of Mary Cairncross Reserve (MCR) and for community volunteers at MCR, Maroochy Botanic Gardens and Maroochy Wetlands. A well attended forum on connecting the bush was held at Crystal Waters, where several local people reported on the success of their collaborative restoration work in the Mary Valley. HBL also assisted with the launch of Gardens for Wildlife and subsequent workshops.

HBL gave a presentation on connecting landscapes at the Sunshine Coast Council's Conservation Forum attended by several hundred people from the region. Similar presentations were made at a wide range of other public events. Items on Facebook and stories in newsletters and local media have also played an important role in engaging community.

Other activities through the past year include a brief

fauna survey at a property at Belli Creek leased by the Mimburi Upper Mary River Aboriginal Association. The high environmental values recorded at the property will hopefully support its purchase and the continuation of environmental and cultural work at the site. HBL also organised the flora and fauna quiz at the Bunya Festival held at this same property.

We also promoted the National Koala Count in the Sunshine Coast region. In the coming year, HBL plans to expand restoration works across the Hinterland by setting up bushlink cluster groups amongst neighbouring landholders. The collaboration gives a great boost to landholders and also enables more effective planning for connectivity. We have a mapping project underway which will provide a picture on regional changes in vegetation cover, and extent of protected areas in reserves, conservation covenants etc. We will also launch an e-newsletter to keep the community informed about HBL's activities. And we will be bringing some inspiring speakers to share their experience with restoration and connectivity work.

For HBL to expand and achieve these goals, we will be seeking funding from donors as well as continuing applications to various grant agencies. We are grateful for current funding from Sunshine Coast Council, Burnett Mary Regional Group and Jane Abercrombie, and in-kind support from Barung Landcare and Lake Baroon Catchment Care Group.

Every day I thank my lucky stars that I live in such a rich landscape where pythons sprawl on the verandah and Black Cockatoos flap lazily past my office window. I also delight in meeting more and more people who want to create a future for our native plants and animals. Engaging that passion is critical to recovering a healthy landscape where the natural values of this region are secure. Hinterland Bush Links will continue to lead in this recovery.



HBL undertook a fauna survey and assisted with the Bunya Festival, at 'Mimburi' on the Mary River.



BARUNG EVENTS MANAGEMENT

by Steve McLeish



This year's Maleny Wood Expo on the first weekend in May, was an outstanding success with over 8,000 people attending over the two days.

We received very positive feedback from exhibitors and patrons, some saying it was the 'best year ever' and that it is 'fast becoming one of the premier wood shows in Queensland'. The weather was fantastic. The diversity and quality of the exhibits made for a stand-out event and the inclusion of kids' wood-working workshops proved to be a hit amongst the visiting families. We are already fielding enquiries for 2015 with some very interesting new exhibits and demonstrations.



Carba-tec children's wood-working workshops were a great hit, with plans for expansion next year.

The Wootha Prize is steadily gaining a reputation as one of Australia's best timber related competitions. The quality of the final exhibits was extraordinary. The theme for 2015 Wootha Prize is 'Planting The Seed'. Sponsorship for Wootha Prize is in place and application forms are available on the Maleny Wood Expo web site: www.malenywoodexpo.com/wootha-prize/

Planning for the 2015 Wood Expo is well under way. Mim Coulstock and I have applied for a package 3 year Events Queensland - SRES funding (Significant Regional Events Scheme) and are now awaiting the results. We are also currently looking at other funding opportunities and sponsorships.

In November we will make exhibitor applications available and continue to approach selected artisans. Indoor sites are now very sought after. A cooperative and communal feel exists among the exhibitors, both old timers and the newcomers.... and this helps towards finetuning the site and diverse individual requirements.



Sponsorship support included this fabulous wood-working kit from Carba-tec as raffle first prize.

The Maleny Wood Expo reaches its 20 year anniversary in 2016 and we are already working on ideas for special events and celebrations. If you have any ideas for our anniversary please let me know.

The Maleny Wood Expo is truly a community event. An enormous thanks must go out to the Maleny community for its support. Thank you to all the volunteers who take such pride in the Expo; all the local businesses who generously donate goods and services to the raffle and the opening night, and all of our sponsors and supporters;

Congratulations to Barung and its members for hosting such a unique and quality event. In addition to the opportunity for Barung to benefit financially from the Expo, the event exposes 'landcare' to a wide demographic and promotes Barung as a leader in community engagement.



Keith Gall, chainsaw carver, working on a sculpture that is now outside MCU.

BARUNG CONTRACTING SERVICES

by Luke McWilliam

Barung Contracting Services has continued to grow and is expected to exceed last year's record if only by a slight margin.

This solid performance has been due to the leadership and dedication of Matt Bateman and the enthusiasm and attention to detail of the contracting team. These gains have been in the face of restrictions in funding by local councils following a 'more for less' approach and the change in focus of the federal Government into the Green Army.

To ensure income stream is maintained, Barung Contracting Services is broadening its horizons and has recently undertaken a name change to 'Barung Natural Area Services' in a bid to align more closely with larger trading partners and to allow scope for wider service capabilities.

Barung Natural Area Services is also working more closely with the Barung Nursery to improve competitiveness of both entities.

The team would like to congratulate Kate on the birth of her beautiful baby boy, Beau. Josh Rennie-Hynes has now moved on to a career in music. We would also like to wish Tony well for his move to New Zealand and finely Sarah was farewelled last week who is moving on to broaden her horizons.



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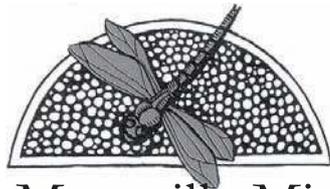
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