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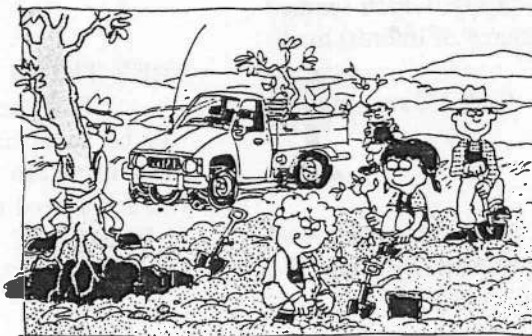
August/September '91

COMMING EVENTS:

- 25th AUGUST (Sunday) - Maintenance Day Baroon Pocket Dam, 9am (more details see below)
- 12th SEPTEMBER (Thursday) - Free Trees for C.C.C. Rate Payers
Tesch Park, 9:30 to 11:30 am.
- 15th SEPTEMBER (Sunday) - Maintenance Day Folk Festival Tree Plant,
at the Maleny Show Grounds, 9 am.
Notebook Observations - Frost damage.
- 21st SEPTEMBER (Saturday) - Notebook launch with Mr. Pat Comben (Minister for Environment and
Heritage), 9:30am, Booloumba Creek, Area 4,
Conondale District.
- 30th SEPTEMBER (Monday) - 2nd Barung Landcare AGM, 7:30pm, Uniting Church
- 12th OCTOBER (Saturday) - Bustrip along the Upper Mary River (details see below).

For MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

- 30th JULY (Submission due) - Commonwealth Development Bank LC Award (10,000) by the Qld LC
Council. Submissions: Barung LC Weed Control Research, management
and Promotion. A LC demonstration project.
- 2nd AUGUST (Submission due) - Save the Bush Grand Scheme Application, Awareness and co-ordination
of relevant groups; Submission: Wildlife Corridors and remnant
forestation in co-operation with the C.C.C.
- 19th AUGUST (Monday) - Committee Meeting, 7:30pm, at Enterprise Centre (previous CEDA),
Maleny.
- 6th SEPTEMBER (Sub due) - Frank Butt Foundation Landcare Award (Qld Landcare Council), \$1000
award, Objectives: to identify the Qld LC Group that has best forged
links with the schools of its district.
- 23rd SEPTEMBER (Monday) - Committee Meeting, 7:30pm, at Enterprise Centre, Maleny.
- 7th OCTOBER (Monday) - Regional Landcare Meeting, 9am, EC, Maleny.



An active group develops commitment.

SEED COLLECTING CAMP, June 15th. & 16th.

Those who missed out on this should ensure they get to the next one. It was a great weekend, botanically and socially, and from it we got much work for the potting shed.

The weather was wonderful, and Peach Tree camping area has all the basics for comfort - good sites, plentiful firewood and clean amenity blocks with really hot water. If all Forestry Dept. camp areas are like this, they are well worth patronising.

Our first day was an ongoing botany lesson illustrated by seed collection, and it also served to test the efficiency of the newly-printed Barung Landcare Notebook. Top marks to the compilers, as no major defects came to light in this important recording tool. There was some hilarity about the accuracy of such animal observations as tail-lengths and body weights, and some people are more capable than others about map drawing, but everyone's observations help towards a more accurate picture.

Highlights of the day were: - the rich harvest of *Polyscias murrayii* seeds, not often found in viable form in such profusion; the pair of Emerald Doves walking up the forest road; the feral pigs we "inadvertently" ran over, killing one; and the majestic trees along the route.

The night spotting of animals was voted an enjoyable event, though not many of us stayed awake late enough to see the Rufous Bettongs, or Rat-kangaroos. Brushtail possums were active in camp, helping themselves to breakfast cereals and bread from stores.

Sunday's pre-breakfast seed collection was of *Acmena Smithii*, in colourful profusion along the creek bank, and attracting Lewin's Honeyeaters.

The 3 1/2 hour morning walk brought a major find of *Psychotria daphnoides* in mature seed, as reported in Range News. The walk was through Bellbird country, and they were in fine voice. The trails are well-defined and fairly easy to walk, with some steep sections. Prizes of chocolate squares were awarded the youngest (4yrs) and oldest (70yrs) persons to complete the walk. Thus there is no need to feel that this is too strenuous an activity for people of ordinary fitness.

We also had a domestic chicken along, transported in an empty wine casket, which seemed to enjoy itself thoroughly. A source of interest to all, especially the children!

Cath Olive.

**MALENY SHOW DAY.**

Maleny Show proved to be a good day and with all the great information collected by Kath. We

had a fair bit of interest from our local farmers. The trees certainly enhanced the tent and many yarns changed hands. As we are trying to get some input from the local farmers as to what we can do for them this was a good start.

The following day Janel, Kath & I traipsed off to the Markets for a bit more advertising and it was a very slow day.

World Environment Day was then the following week and this proved to be a fun day although we didn't sell much. What with D.P.I., Forestry, and Barung in one small tent and things were pretty amusing - to say the least. Much information was passed around and I personally learned a lot and had some very constructive conversations. A very inspiring day.

BAROON POCKET DAM CLEAN UP DAY.

Sunday, 30th June, saw a busy band of Barung maintenance folk make a 9 o'clock attack on thick blady grass at the Baroon Dam tree-plant site.

A three-pronged attack led by "tree spotters" got under way with the location of trees buried in thick grass. This first wave was followed by the "whipper-snipper brigades" who quickly cut the offending grass from around the now visible trees while following the "spotters".

The last group was the "mulching group" whose members used the slashed blady grass to mulch the newly-emerged trees!

Our small band co-ordinated well and were able to get through a great deal of work. These trees will now be kept free of blady grass by the Water Board Ranger who will slash the areas periodically.

The day ended on a bright note with smoko of tea/coffee and biscuits at 11.30. It was great to see old faces and a few "newies" as well.

Our next maintenance day will be held at the same site on Sunday the 25th of August at 9am. I'll be ringing around for a work party a few days in advance. We don't need a huge crowd but a small well-organised group who can get in, get the job done, and get home to do the many things that have to be done. Please put a mark on your calendar now - **Sunday 25th of August at 9am at Baroon Pocket Dam.** Bring a whipper-snipper, rake, gloves and a good appetite. See you there. And don't forget your ten free trees for attending!

Tony Yorkston.

FREE TREES FOR RATE PAYERS

Free Tree Vouchers from C.C.C. Rate Notice will be accepted and free trees available at Tesch Park on **12th September at 9:30 to 11:30am.** If you don't need the trees you can donate the voucher to Barung and we will plant them at one of our Public Tree plants.

PLEASE NOTE:

Anybody who's growing seedlings in boxes for us and hasn't been rang about the quantities, please ring the office and let us know how many boxes you've got.

**LAUNCH OF
BARUNG LANDCARE NOTEBOOK.**

The Barung Landcare NOTEBOOK will be the senses, the nerve centre and the brains of Barung Landcare and its wise land management for our future.

Anyone wishing to get involved right from the beginning can attend the launch of the NOTEBOOK by the Minister for the Environment & Heritage, Mr. Pat Comben, on Saturday 21st, September at 9.30 am at Booloumba Creek, Area No. 4, Conondale District.
See you there!



WE NEED YOUR EYES AND EARS!

No, it's not a neighbourhood watch; it's a land watch project. It's an innovative new concept devised by Barung Landcare Association. A first, not only for Queensland, but Australia as far as we can determine.

Barung Landcare was aware right from its beginning two years ago of the lack of reliable information on our land resources. We were also aware that there is a huge amount of knowledge which can be gained from the community. A lot of this vital information is taken for granted by farmers and long term residents, who may look on with bewilderment or amusement at newcomers wasting money on trying to establish crops which have already been proven unsuccessful in the area because of frost, flooding or soil-borne disease.

This type of local knowledge is one of the resources the Barung Landcare NOTEBOOK is designed to tap. You don't need to have lived here all your life to make use of the notebook. There are sections designed to record day-to-day observations on plants, native and introduced, as well as crops. Observations of wildlife, birds and feral animals can be recorded in another section.

The overall aim is to build up, over time, an accurate picture of our land, its constraints and resources, and use this to promote wiser use of our land.

How will the system work?

Step 1: You've decided you'd like to be involved in this community-wide science project! Then, contact the Barung Landcare Association on Ph 074-943922 to obtain your notebook. COST only \$2.00 Collect from the Enterprise Centre Maleny, office hours, or we can post it out to you for an extra \$1.00 per copy. This includes 20c tree tax.

Step 2: When you receive your copy, begin recording what you see around you, especially where you live.

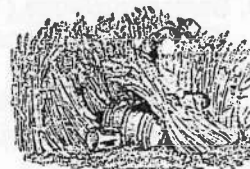
Step 3: Send off observations to Barung Landcare Association, P.O.Box 465, Maleny, Qld.4552.

Step 4: Barung Volunteers will enter observations onto the Barung Landcare computerised mapping data base.

Step 5: Once sufficient data has been recorded, maps and other useful information will be available to councils, community groups, businesses and individuals.

BUSTRIP ALONG THE UPPER MARY RIVER.

Get to know your local area and meet some of the Mary River Valley longterm residence. This will be an exiting outing to find out about the historical and landuse aspects of our area. You have three opportunities to catch the bus - 9am at Landsborough or 9:30am at Maleny or 10:15 at Conondale. We will have a picnic lunch in Conondale. Costs \$20 per person.



ENTERPRISE ARM

Well, we seem to be able to hold our heads above water now. As soon as we accumulate any money we will be putting it aside to save up enough for our first shadehouse (when we finally get a nursery site). Hopefully this will coincide with the Caloundra City Council approving the Bicentennial Lane Site.

Due to the fact that Mudlow View Nursery has withdrawn its support by paying Dean to seed collect two days a week, Barung Landcare has now arranged to pay Dean one day a week for this job.

GROWERS NOTES:

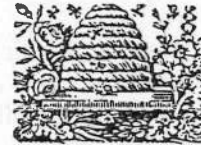
Our bottleneck in the seedling production seems to be the processing of the seeds into "Batchlets" for sowing. Anybody who is interested in counting or weighing our seeds or a bit of paperwork please contact us as at the Enterprise Centre (former CEDA), Maleny, on Tuesdays. Also, we still need a shadehouse area desperately.

Please note our office days are now Tuesdays. We are on Thursday at the High School for Free Tree Collections and purchase.

AGENDA OF
THE 2ND ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF
BARUNG LANDCARE ASSOCIATION

on Monday 30th September 1991, at 7:30pm, at Uniting Church, Maleny.

- ✓ 1. Opening and Apologies.
- ✓ 2. Minutes of last AGM
- ✓ 3. Business Arising
- ✓ 4. Financial Report (Lexy Forbes)
- ✓ 5. Enterprise Arm Report (Lexy/Dean Cameron)
6. Co-ordinators Report (Dean)
- ✓ 7. General Business
- ✓ 8. Election of Committee Members and Advisers for the new year.
9. Talk by Peter Huthwaite (see below)



Supper will be served.

Committee Members please bring a plate or a packet of biscuits.

NEW COMMITTEE MEMBERS.

The current Committee Members are Bill Hall (President), Barbara Schwabe (Vice President), Lexy Forbes (Part Co-ordinator, Secretary, Treasurer), Dean Cameron (Part Co-ordinator), Lindsay Kruger, Janel Skrandies, Mal and Margaret Thompson, Tony Yorkston, David Wilson and Malcom Wright.

The present committee feels that ten members on the Management Committee creates a problem when it comes to obtaining quorums (there are six members needed to vote). If we would only have eight members we would need five votes which seems more achievable to be able to make ongoing decisions. Part of our problem was that even though Dean was always present at the meetings as a co-ordinator, he was not a committee member and therefore was not able to vote. We have accepted Dean as a voting member at present. So we propose that both the Co-ordinators will be part of the voting committee. Cutting down to eight members of the committee, two of them Co-ordinators, we would have six vacancies for other nominations.

If you like to support us and be part of our team please write to P.O.Box 465 or ring us at the office on Tuesdays.

The New Committee Members must be prepared to:

- * Give up at least one day a month to Barung.
- * Be prepared to take full responsibility of a particular area working in with the co-ordinators eg Newsletters Janel.
- * Attend the Monthly Management Meetings and any other special meetings.

Some of the jobs available are:

- Secretary (proposed: Lexy Forbes)
 - Newsletter (proposed: Janel Skrandies)
 - * - Public Relations
 - Treasurer
 - Rural Liaison
 - Submissions (proposed: Jo Ferrier)
 - Growers and Propagators
 - Treeplants and Maintenance
 - Fieldtrips and Excursions
 - Workshops/Seminars
 - Memberships
 - Land Information Coordinator (proposed: Janel)
- and certainly more jobs can be found which are not listed ... feel free do create your own kind of job if its not on the list.

→ Peter Huthwaite will speak at the AGM addressing Landcare with a view to integrating the rural industry and land-use changes.



WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS:

The Randell Family, Claire Booth & Peter Tissot, Bob & Kay McMillian, Shelley Parker, Peter & Ann Oliver, Linda Ivarzic & Norm Austin, Scott Bain.

LANDMANAGEMENT FORM: A draft proposal.

The Calounda City Council invited B.L.A. to draft up a vegetation management proposal. We decided to agree and draw some of our information from our Landmanagement Forum.

THE BIOLOGICAL FARMERS OF AUSTRALIA

and

THE QUEENSLAND DEPARTMENT OF PRIMARY INDUSTRIES

invite you to hear a talk

by

PAUL BUXMAN

on

**DEVELOPMENTS IN CALIFORNIA IN MOVING
TOWARDS PESTICIDE-FREE FRUIT AND VEGETABLES**

When: Monday, 9 September, 1991, at 7.30 pm

Where: Troppos Restaurant, Sunshine Plantation, Old Bruce Highway, Woombye

Cost: \$10 (includes supper)

Paul Buxman is the founder of the California Clean Growers' Association, an organisation dedicated to helping farmers make the transition to using fewer chemicals. He has received international acclaim for his practical and commonsense approach to reducing reliance on chemicals. Paul is a grower himself with over 20 hectares of stonefruit and grapes. He is being brought to Australia by the Biological Farmers of Australia after members of this Association were highly impressed by his knowledge and example during a recent tour of California.

DON'T MISS this opportunity to learn about what is happening with one of horticulture's most pressing problems.

RESERVE your place by phoning Queensland Department of Primary Industries, Nambour, on 074 - 412211.

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