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LANDCARE NEWS

February - March 2010

MORE FOR YOUTH AT 2010 WOOD EXPO

Now in its 14th year, the Maleny Wood Expo on May 1 & 2 at the Maleny Showgrounds promises even more for the whole family than previous events.

For youth fired by the awesome displays by Winter Olympic skateboarders, the Expo is offering skatedeck-making workshops, and skate-boarding competitions will be held throughout the weekend. Those without the 'daredevil' streak can join in stilt-walking workshops, fall over laughing at the antics of Great Scott's street theatre, and explore the magical power of communal rhythm and melody in marimba workshops with Fatima from Jambezi.

And there will even be the chance to try out the 21st century, single person, short-haul, personal transporter – the Segway – not that this will be limited to under-age drivers!

Traditional Attractions

Apart from these great attractions, the Expo will bring the smells of our timber heritage into the present with chainsaws and mobile mills in full swing presenting current methods of preparing huge logs for end-users.

Stan Ceglinski will awe the crowds with his time-proven skills of yesteryear – the same skills that were used by the first white settlers who came to the Blackall Range in the mid 1800s to harvest the magnificent red cedars.

Throughout the site, our renowned furniture makers will be showcasing their craft – from fine furniture in the Main Pavilion to more rustic alternatives in the SES Shed and outdoor sites – all made from sustainably harvested Australian timbers, weed and recycled timbers.

This sustainability theme flows throughout the event with displays highlighting regional environmental initiatives, the Taste Maleny Produce Store offering local boutique produce, and the sustainable homes area.

Expo Atmosphere

Whether you're after a unique Mother's Day present, a superb piece of hand-made furniture, an outdoor BBQ setting or a couple of slabs to work your own magic on at home, the Maleny Wood Expo has it all.

Take time out with a 'beer & burger' or sample a rainforest liqueur from the Landcare Bar and BBQ, or sit back with a fair trade *latte* from Montville Coffee.

The Wood Expo is one of the few events with 'something for everyone', whether you're a collector of fine furniture or just out for a weekend drive with the family.

The 2009 Maleny Wood Expo is supported by the Sunshine Coast Regional Council and many local businesses and organisations.

For more information visit

www.malenywoodexpo.com.au

or contact the Expo Coordinator, Steve McLeish, on 0428 674 335 or steve@malenywoodexpo.com.au

VOLUNTEERING

at the MALENY WOOD EXPO **See Page 3!**

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Plant Credit Program

As a Barung member, with $250 you can set up a Plant Credit at the Barung Nursery that gives you a discount of 25% on tubestock, megatubes and some more advanced stock.

You can take the plants as needed in whatever quantity you require, subject to availability.

If you are interested in this program, talk to Wayne or Dawn in the Nursery.

Barung gratefully acknowledges funding & sponsorships from:

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The Threatened Species Network is a community-based program of the Australian Government and WWF-Australia.

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Lend a hand for Landcare

VOLUNTEERING at the MALENY WOOD EXPO

1st and 2nd May 2010

Preparing food at the Landcare Bar & BBQ Tent

Selling tickets for raffles and at the entry gates

Helping with plant sales at the Nursery tent

Barung is calling on its fantastic members to volunteer to again help run the 2010 Maleny Wood Expo.

The Wood Expo is both Barung's major educational event for the year and our major fundraiser. It has continued to grow over the last 13 years, and we're anticipating a further increase in ticket sales and exhibitors this year.

On the front line, volunteers manage the parking, entry gates, raffle ticket sales, Landcare BBQ tent and Barung's plant sales. Behind the scenes they keep the event running smoothly and ensure visitors go home with a lingering taste of Maleny's 'country' hospitality.

If you are unavailable over the weekend, we also need help during the week prior for set-up and again afterwards for pull-down.

Any contribution you can make to your organisation's premier event for the year will be (as always) greatly appreciated. Encourage some friends to volunteer with you for company!

If you are a new member or new to the area, this is a great opportunity for you to get involved in Barung and the local community.

All volunteers receive free Entry to the Expo, a drink voucher and free tree as a token of thanks.

So don't be shy!

Please fill in a ***Volunteer Registration Form*** at the Barung Office next to the Post Office or contact the office for a form to be emailed, faxed or posted out to you.

The Volunteer Registration Form can also be downloaded from

www.barunglandcare.org.au

For more information on volunteering at the Maleny Wood Expo 2010, please contact

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NURSERY PROSPECTS CONTINUE TO IMPROVE

PRESIDENT'S REPORT by Eric Anderson

Barung continues to be a locationally dispersed group with our resource centre office at the Riverside Centre in Maleny, the Contracting Group at another site in town, and the Barung Nursery at Porter's Lane, a temporary site on the Maleny Community Precinct.

When we moved from our previous location a year ago we believed we would be up and running in an expanded nursery site by March 2009. The delay has been a severe drain on our finances. We do not have a definite site yet but for the first time there are promising indications, as the Master Planners test their draft plans, that we will finally (and favourably) be located on the site. A debt of gratitude is owed to Heather Spring for her continuing work on our behalf on the Maleny Precinct Working Group.

The return of rain to the Hinterland in the last month has meant that our nursery plant sales have increased. This is good news. The rain has also helped with the water supply issues we face until we are able to implement our integrated water plan. Similarly the rain has also meant an increase in work for Matt and his staff in Contracting Services.

Staffing the Resource Centre

With the departure of Fuschia at Christmas for 'greener hills' we were left with a large gap in our resources. However with the help of five volunteers, the Office and Resource Centre is still open five days a week.

Also David Binstead has increased his commitment of time within Barung and has picked up most of the bookkeeping MYOB tasks, while Dennis Laylor works one day a week to manage the Members' database and help with some website updating. Many thanks to all these helpers.

Grant funding received

Barung was successful in obtaining $20 000 in funds from the last round of Caring for Country – Community Action Grants. This project will enable us to continue to engage with members and other landholders through a series of workshops and a community tree plant.

Along with many other community groups Barung was a recipient of a grant under the Sunshine Coast Regional Council's Community Partnerships Scheme. Our grant was for $85 000. This core funding enables us to return to a level of security in our community activities that was lost three years ago. We look forward to negotiating a further three years' funding in the next few months.

Participating in events

A great success was the culturally significant Bunya Dreaming. Congratulations to Beverley and Michael Hand on a wonderful day with more than 400 people attending on the banks of Lake Baroon, what a spectacular location to hold the event. Thanks must also go to Shane and the SEQ Water staff for their help and support in preparing for the day.

Our participation in the Woodford Folk Festival was a great success in raising funds and profile for Barung. We had a coffee and information stall in the Arti Arti area. Thanks to Penny Smith for asking us to attend. Close to 6000 trees were sponsored by patrons of the festival. As part of our support for the festival this number will be matched by Barung and the trees will be planted at various events on the Woodford site over coming years.

The Witta and Montville Markets continue to grow and give us a visible presence within the community. We also generate valuable funds from these events each month – many thanks to all the volunteers who help out.

Plans are starting to take shape to celebrate Barung's 20th birthday. We hope to organise a large fund-raising celebratory dinner in town and an event on our new site in the Maleny Community Precinct. These will take place in the second half of the year.

Remember to put on your calendar the dates for the Barung Maleny Wood Expo, 1st and 2nd May 2010.

GREEN MUSIC MACHINE RAISES FUNDS FOR TREES

What better way to spend Australia Day than on a beautiful sunny day at Happy Valley at Caloundra.

At the celebrations put on by the Sunshine Coast Regional Council, Mayor Bob Abbot performed alongside other well-known local performers Harii Bandhu, Lara-Jane, Lucy Hannah and Michelle Brown in the newly formed 'Green Machine' to raise funds for tree planting. The gold coin donations raised on the day will support Barung in organising a community treeplant on the coast later this year.

Barung maintained a presence on the day with an information tent, providing an opportunity for people to become informed about Landcare and the environment.

Barung President Eric Anderson with a selection of plants and members of the Green Machine during a rehearsal break prior to the Australia Day Celebrations.

Eupomatia bennettii – SMALL BOLWARRA

Family Eupomatiaceae

PLANT PROFILE by Wayne Webb

Beautiful creamy-yellow perfumed flowers (to 25 mm diameter) are a feature of this small shrub and are the reason it is often sought after by rainforest enthusiasts. It grows to 1 metre in height, and often has only one or two slender, rather straggly, stems.

Flowers are terminal, carried singularly on the end of stems from late winter to midsummer. Buds are covered by a green cap which is shed to reveal the yellow petal-like staminodes.

The aggregate fruit is a flat urn-shape, 30 mm in diameter by 10–15 mm deep, and contains many black seeds. Fruit ripen winter to spring.

Foliage is shiny and deep green. Leaves are narrow, oblanceolate, with wavy margins, 10–20 cm long. Branchlets are zig-zagged.

Eupomatia bennettii occurs from the Nambucca Valley in New South Wales, north to Cooloola and Bulburin in south-east Queensland. It may be found growing in subtropical, warm-temperate and dry rainforests, and bordering wet sclerophyll forests.

Eupomatiaceae is an ancient and primitive plant family with a single genus containing three species – *Eupomatia bennettii*, *E. laurina*, and the recently named *E. barbata*. *Eupomatia laurina*, with white flowers and known as Bolwarra, Native Guava, or Copper Laurel, is more common and widespread. *Eupomatia barbata* is called the Northern Small Bolwarra, and occurs in north Queensland.

Flower and foliage of Eupomatia bennettii *(right), being visited by a pollinating weevil (left).*

[Photos by Wayne Webb]

Flowers of *Eupomatia bennettii* are only pollinated by a small weevil, which may be attracted to the flower over large distances. Fruit are edible with a taste resembling guava. Fruit soften and go a yellowish-green when ripe.

Small Bolwarra requires a shaded, protected position, and may be used as an infill in an established rainforest garden. It has little impact when not in flower but makes up for this for the short period when in bloom. In revegetation projects, it can only be used in later phase enrichment plantings. Young plants may sometimes appear to die back but shoot away again in spring from the tuberous root system.

Seeds may be separated by mashing and floating off the flesh in water – seeds should sink to the bottom. Sow thinly and lightly cover with propagation media. Seeds germinate reliably, but early growth is slow. Protect from slugs. Tube-up as soon as the seedlings are big enough to handle and grow on in a shadehouse.

WILDLIFE WALKS with SUSIE DUNCAN

Friday 19 March

Maleny National Park – Walli Section

5 km walk on and off tracks, gentle–moderate grades.
Rainforest and eucalypt forest.

Monday 19 April

Booloumba Falls to Booloumba Ck (Camp 3)

10 km walk on track, moderate to very steep downhill grades and one creek crossing (wading).
Rainforest, eucalypt forest and creek cascades.

- Please book at Barung on 5494 3151. No fee.
- Park in the public carpark behind Maleny IGA and meet at the Barung Office (next to Australia Post) at 8.45 am to car pool; expect to return to Barung by 4 pm.
- Bring water, lunch, boots, hat, sunscreen, insect repellent, binoculars, and togs if you wish to swim.

SEED ALERT

by Diana O'Connor

Our community seed collectors are vital for keeping the Barung Nursery stocked with local provenance seed. If you're wondering what and how to collect, contact the Nursery for advice.

Species that are coming into seed over the next weeks include Yellow Carabeen *Sloanea woolsii*, Rough-leaved Elm (leaf is like holly) *Aphananthe philippensis* and Whalebone Tree *Streblus brunonianus*.

We have enough Piccabeen Palm at present.

We'd love seed from the Walking Stick Palm *Linospadix monostachya*. You might also find Silky Myrtle *Decaspermum humile* still and we want that species. *Syzygium crebrinerve* is generally ripe this time of year. Also Cheese Tree *Glochidion ferdinandi*, Snowood *Pararchidendron pruinosum*, and Lolly Bush *Clerodendrum floribundum*.

And there are others! So please keep you eyes open for us.

Thanks again to all who have contributed seed recently. Your help is vital.

ALWAYS COLOUR

THE ORNAMENTAL GARDEN by Joan Dillon

There can be a perception that mid to late summer is a season when native gardens lack colour. There may not be the spectacular display of the exotic tibouchinas but with good plant choice there is certainly plenty of variety.

Seasonally erratic flowering has resulted in some trees flowering twice as is happening with my red bean *Dysoxylum mollissimum* subsp. *molle*, and some not at all, as with my riberry *Syzygium luehmannii*. The pink euodia *Melicope elleryana* has however been totally reliable with the branches presently displaying masses of pink flower clusters. The lorikeets are delighted especially since the trees are flowering more or less sequentially, thus prolonging the bounty. Whether the birds will get drunk on the fermenting fruit later in the season remains to be seen. The tree can grow to 25 metres but this is unlikely in the garden. The large trifoliate glossy leaves and creamy bark are an additional feature. Use it in the revegetation as well.

The beautiful little rose myrtle *Archirhodomyrtus beckleri* is also flowering with small creamy or pink blossoms. This is a dense shrub which may not grow to more than about 1.5 metres in an open garden situation. The multi-branching habit lends itself to pruning if necessary. Some bottlebrushes such as *Melaleuca pachyphylla*, the wallum bottlebrush, have continued to flower sporadically with the green form being especially prolific. Midyim *Austromyrtus dulcis* is flowering, again.

Both species of *Psychotria* are having a second flowering. I think I prefer *Psychotria daphnoides* which is not quite so aggressive, remains bushy in the shade and has smaller, glossy leaves which are not as prone to wilting as those of *Psychotria loniceroides*, although the latter recovers remarkably quickly after a long dry spell. *P. daphnoides* is an excellent understorey shrub.

At ground level, the native bluebell *Wahlenbergia* and native violet *Viola hederacea* have been totally reliable, as has *Scaevola aemula* and *Goodenia ovata*. The last two are easy to propagate from cuttings. Bluebells and violets will send down roots and spread out of their own accord.

Melicope elleryana *reliably in flower. [Photo by John Dillon]*

Fruit of course also provides colour and *Auranticarpa rhombifolia*, the diamond-leaved pittosporum, will probably be displaying some orange fruit. *Callicarpa pedunculata* will have pink flowers as well as clusters of small purple fruit to keep the fruit-eating birds happy.

Acronychia oblongifolia, white acronychia, is covered in clusters of small white flowers which will be followed by edible fruit. This is a very attractive small tree which is also useful in the revegetation.

Apart from weather considerations, flowering times do vary with latitude and altitude so that gardens on the eastern side of the escarpment will differ from those up on the plateau.

Leaves provide colour and come in many shades from pale pinkish green new growth on *Lepiderema pulchella* to bright pink and magenta tip growth on many lillypillies, grey-green for some native hibiscus and on to glossy shades, dark shades and everything in between. Leaves provide colour year round.

The more diversity in the garden, the greater the likelihood of colour, regardless of the vagaries of the seasons.

COOPERATIVE EFFORTS

Work on the Maple Street Coop's 'backyard' has started. As part of tidying up and preparing the ground for work, a number of weed trees have been removed. The mulch will be used later in the project. Barung's donated water tank is waiting to be relocated and hooked up to downpipes near the back of the Coop.

Soil testing has been undertaken and the results will be back for Barung to look at in the next few weeks. If you want to know more, talk to Jonathan at the Barung office.

PLANT A VINE – Help a beautiful butterfly

by Eva Ford, Catchment Officer
Mary River Catchment Coordinating Committee

With assistance from Sunshine Coast and Gympie Regional Councils, the Mary River Catchment Coordinating Committee is working in the Mary catchment and surrounds to distribute Richmond Birdwing Butterfly food vines for planting to interested property owners.

We have vines available now to give to land holders in the Mary River catchment.

If you are on a property we'd love you to plant 30 or more vines but you can also get your neighbours involved to share the load if you are not able or are on a small holding.

All year is good for vine planting to help bring back the Birdwing butterfly, but recent rain makes it an ideal time right now.

For information about vine identification, to submit vine and butterfly sightings or to receive free vines, contact the Mary River Catchment Coordinating Committee on 5482 4766 or email *mrccc@ozwide.net.au*

VOLUNTEERS needed at the BARUNG NURSERY

With the natural cycle of things,
we are in need of more volunteers at the Barung Nursery …

Sooo… if you would like the opportunity to regularly volunteer and you have an interest in propagating and growing native plants in good company, then our native rainforest plant nursery may be the place for you.

You can be involved in a range of jobs depending on need and, as much as possible, your interests, such as

- preparing a variety of seed to enhance germination,
- tubing up (transferring seedlings to tubes),
- potting up (transferring tube stock to pots),
- making up plant orders,
- moving stock around the nursery.

No particular plant knowledge is required. Volunteers commit to some regular block of time (eg half a day or a day) between Tuesday and Friday of each week.

This is a great opportunity to gain experience in propagating and growing local rainforest plants while also learning more about your local area, working with like-minded people, and helping to enhance your local environment.

If you are interested, please contact Wayne or Dawn at the Nursery on 0429 943 152, or the Barung Landcare office on 5494 3151.

Or just come on down to the Barung Nursery and see what it is all about. We have some spectacular views here!

The location is Barung Nursery, Porter's Lane, off Obi Lane, North Maleny.

INTERNATIONAL VISITORS TO THE BARUNG NURSERY

Josef Göppel touring the Barung Nursery with Nursery Manager Wayne Webb (above).

Josef Göppel, a member of the Bundestag (German national parliament) visited Barung recently.

In 1986 Josef Göppel founded the Landcare Association (LCA) of Middle Franconia. His goal was to reduce tension, increase dialogue, and encourage cooperation among local politicians, farmers and conservationists in order to manage the area sustainably. The movement has been a huge success and has spread rapidly throughout the country with over 140 local organisations in 14 out of 16 states today. Josef has been the chair of the national organisation since 1993.

We were able to discuss some of Barung's activities with Josef and also show him the more than two hundred native species being grown in our nursery.

Barung Management Committee member Bev Hand at the Barung Nursery (below) chatting to a documentary film crew from Japan about Barung Landcare, bunyas, cooperatives and LETS.

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AMANITA

FUNGAL FORAY by Gretchen Evans

After nearly three months of drought last year, the sudden rains after Christmas brought forth a few fungi.

Walking along part of the Great Walk on the way to Baxter Creek we found a patch of *Amanita* on the track. *Amanita* is a widespread genus and many of them are poisonous, such as the Death Cap. The most famous is the fly agaric (*A. muscaria*) – the well-known red-capped agaric with white warts on top which is often seen in children's fairy tale books.

Amanitas are in the same group as edible mushrooms and have gills under the cap but in this case the gills are free from the stem.

The young ones look like eggs or puffballs partly buried in the ground. They are covered by a protective layer called a universal veil. As they grow and the stem elongates the veil breaks. Part of this is carried up and often remains as warts or patches on top of the cap. The lower part often remains as a cup-like structure or concentric rings around the swollen base of the stem and is called a volva. Oftentimes there is also a membranous ring left on the stem.

Amanitas are often white and can be confused with edible mushrooms, so please DON'T take them home for eating.

Amanita *aff.* luteolovelata*: This species has patchy veil remnants on the cap, and the stem has a ring and a swollen base. These characteristics are common in the genus* Amanita*.*
[Photo by SJM McMullan-Fisher]

GROWERS' MARKET NEWS

by Pat Fuller

Barung Nursery now sells plants at the Blackall Range Growers' Market.

The next month or two, as you all know, is a wonderful time for planting, restoring and preparing gardens and bushland.

Barung's breakfast and coffee corner continues to provide a gathering point for people before or after they've filled their green bags!

Blackall Range Growers' Market has now been operating for two years and is quite well established out in Witta. The market has a reputation for quality produce that is, wherever possible, grown and made locally. There are now up to 40 stalls each month.

Stallholders are very willing to share their expertise about their produce or product. First-hand information from the grower/supplier goes a long way toward encouraging people to grow their own (trees, vegies, herbs, flowers, fruit…) and make their own (preserves, cakes, soap…). This knowledge is then taken out into the community and helps to create a demand for quality and freshness and generates interest and energy for projects such as community gardens.

A new minibus service from the Maleny town centre is being trialled during the February and March markets, making the market even more accessible for everyone. This will enable non-car drivers and those with disabilities to access the markets rather than relying on others for transport. Even for those with cars it is a convenient, fuel-saving and carbon footprint-reducing alternative!

Bus times are available from the Maleny Information Centre or by calling Market Enquiries.

The market is held on the third Saturday of each month in the grounds of the Old Witta School, 316 Witta Road, Witta.

The next two markets are on **March 20th** and **April 17th.**

Market Enquiries: 5499 9924

FROGMOUTHS

WILDLIFE WANDERINGS by Susie Duncan

Frogmouths must be one of our cutest night birds. Judging by the number of photos of the Tawny Frogmouth *Podargus strigoides* in The Range News, most people in the region are familiar with them. They seem to be very much at home in well-treed gardens, building their fragile platform stick nests in both native and exotic trees.

You may have been fortunate enough to see a line-up of chicks on a branch, somewhere in your surrounds. The adult tries its best to be inconspicuous during the day by posing as a broken-off branch and closing its bright yellow eyes to slits.

At night they are most likely to be seen perched on a roadside post or sweeping across the road after insects illuminated by headlights, a very risky strategy. They feed mainly on large ground-dwelling insects, spiders, frogs, small mammals and ground birds. Larger prey animals are killed by being bashed against a tree branch before being swallowed headfirst. The tuft of sensory feathers that projects between the eyes helps Frogmouths to detect flying insects. The call is a distinctive low 'oom' ('oo' as in 'book') repeated over and over.

There are two other species of frogmouth in Australia; the Papuan Frogmouth *Podargus papuensis* which occurs on Cape York, and the Marbled Frogmouth *Podargus ocellatus*. We stumbled upon a pair of Papuan Frogmouths when exploring a rainforest pocket near the Pascoe River on Cape York a few years ago. They were distinctive because of their huge size and bright red eyes.

The Marbled Frogmouth is split into two races, *marmoratus* on Cape York and *plumiferus* (often called the Plumed Frogmouth) in far north-east NSW and south-east Queensland. The Plumed Frogmouth is threatened, largely because its preferred sub-tropical rainforest habitat has been widely cleared for agriculture, timber extraction and forest plantations. The Mount Warning caldera in NSW and the Conondale Range close to Maleny now contain the two main populations of this species. At Curramore Wildlife Sanctuary I flushed out an adult Marbled Frogmouth in rainforest near Little Cedar Creek. It is a smaller bird than the Tawny Frogmouth and has bright orange eyes. In 2005 two Plumed Frogmouths were also located in Maleny National Park (Walli section) just two kilometres north of Curramore Wildlife Sanctuary.

All frogmouths are nocturnal and rely on their broad wings to carry them silently when hunting. Their rigid pose and mottled colouring provides excellent camouflage during the day. The name 'frogmouth' comes from the species' wide gape. The Latin name *Podargus* apparently means 'gouty old man' which probably refers to their short legs and supposedly weak toes. The species name of *strigoides* for the Tawny Frogmouth means 'owl-like'. The frogmouths are only distantly related to owls; nightjars are much closer relatives. However frogmouths have binocular vision and quiet flight in common with owls.

The Plumed Frogmouth is one of our rare jewels in this region. Connecting up the big blocks of bush will provide more secure habitat for this bird. Revegetating links between the Blackall and Conondale ranges may be a key step towards rebuilding the population of this elusive, orange-eyed night bird.

LBCCG PROJECTS 2009/10 AND BEYOND

by Mark Amos
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A Field Day is scheduled for later in the year to showcase the outcomes of Lake Baroon Catchment Care's 2009/10 funded projects. These five major projects range from a single year project with an LBCCG budget of $6137 to a project over four years that will receive funding of $26 733 in this financial year.

These projects will see almost 2500 metres of permanent fencing erected to manage stock access to waterways and erosion-sensitive areas, and more than 8000 trees planted to stabilise eroding and vulnerable areas.

Hard engineering solutions feature prominently in LBCCG's aims and this financial year almost 900 metres of livestock laneways are undergoing rehabilitation and hardening, primarily on dairy properties. Three new crossings are being constructed and five more crossings are being rehabilitated. Similarly, the installation of off-stream watering on a beef property (solar pump and four troughs) will have an immediate positive effect on water quality.

In addition to our very generous support from Seqwater, LBCCG has successfully sought funding from the Caring for Country: Community Action Grants program, Sunshine Coast Regional Council, and a Barung Landcare-sourced grant from Queensland Primary Industries and Fisheries.

With the current Financial Year rapidly drawing to a close, local landholders, particularly those on larger properties, are encouraged to contact the Lake Baroon Catchment Care Group Coordinator, Mark Amos, on 5494 3775 to discuss potential projects for the 2010/11 funding round.

JUNIOR LANDCARE AT HARPER CREEK

by Jonathan Waites

Students from Conondale State School, together with Barung Landcare, planted over 300 trees along Harper Creek on John and Mary King's property on Wednesday 10th February as part of an ENERGEX Junior Landcare activity day, a joint initiative of Landcare Queensland and ENERGEX.

With support from Mary River Catchment Coordinating Committee's Catchment Officer, Dale Watson, the students also checked water quality in the creek by surveying macro-invertebrate populations.

The day began with a welcome to country by Bev Hand, a Barung Management Committee member. Other speakers included Justin Ward and Chloe Tanner (Landcare Queensland) and Tim Odgers (Northern Catchments Coordinator, Seqwater).

John King described a little about the work they have been doing on their property over many years and their interest in bush foods and bush food products. Later Mary provided us with examples of their work at smoko time – yum!

Dr Jan Green and Elizabeth from ENERGEX ran exercises to raise the students' awareness around energy consumption issues and were delighted by the level of environmental understanding displayed by Conondale students.

The riparian site was prepared by the landholders and Barung Contracting Services prior to the planting day, which got things off to a good start for the Year 6/7 class's tree planting. Trees were planted, mulched with weed mats, and watered in by the students in record time.

Thank you to ENERGEX and Landcare Queensland for their support and to John and Mary for allowing us access to their property and the opportunity to learn more about nature in their 'open air classroom'.

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REPORT GLOSSY BLACKS

The Glossy Black Conservancy gratefully receives all reports of Glossy Black Cockatoo activities, whether of feeding, flying or drinking, but observations within an hour or two of sunset are particularly sought. Glossy Blacks usually call while they're flying to their drinking points each evening and then onto their roosts, so this is an excellent time to be noticing them.

If you do have a 'sunset' observation, please let us know quickly with details of location, time, direction of flight and number of birds. Volunteer observers will attend to gather more information, usually within one week. You are most welcome to come along on the search.

The website of the Glossy Black Conservancy is

www.glossyblacks.org.au

More information, and brochures and sighting forms are available from David Niland (Birds Queensland) on

dcniland@aapt.net.au

'THE ART OF PROTEST'

Exhibition at Gympie Regional Gallery

February 27th to April 3rd

How art was used to help achieve the NO DAM decision for the Traveston Crossing Dam proposal over three and a half years.

The relentless creative spirit of the local community continued throughout the three and half years of the campaign, sometimes heartbreaking, often humorous – this exhibition tells a powerful story of people who refused to back down!

There were always new ideas, new tactics, new slogans and many events that reached out and touched a nation and the world.

Includes signs, music, merchandise, videos, posters, cartoons, costumes, humour and other items.

2010 Noosa Festival of Water

Sunday 20th June 2010

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More information:

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THANK YOUs from the BARUNG NURSERY

by Dawn Worthington

A huge thanks to all those ***people who return their plant tubes*** for recycling. Being able to reuse tubes is an enormous cost saving for the Nursery. Recycling tubes also helps you to reduce your carbon footprint. (I find it interesting that as a society we now have to be 'educated' about recycling. When I was young it was called common sense: 'waste not, want not'. I must be showing my age!)

During these warmer months when many of our rainforest species are setting seed, an enormous 'thank you' goes to our ***avid seed collectors***. Without you we would be hard-pressed to find the time to go and wander the Range. So thanks goes to the following people:

… ***Diana O'Connor*** for her ability to find seed on many of her walks,

… ***Bill Egerton*** for access to his property and seeds,

… ***Deanne Grace*** for her gathering skills,

… ***Jon Hodgetts*** for assisting Wayne in harvesting seed,

… ***Gordon Halliday*** for roaming Crystal Waters,

… ***John and Mary King*** for collecting *Lomandra* seed for us on the Mary,

… ***Don Woolard*** for *Gmelina* seed,

… ***Eric Anderson*** for his avid seed collection during his forays on the Range,

… ***Fran Guard*** and ***Bob Philpot*** for their seed and plant donations,

… ***Matthew Bateman*** for his unending ability to deliver seed to our benches in the early hours of the morn,

… ***Alan from Walker's Creek*** for his seed contribution,

… ***Eddie and Carol Weir*** for their seed contribution, and

… ***Elaine*** who brought in *Crinium* seeds.

Thank you to ***Diana O'Connor*** who has been brave enough to attack our seeds and process them with Wayne.

On the vollie front we could not do without ***Clare Sluggett*** and ***Pamela Owens*** for their sustenance input; it is appreciated and keeps us going!

Whilst on our separate holidays, Wayne and I were supported by ***Kerry and Clare Sluggett*** and ***Deanne Grace*** who came in and covered for us. Thank you, it eased our workload.

Thank you again to ***Clare and Kerry Sluggett*** for collecting our sterilising bin from Caloundra whilst they were down that way.

For his unceasing water activities we would like to thank ***Noel Law***: without you we would have been without water on a few occasions. In addition Noel has composed a Pump Procedure Manual so that others can do what he does so well!

Thank you to ***Phil Stanley*** who assisted me with an emergency water situation while Wayne was on holidays. Phil saved me a trip up the Range.

Last, but by no means least, a thanks goes to ***Kerry Sluggett***, ***Gordon Halliday*** and ***Noel Law*** who are our foam box collection crew!

Mention should also go to ***Doug Chetwynd*** who, upon arriving at the Nursery to collect some stock on a hot humid day, saw our Contracting boys brush-cutting the block on the other side of the road and offered the use of his tractor. Doug came down and did the job in a matter of minutes. Thank you for your generosity, Doug, as it was much appreciated.

As many of you know we have lost ***Fuschia*** to other pastures. On leaving, Fuschia donated her outdoor setting to the Nursery. It was a welcome surprise when we found it here. We use it every day so thank you both, ***Fuschia and Samara***; our thoughts are with you.

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