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WOOD EXPO IS ON THE CALENDAR

by Mim Coulstock

Congratulations to everyone involved in the 2009 Maleny Wood Expo. Having pulled two of May's finest days out of the hat, all of the hard work of Steve McLeish, Expo Coordinator, and his team of co-workers and volunteers was well rewarded.

Between the great weather, the warm family-friendly feeling and the festive atmosphere, many visitors stayed all day, and quite a few Saturday visitors even came back on the Sunday for more!

Visitor attendance topped the 8000 mark over the two days, an increase of 2000 from 2007, so it looks like the Expo is back on the calendar as a 'must go' event.

And it is definitely back on the exhibitors' calendar with most exhibitors extremely pleased with the weekend and the interest in their work, and many reporting outstanding sales.

Entertainment was a real highlight this year with performances by Sprocket, Jambezi and Mumbo Jumbo adding toe-tapping to the already festive atmosphere. Children and adults trailed Sprocket from one end of the site to the other as they pedalled and percussed their way around the Showgrounds. And Jambezi excelled in their in-the-round venue with their wild rhythmic performances.

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[Photos by Darryl Ebenezer, Mim Coulstock & Eve Witney]

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WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

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GOLDEN-TIPPED BATS AND GOURMET SPIDERS

WILDLIFE WANDERINGS by Susie Duncan

Golden-tipped Bats are funky little brown micro-bats which really look as if they've had their tips done. The soft brown fur of the coat is tipped a blond gold and the bare forearms and legs also carry a fringe of golden hair. So it's a pretty striking-looking creature.

Spider time! A Golden-tipped Bat in care near Traveston.
[Photos: Tony Bright]

We encountered this cute little bat when we were surveying wildlife at Curramore Sanctuary recently. The sanctuary is owned by Australian Wildlife Conservancy and managed for the conservation of biodiversity in our region. This bat has been one of the highlights of the survey as it isn't encountered all that often. In fact, until 1981 it was thought that it was extinct in Australia, having not been seen for 84 years. However, new bat-trapping techniques and effort have indicated that they are still about.

Golden-tipped Bats (*Kerivoula papuensis*) occur mainly in rainforest gullies from northern Queensland to southern NSW. They also occur in the cloud forests of New Guinea and in Indonesia. They feed largely on web-building spiders by hovering beside the webs and plucking the spiders out. Apparently they eat the abdomen and thorax and discard the head and legs. They also glean other invertebrates from foliage. Their broad wings allow them to fly slowly through dense vegetation and to hover when they are feeding.

Another interesting behaviour is their tendency to roost in empty, suspended dome nests of Yellow-throated Scrub-wrens and Brown Warblers. The nests are found in rainforest, usually near creeks. They may contain only one bat but up to 8 have been found in a single nest. They will also shelter in tree hollows and dense vegetation. During the Spring-Summer breeding season, these roost sites become maternity colonies where adults and young hang together in a small, warm, nursery community.

Golden-tipped bats are small, having a body length of 50–60 mm. Like other micro-bats they use echo-location to navigate and to find prey. Micro-bats emit a high-frequency sound, generally inaudible to the human ear, which bounces off surrounding vegetation as well as likely food. Their large ears receive and process these echoes, allowing them to avoid obstacles and to zone in on prey. They do have small eyes but echo-location is their main navigation aid. In comparison, the fruit bats or flying foxes are bigger and use their large eyes to find their way.

Golden-tipped Bats will travel up to two kilometres from their rainforest roosts to forage in forests with a high spider abundance. The highest density of spiders occurs in eucalypt forest with dense understorey vegetation, upslope from creek-side roosting sites. Disturbance due to clearing and logging of the rainforest and eucalypt forests in northern NSW and Queensland has undoubtedly affected the abundance of these bats. The protection of remnant forests and the regeneration of cleared areas are important steps toward the long-term conservation of this species and a diverse array of other tree-dwelling micro-bats.

Renowned wildlife photographer and publisher Steve Parish recently videoed this Golden-tipped Bat feeding on a garden orb-spider.

This is believed to be the first footage taken of a bat eating a spider. According to mammalogist Les Hall, spider consumption is regarded as being rare in bats and the notion that one species feeds almost exclusively on spiders is a revelation.

The bat was in the care of Rachel Lyons, a dedicated wildlife carer and Biodiversity Conservation Regional Coordinator for the Burnett Mary Regional Group.

Ms Lyons said the bat, which had a badly bruised shoulder after flying into a ceiling fan, was expected to fully recover.

'It is such a tiny animal, with an adult body weight of only 6.5 grams. It really loves eating the spiders, although it looks quite disgusting. It also likes eating a modified 'bat custard', a special formula developed for insectivorous bats,' said Rachel.

A video of the bat feeding on a spider can been viewed online:

www.youtube.com/watch?v=dedbLiPbO0E

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MANY, MANY THANKS TO THE MALENY WOOD EXPO VOLUNTEERS

by Jonathan Waites, Expo Volunteer Coordinator

To the 200 or so volunteers who fronted up over the May long weekend to help Barung look after the 8000-odd visitors that came to the 2009 Maleny Wood Expo – Thank you! Thank you! Thank you! We couldn't have done it without you.

If it were not for the generosity of so many of our members in regard to their time and expertise, Barung would not be able to hold such a large and exciting event. The attitude of our many volunteers makes this show stand out; your helpfulness, courtesy and patience as well as your happy, smiling faces are noted and commented on by people who have travelled from far and wide to our Expo.

In fact you're all such a great mob to work with I've been thinking of volunteering for the Volunteer Coordinator's job again next year (well, maybe). The many volunteers I spoke to during the weekend all agreed they enjoyed the experience, so please keep next year in mind – it will all be on again on the May long weekend.

If anyone has suggestions about how the *volunteering experience* could be enhanced at future Expos, please phone me at Barung on 5494 3151 or email me at jonathan@barunglandcare.org.au

Thank you to all the volunteers named below, and to any others whose names we didn't catch!

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WOOD EXPO ON CALENDAR

Continued from page 1...

With crowds of 300 at a time, comedian Great Scott enthralled audiences with his juggling, balancing and street theatre.

Other highlights included:

- Stan Ceglinski, who never lacked a crowd as he talked his way through 'how it was done in the old days,' giving visitors an insight into yesteryear's timber skills and traditions
- The intricate and detailed craftsmanship in the new and the old timber boats on show in the Main Pavilion, and
- The wonderful display of timber instruments, from mandolins to electric guitars, by The Music Makers – the Australian Association of Musical Instrument Makers.

You just had to be there to fully appreciate the breadth of exhibits and the crowd's enjoyment of them: from Natural Resource Management displays to the Barung Nursery tent; from sustainable living products to local produce; from crazy sawmillers to piles of rough sawn timber just waiting to be crafted into someone's vision, the Expo truly had something for everyone.

Many thanks must go to the 200 or so volunteers who generously gave their time to help Barung put on such a fantastic show. Thanks especially to Kate Fraser and her team for their exemplary parking of thousands of cars and no traffic jams, and to Jonathon Waites for his dedicated effort in filling the volunteer rosters – no mean feat.

Special thanks must also go to:

- Ivan Hankinson and the Maleny Show Society for their never-ending support
- Karen Barnett and her Montville Coffee team who worked tirelessly, giving $2 from every cup sold to Barung's Landcare education program, and
- all of our local catering teams who kept visitors full and satisfied: the Maleny Lions for the Main Pavilion's Country Café; the River School for their wholesome catering in the SES Shed; the new Maleny Community Centre/UpFront Club partnership at Café El Centro; Maleny High School's P&C for fish and chips; and of course, the wonderful Barungites in the Landcare Bar and BBQ tent.

Giving back to the community by enabling other groups to share in the fundraising opportunity offered by the Expo has always been a part of the event's charter and Barung is delighted to be able to support our local community in this way.

We also thank our major sponsors, Sunshine Coast Regional Council, Caloundra Tourism and the Burnett Mary Regional Group, for their support.

But of course, the most special thanks for a great weekend must go to Steve McLeish for his dedicated efforts over preceding months in pulling the whole show together. Well done Steve.

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NEW CHALLENGES AHEAD FOR LIN FAIRLIE

by Kate Fraser

Many Barung members would know Lin Fairlie, whether as a member of the Barung Management Committee, as a helper at the Blackall Range Produce Markets, or through her active and merry participation in other aspects of our local community.

Sadly, at the showgrounds on the first morning of the Wood Expo Lin suffered a stroke. She was taken by ambulance to Nambour and from there airlifted to The Royal Brisbane Hospital.

After an initial period in intensive care Lin was moved to a recovery ward where her condition has been slowly but steadily improving. The doctors have indicated that if her improvement stays on track, she will be able to move to a rehabilitation unit in the first week or two in June. She will most likely move to a private hospital in Brisbane, where she has the support of her husband, David, and two of their sons and their families.

All at Barung wish Lin well and hope that she will make a full recovery. Lin is passionate about conservation of the environment and is a long-time supporter and very active member of Barung. She has been President and is currently elected Secretary. Lin also sits on a number of other conservation-related committees and working groups, either as a representative of Barung or as an interested individual.

For the foreseeable future, Eric Anderson will act in the position of Secretary.

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RUNAWAY PASTURE LEGUMES

WEED WATCH by Ed Surman, Barung Contracting Services

A range of leguminous vines, originally introduced from Africa and the Americas as pasture improvement species, are spreading along local roadsides and across vegetated areas. In pasture, where they are an asset, these plants are hardly noticeable because they are continually grazed for their high protein content. However in areas where there is no livestock, these species soon become environmental nightmares: 'Day of the Triffids' revisited.

Silverleaf Desmodium (*Desmodium uncinatum*), Glycine (*Neonotonia wightii*), Siratro (*Macroptilium atropurpureum*) and *Macrotyloma axillare* are characterised by being trailing or creeping vines with trifoliate leaves (three leaflets). Silverleaf Desmodium is the easiest to identify with its distinctive silver strip along the midveins. Also known as Velcro Vine, this plant has dense hairs on all above-ground parts, enabling it to stick to fur and clothing.

Above: A roadside curtain of leguminous pasture species, including Silverleaf Desmodium, smothering a lantana plant. Below: Silverleaf Desmodium.

[Photos: Eve Witney}

In the absence of livestock, these vines rapidly smother low-growing and sometimes taller native vegetation. Silverleaf Desmodium's hairs also entrap wildlife. I have seen small birds, micro bats, frogs and lizards tangled in Desmodium thickets. Unfortunately most of these creatures die from heat exhaustion or stress. A friend once spent four hours untangling a rather uncooperative Grey Goshawk from certain death after it became entangled in recently slashed Desmodium.

Management

Any time you see Desmodium is a good time to get rid of it, but before it sets seed is a great time. Mowing or brushcutting the plant before seed set will reduce the amount of plant material and delay seeding, but doing the same afterwards will help distribute the seed. Always take the time to remove seeds caught on clothing and equipment to save spreading this pest to non-infested areas. Besides, Desmodium seeds can jump garments in the wash and they are no fun in the jocks.

Small plants of all these pest vines can be removed by hand, especially when the soil is moist. As with most legumes these species can have large tap roots. It is important to grasp the plant low and as close to the base as possible and wiggle gently to loosen the root. If you are not able to pull out the root, cut and immediately paint with 50/50 glyphosate and water. Larger infestations may require specific chemical control by foliar spraying by accredited appliers.

Whenever dealing with Desmodium in particular, it pays to cover up exposed areas of skin and to wear gloves. The hairs can cause welts and even remove skin.

Note we have some dainty native representatives of the *Desmodium* and *Glycine* genera that in no way behave like the invaders described in this article.

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LIVING ON OUR LAND by Eve Witney

When we first bought our 1.5 acres next to Forestry, we thought we were in heaven and felt confident we could manage it easily.

Twelve years down the track and two children later, not everything has worked out according to those early plans. I quickly grasped the concept of a weed being a plant in the wrong place, and at our place that meant Silverleaf Desmodium in the lawn, couchgrass in the garden, and kikuyu in the trees! (Well, the kikuyu runners in the bushes were taller than me at least.)

Two bright spots have been our small rainforest reveg patch and our woodlot, both planted by Clayton Stokoe with a couple of Barung-trained assistants about 5 years ago. The woodlot, set out in rows on a fairly gentle slope, is simple enough to maintain by mowing. The rainforest section, on a steep, moist south-facing slope, is another thing altogether. It's been pretty awful, really, watching the pasture vines invade and slowly smother the area.

Recently, as the Desmodium flowered and started to set seed, we finally called on Barung Contracting Services to help us out. In very quick order we had a quote, followed by a team giving our weedy vines some very personal attention. In fact they were so thorough I couldn't find any vines left at home to photograph for Ed's article on this page.

Yes, we still have loads of maintenance ahead of us as this year's Desmodium (and Glycine and Siratro) seeds germinate, but at least we can see the forest AND the trees now.

EXCELLENT SALES

NURSERY NOTES by Dawn Worthington

Ah, the Expo! What a week-end. With all this lovely planting weather lots of people were keen to get their hands on our plants. The quality of the plants and variety of species produced many favourable comments, and our move didn't seem to have bothered anyone one bit. Our sales figures were up on previous years, as people who have been waiting patiently for the Nursery to reopen were finally able to make their purchases. Happy planting to all those who purchased plants at The Expo!

Wayne and I just would not be able to survive the four week Expo cycle without our volunteers. Many, many thanks goes to all who assisted in gathering and tagging plants, setting up the site, organising the displays, pulling it all down afterwards and then finally sorting it all out again when we got back home!

Access to the Nursery

'When?' seems to be the never-ending question about access to our Nursery site. As I type, our driveway is being kerbed… you can see from the photo that the difference between the kerb and our entrance is a bit steep – the picture is taken from our gateway – so you can see the dilemma we have been facing.

We're planning to be open to the general public on ***Fridays, 10 am to 3:30 pm, starting from Friday 12 June***. These times may change … we'll just have to see what happens.

Cheerio to …

Now, on a sadder note, we have two volunteers leaving. The first is our 'Mr Fix-it', Max Smith. To say that we will miss you, Max, must be the biggest understatement ever. You are an absolute gentleman. We will miss you immensely and I know I am speaking for everyone at Barung, past and present. It has been an absolute honour to work with you and we wish you and Bev safe travelling in your 'retirement'! The second is Eduard Heinisch, who has been with Barung for the whole time I've have been here. Ed has had to give up his time at Barung to care for his father. We wish you good luck for the future and will miss your weeding capabilities! To both men, thank you for all your support. Pop in when you can, the kettle will always be on!

Another cheerio goes to Rob and Cheryl Andrews, our Skilling Queensland people. Initially Jeane Jones and Rob started the 15 week course; Jeane obtained employment and finished up a third of the way through, and Cheryl came on board. All have completed courses in Senior First Aid and Level 1 Chainsaw and have obtained their Blue Cards whilst with us. In addition I hope you all have gained skills that will assist you in your future endeavours. It has been a pleasure to work with you all and good luck in your future travels. Rob and Cheryl finish up on June 5th.

Botanical & Geological FIELD TOURS

With Ashley Sewell

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Thursday 2nd July

and

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To book in for either tour,
please call Barung Landcare on 5494 3151.

THANK YOU FROM THE NURSERY TO …

… ***Ben Tarbuck*** – our tag man – who is regrettably finishing up to go to a Uni placement in Brisbane. Ben, thank you for all your efforts, you know you can come back whenever you feel like printing tags!

… ***Max Smith***, for fixing up the wheelbarrows, making benches for our cleaning area, making a new sterilizing cage

… ***Clare Sluggett*** for her goodies she brings in to share

… ***Kerry Sluggett*** for his box-gathering abilities

… ***Gordie Halliday*** and ***Noel Denning*** for their bench-making prowess

… ***Rob and Cheryl Andrews*** for learning how to tube

… ***Alan Bannister*** and ***Phil Stanley***– the shadehouse thanks you for its sides!

… ***Rob Andrews***, ***Wayne Webb***, ***Alan Bannister***, ***Lindsay Thomas***, ***Grant Meyer***, ***Ed Surman*** and ***Zach Worthington*** for their tent-erecting capabilities

… ***Rob Andrews*** for putting up our signs

… ***Phil Stanley*** for servicing our water pump and assisting in setting up the stall for 'The Future of Willow Lane' project.

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Bellthorpe FARM FIELD DAY

by Jonathan Waites

The Bellthorpe Field Day on Saturday 18th April began with speakers at the Bellthorpe Hall, which was filled almost to capacity with more than 80 people, and finished with a walk and field presentations at Darryl and Lorraine Collins's Bellthorpe property.

Speakers covered a number of topics including Farm Forestry (Ashley Sewell, Carol Neal), Bushfoods (Sammy Ringer), Landcare's Carbon Smart (Paul Daly), Sub-tropical Fruit trees (Paul Rigden), Property Management (Matt Kilby) and Biological Agriculture (Graham Sait). There was even an impromptu presentation by well-known farm forester, Jack Mitchell, a man with over 60 years experience growing rainforest trees. If you would like further information about the various topics covered on the day or if you are interested in attending a workshop to explore any of these topics in more depth, please ring Barung Landcare on 5494 3151.

We would like to thank all who gave their time to present on the day as well as those who attended. Thanks are also in order to a number of people who gave up their time to ensure the smooth running of the day and in particular to John Muir, whose enthusiasm got the idea up and running initially and whose boundless energy carried the day along at a cracking pace, as well as to Darryl and Lorraine Collins whose generosity allowed us access to their property.

Previous manager Matt Kilby (left) and property owner Darryl Collins discussing the importance of property management planning at the Bellthorpe Field Day.
[Photo: John Muir]

PARTICIPANTS INVITED

by Natalie Jones, PhD student

As part of my PhD research at the Uni of Qld, I would like to interview people about creek management issues. Interviews are expected to take from 30 minutes to one hour to complete.

My study is guided by idea that everyone has a unique view of the world based on his or her unique life experiences. I am exploring ways to document and record these different views and understandings.

If you are available for an interview, please contact me via

n.jones3@uq.edu.au or ***0422 939 304***

I am currently based on the Sunshine Coast.

REVEG. BY DESIGN

THE ORNAMENTAL GARDEN by Joan Dillon

Some time back I wrote about the challenge of revegetating drainage lines and now, more than two years later, it's worth checking on results.

My open, less steep, gully – where I combined my love for 'designing' the revegetation with the need to slow excess water from further up the hill – is doing well. The hardy sedges such as *Carex appressa* have grown into very large clumps, the *Gahnia* has flowered, additional *Crinum pedunculatum* and *Lomandra hystrix* have been planted and the smaller sedge species are still there but establishing more slowly. This drainage line is relatively dry except in heavy rain so the original choice of species was rather experimental.

My sedge field was planted with two aims in mind: firstly as a water control measure and secondly to provide habitat for small birds. It is now my favourite 'garden'. Those who watch TV and have been enjoying *Around the World in 80 Gardens* would, I hope, have been impressed by the landscaped and totally planted grassland at Chesapeake Bay in the USA, and also by the Desert Wildlife Park outside Alice Springs. I have seen the latter and the visitor would have no inkling that the whole thing was planned and created. It looks completely natural and would appear to have been there forever. Hopefully my sedge field will give the same impression in due course as it blends into low shrubs such as *Melastoma affine*, *Banksia collina* var. *spinulosa* and *B. robur*, *Sambucus australasica* (compact so far in the open but sprawling in shade) and grading up to *Backhousia myrtifolia*, *Callicarpa pedunculata* and dark or glossy foliaged melaleucas and other mid-height species that one would expect to find on the edge of a damp area but in partial shade. The next and final layer is the previously established reveg. forest.

The area was initially poisoned as it was solid pasture grasses and weeds. These have re-invaded to some extent but they do, however, help to hold the soil. Some dense clumps of tall and vigorous exotic grasses are gradually being eliminated. There is extensive *Commelina* which does tend to climb over everything and must be controlled, so all in all the maintenance level is still fairly high. But for me the result is worth the effort as there is little visible wash through the sedges.

It is a different story once the residual overland flow reaches the trees and takes surface leaf litter with it. The dense canopy of the planted forest is certainly stopping impact erosion from raindrops. The low light levels have controlled weed growth but have also discouraged the growth of low understorey plants that would collect water and further slow down the residual flow. Now, however, really heavy prolonged rain is required for wash to occur. More work may be needed to actively spread the water before it can enter the forest.

I'm looking forward to my new 'spring garden' when the shrubs will be flowering and the small birds, which now use the adjacent prickly revegetation as nesting sites, will visit for nectar and seeds.

CORRECTION

The book edited by Vandana Shiva and reviewed by Jonathan Waites in the last issue of the *Barung News* is in fact called *Manifestos on the Future of Food & Seed*.

Our apologies for difficulties caused seeking out this thoughtful text on directions for sustainability in food production.

YELLOW-FOOTED TINYPORE

FUNGAL FORAY by Gretchen Evans

Everywhere I walk around the Blackall Range or the Conondales, I find this attractive fungus growing in damper situations. I even found it on the Bellthorpe Field Day property in a reafforested area. It is apparently a very common fungus in tropical areas and is also found in Asia and parts of Africa.

It belongs to the polypore group but the pores are very tiny and hard to see. It tends to grow strung out along a small log and there may be several specimens on the one log. It is thin and leathery and funnel-shaped and banded in concentric rings of different shades of cream and brown. The diagnostic feature is a stalk with a disc attachment that is usually yellow in colour. Thus the common name is yellow-footed tinypore or *Microporus xanthopus* (i.e. small-pored yellow foot).

If you have a hand lens or magnifying glass, look for the pores on the undersurface without detaching your specimen from the log.

Yellow-footed tinypore from above, and (below) the side.
[Photos: Fran Guard]

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PUBLIC COMMENT INVITED

on EPBC assessment agreement between Qld and Federal Governments

Contributed by the Mary River Catchment Coordinating Committee

The Federal Government has called for public comment on the existing bilateral agreement between the Federal Government and the Queensland State Government concerning the assessment of projects under the federal Environmental Protection and Biodiversity Conservation (EPBC) act.

The existing agreement expires on 13 August. The proposal is to simply extend the current arrangements for another 5 years. The public can comment on this until 19 June.

Under the current arrangements, the Queensland Government assesses the environment impact of projects on behalf of the Federal Government, using an accredited assessment procedure. This is designed to streamline and simplify the assessment procedure by having the one assessing body assess projects under federal law at the same time the project is being assessed under state law, a laudable aim where there is no conflict of interest.

However, a major concern with the existing bilateral agreement arises where the proponent is a wholly-owned State corporation or a private/public partnership set up for a specific project by the State Government. In this situation the proponent effectively gets to write the project's Environmental Impact Statement as well as assess it on behalf of the Federal Government. This concern has been raised in many public submissions in the Senate and Independent Inquiries into the operation of the EPBC Act and to the Senate Inquiry into the Traveston Crossing proposal and during the existing assessment procedure for the Traveston proposal.

Since the bilateral agreement was signed, Queensland has significantly changed its planning and assessment laws, particular with respect to 'fast-tracking' major state-owned projects under the Integrated Planning Act and Queensland's State Development and Public Works Organization Act. Once a political decision is made under these acts, Queenslanders have little recourse to a review of these decisions or their impacts. Queensland's political system is unique in having no upper house to review decisions made in the lower house. The Queensland Government is also known to make extensive use of its powerful State Development Act, which is administered by the unelected government position of Coordinator-General, a position which has a history of direct political appointments.

The federal EPBC act could provide Queensland citizens with an independent review of the environmental and social impact of major state projects. To provide Queenslanders with this protection, the agreement needs to be amended to ensure that major state-owned projects are subject to an EPBC assessment procedure that is wholly independent of the proponent. At the very least, the major changes to Queensland's own planning and assessment laws and procedures since the bilateral was originally signed would seem to be grounds for a rewrite.

The agreement and the review process can be found at

www.environment.gov.au/epbc/assessments/bilateral/qld-draft.html

JILUMBAR NATURE REFUGE

LIVING ON OUR LAND by Mim Coulstock

Continued from the last issue of the Barung News *…*

Throughout the first year we constantly evaluated the progress being made. Control methods were closely watched and strategies adjusted, such as by working around large lantana patches and then spraying into them later. We also tapped into a small spring-fed stream to give us a 40 gallon water supply which saved the boys from having to lug 20 litre jugs of water down steep slopes. Additional funds were accessed through Caloundra City Council's Small Landholders Grants to cut and maintain the boundary line between the Nature Refuge and the National Park so that we could see the extent of the morning glory spread.

However, opening this border also showed us how fast the morning glory was spreading outwards. Despite our tremendous progress using the traditional bush regeneration approach it had become clear that 'chasing' the morning glory was not an option.

So in November 2008, I sat down with Matt Bateman from Barung Contracting Services to devise a 12 month management plan so we could achieve the maximum outcomes with the limited funds, time and energy available. After much discussion we decided to focus our efforts on:

1. cutting containment lines around the morning glory to enable us to spray back into it
2. keeping the access tracks and new containment lines open
3. maintaining the areas already worked on, and
4. bringing Queensland Parks and Wildlife Service (QPWS) on board to control the morning glory on their side of the non-existent 'fence'.

This brings us to where we are now. Containment lines are being cut and sprayed as we speak. The QPWS crew is keen to GPS the extent of the morning glory in the Park and have applied to the EPA for additional funds to stop its spread. And the bush just keeps regenerating.

The Burnett Mary Regional Group has also supplied additional funds through the Federal 'Caring for Country' initiative, and this has been a real bonus.

Although it has been a challenging and at times daunting journey, when I stop and look at what has been achieved in only two years I am truly amazed.

Before taking visitors down to the VIP, I always want to show them photos of what we started with because it is unbelievable to look back and see just how far we have come.

Where the excavator grabbed scoopfuls of vine-covered lantana and piled it onto the sides of the track, one now walks through small shaded forests. New species are emerging all the time. Apart from where we are chasing the stubborn morning glory and baby moth vines, the regen areas are relatively weed free.

I am truly stunned by, and grateful to, the BCS boys for their stamina and determination in helping me to achieve my dreams for this area. They have thrashed mountains of lantana and morning glory in full sun during summer humidity on slopes fit for abseiling, maintaining their humour and spirit no matter what I throw at them.

I have spent many days working alongside them and cannot recommend highly enough that other landholders go bush with these guys. It is a great way to learn about what's on your property. Being down and dirty, and discussing weeds for hours at a time, puts you in touch with what's happening on the ground far more than reports ever can.

Treeferns after work had been undertaken to regenerate the area (above, May 2009) and draped in climbing vines before work commenced (right, Feb 2007).
[Photos: Mim Coulstock]

If any landholders facing similar problems would like to visit Jilumbar Nature Refuge and see what has been achieved, please contact Barung Contracting Services and we will organise a field day during the coming months.

CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS

for the Barung stall at the Witta markets

Barung Landcare is seeking a few people who would be prepared to help out from time to time with the Barung market stall at the Blackall Range Growers Market at Witta (third Saturday morning of each month). We are looking for people to help cook on the BBQ and make burgers. This is a great fundraiser for Barung and provides us with the opportunity to participate in this very worthwhile community event.

Please contact Tina Lathouras on 5429 6001 to offer your support or find out more.

SUPERGRAZE WORKSHOPS

at Maleny Town & Country and Lake Baroon Catchment Care Group

by Jonathan Waites

Barung, in conjunction with Maleny Town & Country, held a successful workshop for graziers at the Maleny Town & Country premises in Coral Street in March. The workshop covered Animal Health, Pasture Seeds and Herbicides and was delivered by company representatives from each of these areas. The morning was presented as part of SuperGraze, a cross-regional project with SEQC, BMRG and Condamine Alliance, aimed at enabling Southern Queensland graziers to build productive, resilient and sustainable grazing management systems.

The 25 landholders who attended managed properties ranging from 1 to 150 hectares in size. These people made up an interested and interactive audience, a fact that was commented on by all three presenters.

We also had Steve Gilliland, a Conondale producer, on hand to explain how the Buffalo Fly trap that he constructed from DPI plans for Rob Cork (a Witta dairyfarmer) worked in practice. With the aid of photos of the trap he was also able to point out how he had modified the DPI design in ways that it was felt would increase the trap's effectiveness. The Buffalo Fly trap is a non-chemical means of reducing Buffalo Fly populations and hence their impact on cattle during the summer/autumn period.

Barung would like to thank the presenters for their time and all the landholders who were able to attend, as well as Maleny Town & Country for the use of their (dry) premises (on a wet day).

SuperGraze – for LOCAL issues

A feature of the SuperGraze Project is to run further workshops/training sessions/farm visits that will meet the needs of grazing landholders, addressing needs identified *by* local landholders rather than *for* them. With this end in mind, a short discussion was held at the end of the workshop to identify topics that this group would like to explore further.

Number 1 was Property Management Planning, followed by pasture plants and weed species identification. Other areas of interest for future workshops included:

- Budgeting (Partial budgets etc)
- Compost teas/alternative fertilising methods
- EPA/Council legislation re catchment management
- Biological farming systems (eg Biodynamics)
- Successful operators (visiting/presentations by farmers/others doing something particularly well)
- Wetlands management (production/conservation issues).

It is hoped that funding will be on-going so that all these topics so far identified can be followed up in the future.

PMP Workshop at LBCCG

A Property Management Planning workshop together with a session on Pasture and Weed Species ID was held on Monday 25th May at the Lake Baroon Catchment Care Group office. This workshop, organised by SEQ Catchments, was attended by nine landholders who thoroughly enjoyed the day and expressed a strong interest in following it up with more sessions.

Register your EoI for future workshops

If you are interested in attending events that cover any of the above areas, please give Barung a call on 5494 3151 to register your interest.

SEQ Catchments are hoping to run another Property Management Planning day, probably involving one or two farm visits, before the end of June, so keep an eye on *The Range News* for more details or call Barung Landcare to put your name on the EoI list for this one too.

Buffalo Fly trap built by Steve Gilliland for Rob Cork, a Witta dairyfarmer.

[Photo: Jonathan Waites]

NEEDED!

Volunteer to coordinate newsletter mail-outs

It would be soooo helpful to have someone taking on this role! The job involves ringing around to our trusty band of voluteer folders when a newsletter fold is on (once every two months, plus occasional extra sessions), liaising with the volunteer database manager for the address labels, copying inserts when needed, supervising the folding and sorting on the big day, and taking the dear little bundles to the post office.

Benefits include morning tea on the day and endless appreciation.

Oh, it would be soooo wonderful if someone put his or her hand up for this job!

Please call Fuschia at Barung on 5494 3151.

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FARM FORESTRY IN SOUTH-EAST QUEENSLAND

by Ashley Sewell, Roseash Consultants

Farm Forestry can be defined as the integration of the ecological and sustainable management of native forest and plantations for timber production. It takes a holistic approach to land management. Farm forestry can be very broad in its concept and the range of options for the establishment of trees depends on the individual grower, their ideas, financial responsibilities and the long-term benefits they want to achieve.

Farm forestry is a viable and sustainable land use in its own right and can be very rewarding as an environmental business or in conjunction with other agricultural pursuits such as cattle and/or crops. Locally we are spoilt for climate, soils, local skills, technical expertise and, most importantly, the community desire to increase our quality and quantity of timber production. Most of the timber grown in our area is used within the Sunshine Coast and Hinterland.

Farm Forestry concentrates on the reafforestation of private lands on cleared areas or in the rehabilitation of native forest to provide a long term sustainable and ecological harvesting program.

Getting set

Put your farm forestry plans in perspective with your overall property management goals. If possible, attend a Property Management Planning (PMP) workshop where you will be guided through initial planning for your property and developing a comprehensive understanding of your goals. These highly recommended workshops are conducted by SEQ Catchments, Barung and Noosa Landcare groups, PFSQ (Private Forestry South Queensland) and DPI (Forestry).

Arrange for soil testing at your plantation sites to underpin decisions about species selection and fertilisation applications.

Consider and plan for these site preparation issues: roads, tree species, soil needs (and possible fertilizer applications) and fire management. Milling and market potential need also be considered at this early stage.

Prepare a business plan setting out your immediate establishment costs, possible contractors, machinery needs, rotation length (age at felling), and possible long-term financial returns.

Contact your local regional council about registering your native forest areas or plantation, which should help to ensure your long-term security of harvest.

Suggested reading

Farm Forestry Info Kits – available from most Landcare and Catchment Care groups.

Ashley Sewell (2006) Australian Timbers Vol 1 – 2nd Edition: *Timber Species of Eastern Subtropical Australia.*

Keith Bootle (1983) *Wood in Australia: Types, Properties and Uses.*

MIH Brooker & DA Kleinig (1994) *Field Guide to Eucalypts of Northern Australia.*

WD Francis (1929) *Australian Rainforest Trees*.

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Keep an eye on the Barung website for upcoming events and new features

www.barunglandcare.org.au

Cabinet/Rainforest Species Timber Mixes

There are a number of models/options that can be used to establish cabinet timber plantations and the best option depends on who you talk to and your own preferences. I have listed for consideration the major species for plantation use with the estimated harvest age and trade names.

The most commonly recommended species are listed in the following table, with the most highly recommended species indicated by an asterisk.

Botanical Name	Trade Name	Years to Harvest (approx)
Acacia melanoxylon	Blackwood	15–25
Araucaria cunninghamii	Hoop Pine	25–60
Castanospermum australe	Black Bean	50–80
Dysoxylum fraserianum	Rose Mahogany	50–80
Eleaocarpus grandis	Silver Quandong*	15–40
Flindersia brayleyana	Queensland Maple*	35–50
Flindersia schottiana	Silver Ash*	40–60
Gmelina leichardtii	White Beech	50–80
Grevillea robusta	Silky Oak*	25–60
Melia azedarach	White Cedar	15–40

Commercial hardwoods are as diverse as the cabinet timbers and can be grown as a monoculture or as mixed stands including cabinet woods. Their uses are many and varied and the species can be used at an early age (eg firewood, post/rail) and later on for girder, pole, ply and sawlog. Harvesting age depends on required use but can range from 10-60+ years.

Botanical Name	Trade Name
Corymbia citriodora (varigata)	Spotted Gum
Eucalyptus acmenoides	White Mahogany
Eucalyptus cloeziana	Gympie Messmate
Eucalyptus grandis	Rose Gum
Eucalyptus microcorys	Tallowwood
Eucalyptus pilularis	Blackbutt
Eucalyptus resinifera	Red Mahogany
Eucalyptus saligna	Sydney Blue Gum
Eucalyptus siderophloia	Grey Ironbark
Lophostemon confertus	Brush Box
Syncarpia glomulifera	Turpentine

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Shop 3, Riverside Centre

MONDAY TO FRIDAY 9:00 am – 4:00 pm

BARUNG NURSERY

Porters Lane, North Maleny
(Turn right off North Maleny Road into Obi Lane, and right again into Porters Lane)

FRIDAYS from 10:00 am – 3:30 pm
starting from **Friday 12th June**

EXPO LETTERS

Dear Everybody at Barung

Just a short note to say we have received the voucher for Bamboo Retreat that we were lucky enough to win when we visited the Maleny Timber Show. Thank you so much. We hope to be able to take the two nights' accommodation during the September school holidays. Needless to say we are looking forward to it immensely. Thank you to everybody who organised the prize and also for the wonderful work putting the Maleny Wood Expo together.

Sue and John Firth, Scarborough

… We had a very positive Maleny Wood Expo. Thank you for all your help and enthusiasm. See you next year!

Philip and Denise Boorman

… As usual, it was a pleasure to support such a fantastic event. Thank you to you and your team for the professional way in which the Expo was run. Congratulations again on a wonderful event.

Karen and Richard Barnett, Montville Coffee

QLD LANDCARE AWARDS

QWaLC is on the lookout for individuals, groups and community networks who deserve to be recognised for their work in tackling environmental issues from the ground up. Entries are now open for the 2009 State Landcare Awards.

These Awards are about finding and recognising the achievements of of those dedicated people who give up their time to care for our precious land and water resources. The Awards are open to anyone in Queensland – you don't need to be in a Landcare group to be nominated.

This year there are 10 categories to choose from:

- Local Government Landcare Partnership Award
- Education Award
- Indigenous Award
- Individual Landcare Award
- Young Landcare Leader Award
- Australian Government Coastcare Award
- Australian Government Landcare NRM Region Award
- Landcare Community Group Award
- Urban Landcare Award
- Landcare Primary Producer Award

Nominations close on 1st July 2009. After this, the finalists will be posted to the website. The awards ceremony will be held at Government House on 1st September 2009.

To view the categories and criteria or download the nomination form, go to the QWaLK website www.qwalc.org.au or contact Natalie Mogg on (07) 3252 7154 or natalie@qwalc.org.au

Mary Economic Region: Agribusiness Resource Guide

A DPIF publication designed to give both investors and newcomers to agribusiness in the Mary Economic Region an overview of the region and its agribusinesses, natural resources, supporting infrastructure, and basic business support services.

Available at:

www.dpi.qld.gov.au/cps/rde/dpi/hs.xsl/16_13786_ENA_HTML.htm

RED DEER IN SEQLD

By Ian Smith

Vice President, Pine Rivers Catchment Assoc.
School of Biological Sciences, University of Queensland

There are a range of naturalized species of deer throughout Australia. The main focus of this article is the red deer (*Cervus elaphus*) which live in areas around the tributaries of the Blackall and Conondale Ranges. These red deer normally stay in the forested hills where food and water is available. They only move into the open areas when there is not enough food or water in drier conditions, or in winter.

The original herd of Queen Victoria's red deer has spread significantly since its release in 1873. Since the 1970s, the red deer have increased in numbers at a great rate as a result of the illegal release of animals from deer farms and for hunting purposes. This was particularly so in the Brisbane area with respect to red deer, fallow deer and rusa deer which have been found in the western suburbs of Brisbane and other suburbs.

However, throughout the world many reports of introduced species indicate an increase in natural habitat tolerance either rapidly or over many years. The increase in deer numbers in SEQ possibly could be attributed to their increased tolerance of insects, ticks and dingoes or by hybridisation of different genetic lines in the Windsor Park and the Scottish species.

As part of my research on the dispersal of Bunya seed it was found that the red deer are now eating these seeds in some areas. How many rainforest seeds have they learned to eat? In New Zealand introduced deer have caused major problems with the New Zealand native plants.

How far have red deer spread into the Mary River catchment? And what of other deer species in this area? We probably cannot get rid of the deer in Queensland but we must control them under consistent and proper management. Management options depend on the local conditions and include trapping and shooting by licensed operators.

Red deer at Lyall Deer Farm. [Photo: Ian Smith]

UPCOMING EVENTS

World Environment Day

5 June 2009, Everywhere

More info: ***www.unep.org/wed/2009/english/***

Saturday 20 June 2009

9.00 am – 3.00 pm (registration from 8.30 am)

Lake Kawana Community Centre

An exploration of current issues and future directions in environmental conservation. An impressive array of expert environmentalists will speak on the day, exploring conservation issues and discussing project case studies from around the Sunshine Coast. The event is fully catered and entry is free.

Transport to the venue will be provided by council, with buses picking up at the following locations:

8.00 am Maleny Showgrounds

8.20 am Landsborough train station

8.00 am Mapleton Lilyponds

8.20 am Nambour (opposite the Council Chambers, Currie St)

7.50 am Noosa Library

8.20 am Coolum (Lions Park, opposite Margaret St)

Ample street parking also for those taking private transport.

Get in early! Seats are limited!

To book: ***by FRIDAY 5 JUNE with Council's Customer Service Centre on 07 5475 7272 or email biodiversity@sunshinecoast.qld.gov.au (include any dietary requirements and bus pickup point)***

World Environment Day Festival

Sunday 28 June

9.00 am – 4.00 pm

University of Sunshine Coast, Sippy Downs

The 2009 World Environment Day Festival promises a diverse and exciting program involving the community under an interactive umbrella of environmental awareness and action for our future.

Come along and be part of a great day!

More info: ***www.usc.edu.au and click on "Events"***

Tiaro Farming & Lifestyle Field Day

Saturday 11 July, Tiaro Recreation Grounds

This farming and lifestyle field day offers information and demonstrations in an informal, friendly country atmosphere PLUS lots of FREE services (water testing, weed identification etc), home cooked food and entertainment (including novelty mower races).

Workshops include: What to look for when buying a horse; Cattle movement - NLIS, branding; Pasture walk; Chainsaw use, safety & maintenance; Soil health; Composting. Many displays.

More info: ***www.ourtiaro.com/tiarofieldday.htm***

Contact: ***Marilyn Connell on 0427 293 221 or Toni Hume on 4129 2107***

10th Qld Weeds Symposium

26-29 July, Yeppoon

More info: ***www.wsq.org.au/10thWeedSymposium***

Planet Ark National Tree Day

2 August 2009, Everywhere

More info: ***www.treeday.planetark.org***

Queensland State Landcare Awards

1 September, Government House, Brisbane.

More info: ***www.qwalk.org.au***

Queensland Rural Women's Network Conference

'Reigniting the Passion'

19-20 September, Dalby

More info: ***www.qrwn.org.au/Conference***

*12th International River*symposium

21-24 September 2009, Brisbane

This year's conference, themed 'Rivers from Source to Sea', will be full of vibrant discussions on factors influencing different areas of catchments. The focus will be on the interactions between catchments and the activities that take place within them. Themes will examine strategies for coping with changing conditions, uses and policies for catchments and their management now and in the future.

More info: ***www.riversymposium.com***

2009 Queensland Landcare Conference

15-17 October 2009, Longreach

Early Bird Registration: Opens May 2009

More info: ***www.iceaustralia.com/qldlandcare09***

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Joan Breikenbach (below), who won the chainsaw, is a volunteer at the Maroochy Botanical Gardens - where she thinks the chainsaw may come in handy. Lucky winners Jim and Sharon Walker (right) from Kilcoy took home a Penny Riddoch photograph. Mrs Shan Fowles (below right) picked up the breadboard prize on behalf of her sister Cheryl Nelson-Jones.

The Maleny Wood Expo Raffle is a significant fund-raiser for Barung Landcare, and we thank the following prize sponsors for their generosity:

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