



WORKING FOR OUR FUTURE

# NEWSLETTER

Feb/March 1993

## ENTERPRISE ARM REPORT

With the inclusion of Libby and Marek Malter and Phill Jacobs as Chairperson on this sub-committee, we are starting to make more business type decisions. It's all actually come at a good time and things are really falling into place.

## RURAL REPORT

The Rural Sub-committee has been heavily involved with the Bridge Creek Project over the last couple of months. We have also held a Property Planning Workshop with a follow up workshop to be held on the 18/2/93. This first workshop was specifically for Dairy Farmeres but if we can get together a group of about eight families with a specific land use in mind we can easily hold other workshops.

## TREE HEIST

Some interesting information about the Qld Forest Service. It seems that due to some Bureaucratic Policy decision all the stocks of Commercial Eucalypts from the rest of Qld. have been collected together and taken to Nth Qld. for some Federal Project which is happening up there.

What this means for us is that the many people who have been waiting for the wet season (hopefully soon) to collect their allocation of Free or Concession trees from Forestry will not be able to do so as they only have very limited stocks available. It seems that they will not have any new stock for three months which is the time it takes to grow the Eucalypts on from seed. This could also coincide with the end of the wet season and possibly mean that a whole season's planting could be lost.

This causes problems for the rest of the State when the QFS. in Nth. Qld obviously can't get their act together to produce their own seedlings for their own projects. What a pain!!

## NURSERY SITE UPDATE

*WE ARE NOW OPEN TO THE PUBLIC ON  
TUESDAYS & THURSDAYS 9.00-4.00PM.*

Well, as you can see from the Site we are all rearing to go. The holdback at the moment is still the final approval of the consent use on the land. It's not until this consent has been approved that the building department will give us our building permit. We are ready to go so will be calling on all you wonderful helpers out there to get into it as soon as the permit comes through. Hopefully in the next couple of weeks.

Apart from the general building holdups we have been powering away with the rest of the site. We have about 7000 trees down there now, so feel free to go down on Thursdays and see Lyndon to collect your free trees or buy any that you may need.

We've got the Shadehouse up now and it looks great. The automatic sprinkler system has simplified things on the watering front a fair bit and it really feels like it's all coming together for the first time in three and a half years.

## SUBMISSIONS.

It's submission time again and we are getting prepared early this time.

There is funding available from two sources at this stage, Integrated Catchment Management and the National Landcare Programme. We intend to apply for two projects under the ICM. programme and one in the NLP. For more information on the NLP. funding see Jo's article " Looking Forward to 1993 and Beyond".

We will be applying for funding to run a Dairy Effluent trial project concerning the monitoring of 5 different disposal systems and documenting their effectiveness over a period of time.

The second application under the ICM. programme will be funding to hold another Mary River Congress this year with the idea of following up from the last.

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## WANTED

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DOES ANYBODY HAVE ANY OLD GALVANIZED WATER PIPE LYING AROUND? WE NEED IT TO BUILD SOME BENCHES IN THE SHADEHOUSE.

**POTS** - WE NEED YOUR OLD POTS BUT WE ARE FUSSY AND REALLY ONLY WANT THE FORESTRY TUBES (THE SQUARE DEEP ONES) AND ANY SIX INCH ONES (THAT'S DEPTH). WE'LL PUT A SAMPLE THESE TWO ON THE FENCE DOWN AT THE NURSERY SITE SO PLEASE CHECK THEM OUT WHEN PASSING.

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# REFLECTIONS - LOOKING BACK AT 1992

As befitting the middle year of our 3 years paid co-ordination, this was a year of consolidation. We've gone past the exuberance of our youth as a group and have settled into the day to day hum-drum of getting things done and keeping things going.

One of the key elements of a planned, integrated approach to sustainable land management by Barung Landcare has been the development in 1992 of a mission statement by the management committee with the help of Sam Brown and Pat Morrissey, our regional landcare facilitators. It is as follows:-

**"Barung Landcare is working towards sustainable land management through education, planning, community involvement and positive actions."**

This mission statement is proving to be a useful starting point for our long range planning. To be effective any activity we undertake must have the 4 elements of planning, education, community involvement and positive, on ground, actions. These must interact together with the goal of sustainable land management clearly in view. We also have a motto,

*"Barung Landcare —  
Working Together for the Future"*

and a logo developed by Matthew Davies to assist with promotions of our activities.

In 1992 Barung continued the practice of establishing relatively independent sub-committees to allow for input from members who have interest in specific areas. This benefits individual members and interest groups whose needs are met. Barung's community involvement is increased and work gets done. There are sub-committees for the Enterprise Arm, the Nursery site, submissions, the computer, and to represent rural interests.

In 1993, we hope to broaden the membership of these sub-committees and this is already happening. The Rural Sub-committee successfully applied for NSCP funding to reclaim a landslip for productive use, through the planting of legumes, pastures and trees. The Nursery sub-committee has been very active in setting up our new site in Bicentennial Lane, which will also provide a home base for Barung Landcare.

Through Skillshare we have employed Lyndon McPherson to work regularly at the nursery site. Trading from the new nursery will allow the Enterprise Arm to consolidate its operations in 1993.

Our tree plants on private land have become more professional in the past year. We now subcontract to Robert Tap from Crystal Waters to do the work instead of volunteers. Tree plants on public land have been assisted by individuals taking responsibility for specific sites - such as Tony Yorkston

looking after the Lake Baroon tree plants.

1992 was also the year of the Inaugural Mary River Congress held at the Maleny High School.

No matter how independent and hardworking members of these sub-committees are, there is always an element of co-ordination involved. Luckily, Lexy is efficient and organised, so we get good value for money. We have a core of hardworking volunteers who make valuable contributions throughout the year. Thanks to you all!

Please note! - this is by no means a complete picture of Barung Landcare activities for 1992. Space does not permit. We did so much!

## Looking forward to 1993 and beyond

For some time now Barung Landcare has been putting forward the concept of small neighbourhood or sub-catchment groups taking responsibility for their patch of the region. The idea being that people are motivated to care for the land where they live. Local people are able to identify the problems and issues which concern them and their land. They have unique knowledge which can be recorded and utilised to benefit the region. If this concept is promoted and active neighbourhood groups co-ordinated then hopefully it should impact at a regional as well as neighbourhood or subcatchment level.

Barung Landcare currently receives funding for co-ordination under the National Soil Conservation Program (NSCP). This funding is for three years and ends in December 1993. Jane Skrandies, Gillian Ainscough and myself are currently developing our ideas about community involvement at a neighbourhood level. We hope to use this approach to consolidate and extend Barung's existing activities such as the nursery project and the Greening Australia Schools nursery scheme. If we can work the above ideas into a practical, workable plan that is acceptable to the manage-

*John Page*

## RURAL TRADERS

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ment committee then we will submit this under the National Landcare Program (formerly called NSCP) in April to hopefully gain another three years co-ordination.

Do these ideas sound reasonable to you? Do you have any practical ideas about how you would like to see such neighbourhood or subcatchment groups working? If so please write to me care of PO Box 465 Maleny Qld 4552 or phone Jo Ferrier on 943551, my home number, mornings or evenings.

Lexy is available on 943922 Tuesdays and Thursdays.

**All input is welcome!**

## SEED COLLECTION

Don't let your precious rainforest seeds go to waste - Barung Landcare can use them.

If your native rainforest plants have ripe fruits on them and you would like to give some to Barung to propagate, please do so. Plants will be sold through our nursery to fund our landcare projects or will be used on private tree plants sub-contracted to Rob Tapp, or public tree plants such as Obi Obi Creek. Some seeds will go directly to schools to be grown by students as part of the Greening Australia School's nursery project.

## SNIPPETS FROM THE LIFE OF A FLY ON THE WALL

By Louisa Fly

You've always dreamt about being a fly on the wall. Let me tell you it's not all it's cracked up to be. There's an artistic tradition in my family that began with Great-great-great-great Grandmother Louisa Fly on the Wall. She designed a mural for the ceiling of the Butter Factory in Coral Street, Maleny. Our family had been working on it for generations leaving our little spots concentrated in the right areas to enhance the masterpiece. It may take generations of fly spots before the picture is revealed in all its subtlety. My great-great-great-great Grandfather Luigi finally finished it. Preparations were underway for the grand opening, but then some mongrel came in, painted it over and renamed the place the Enterprise Centre. This is cultural imperialism at its worst.

It was back to the drawing board - or ceiling as the case may be. Last week I was minding my own business, leaving my spots on the ceiling in the correct location for aesthetic reasons, when I was rudely interrupted by another Barung Landcare meeting. Meeting Mania I call it!

Viewed from the fly's eyeball this meeting was better than most. There were three men representing Greening Australia, Bill Stanfield (State Manager), Hunter Brownscombe and Des Harries. Greening Australia is planning to employ someone to work with local groups including Barung Landcare and the Baroon Pocket Catchment Care Group to facilitate and record the process of developing a Catchment Management Strategy for Lake Baroon.

The two big sheilas from Barung Landcare, Lexy and Jo, commandeered their positions around the table, their ample bottoms firmly placed on the chairs as if they owned the place. Jo presented some of Barung's plans for the next 3 years to get neighbourhood or catchment groups working together. Lexy provided the practical details about Barung's day to day running and planned uses for the computer such as map information and networking. The girls came across as a dynamic duo whose skills complimented each other. Greening Australia's impression was that Barung is an active group at the cutting edge of community involvement in sustainable land management issues.

I could be wrong. This was just the personal impression of one little fly on the wall. Besides, I'm biased. Those girls look as though they could handle one mean fly swat. I'm trying to keep in their good books.

Jo Ferrier

**Barung Landcare...**



BARUNG WOULD LIKE TO OFFER A PUBLIC APOLOGY TO GEOFF YOUNG FOR FAILING TO COMMUNICATE WHAT WE WERE DOING CONCERNING THE PLANS FOR THE NURSERY SHED.

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The USER package includes 48 topic sheets which cover:

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- Soil organisms
- Weed control
- Soil protection

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Two videos (one being a series of

slide stories), three audio tapes, a poster and 12 overhead projector transparencies complete the package and make USER an ideal classroom resource. Again, these materials can be purchased with the set, or individually.

USER presents complex concepts, simply expressed in a beautifully finished and comprehensive package. USER is a valuable resource material for teachers, study leaders and community groups.

Barung intends to hold a workshop on the USER package sometime in April so keep an eye out in this newsletter or the Range News for further information.

A folder of 48 topic sheets costs \$25.00 but if we can get 20 people together we can get them for \$15.00 each.

If you would like to order a package, part of a package or attend the workshop please ring Lexy at the ECM. on Tuesdays and put your name down.



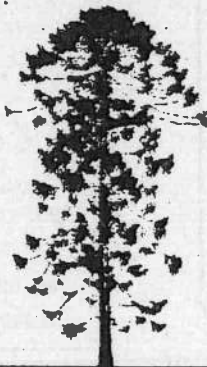
## DATE CLAIMERS

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| 12 & 13.2.93. | Rainforest Eco-system Establishment Workshop. See article for details.                      |
| 12.2.93       | Workshop "National Water Quality Management Strategy", Forest Service complex, Gympie.      |
| 18.2.93       | Fertiliser Forum - Chemical vs Organic. Albert Park Bowling Club, Bruce Hwy. Gympie, 7.30pm |
| 18.2.93.      | Property Planning Workshop in the CWA room at 9.45am.                                       |
| 23.2.93.      | Rural Sub-committee meeting at the ECM. at 7.30pm.  |
| 02.3.93.      | Committee Meeting at the ECM. at 7.30pm.  |
| 09.3.93.      | Enterprise arm Sub-committee at the ECM. at 7.00pm.   |
| 16.3.93.      | Rural Sub-committee At the ECM. at 7.30pm.  |
| 06.4.93.      | Committee Meeting at the ECM at 7.30pm.   |

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PLANNING ON  
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## Rainforest Ecosystem Establishment Workshop

Jack Mitchell ph: (07) 2891288

A Rainforest Ecosystem Establishment Workshop will be held in Samford, on February 12/13, 1993.

A number of aspects will be under discussion; relevant to the employment of the acclaimed HIGH DENSITY / LOW MAINTENENCE, which is applicable to the successful rehabilitation of disturbed rainforest, as well as to the effective establishment of urban rainforest gardens and cabinet timber plantations. There will be a number of experienced and qualified speakers participating in the proceedings; and all of those interested in the economic and ecological values of our native rainforest species are invited to attend. This workshop will provide the opportunity for a cost effective and informed introduction to the principles of site assessment, site preparation, planting design and species selection. Informative site tours of a number of established and proposed plantings, will be incorporated within the agenda of lectures, panel discussions and question / answer sessions. Samford Showgrounds, Mt Glorious Rd, Highvale.

### When?

Friday evening, February 12, from 7.30 pm, and Saturday, February 13, 7.30 am to 3.30 pm.

### How Much?

\$25 per adult for workshop registration, and \$3 for overnight camping facilities.

Supper will be provided after Friday evening's programme, but delegates wishing to camp at the showgrounds will however need to provide their own food etc. If you wish to attend or require further information, please phone Jack (07) 289 1288, or write c/o Betts Rd, Samford 4520.

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## Camphor Laurel — control and replacement with rainforest

### Origins of Camphor Laurel and its Weed Status

Native of south-east Asia.

Individual plants can live over 500 years in their native Asian habitat.

Each large mature tree can produce 1,000,000 fruits pa, each with a single seed ripening in April to May.

Seeds are spread by fruit-eating birds.

Left uncontrolled, Camphor Laurel spreads rapidly from seed and often becomes a monoculture occupying sites that, prior to original clearing, may have contained up to 200 rainforest species/hectare and a rich fauna population.

### Control of Camphor Laurel

There is no practical way of controlling this woody weed without the use of herbicides. However, because (going on available evidence) there is no soil residue with the use of glyphosate-based herbicides, these are recommended on Camphor Laurels where surrounding native seedlings are to be retained and grown.

Methods are as follows:-

**Larger Trees:** tree injection bar (similar frilling technique as described below); regularly frill the trunk(s) at or below waist height with a small axe and inject 3mls per cut (2mls if less than 30cm diameter) of neat glyphosate with a tree injector gun within 30 seconds of inflicting each cut into the sapwood. The operation should leave a 10cm uncut space between each axe cut around the full circumference of the trunk.

With **multi-stemmed trees**, each trunk should be treated in the same way as above.

For **small trees** with single trunks of less than 10cms diameter, dilution at 1:1 (glyphosate:water) can be used.

**Seedlings:** Thoroughly spray leaves and stems with the following -

seedlings up to 15cms height — 10ml/litre;

seedlings up to 1m height — 50ml/litre.

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