

Barung Landcare News



January/February '92

COMING EVENTS :

- 22nd/23rd FEB (Sat/Sun) - **SEED COLLECTION WEEKEND CAMP**,
Booloumba Ck,
maximum of 20 people,
\$20 - children free.
- 29th FEBRUARY (Saturday) - **NATURE SEARCH 2001 MEETING**,
at 9:30am - 10:00am, at the ECM.
Help the Dept. of Env. & Heritage
to develop a substantial data
collection of our native flora &
fauna within SE Qld.
- 1st MARCH (Sunday) - **TREE PLANT AT BAROON POCKET DAM**,
at 9 - 11:30am,
bring shovels etc.
Morning tea provided.
- 7th MARCH (Saturday) - **KILCOY LANDCARE FIELD DAY**,
Wildlife Corridor demonstration
project along Mt Kilcoy Ck,
at 10am. For more Info ring
Paul Nunn (on Ph:074-981241) or
Ashley Sewell (on Ph: 941305).
- 8th MARCH (Sunday) - **GENERAL MEETING**
at 4pm, at Nursery Site,
Bicentenary Lane then
BBQ at Maleny Showgrounds.
- 14th/15th MARCH (Sat\Sun) - **Youth Conference, Monto.**

MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE AND SUBCOMMITTEE MEETINGS:

- 18th FEBRUARY (Tuesday) - **Rural Subcommittee Meeting**,
at 7:30pm, at The Enterprise
Centre, 23 Coral St., Maleny.
- 20th FEBRUARY (Thursday) - **Enterprise Arm Subcommittee
Meeting**, 7:30pm at EC.
- 5th MARCH (Thursday) - **Committee Meeting**, 7:30pm,
at the EC.

**MALENY PROJECT,
BARUNG AND THE FOLK FESTIVAL
TREE PLANT.**

Lindsay Kruger.

An uninformed observer would be justified in thinking Maleny's "Showgrounds" were imbued with the overwhelming goodwill exhibited during the recent Folk Festival and in consent with these feeling suddenly sprouted hundreds of trees.

Festival goers were invited to participate in the greening of the showgrounds by purchasing trees on site and either planting them themselves or contributing money with someone else doing the planting.

The Maleny Project was initiated by the Folk Festival Director, Bill Hauritz, in co-ordination with Barung Landcare. The aim is to recreate areas of the sparsely vegetated showgrounds into beautiful shady environment, created by the people, for the people.

Using the annual Folk Festival as a focal point, it was decided the project could stimulate environmental awareness by involving a large number of people in large scale tree planting. These planting and the maintenance of them is under the supervision of Barung Landcare.

1991/92 saw the second lot of planting of approximately 750 plants, mostly along the rocky bank to the right at the entrance. Thirty advanced trees were planted at strategic locations throughout the grounds. In 1990/91 approximately 1000 trees were planted on the

Obi Obi creek banks and are now beginning to contribute to the natural beauty of the showgrounds.

Thanks to those members who volunteered their time over the Folk Festival and for participating in the ongoing maintenance of this project gifted to the people of Maleny.

Thanks to Boris Daniljchenko for digging the holes for the large trees we planted.

THANKS is due to Matthew Davies and Donald Greenfield in helping to define and providing us with our very own Barung Landcare Logo. Here it is ... you will see it a lot from now on. On your newsletters, correspondence with BLC, our treeplants, pamphlets and anything else were we left our mark.

"WORKING FOR OUR FUTURE"



BARUNG SEED COLLECTION CAMP.

Jo Ferrier.

Pack your bags. Dust off your camping gear. Barung Landcare is having another seed identification camp on the 22nd and 23rd of February. The aim is to increase your knowledge of the local rainforest flora and to have a pleasant weekend with other like-minded people. We will be camping at Booloumba Creek, which gives us access to riverine rainforest as well as the spectacular rainforest areas of the Conondale Ranges.

Activities will include:

- plant identification
- sharing of information about plant usage.
Is this plant poisonous?
Was it used as an aboriginal food or to make axe handles by the early settlers?
- Seed collection techniques
- Use of the Barung Landcare Notebook to record observations about local plants and animals.
- Night spotlighting of wildlife.
- Swimming.

As a follow up to the weekend camp those who are interested will be able to learn about the treatment, processing and propagation of the seeds collected. Plants grown from these seeds can be used later in our revegetation projects.

This is a practical weekend where you have the opportunity to discover information about rainforest plants as you walk through the bush.

Join us for the day or camp overnight on Saturday night.

Departure Time:

at 8:30am, on Saturday.

Departure Place:

Maleny Pool car park.

Or

Meet at Camping Area 1, Booloumba Creek, at approx. 9:30am.

Costs: \$20 - Kids (under 16) free.

For bookings and sharing of transport and tents - ring Jo Ferrier

Ph:941068.



NURSERY SITE PROGRESS.

Lexy Forbes.

If you have gazed down the back of Maple Street lately you'll be able to see that we have started preparing our Nursery Site. The ground has proved to be a lot rockier than expected and after days of constant effort by Dean and his dozer the site is starting to take shape.

All we need now is the rain to settle the soil so we can finish off. Chris from Coast and Country Fuel kindly donated the diesel to achieve this task and of course Dean's dozer.

We have set our **General Meeting for Saturday, 7th March 92,** starting at the Nursery Site at **4pm**

- so come along and have a look, have your say in what is done here.

After a brief inspection of the site we will all lead over to the Showgrounds for a BBQ and swim. Here you can check out all the work we have done on the treeplants.

BYO food and drinks

- See you there!



WEED SURVEY.

Over the next six months you are going to hear a lot more about weeds and Craig Woods is the person who will be eating, sleeping and having visions of them. Craig is a student in Rural Technology from University of Queensland, Gatton College, who is working for us to map the distribution of the main weeds and research the conditions which seem to favour their proliferation. In this

context a survey of the main land degradation problem areas will also be carried out and mapped. He will also be looking at management options for weed control. A report on this should be completed by June 1992 and will be a big boost to our forward planning of rehabilitation projects and should ensure we are as effective as possible with our meagre resources.

A STAY FOR CRAIG?

Craig has expressed an interest in getting to know our region and its people. So if you feel like you can help with accommodation phone or call in at the Enterprise Centre.



FARMERS SUBCOMMITTEE.

Well in an effort to involve more of our Primary Producers in Landcare we held a preliminary Rural Meeting a couple of weeks ago. The meeting was attended by Mal Thompson, Bill Hall, Rob Cork, Kayreen Corkrin, Scott Kirby and Lexy Forbes. It actually turned into a sort of discussion group talking about some of the more positive things that rural people could do in the way of Landcare on their properties. We intend to hold another meeting on the 18th February, at the Enterprise Centre, Maleny, at 7:30pm, and have invited Sam Brown, the regional facilitator for our area, to speak on what other Landcare groups are doing in the region.

At this meeting we hope

to form our Rural Sub-Committee so anybody who is producing from the land or interested in this area is welcome to come along and be part of the Sub-Committee.

PUBLIC TREEPLANTS.



Lexy Forbes.

With the Folk Festival effort being the last treeplant for 1991, we start the new year with a big load - its all in the weather's court as to what we get done.

We have divided our Tree Planting into two areas - public, voluntary - private, paid.

The public plots we are involved in are:

Baroon Pocket which is an ongoing project - Tony Yorkston has put in a great amount of energy here and a top up planting is organised for Sunday, 1st March, 9 - 11:30 am, weather permitting.

The Maleny States School which has a top up of understorey plants to be added this year and is being organized by Jo Ferrier.

The Maleny High School is also an ongoing project with Steve Mallett and Peter Oliver being the ones to contact there.

The gardeners down at Erewol Retirement Village are also putting in trees being supplied by Barung and the Forestry.

Mal and Margaret Thompson are organizing a small plant in Schulz's Road with some of the local residents looking after them.

Crystal Waters has been donated \$300 worth of trees from Caloundra City Shire Council for there Mary River

Park to be collected from Barung at any time.

All these tree plants are being organized by different people if you wish to get involved please ring the office on Tuesdays or Thursdays.

Finally with the eventuation of our Nursery Site on Bicentenary Lane we will be starting our Arboretum of rare and endangered plants in the adjoining park sometime in the future.

If anybody has a project which they feel they would like to organize, Barung is more than happy to help and supply the trees.

Private Tree Plants are being conducted by a group of keen planters under the leadership of Rob Tap. Please contact Rob for further information about prices and numbers etc.

Contact: Please leave a message at the Barung Office, Tuesdays or Thursdays.

Involvement brings commitment.

"GREENHOUSE EFFECT WILL FAVOUR BARUNG"

Tony Yorkston.

How's this you ask? What heresy is this?

Simply that the long-awaited Greening Australia Schools Nursery Project has at long last become a concrete reality. After waiting what seemed an interminable period for the Administrative Services Department to approve the design for the greenhouses (which will be constructed at eight local schools) Barung finally received the

go-ahead recently to get the Project up and running.

At Montville State School on Thursday, 23rd January, representatives from the eight schools involved - Maleny Primary, Montville, Mapleton, Blackall Range Independent, Mooloolah, Eudlo, Palmwoods and Matthew Flinders Anglican College - met under the stern gaze of overseer, Dean Cameron, to erect the first of the greenhouses in the Montville School grounds.

The incredible simplicity of the design made the task of erecting the structure a relatively easy one - the job being done in just a few hours.

All representatives then took the materials that they would need to construct their own greenhouse - the materials having been carted to Montville School in advance.

The students of the participating schools will be able to use these greenhouses to propagate young trees - the majority of which will be returned to Barung for our use in planting. The schools will be able to retain some of the trees for school and local planting.

Dean will visit these schools on a regular basis to familiarize students with the procedures involved in propagation and to oversee the ongoing success of the program.

What an absolute bonus for Barung. Thanks for Greening Australia for making it all possible by providing the money to purchase the materials for their eight greenhouses. This is one Greenhouse Effect we can ill-afford to do without.

**PLEASE REMEMBER MEMBERSHIPS
ARE YEARLY ...**

NEW MEMBERS WELCOME !

Welcome to all our new members! By the way, please renew your yearly membership if you want to be kept involved and informed of what is happening.

The new members of the last couple of month:

Francis Lang and Jeff Michaels, Jan Tilde.

FREE TREE COLLECTION - NOW.

You can pick up your trees at the Maleny High School (first gate left, next to the agricultural section and the shade house), every Thursday from 9 am to 5 pm.



**OBI OBI CREEK BANK
STABILISATION AND
TREE PLANTING FIELD DAY
NOTES.**

Ashley Sewell.

The aim of this project is to endeavour to stabilise a severe eroding creek bank approximately 90 metres in length. Adjoining farmers, Col Loweke and Nev Murtagh, were consulted and information was sought from Water Resources Officer, Soil Conservation staff and interested Officer of the greater D.P.I.

The prevailing dry conditions have given us a good opportunity to realign the creek and batter the banks to a more stable position. The project was started August 26th and

completed in three days. Initially a D8 dozer was used to shift approximately 3500 cubic metres of river gravel and sand sideways for up to a distance of 35 meters. A new channel and battering of the new banks was constructed by a Kato PC 200. The compaction of the lower slope was achieved using the dozer. A cover crop of couch, Japanese millet, oats and Gatton panic was raked and watered in. The prevailing dry conditions and limited access to irrigated water has lessened the required ground cover but this will improve with time.

The tree species selected for planting are native to the area :

Brisbane Wattle , Wild May, Willow Leafed Bottlebrush, Weeping Red Bottle brush, River Oak, Black Bean, Flooded Gum, Forest Red Gum, Blue Duandong, Pink Euodia, Sandpaper Fig, Bumpy Ash, Silky Oak, Guoia, River Tea tree, Black Apple, Celery Wood, Maidens Blush, Scented Satin Ash, Weeping Lilly Pilly.

The planting was done by a group of great volunteers lead by Barbara Schwabe who is part of the Barung Landcare Group of Maleny. The trees planted on Sunday 8th September, were watered in and rhodes grass mulch used to reduce soil moisture loss and weed competition. The seedlings were pegged for location purposes. Weed control became necessary and grass and weed competition was sprayed with Round up on the 29th October. A limited hand weed control has also been carried out by the volunteers.

The survival of the initial planting has been

good at 96% of the 325 seedlings planted. Tree spares have been refilled and further odd spares will need filling in the near future.

The site was fenced by Col and Nev during the first week of September prior the planting.

Future action will include monitoring survival, growth rates, weed control and long term stability of the area. Photos and surveying of this site will be the major recording facilities.

Adjacent to the creek crossing there is a dieback of the rainforest species. Initial soil tested showed no obvious problems. Reinspection has revealed that there is a root fungus tentatively identified as PHELLIUNUS NOXIOUS which may be causing the deaths. The long term effects of this root fungus on the forested site, rate of spread and control methods will be monitored as it may have some effect on new planting site.

The construction and material costs of this bank specialization project came to a total of \$4152. The main costs of the operation were allocated to the use of the dozer/kato at about \$3000.

Special thanks to Barbara Schwabe and friends for all their work and help with this project.

**THREATENED
SPECIES
NETWORK**

Jan Tilden is now working on a part-time basis as the Queensland Co-ordinator of the Threatened

Species Network. The aim of the network is to raise community awareness of the problems associated with loss of species and loss of bio-diversity and as well to encourage people to do something about it. The network is based at the ECM (943922). If you want to know more ring Jan or read "Mad about Pezoporos Wallicus? Why not?" in the upcoming April issue of the Maleny Co-operatives Review.



DONATIONS TO THE NURSERY PROJECT.

Thanks to all our friends who have taken the time and effort to support our account at the Maleny Credit Union with tax free donations towards our Nursery Project.

This time we thank F.E.Guard, B. & N. Egston, D. & F. Snell, P. McCallister, J. Jordan.



**BARUNG LANDCARE
COMMITTEE MEMBERS:**

Shared Co-ordinators -
Dean Cameron & Lexy Forbes.
Secretary & Treasurer -
Lexy Forbes.
President - Jo Ferrier.
Vice President -
Mal Thompson.

Committee Members:
Janel Skrandies, Gillian
Ainscough, Bill Hall,
Denise Irons.
Advisers - Ashley Sewell,
Sam Brown.

The Co-ordinators are available every Tuesday, some Thursdays, at Enterprise Centre, 23 Coral St., Maleny.



'Working for our future'

**Contact: Barung Landcare Association
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