

MARCH/APRIL 1992

COMING EVENTS :

26th APRIL (Sunday) - **BRUSH CUTTING at SHOWGROUNDS, 9 am**

- **SCHULZ'S ROAD PLANT**

Enquiries: Mal Thompson, Ph:944420.

5th MAY (Tuesday) - **DIRECT SEED PLANT at Paul Nun's**
Ashley Sewell, Ph: 960166.

17th MAY (Sunday) - **TREE PLANT AT BAROON POCKET DAM,**
9-11:30am, T. Yorkston, Ph: 942894

29th/30th MAY - **MALENY SHOW WEEKEND**

7th JUNE (Sunday) - **WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY, Cottontree**

MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE AND SUBCOMMITTEE MEETINGS:

28th April (Tuesday) - **I.C.M. Meeting** with P. Rowland
7:30pm at ECM.

5th MAY (Tuesday) - **Enterprise Arm Subcommittee Meeting,**
7:30pm at ECM.

14th MAY (Thursday) - **Committee Meeting,**
7pm at the ECM.

15th MAY (Friday) - **GREEN FORUM** Joan Sheldon
9am - 12, at Caloundra Civic Centre. Contact BLC.

19th MAY (Tuesday) - **Rural Subcommittee Meeting,**
7:30pm at ECM.

21st MAY (Thursday) - **Greening Aust.2nd Training Day**
involved schools only.1-4pm.

22nd MAY (Friday) - **Meeting with the Waterboard,**
10:30 pm, Nambour.

23rd/24th MAY (Weekend) - **Landcare Retreat,**
Toowoomba.



Most of the Meetings are held at Enterprise Centre Maleny (ECM), 23 Coral ST., Maleny.

NEWSLETTER deadline: 28th May. Any contributions from members welcome. Leave articles at ECM.

CHANGE IN CO-ORDINATION.

by Jo Ferrier & Janel Skrandies

As from 31.3.92 Dean is no longer our part-time co-ordinator. He has begun building their house along with expanding his compost toilet business and felt that his skills would be best used at this stage as a committee member. The management committee would like to thank Dean for his dedication and the time he has put into Barung as our founding co-ordinator. To get our group off the ground we needed a person with boundless energy and enthusiasm as well as an ability to encourage other people to work towards a landcare ethic in the region. That person was Dean. His success can be judged by the high profile that Barung Landcare has achieved and the many projects that we as a group have undertaken.

Lexy has now taken over the three days co-ordination and has the reins firmly in her grip. As we all know she has the organisational skills and the ability to attend to details so necessary to follow through on projects. We realise that ideally the position should be a full-time one and therefore we wish Lexy every encouragement in this difficult task.

SUSTAINABLE DAIRYING

by Craig Wood.

Mal Thompson and Craig Wood (our work experience student) travelled to Casino, Northern New South Wales, to attend a seminar on sustainable dairying and ways to achieve it. It has been the scenario for many years, where fertilisers and pesticides are required increasingly each year to maintain farmers' profit (especially when costs are constantly rising!).

Overall, the seminar was aimed at introducing ideas to fertilise the mind on converting their own farms into a more sustainable enterprise.

Sustainability may seem a "flowery" term to some, but the economic, ecologic and personal well being gained by sustainable farming has proved it worthwhile in the long term.

The seminar did not present all the answers, but the information gained was certainly a step in the right direction towards maintaining farm viability in the future.

Copies of the proceedings are available at the office. The cost for photocopying is only required.



HAMILTON, VICTORIA.

by Dean Cameron

A couple of weeks ago I attended the first get together of Landcare coordinators and facilitators which was held in Hamilton, Victoria.

Pre-conference tours were organised leaving from Adelaide and Melbourne. I joined most of the other Qld. Landcare workers on the South Australian tour. Looking at the problems other areas are experiencing gives one a sense of proportion. We all thought our own problems were manageable by comparison to salinization on a huge scale, and rising water tables from clearing on a massive scale. In some areas the water table which is saltier than the sea rises a metre or more above the ground and stays there for six months or more. Conventional pasture management is impossible. Some property owners have taken up wind surfing as a way of coping with seemingly insurmountable problems!

The enthusiasm and dedication of the farmers we met was nothing short of inspiring. The inventiveness and creativity of their solutions was amazing. One family near Murray Bridge was

systematically turning salt scalds into productive grazing areas using several mixed species of deep rooting high protein *Atroplex* sp. Salt bush. Finding economical ways of turning problems into opportunities was a theme throughout our tour. The scale of the problems too demands a big vision. One of the part-time coordinators on the Eyre peninsular has direct seeded 500,000 trees and shrubs and planted 150,000 seedlings since 1986. The experts come to him to learn the latest. The average age of farmers in his area is 35 and many are committed to understanding their land and working with it. Landcare is not an optional extra in their area, of sandy soil and 14 inches annual rainfall.

The Potter Farmers were impressive. One we visited had spent \$75,000 on planning and implementing sustainable management. He had fenced off 10% of his farm area for shelter belts and timber production and improved his overall profitability and productivity. Farmers are taking seriously conservation issues so that they can plan not only for a more productive landscape but also one they like to live in and which encourages birds and wildlife.

The conference itself was a lot of hard work but very worthwhile. I came away feeling part of a great group of people who are striving not only to understand the complex issues at stake but seeking to find ways for a land to support us and the beautiful plants and wildlife which make Australia unique.

PICNIC CREEK PLANT

A group of dedicated volunteers has carried out a very successful plant at Picnic Creek which is one of the feeder creeks into Kondalilla Falls National Park. This is only the beginning of a project to revegetate many of the creeks in this area.

The project was organised in conjunction with Forestry, Nat. Parks and some members of Barung. Greening Australia has supplied some funds but more helpers are always welcome. Contact: Peter Shirley. Ph.457301.

BOOLOUMBA CREEK SEED COLLECTING CAMP

Jo Ferrier

The seed collecting camp at Booloumba Creek was a friendly and relaxing experience. Much of the emphasis was on using Trees and Shrubs in Rainforests of N.S.W. and Southern Queensland in order to identify plants in our region. Participants were shown how to use the book's simple botanical key which is based on leaf features such as domatia (little homes for mites near the veins of leaves). Hand lenses were provided for the weekend so that aspects of the leaves could be enlarged ten-fold.

On Saturday, attention was focused on many of the more common rainforest regeneration plants such as *macaranga* and poison peach bush as well as common understorey plants such as *glossy laurel* and *white bolly gum*. The hope was that common plants will be seen often and therefore more easily remembered.

Our group leader, Dean Cameron, shared many snippets of information about plant usage from aboriginal food to building materials in pioneering days.

We also visited magnificent Bundaroo Creek which has some of the richest, unlogged rainforest in the Conondales. All present were impressed by the stature of the gigantic trees, notably the bunya Pine, Yellow Crabbe and Rose Marava. We collected lots of seeds from the later. We anticipate that the propagation of these will be a success as some were already germinating. Some of the seeds collected will be used by Graeme Gibson from Greening Australia to in-service teachers, parents and groundsmen in propagation techniques at Maleny High School as part of the Greening Australia 'Schools' Nursery Project which Barung is co-ordinating.

The forest proved to be an exciting playground for adults and children alike. The children present (including myself, I must admit) enjoyed climbing inside a fig tree. This special tree has a hollow trunk made up of lattice-like aerial roots that are as easy to climb as monkey bars in a school playground.

Other delights included an icy swim at Booloumba Creek Falls and possum spotting at night.

Some participants learnt how to identify lawyer vine from the pattern of scratch marks gouged in the flesh (not to mention the pain!). I'm convinced that Lawyer vine is alive and well, and living off the flesh of Barungites and other seed collectors.

BAROON POCKET - AN OLD FRIEND REVISITED.

On Sunday the 22nd of March we resumed tree planting at Baroon Pocket for the first time in nearly two years. It was initially planned to have the plant in April to allow time to organise the event. However our 300 trees were delivered early and needed to be planted out.

A site near the helipad opposite the Range's house was selected. Despite the lack of notice, eight

workers arrived at 9am. We completed the planting out of the 300 mixed rainforest and eucalypt trees around 12.15pm.

A tiring but rewarding morning was shared by Margaret Thompson and daughters, Stephanie and Vivienne, Marek and Libby Malter, Craig Wood (a student of Gatton College who is carrying out a weed survey in Maleny for several months), Martin Williams (the Water Board Ranger who also slashed the site), and Tony Yorkston.

Our next tree plant will be coming up in the next couple of months so don't cringe if the telephone rings; come along and help out! It's only for a few hours on a Sunday morning every two or three months and you not only get ten free trees but also free smoko.

BICENTENARY LANE NURSERY AND FOLK FESTIVAL PLANT INSPECTION.

by Janel Skrandies

The rain was holding out for most of our get-together. With a site plan on hand we orientated ourselves and tried to take our places. I found my place in the office in front of the computer with the bookshelves with the BLC library next to me; others wandered about to find the shadehouses, the hardening off area, the proposed lake and the Arboretum of rare and endangered species. We wish, we wish ... it is still a long way to go with lots of energy, muscle power and funds to be found to make it all a reality.

Our next stop was around the barbecue area at the Maleny Showgrounds. With the fire raging we took off to inspect the progress of the trees planted during the Folk Festival. Then, in spite of the inclement weather, we stayed on and managed to consume copious amounts of food and yarned on well into the evening.

RURAL SUBCOMMITTEE.

by Rob Cork (Secretary)

At our last meeting we spent some time discussing a draft application to National Soil Conservation Program for funding of "The Bridge Creek Landslip Rehabilitation Project". This is a project which our group is quite keen to experiment with, so that hopefully we may find ways of retaining the agricultural and horticultural viability of landslip areas. The application has now been lodged and includes the involvement of schools (in helping to monitor the rate of growth species), DPI, Forestry, and anyone who is interested.

Committee members inspected a property at Dalby (with the Monto Landcare Group) to observe organic farming techniques by rotational use of cereal crops with legumes. So much of what was said that day was not applicable in our local area but the following ideas are worth thinking about:

1. Don't upset the natural balance of the soil by irrigating, fertilising or spraying.
2. Never plant the same crop twice in a row; use a rotation.
3. Keep organic matter high in the soil.
4. Trace elements are drawn from the air.
5. Use of medics and other legumes in putting nitrogen back into the pasture.
6. The use of animals in any cropping or pasture system is essential.
7. Always let cultivation areas lie fallow for some time.

An article (Ley Farming on the Central Downs) about the beliefs of Bernie Von Pein and the farming of the above-mentioned property at Dalby is available for reading by interested people.

A field trip to Gatton is being organised to inspect the planting of the fodder tree *leucaena* on slopes and its ability to control infestations of lantana.

Our group is initiating a liaison with the newly formed Beechmont Landcare group with the hope of discovering some common ground.

We also hope to be able to offer a couple of Self-Help Property Planning Workshops in the future. Please ring Lexy if you are interested.

PLANT, PLANT, PLANT - NOW, NOW, NOW!

Well the planting season is well and truly under way. After my comments in the last newsletter about waiting for rain, we were simply deluged with it for weeks on end.

Nab been powering into planting. Anybody who has been considering getting a few trees in should go for it NOW! This is the time to do it. Leave all those other pressing chores (such as building your house) until the dry season!

Nab got heaps of trees ready for planting out. Why not come up and pick up 10 free trees. We need the space!

Rob Tap our reforestation contractor is also forging ahead with planting on a weekly basis. Don't hesitate to contact Rob if you want them to do the work of a part of it (Ph. 944 746).

If you're broke and still want trees contact me on Tuesdays as other options may be available. If your land meets certain criteria and you're needing large quantities it may be worth submitting an application to the Forestry for free trees.

It's already getting colder. Now is the time to plant. Don't procrastinate ..

Involvement brings commitment.

RANGE OF RAINFOREST TREES AVAILABLE FROM HIGH SCHOOL (on Thursdays) AT \$1 EACH.

SHOW HELPERS NEEDED!- put in a few chatty hours on our stall.

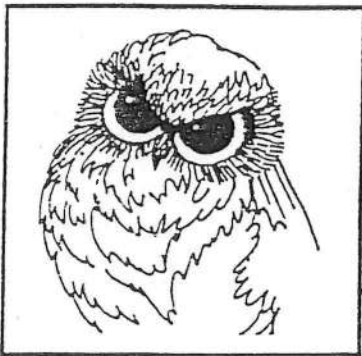
WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY HELPERS NEEDED!- Come along and just relieve if you have a spare few minutes.

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.

Otherwise 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 10am to 3pm.

The new members of the last couple of months; Scott Kirby, Lindsey Boaler, E.C.McDonald, Fran Hopkins, Sharon McQueen.



THE WISE OLD OWL

Once upon our time, there was a centipede who suffered from dreadful arthritis in all his legs. Some days the pain was so bad that he could barely hobble, and one day, in desperation, he dragged himself painfully to the middle of the forest to consult the Wise Old Owl who lived there. He put his problem to her and waited humbly for the reply.

The Owl pondered only for a moment before answering. "My advise to you", she said, "is to become a stork. You'd cut your pain immediately by 98% and you could then maximize your gains by flying everywhere to keep the weight off your remaining two legs".

The centipede was overwhelmed and delighted with the elegant simplicity of the solution. "Oh wise and noble Owl", he babbled in gratitude. "Rightly are you named the foremost adviser in the forest. I accept your advise without reservation, and I will implement it in its entirety. Tell me, how do I go about becoming a stork?"

The Owl glared at him. "Well, really", she huffed, looking disdainfully down her beak. "An adviser of my calibre is not concerned with the trivia of implementation. My role is to provide general policy!"

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Advisers - Ashley Sewell, Sam Brown.

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



'Working for our future'

Contact: Barung Landcare Association
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23 Coral St., Maleny, Qld 4552.
on Tuesdays and Thursdays
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See you soon .. ?

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June/July 1992

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| 7th June | World Environment Day, Cotton Tree Park, at 9am |
| 20th June | Farm walk at the Thompsons at Cooke's Rd, Witta, at 12 noon.
Bring shared lunch & walking shoes. |
| 28th June | Mulching Bee at Maleny Showgrounds 9.00am |
| 25th July | Mary River Congress (details see below) |

MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE and SUBCOMMITTEE MEETINGS:

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| 2nd June | Enterprise Arm Meeting 7.00pm ECM |
| 10th June | Planning Meeting; 10 am, Witta Hall |
| 16th June | Committee Meeting; 7 pm ECM |
| 23th June | Rural Subcommittee; 7.00pm ECM |
| 7th July | Enterprise Arm Meeting 7.00pm ECM |
| 14th July | Committee Meeting 7.00pm ECM |
| 21st July | Rural Subcommittee 7.00pm ECM |



MALENY SHOW A SUCCESS!

A good crowd turned out at the Maleny Show (29 to 30 May), despite the threatening weather and cool temperatures. Displays exhibits and events were all presented well and credit is well deserved to those who spent time in preparing them.

Our stall was a success. Enquiries were continually flowing in mainly regarding the background and purpose of Barung Landcare which provided a great opportunity to tell people that we are more than a group of people who plant trees.

Other enquiries were aimed towards the Bridge Creek Landslip Rehabilitation Project and the Distribution and Density of Four Woody Weeds Project. It could be said the publicity of these two projects effectively showed people that we are more than tree planters, which could be seen by the volume of enquiries we received.

Our plant sales were slightly disappointing, mainly due to the well presented forestry display, adjacent to us, which had a large range of seedlings. One customer had actually asked whether we had Camphor laurel for sale (one of the four woody weeds studied in our project). He was quickly informed of its invasive threat to our region, at last showing that our publicity exercise was worth the effort.

Membership forms handed out went like "hot cakes" as soon as Mal Thompson assumed his position on the stall. It probably was his technique, as others members were hard pressed to follow in his footsteps. Well done Malcolm!

However the shine cannot be taken away from the other workers, which were Rob Cork, Denise Irons, Jo Ferrier and Craig Wood. The time and effort given by these people made the stall a success.

Appreciation is extended to Gillian Ainscough who did the unenviable job of dismantling the stall.

A special thankyou is given to Craig Wood (our work experience student) who spent considerable time in setting and manning the stall over the two days. Also thanks heaps to Ann Oliver for all her time & scrubbing to get our new recycled signs ready in time for the show!

THE INAUGURAL MARY RIVER CONGRESS ... brings together a variety of speakers and community members who are linked by their common interest in the Mary River Catchment.

The broad range of workshops offered at the Congress reflects the diversity of landuse and human inputs into our local waterways.

One focus is the work of GREEN - The Global Rivers Environmental Education Network. A global perspective will be provided by Professor Bill Stapp and supported by the research of local students into the Mary River Catchment. GREEN relies on students at schools throughout a catchment discovering through fieldwork and investigations the conditions that exist in the watercourses in their area, and taking responsible action to inform those who may be affected. We are all part of a catchment. Let's learn together.

Profile of Bill Stapp

William B. Stapp B.A.(Ed) MA (Biol) Ph D.(Natural Resources)
Professor of Natural Resources, University of Michigan (Ann Arbor, USA);
Foundation Director of United Nations Environment Program 1974; Fullbright Fellow to Australia 1982, 1990; Program Director of GREEN; Member of several international committees; author of myriad publications on environmental education.

Workshop Topics

As workshops are programmed to run concurrently 50 participants will be able to attend one workshop in each session:

1. Water quality tests - How to do them.
2. Landcare - Working for our future.
3. Using the Media to get our message across.
Bob Lake - Queensland Country Life; Lisa Palu - ABC Radio
4. Pastoral Practices and Catchment Management.
Barung Landcare Rural Subcommittee.
5. Aboriginal and European History in The Mary Valley.
Stan Tutt - Local historian.
6. Water and what we put into it.
Phillip Aldridge - Caloundra/Maroochy Waterboard.
David Gill - Engineer, Caloundra City Council
7. Human Settlements and the part they play in our catchments
- a permaculture perspective.
8. It's more than just a shady tree - the Ecological Role of Riparian
Vegetation: Dr. C. Catterall, Griffith University.



Program (A final program matching workshop topics to times will be available on the day).

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| 8.20 - 8.50 | Registration |
| 8.50 - 9.00 | Introduction and Welcome |
| 9.00 - 9.05 | Edwin Butt(OAM) introduces Professor Bill Stapp |
| 9.05 - 9.45 | Key Note Speaker; Professor Bill Stapp, Global Rivers Environmental Education Network. |
| 9.45 - 10.30 | Student perspective - Our Local Waterways. |
| 10.30 - 11.00 | Morning Tea |
| 11.00 - 12.00 | Workshop A |
| 12.00 - 1.00 | Workshop B |
| 1.00 - 2.00 | Lunch |
| 2.00 - 3.00 | Workshop C |
| 3.00 - 4.30 | Group Forum - Feedback and Outcomes |

Registration Form.

Cost \$5.00 adults; \$3.00 children, unemployed, pensioners.
Food available at reasonable cost.

Name/s
Address
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Phone Number
Number attending
Name of Group represented
Indicate interested workshop topic numbers



Return by Friday 10th July 1992 to:
Peter Oliver, Maleny High School, Bunya St, Maleny 4552
If nos.permit late registrations will be available on the day.

Some enlightening information about Cats.



Did you know ... ?

Cats occupy most ecological habitats across mainland Australia and many offshore islands. They represent a significant threat to wildlife in Australia and are known to prey upon over 100 species of native birds, 50 mammals, 50 reptiles, 3 frogs and numerous invertebrates. This list is growing as more knowledge comes to light.

Cats kill up to their own body size: most of Australia's endangered and vulnerable mammals, birds and reptiles are in this size category. They prey significantly on endangered and vulnerable mammals, including the Bilby, Numbat and Eastern Barred Bandicoot. The impact of cats is threatening the success of recovery programs for these species. Cats killed all of the Rufous Hare-wallabies released in a recent recovery program. They are the major cause of death in the only remaining population of the Eastern Barred Bandicoot on the Australian mainland.

One in three Australian households keeps domestic cats. These bring home five to ten birds on average each per year, with millions of birds being killed annually in large cities like Melbourne. This predation accounts for most of the young birds bred in suburban areas each year. Thousands of native animals, such as Ring-tailed Possums, are also killed in suburban areas by domestic cats each year. Domestic cats provide a high density reservoir of breeding animals for feral populations.

Cats are responsible for the carriage and transmission of infective diseases such as toxoplasmosis and sarcosporidiosis which can debilitate and kill native animals as well as affect livestock and humans.

There has been little study of the broader biological impact of cats (e.g. competition with marsupial carnivores, interactions with other introduced species, impact of diseases) on the Australian environment.

Reduction of population size of otherwise common species by cats may have important ecosystem effects (eg reduction in numbers of honeyeaters reduces pollination rates and subsequent seed set of plants).

For more information on proposed recommendations to address the impact of cats on native wildlife contact:

Jan Tilden - Threatened Species Network, Enterprise Centre, 23 Coral St., Maleny, Ph:074 943922.



Barung has the following books for sale:

Trees & Shrubs in Rainforests of NSW & Sth Qld - \$12

Rainforest Climbing Plants - \$5

Rocks & Landscapes of the Sunshine Coast Introduction - \$7

Introduction to Successful Growing of Rainforest Rainforest and Harvestable Timbers by Jack Mitchell - \$3.50

TOOWOOMBA LANDCARE RETREAT

by Janel Skrandies.

A touch windblown and cooled off, Jo Ferrier, Lexy Forbes and myself arrived at the Toowoomba Campus on Friday night. We started the retreat very refreshed the next morning. (It was 4 degrees Celsius that night as our fellow DPI campers told us). Coming from Maleny the westerlies just came a bit early for us Barungites. We had forgotten to take enough warm bedding. Well, now to business -

Actually there was quite a bit of that - Landcare business. The various groups from the South East corner of Queensland had sent their representatives to learn about ...? Well a bit about each others' points of growth, structure, some exhausted secretaries, overworked and non paid/acknowledged landcarers, about lots of goodwill and not enough funds, good and bad points of DPI involvement, outstanding achievements and the heavy load of taking on lots of responsibility to repair the land ... and so much more.

We saw comic/educational videos on "Meetings, bloody Meetings" with John Cleese - everybody could identify with this well meaning title and the content. These were thrown in to lighten us up! And this we seemed to need.

Reverend A. Male had a positive presentation about people movements as an introduction to our Landcare Retreat on Saturday morning. The people movement - yes we are one of those - needs positive visions and deeds. How to achieve them? Hmmm ... the Australian-wide Landcare groups have doubled from 600 to 1200 in the last year - so we are not alone in our plight. Dr. Brian Roberts (a Landcarer for the last 20 years and part funder of this weekend) sees the movement having challenges to overcome but the message is getting spread - the land needs us, and all of us need the land.

Educational Landcare videos were shown which were sponsored by corporations (like Uncle Toby's), which allows Landcare to be acknowledged in prime TV time, advertising campaigns are set in motion with McDonalds and BP. Other supporters like Telecom are offering a free membership of Discovery and Pegasus Computer Networking package.

A sign of the times? Certainly. The question lurks: will the government initiated NSCP funding become substituted by private, corporate financial support? At the retreat there was a noticeable push towards "How do we as a landcare group approach private companies for financial support?". We had a Marketing Consultant, a PR person from Australian Trust for Conservation Volunteers, Reverend Male from Shaftsbury Camp and Brian Scarbrick (Chief Executive of Landcare Aust.Ltd.) to tell us their success stories. The impressions I got were confusing but the trend seemed-obvious. There will be less government money available, the private sector is being asked for financial support, the buzzword is "community involvement". Landcare is more in the public eye. With the earthmoving problems awaiting us we need more publicity and people support. On this I can wholeheartedly agree.

How high is Landcare on the political agenda?

(Oh no! I had better not slip into politics. That's definitely a dangerous path even though I think there is lots of it around - especially looking at the Integrated Catchment Management Program, but this is a story in itself.)

From Barung's point of view we are on the right track with our Enterprise Arm. Yeah, we can be self-supporting. Our decision last year to be financially more independent as a people movement was the right one. I love to see support from local businesses as we actually already had with some NewsLetter sponsors (the Maleny Bookshop and ...) Here I can see some positive future for well-meant local support. It does come back to us locally; that's where input is visible and where the problems are happening, on our very own doorsteps.

Local government support we have so far from both Shires. Another notion would be to introduce 1% of the ratepayers money to go towards landrepair. Lobbying that approach is to be looked at.

One formulated motion which needs mentioning, which was voted on by the participants is to be put forward to the Landcare Council: "That there should be funds made available (about \$5000) upon application for needed paid administrative help". The story with most landcare groups is that the workload of secretaries/co-ordinators is enormous. Many are exhausted and close to being not able to give any more of their time and money. But where is Landcare without those good-willed people?

The results of those two days! We, the representatives of Barung, made valuable personal contacts, we learnt about the real world which after living in Maleny is often a shock (and I'm not only talking about early westerlies), confirming that Barung is one of the most active, community supported groups around and is making steps in the right direction. Another positive reminder we had was the need to acknowledge more of the positive steps we are taking as a landcare group, and the people who give us their support. All the little thoughtful acts, financial or time input, or just spreading the word, planting and growing trees, helping at landcare stalls/displays, and for giving up their time to go to all those "Meetings, Bloody Meetings" just to keep Barung on the right track!

Thanks to all of you folks!!

FOR SALE

Barung has a small supply of the following rare species:

Syzygium Hodgkinsonia (Red-lilly-pilly)

Neisoperma Power (Milk Bush)

Endiandra globosa (Black walnut)

Diploglottis campbellii (small-leaved tamarind)

These species are usually just rare or threatened in their native habitat. We need people to plant them out & give them initial care to get established.

THANKS: to all the people who helped on the Schultz's Rd Tree Plant last month.

PAYING HEAPS OF TAX? Believe in Landcare? Why not give us a tax-deductible donation. Why pay it all to the Tax Department ... when you can help us get Landcare going in our community? Make cheques payable to :

Barung Landcare Aust. Land Rehabilitation Project,
PO Box 465, Maleny, Qld. 4552



Involvement brings commitment.