



MOTT teamwork with everybody down and planting at Camoola Park - more photos on page 6

DEED OF AGREEMENT

Preface/context

The purpose of the following agreement is to provide MoTT access to a sufficient number and diversity of plant species to enable them to achieve their planting obligations. It will also better enable PPNN to satisfy customer demand through bulk supply of species to the market.

SOWN are able to provide the number of plants but not the diversity. PPNN are able to assist by providing a diverse number of species and in return will obtain access to larger stock numbers of selected species.

Agreement

This agreement is between Paten Park Native Nursery Inc. (PPNN) and Save Our Waterways Now (SOWN) and Men of The Trees (MoTT) and is intended for the mutual benefit of all parties. BY signing this agreement the signatories bind the future employees and office bearers until such time as the parties disband or agree to cancel the agreement.

It is hereby agreed that SOWN will provide PPNN with an annual supply of 5,000 plants. The plants will be provided throughout the course of the year and will only be available if the means for their production, namely the arrangement with the Arthur Gorie Correctional facility continues to operate. The supply will not be cumulative and plants not utilised at the end of the year will not be available in the following year.

A fresh account will be created at the beginning of the new year. The year will be a calendar year and run from 1st January to 31st December each year. PPNN will maintain a data base of plants supplied to them and will make a paper copy available to all parties upon request. PPNN will enable MoTT to access an equivalent number of plants from PPNN and will maintain a data base of all stock movements between PPNN and MoTT which will be kept on the PPNN office computer. A paper copy will be provided as required.

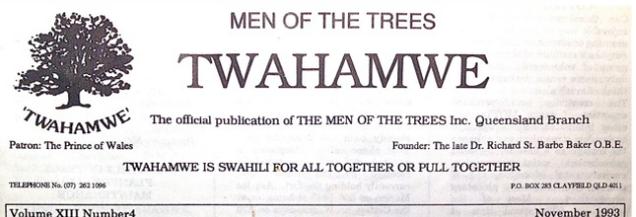
This account will also not be cumulative and will reset to zero at the end of the calendar year. MoTT and PPNN will also work collaboratively as joint venture partners on seed collections activities with the seed to remain the property of the nursery to be propagated by them with all plants going into general stock on hand.

NEW LOOK NEWSLETTER

Twahamwe has turned over a new leaf. A new contemporary look designed for digital dissemination and ease of reading. I found my oldest copy (Nov. 1993, below) and the masthead, vertical columns and typeface that have remained unchanged since 1982. Yes - that is 33 years straight!

Delving a little further back in time, I discovered that after the inaugural meeting of MOTT QLD in November 1980, the first news sheet was only one sided and only contained news of forthcoming events. By issue #4, the news was double sided. This confirmed that MOTT was growing.

In 1982 the newsletter was officially registered as TWAHAMWE and was produced six times a year and posted out to many members and supporters. The time and cost of postage, staples, recycled paper and handling has been circumvented as we graduate into this colourful, instantaneous digital era.



12TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AT TWAHAMWE COTTAGE
The 1993 Annual General Meeting took place at the Cottage on Saturday morning, 11th September in idyllic weather and surroundings, with the usual good roll-up of members enjoying the commotion created by the occasional chorus of kookburras, the rickling rallying cries of currawongs, the shrieking of lorikeets, scaly-breasted and their ilk, to say nothing of the twittering of the small fry - all enhancing the relaxed atmosphere, even if some words of wisdom from the podium were lost.
The Annual Report had of course been circulated in the August Twahamwe, so the President highlighted the special items, including the growing significance of the Cottage both as a focal point of activities generally and of the nursery particularly, to the point where, looking ahead, only the shortage of members and of funding would postpone the Cottage becoming the real headquarters of MOTT.
Other matters mentioned brought members up to date with re-vegetation projects progressing well, co-operation building with similar organisations to our own, and some encouraging grants coming in since financial balance date. Ngairretta concluded with her gracious thanks and tributes to those 'special' members who contribute 'beyond the call of duty'.

Originally this was the front page story, however, good fortune struck with Marion coming to the rescue with lots of MOTTly material to fill the mag - a special thanks Marion as this edition would not have been possible!



Kaki from Hong Kong, pointing at the old weathered MOTT signage at the entrance to Gold's Scrub.

It is the last week of May and there are absolutely no stories for inclusion into the June edition of Twahamwe. PANIC STATIONS - what am I to do? Then came the light bulb moment of featuring MOTT's largest planting of 2 hectares out past Samford. It is a well known forest now and all we have to show for it is a dilapidated old sign that does not say much. YES! That can be the headline; "Old Sign Needs Scrubbing Up" with the ubiquitous slant of "new interpretive plaque ...needed to replace old one ...include historical information ...February 1987 the first 500 trees ...90 volunteer planters ...images of MOTT in action". Yes, that can be THE cover story, or probably the only story.

All these thoughts bouncing around in my brain - I needed a photo. A large photo to take up a lot of space for this newsletter. I ventured out to Gold's Scrub with my assistant, Kaki. After taking my token shot (above) something caught my eye deep in the forest. We noticed a group of people taking photos of what looked like a tree? Curiosity got the better of me. Over the barbed wire and through the long grass we went in search of this mysterious gathering. As Kaki and I got closer we noticed a koala climbing up the trunk and six cameras from six people had him in the spotlight. WOW! This story is getting much more interesting now.

We had stumbled across a koala release "into the wild" from this group (of which, cannot be named) who were being strangely secretive about what they were doing. Their spokesman (cannot mention her name either) did not want any publicity in fear that masses of people would come far and wide in search of the koala. OR, could it be, I dare say, koalas? How many others have been released? So many unanswered questions!

Well, part of the secret is out! I believe that the good people of MOTT should be informed because MOTT creates habitats and would be delighted with what I witnessed... this is truly a good news story. I still think that we should resurrect that old sign too!



Aerial view of Gold's Scrub revealing MOTT's intensive planting around the remnant scrub that has remained untouched since the Gold family settled there way back in 1868.



Circle depicting the young male koala as he looks down at the people who have given him a new home in the wilderness.

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Rex leading the charge to move mulch mountain

Keperra Rescue Site at Camoola Street Park on 16.5.15

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Kerry about to place a plant into the newly dug earth



MOTT, trees, soil, mulch, water, children and dogs - a winning combination!

the international society for the planting and protection of trees

Rock Reserved for Hugh at Gap Creek Reserve

The muscles of the MOTT team turning a rock around in its beautiful position in the Gap Creek Reserve picnic ground on Gap Creek Road.

The rock and its plaque which hopefully be available shortly will be a memorial to Hugh Preston and his amazing dedication (every week-day for 10 years) to the restoration of the Mt Coot-tha forest. The rock is one which Hugh himself used to sit on, and the reason it was being turned, initiated and guided by Gerry, is so that its best face would be in the right direction to receive the brass plaque.

A successful enterprise.



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CLOCKWISE FROM TOP LEFT:

*Raimée and Kaitlyn,
from the Academy of Creative Industries*

Fantastic Fran lugging water

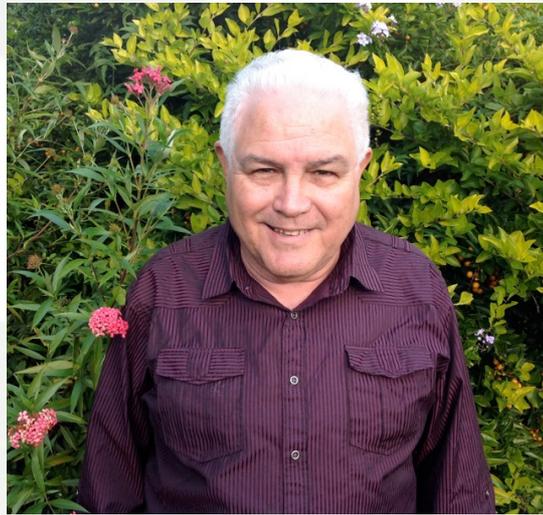
*Fran with her 2 devoted assistants Bandi and Teddy
Rex under the supervision of Zoe (Kerry's dog) carting water from
Jerry's big blue tub*

Little boy blue having a break

Jean putting her back into shovelling from the compost hill



Have a peek at Pat Peek in Japan



Irankarapte, minnasan!

translation: HELLO EVERYONE

(derived from the aboriginal language of the Ainu people of Hokkaido)

In the fourth week of my holiday in Japan, I was privileged to spend a few days with my son, Brendan, and his friends in the Ainu village of Nibutani in Hokkaido. We enjoyed the experience of the large log cabin on the farming property of the Ainu elder.

On Sunday, about 60 people of all ages gathered to plant trees. The first task was to ask the spirits to bless the day's work, to help the trees grow and to keep all safe. (This last request was heeded as no-one was injured while some of the activities would have raised more than one eyebrow in our W.H.S. Department.) The ritual involved splashing sake with a small sakura branch onto the stream, the soil and oneself while invoking the spirits, followed by sipping the sake.



Work began by digging out rows of seedlings roughly 10cm tall, trimming the roots and transplanting them more widely spaced into another plot. One row of trees, about a metre tall were dug out and bagged to be planted on a hillside. One of the Power Rangers was an enthusiastic helper and the event was being filmed and photographed for a documentary. When this task was completed, everybody was driven up into the hills for a bento lunch.



The afternoon involved digging holes and planting the trees. No fertilising or watering occurred. Somewhere between 300 and 400 trees, mostly sakura (cherry) trees, were planted on the hillside and then enclosed by a fence designed to prevent the local deer from enjoying a delicious breakfast. There were so many fence posts, I didn't know how we'd have time to plant them until a tractor arrived and, using its scoop, proceeded to push them into the ground to the required depth – dangerous work for those holding the posts! When this was complete, the group moved down the hill to plant another plot.



That night, an annual meeting was held in the cabin with about forty attendees. After the formalities, a party ensued accompanied by some traditional music with the tonkori prominent. The boisterous activity ceased about 1am, leaving about 30 people prone on futons. (One had to be careful threading one's way through these bodies when going to the toilet.)

In the morning, those who could formed a search party sent to collect wild vegetables from the forest floor. ("This plant is edible; this plant is poisonous." They looked the same!) These were made into tempura for lunch. I found the meal really delicious.

A visit to an Ainu master craftsman and the Ainu museum rounded off a great weekend. By the way, it rained steadily during the second night after planting.



...SEEDS of thought...



MOTT group working at the "Cottage" at the Paten Park Native Nursery on Saturday 23rd May, for the cleaning (shucking) of seeds for storage and future plantings.



MOTT/PPNN got together on a recent expedition on Wednesday the 3rd of June, to collect seed from the Slaughter Falls track at Mt Coot-tha. This is ideal experience for our international university students.

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As Greening Australia's head scientist I am amazed by the potential of native seeds. They are truly wonderful things. With enough seeds bare earth can be transformed into a rich grassland or a flowering woodland meadow. But we can no longer rely on collecting seed from the wild to restore Australia's lost habitat at the scale that ecologists and land managers all agree is urgent. We need to grow it ourselves. This approach is critical if we're going to save hundreds of rare species from extinction.



That's why I'm asking you to help us overcome Australia's critical seed shortage. Can you help build a seed production centre that could revolutionise habitat restoration? Any donation of \$2 or more is tax deductible. And as a donor you'll receive an invitation to visit the seed production centre for yourself. After all, you'll have helped build it.

In western Sydney we've already made a wonderful start. Work has started on a 5 hectare seed production centre that's already growing grasses and wildflowers for the critically threatened Cumberland Plain - a habitat used by species like the Regent Honeyeater.

Greening Australia Postal address:
333 Bennetts Road, Norman Park QLD 4170
Web: www.greeningaustralia.org.au

But there is so much more work to do. Your donation will help us to:

- Build the propagation houses and seed beds to grow 100s of species.
- Buy tools and machines to harvest and process seed.
- Support the staff and volunteers who keep the facility running.
- Strengthen our network of seed production areas across Australia.

You can click on the map below to get a better idea of what the centre may one day look like. With your help we can make it happen. Your generous contribution will help us harvest more seed and create more habitat.

Seed production is a new and exciting field in habitat restoration. There is lots still to learn. You can set us off on this journey as we seek to improve and develop all our seed production facilities across Australia.

Many thanks, Dr Paul Gibson-Roy



We're already getting bird, bug and reptile visitors to the site. Don't forget that if you make a donation you can come along too.



We are in the very early discussions about creating a butterfly garden in this area by Ishara

We are currently scoping the right site, one with a large open area where we can create various pockets of vegetation to support the various host plants that feed the caterpillars. A site close to natural bushland where a butterfly corridor can be created.

I found that many of our endemic plants are host to a variety of different and beautiful butterflies, so what better way to create more colour and life to a garden than by attracting the multitudes of stunning little beauties to the area.

By providing food and habitat for caterpillars and adult butterflies we are also supplying resources for many other native animals.

Why are there fewer butterflies now? Unfortunately our current regimes of insecticide spray use in the gardens as well as environmental degradation and native vegetation clearing is having a negative effect on butterfly populations.

Some exotic plants like the Dutchman's pipe and the Jacaranda are poisonous to some species, further contributing to their decline.

the amazing thing is that butterflies can often travel kilometers in search of their host plants. For example the Richmond Birdwing female will travel up to 30 kilometres from where it pupates. The vine contains pheromones which the butterfly can detect from at least a few kilometres away. This brings a lot of hope to those fighting hard to bring this magnificent butterfly back from its vulnerable status to where we can once again see them in abundance flying through the streets of Brisbane, as was reported in 1870.

Please plant more Swamp Bloodwoods (Eucalyptus ficifolia) for my little mates Digger & BoBo

by Scott

HEY!!! my name is BoBo and I am a Scaly Breasted Lorikeet - *Trichoglossus chlorolepidotus* and luckily, I was rescued after I fell out of my nest.

A week later, on ANZAC day, Digger fell out of his nest too and now we share the same, safe, cage. He is a Rainbow Lorikeet - *Trichoglossus haematodus*. We are great mates and have lots of laughs together.

Our favourite tree is the Swamp Bloodwood. In bloom, the air is sweet and they are such a colourful sight across the landscape. It is also a crucial tree for our diet.

HOWEVER, there are only two trees left between Milton and Taringa and if all my family and friends are going to survive we need a lot more of these precious trees for our food supply.

Please everyone, we need many more of these majestic gums planted now for all our little mates. They are ideal for peoples gardens as they do not grow very high and attract our happy friends



Toowong Shopping Centre – Dust to Paradise

by Iris

Recently a substantial and significant amount of vegetation, which included well established native Grevilleas and Bottlebrush trees, were completely removed and destroyed to allow for painting of the massive concrete wall fascia of the Toowong Shopping Centre.



The exposed area there appear now just an eye sore but for some of the endemic native wildlife species such as Ringtail Possums (as pictured), Rainbow Lorikeets and other birds, skinks and the like; it is often literally a matter of life and death for them.

Unfortunately, it is too late in this instance for much of the wildlife that inhabited this area previously but I would very much like to initiate and put forward a proposal to Toowong Shopping Centre management, that MOTT undertake appropriate revegetation of this site, specifically catering and addressing the plight of native wildlife in memory of "little Wong" a little sub adult Ringtail possum who came from this site, after it was cleared, emaciated, starving and severely dehydrated.

So "who is on board" with this proposal to implement and create an even better and more abundant micro ecosystem n our suburbs for all our local and transient native wildlife to enjoy and in turn enrich our urban lives.



Is anybody out there willing to identify sites & apply for VPOs? PLEASE contact iris

Eco Home, Eco Garden, Eco Tourism...

What's next? Eco Cat! by Iris

Well before you laugh out loud and say that's crazy, hold that thought and hold that laugh, for a moment, grab yourself a cup of tea and read on, it's not all as silly as it might first sound.

Our environment is under continual pressure's and there's no denying, felis catus, a.k.a the moggy cat, is not helping out when it comes to the perils that face for our native wildlife on a daily basis. Each year vast numbers of birds, possum young, skinks, lizards and others fall prey to our companion cats and those cat colonies that have become feral over time. But the first thing to understand is the notion of people giving up the keeping of cats as their beloved companion pets anytime soon is a fanciful one. So if we and cats are going to be around living together for a long, long-time yet, what's the solution for our wildlife who far too often pay an unacceptable price for the perils of our pets pose to them through attacks, infected bite wounds, fear of predation, Toxoplasmosis and the list goes on. Well enter Eco Cat. So who is or what is Eco Cat you may well ask? Well let's back the proverbial truck up a here for a bit and start with Eco in Eco Cat. A quick visit to Wikipedia will tell you 'Eco' is "a prefix mostly relating to ecological and environmental terms", hardly sounds like something you can apply to a pet cat, or is it? So let's start with the question, is there much of a difference between a moggy allowed to stray outdoors at any time of day and night, honing their hunting skills when an opportunity might arise as a native creature scurries by on their way in search of food and the indoor cat, that lays about relaxing and chilling out in the comfort of our homes. Well yes, the difference is huge; a difference so significant that it can mean the difference between life and death for the wildlife that inhabits the environment alongside us. Indoor cats never have the opportunity afforded to predate upon our native wildlife but the positives don't end there by any means as our pet moggy wins big to! And a note for any doubters out there that question whether or not cats really do predate upon wildlife, and be assured they are out there; ask yourself one question, have you worked in an after hour's emergency Veterinary Hospital? No? Well as someone who has I can testify to the alarming and steady stream of wildlife cat attack victims, and dog attack victims for that matter to, that are brought in to a Veterinary facility each year by the public requiring treatment for attack injuries and that is just the tip of the iceberg as many of those native animals will either have already been killed in their environment from the attack or never come into the care of a good Samaritan who takes them off to seek veterinary attention for their injuries as they have suffered. Indoor cats avoid becoming road trauma victims, are less like to encounter ticks, are at reduced risk to Feline Immunodeficiency Virus (for which as present there is no cure), Cat fights, sometimes causing cat abscess wounds painful and expensive to treat and the list goes on and on! Well if our indoor cat has little to no impact on our native wildlife, have we just found our Eco Cat disguised all these years in our Indoor cat, a cat kept solely indoors? Well not quite as a cat that has come from a pet shop or registered breeder can be kept as an indoor.....but we're getting close. Each year in our cities and their surrounds exists pockets of semi wild colony cats. These are cats that may inhabit in or around industrial areas or schools precincts, University campuses, parklands or other areas within our suburbs where unsexed cats have been able to breed up without any real direct owner. They are often fed randomly by people in the area but for all intensive purposes are not "owned" as might be defined under the Animal Care Protection Act 2001. These cats, through their sheer instinct to survive, sometimes literally rely on killing wildlife species as their main or predominant food source. Often local councils or the facilities concerned themselves, where these colony cats exist, undertake trapping programs to control cat numbers. Cats are seasonally polyestrous, meaning they can come into heat to breed all year round, although spring time is the main season when breeding numbers often explode. While many of these cats will immediately be put down by councils and the like, in some instances the cats trapped, especially young kittens, will be desexed, vaccinated, micro-chipped and tamed to become domesticated companion cats. And it is here that the true Eco Cat is born. The Eco Cat is taken from the urban wild or peripheries, so it can no longer have the opportunity to cause catastrophic damage to the native wildlife and the ecosystem they once inhabited, they are left to live out their nine lives (or a bit less) within the comfort and care of a person's home enjoying all the new found perks and luxuries that go with domesticated home life as the indoor 'Eco Cat'. And before you enjoy that last sip from your cup of tea, there is one more thing; below is your opportunity, or someone you know, to get their very own genuine 'Eco Cat'or two!



Hey We Need a Great Home!

We are the best of friends and we are on a quest to find some perrfect human friends who will let us hang out with them each and every day and every night forever!

Our Names are Smokey and Catherine, and yep you guessed it we're a boy and a girl. Not that we really remember the Vet or the Op, but we can say we're de-sexed, micro chipped, vaccinated and come minus fleas. The only thing left now for us is to find some humans to smooch up to and hang out with. Yeah, that'd be nice! Oh and one more thing....as Eco Cats, we' are indoor cats where we're safe and can do no harm. If you think we maybe the kind of friends you've been looking for then hey, what are you waiting for.....pick up the phone and call Iris on 0409 403819

MOTT calendar July - September 2015

The most up-to-date version of this schedule can be found on the MOTT website:- <http://www.menofthetrees.org.au>
 ~ Meet Saturdays at 9.00am unless otherwise stated - break 10.30 for morning tea, finish work approx 12.30pm ~

JULY

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| Wed 1 | SEED COLLECTION with PPNN MEET Paten Park Native Nursery Paten Park, Paten Road, The Gap | Neil 3300 6304 Marion 3366 1448 |
| Sat 4 | PATEN PARK - PLANTING & MAINTENANCE Just past Scout Den, Paten Road, The Gap | Kerry 3289 9206 |
| Sat 11 | BUNYA RIVERSIDE (WONGAN CREEK) - PLANTING & MAINTENANCE with MBRC Bunya Crossing on South Pine River UBD 107, Q20. Drive to end of Dugandan Road, then down track to carpark at the riverside | Wendy 0409 268 838 |
| Sat 18 | KERYN PLACE PARK - SITE 2 SPREAD MULCH & PREPARE SITE Mungarie Street, off Settlement Road, Keperra | Marion 3366 1448 0411 838 399 |
| Sun 19 | SEED COLLECTION with PPNN MEET Paten Park Native Nursery Paten Park, Paten Road, The Gap | Neil 3300 6304 Marion 3366 1448 |
| Sat 26 | PATEN PARK NATIVE NURSERY - NURSERY WORK Paten Park, Paten Road, The Gap Parking - Use upper carpark to drop or pick up gear at the nursery, and please park finally in carpark on the left just before the bridge | Kerry 3289 9206 Marion 3366 1448 |
| Sun 26 | PATEN PARK with PPNN & SOWN - NATIONAL TREE DAY FESTIVAL Paten Road, The Gap | Fran 3851 0858 |

AUGUST

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| Sat 1 | PLANTING & MAINTENANCE Parkview Drive - The Gap | Kerry 3289 9206 |
| Wed 5 | SEED COLLECTION with PPNN MEET Paten Park Native Nursery Paten Park, Paten Road, The Gap | Neil 3300 6304 Marion 3366 1448 |
| Sat 8 | PLANTING and MAINTENANCE with MBRC Yellowwood Drive, Part of Wightman Reserve, Arana Hills | Wendy 0409 268 838 |
| Sat 15 | REGIS PARLKAND MANOR - PLANTING & MAINTENANCE 39 Lanita Road, Ferny Grove | Marion 3366 1448 0411 838 399 |
| Sun 16 | SEED COLLECTION with PPNN MEET Paten Park Native Nursery Paten Park, Paten Road, The Gap | Neil 3300 6304 |
| Sat 22 | PATEN PARK NATIVE NURSERY - NURSERY WORK Paten Park Native Nursery Paten Park, Paten Road, The Gap Parking - Use upper carpark to drop or pick up gear at the nursery, and please park finally in carpark on the left just before the bridge | Kerry 3289 9206 Marion 3366 1448 |
| Sat 29 | PLANTING & MAINTENANCE Parkview Drive - The Gap | Kerry 3289 9206 |

SEPTEMBER

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| Wed 2 | SEED COLLECTION with PPNN MEET Paten Park Native Nursery Paten Park, Paten Road, The Gap | Neil 3300 6304 Marion 3366 1448 |
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| Sat 12 | ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING / MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING MEET 1pm at the home of Fran Giljie, 9 Lynwood Court Ferny Hills | Fran 3851 0858 |
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REMINDER: your annual membership is due now! PLEASE fill out form on next page...



Lou's 30!!
Come join the celebrations!!

When: Friday July 3 2015, 7pm until late
Where: The Brisbane German Club
416 Vulture St, East Brisbane, QLD 4169

Please note: you will need to join as a member of the club in order to get in (\$5). You will need a membership card from any other club in order to do so if you live closer than 15km to the German Club, or just get an existing member to sign you in! The German Club also gets quite busy so there will be a lineup to get in if you are late!

AL FRESCO MOTT MEET AT FRANs

MOTT management meeting in February from front left; Fran (holding Bandi), Jean, Jan, Pat, Kerry, Marion, Gerry and Tilli (keeping the seat warm for Scott).



BIRTHDAY BASH DOWN UNDER

Derek and Louise will be back in town for a week for our birthdays! They are having a party on the 3rd of July and we were wondering if the MOTTly crew wanted to join them.... PLEASE SEE ABOVE FOR THE INVITATION DETAILS.

It is at the German club in East Brisbane. The invitation is open to all MOTT members. They are only back from Thailand for one week - so it is a good time to catch up!

/////call out///// MOTT needs new members to join this endearing organisation /////call out/////

Cassimaty Park Planting

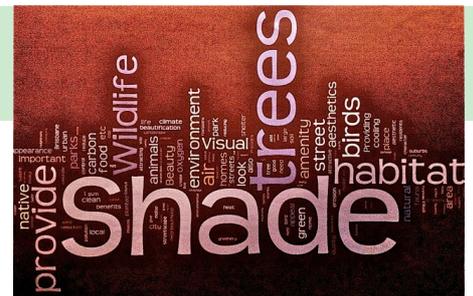
On 30. 5.15 at Samford Road opposite the Ferry Grove Railway Station...



When trees were felled to make way for the new Ferry Grove Station and the second line between Keperra and Ferry Grove, this area along the Brook in Cassimaty Park was chosen by Queensland Rail and the Brisbane City Council for offset plantings, replacing hundreds felled by thousands planted.

MOTT were recruited as the leading planting team for this enterprise, directed by the Kedron Brook Catchment Branch.

MOTT remains as the maintenance team, and as the area is particularly subject to flooding, especially the site in which fill-in planting is being done in these photos, the work is ongoing.



**Of concern to all!
A tree is worth
\$193,250**

according to Professor T.M. Das of the University of Calcutta. A tree living for 50 years will generate \$31,250 worth of oxygen, provide \$62,000 worth of air pollution control, control soil erosion and increase soil fertility to the tune of \$31,250, recycle \$37,500 worth of water and provide a home for animals worth \$31,250. This figure does not include the value of fruits, lumber or beauty derived from trees. Just another sensible reason to take care of our forests.

From Update Forestry
Michigan State University

THE VALUE OF A TREE

SAVE OUR MOTHER EARTH



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MOTT'S NURSERY WORK



After the spectacularly speedy and complete disappearance of Greening Australia from the Nursery scene at the end of 2014, our organisation was in crisis as we all know, without a source of seedlings for our plantings. But firstly the SOWN Nursery and then the Paten Park Native Nursery (the community nursery struggling to start almost from scratch after GA), have come to our rescue and generously offered to replace, or rather continue the wonderful commitment of GA over the past seventeen years to supply our planting group with the basis of its planting stock.

As a thank-you to the PPNN, but also to assist in some small way with the productive capacity of the nursery, our planting group has committed to nursery activities on three days each month. One of these involves giving up one of our Saturday planting days - a difficult thing for us because of the demand for attention of our many planting sites. But we know what side our bread is buttered, and even if the nursery had no bearing upon our own survival, we appreciate the importance of this wonderful facility for the community and the dwindling habitat of our city and countryside.

On the fourth Saturday of each month therefore, the MOTT group works at the PPNN in Paten Park, Paten Road, The Gap. The work involves whatever the requirement may be at the time - pricking-out, potting-on, tube washing, also seed-cleaning, weeding, watering, etc. A very nostalgic activity for some of us with longer teeth, who did the same, in the same place, when the nursery was MOTT's, 20 years ago. (The house is still officially named Twahamwe Cottage, and a large bark painting of the founder of MOTT, Richard St Barbe Baker, still hangs in the central position on the wall.)

On the first Wednesday and the third Sunday of each month MOTT and the PPNN now get together to go on seed collecting expeditions. So far we have had some enjoyable and fruitful days in such places as Closeburn, Mt Coot-tha, and an idyllic property high up in the Lacey's Creek catchment, surrounded by the D'Aguilar National Park. These are the days when one can breathe the purest oxygen, and get closest to forests that still exist and hopefully always will.

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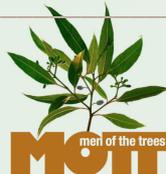
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