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## VARIOUS MOTT OUTINGS



### SAMFORD ECO CORRIDOR

Cancelled last year because of the drought, MOTT joined this community project on March 15<sup>th</sup> and there was a large number of people available to participate in the project.



The day was a huge success and some 1900 trees, shrubs and lomandra were planted, watered, staked and shielded before a ravenous horde descended on the Samford Bowling Club to enjoy a hamburger and salad, courtesy of the organizers.

Mott members (pictured below minus James and Phillip who had left) were augmented by our friends from Dera Sacha Sauda.



Thank you so much to each and every one of the 166 wonderful Samford Parklands Planting Day volunteers who joined in to help plant around 1900 plants last Saturday morning.

We never imagined that so many people would join us on the day. It was so satisfying to look out at lunch time and see them finally in the ground. We hope you had a great morning and look forward to catching up with you again at our regular bushcare days, which are on the second Sunday of each month from 1-4pm (no need to register).

If the weather continues we will also need some help with watering over the next few weeks: we'll keep you posted. We can now enjoy watching the plants grow into a beautiful shady place for future generations to enjoy, knowing we've done our bit to help restore the biodiversity of the site.

Kind regards, The Samford Eco-Corridor team

**Restoring our local waterways**



# CURRUMBIN



On May 17<sup>th</sup>, 11 of us joined the Currumbin Creek Care group at a carefully hidden highly secret spot where Maxwell Smart wouldn't have surprised me. There were probably dozens of others who couldn't manage to find the location's whereabouts. The site was so off the Gold Coast's glamour strip that attempts to contact the GCC rep were pointless because the site had no mobile coverage and street directories and navigators both proved useless.



The day proved very useful (as well as very pleasant) because we discovered weed mats – very handy in riparian areas where our hard work can be wiped out by a flood.



These felt squares are positioned around the plant and pegged down on the upstream side with two metal pegs. During a flood, the mat

helps to keep the plant in the ground and the mat also serves to retain water around the plant after watering or rain. The mats are also made with corner slits to enable the supports for plant protectors to be easily fitted.

Photos by Scott Maxwell.



## **SUBSCRIPTIONS DUE**

MOTT'S financial year runs May 1<sup>st</sup> – April 30<sup>th</sup>, so annual membership was due in May.

Members can either use the form at the end of the newsletter or pay by direct transfer to:

**Name: Men of the Trees (Qld) Inc**

**BSB: 124-001**

**Acc No: 93057245:**

And don't forget to put your name as a reference.

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MOTT Qld Inc acknowledges the support of the Queensland Government through the Gambling Community Benefit Fund.



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## **MEET THE PLANTERS** **Jean Shipway**

One of the best things to come out of our association with Camoola Street Park was Jean Shipway. Not only is she a vibrant and interesting personality, she brings delicious home-made goodies to the Saturday morning and has sewn new canvas backings for the MOTT folding chairs, many of which were in sad need of repair.



Jean is a longtime resident of the Camoola Street area (34 years) and we met her when we joined the Camoola Street Residents Group to work on upgrading their local park. Having met us and realized what a delightful group we were, she then succumbed to Fran's entreaties, at the dog park, to join us.

Jean's father fought in France during World War I and when he was demobbed, he met her mother. He spent some time in India and on his return to Britain they married and in 1927, they emigrated to Australia, because he felt they would have a better life here. By the time he had a dairy farm outside Jandowae on the Darling Downs there were four children; one was born in Britain but Jean, the youngest, and her brother and sister were born here.

Having had to lose some of his herd during a drought, her father swore he would never have to put his cattle down again and started to plant lucerne to make hay, which he stored and fed his cattle inside during milking, and he never had to sacrifice his herd again.



Jean grew up with music in the house. Her mother was blessed with a fine alto voice and Jean, too, followed in her footsteps. The carrot that got her away from the farm and down to Brisbane was Princess Alexandra's 1959 visit as the queen's official representative at Queensland's bicentennial. The Queensland government approached the Rotary Club of Brisbane to organize a week's activities and accommodation for young people, who were the same age as Princess Alexandra at a festival called "Gundoo", which is the aboriginal word for "festival" or "fun together". The government extended an invitation for two young people between the ages of 17 and 23 from each Shire to attend.

Jean was selected and she was accommodated with Thelma Blackman, an opera singer and teacher, who was so impressed with Jean's voice that she offered to teach her were she to move to Brisbane ... minutes later, Jean was living and working at a workers' hostel in Bulimba.

Whilst in Brisbane, like many couples at that time, Jean and her husband, a geologist, met at Cloudland, dancing high on Bowen Hill. Two children later, when her husband, a was offered a job that would get him back into exploration, they moved to Sydney where they lived for some time, Jean working in a prep school.

On returning to Brisbane, Jean worked in child care and a few years ago, a son and a daughter and three grandchildren later, she retired which, fortunately for us,

gives her time to grow her fabulous limes, repair canvas chairs, bake morning tea goodies and join us at Saturday morning plantings.

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## NATIONAL TREE DAY

This year, National Tree Day will be held on Sunday July 27<sup>th</sup>.

The event will take place at Keryn Place Park, Mungarie St. Keperra. The nearest Cross Street is Settlement Rd: UBD Map 137 P157.

From Samford Rd, or Keperra's Great Western Super Centre, the drive down Settlement Rd. (towards The Gap) is less than 2 minutes. Mungarie Street is on the opposite side of the street from where the quarry used to be (where Bunnings will be building) i.e. the 2nd street on the right. Follow Mungarie a little way to Keryn Place on your left.

The site will be child friendly, so bring the kids to introduce them to planting, and there will be Thank you certificates for them. The site is also accessible for the disabled.

Gloves, tools and equipment for planting, buckets, and drinking water will all be provided and our Apex friends will be there with a sausage sizzle.

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## NATIONAL ARBORETUM

Leaving Canberra in the rain, I stopped off on the outskirts to look at the National Arboretum a 250-hectare site that was founded on land that was burned out during the Canberra bushfires.

With sueling and mulching to delight any MOTT heart, signs pointing to different areas like 'Cork Oaks' and 'Himalayan Cedars' and a large, very interesting and beautifully laid out display centre, it should prove a must visit on your next trip to the national capital

You can check it out on its website:  
[www.nationalarboretum.act.gov.au/](http://www.nationalarboretum.act.gov.au/)



“The best friend on Earth of man is the tree. When we use the tree respectfully and economically, we have one of the greatest resources of the Earth.” Frank Lloyd Wright.

The National Arboretum, Forest Drive, Weston Creek.  
Open daily from 7.00AM until 5.30PM.

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## KNOW THINE ENEMY Climbing Asparagus



A climber with stems up to eight metres long, its axils have several linear leaves up to 1.5 cms long and nasty spines up to 10 Mms. Flowers are whitish and its berries are orange.

It is an aggressive weed of urban bushland in tropical and subtropical areas. This unwanted immigrant from South Africa has been declared a weed of national significance

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## THE WEBSITE

Scott Maxwell's WOTT'S MOTT's been added to the *How To Join MOTT (Qld)* Quick Link on the left-hand side of the Home page. WOTT'S MOTT'S a flyer he has designed, at Kerry's urging, so that it can be handed out at Men's Sheds.

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## MOTT'S GUINNESS RECORD ATTEMPT

MOTT (Western Australia) are aiming for a Guinness world record when they attempt to plant 100,000 trees in 1 hour on 25th July at Whitman Park, WA, for National Tree Day. We wish them all every success.

You could email them your best wishes at [contact@menofthetrees.com.au](mailto:contact@menofthetrees.com.au) or greet them on facebook at [www.facebook.com/menofthetreeswa](http://www.facebook.com/menofthetreeswa)

Their website is [www.menofthetrees.com.au/](http://www.menofthetrees.com.au/)

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## PEAKS TO POINTS

Peaks to Points Festival showcases the beauty in our backyard.

Discover the beauty in greater Brisbane's backyard at the Peaks to Points Festival 2014, from Saturday 19 July to Sunday 3 August 2014. Experience amazing natural areas right at your doorstep through free events and hands-on activities from the 'peaks' - Flinders Peak near Ipswich - across the south side of the Brisbane River, to the 'points' of Moreton Bay.

The festival brings together community groups, local businesses, councils and environmental groups to celebrate greater Brisbane's 'wild side'.

Through bush walks, canoeing, birdwatching, tree plantings, workshops, bus tours and lots of other great eco-activities you can learn more about our wonderful natural environment, and how we can protect and enhance it.

The festival kicks off with Family Day at the Oxley Creek Common on Sunday 20 July 2014 (free entry). Take in the winter sun while enjoying live entertainment, children's activities, canoeing on Oxley Creek, displays, workshops and a selection of hot and cold food.

For more information visit [www.peakstopoints.com.au](http://www.peakstopoints.com.au)

The Peaks to Points Festival is presented by the Oxley Creek Catchment Association with major supporter the Brisbane City Council.

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## CAMOOOLA STREET BUSHCARE GROUP

Annie, of the Camoola Street Residents' Group, wrote us: "I'm happy to announce that we have been successful in our application to become a bushcare group. I look forward to working with you all in the future!"

To which Fran replied:

"We hope you will enjoy many wonderful experiences as your new forests grow. Be sure to let us know if you need, or want some help from the MOTTley Crew."

To which they replied:

"Thank you very much. We would love for the MOTTley crew to be involved. Your expertise is an asset and we are lucky to have a group such as yours in our city."

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**Environmental Futures Research Institute**  
presents

*Must we suppress aliens to restore nature?*  
Professorial Lecture by *Carla Catterall*

Friday 13 June 2014, 6pm

Sir Samuel Griffith Centre N78 0.11  
Nathan Campus Griffith University

Light refreshments will be served at the end of the talk

For catering purposes please RSVP to: [jo.hams@griffith.edu.au](mailto:jo.hams@griffith.edu.au)

**Environmental changes are nowadays often viewed through a moral prism that classifies plants and animals as "native - good" and "non-native - bad". But is it ecologically effective to vilify species whose recent immigration and establishment have been catalysed, and often actively encouraged, by human activity and land uses? In fact both native and non-native species can play a range of helpful, neutral or damaging roles in human-dominated landscapes. I will illustrate these issues using case studies of forest biodiversity to show the need for a more nuanced and realistic approach to conservation and restoration based on scientific evidence of species' functional roles in ecosystems.**

## FISH CREEK 4061

*Dear Men of the Trees,*

*My name is Kirstie Page and I am a parent from Hilder Road State School. As an environmental organisation doing fantastic work around our local area, I thought you may like to hear about a special community and environment website that is currently being developed called Fish Creek 4061.*

*A small group of volunteers from Hilder Road State School is currently developing the website with a vision to*

*promote care, concern and understanding for the local environment and community in which we live, learn, work and play. Given our website has a very strong environmental focus on our local area, I'm reaching out to people from around our local community and inviting them to be part of this exciting project. Also, given this website is created by our community for our community, I was wondering whether you would like me to include your contact details on our website? We believe in supporting the efforts of others.*

*Anyway, thank you so much for all the work you do to care for our local environment.*

*Kind regards Kirstie Page*

Well the small group of volunteers from Hilder Road State School got their website up and running and Ms Page wrote:

*Thank you so very much for your support during the development of Hilder Road State School's Fish Creek 4061 website over these past few months. I wanted to let you know that I really appreciated your encouragement with the development of our site and your kind offer to make mention of our site in your next newsletter.*

*We are absolutely delighted to announce that the website has now been officially launched!*

*Our website shares the story of Fish Creek and promotes our local area's history, culture, changing places and evolving spaces. Although designed for a target audience of primary school aged students, the website has been cleverly constructed to also appeal to people of all ages.*

*Fish Creek 4061 has value to teachers because the site has been linked to the Australian Curriculum. Subject areas of history, geography and some areas of science are particularly supported. Our website resource has also seamlessly embedded sustainability and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander histories and cultures into the content. These are identified as Australian Curriculum, cross-curriculum areas of importance.*

*I wanted to let you know that it is worth having a look at the timeline and teacher resources in addition to the habitat pages. Here you'll hopefully see the true significance of what we are trying to achieve – seamless integration of these issues into the content to educate and empower children and indeed our broader community.*

*Feedback received to date is that our website is unique and a valuable resource for our community.*

Here is a link to the site:

<http://www.fishcreek4061.com.au/index.html>

*We hope you'll feel great knowing your encouragement has assisted our creation of a resource to educate and empower people all around our community.*

*With our sincerest thanks again for your support*

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## VALE NEIL MILSTEAD

This news has come as a shock to me and will to the rest of us. The core MOTT group worked with Neil for many years during his time as Habitat Brisbane officer West. We came to regard him as our ever-helpful bushcare adviser, problem-solver, mentor and friend. I remember how bereft we felt when he told us of his coming transfer within BCC to the southern side of Brisbane. He broke this news to us at our last meeting with him at Toowong, when he asked us to plant up the BCC allotment half-way down Broseley Road, now well-advanced.

I wish him well on his journey, and will always remember him with much appreciation and affection.

Marion Goward

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## ALEJANDRO SERRALDE

We recently heard from Alejandro who used to come to Saturday morning plantings:

*I have finally settled down in Florida, no more travelling for now, after nearly 3 years of continuously working related travel. I bought an apartment here and finally will have my home. I wanted to also share with you that I am getting married on the 10th of May in Mexico. God and life has given me a beautiful wife and couldn't be more thankful. Alleluia I must say.*

*I would love you to be there and so the rest of my MOTT family. I totally understand the distance factor and the expense, however if I could ask for the most and precious gift, that would definitely be your presence.*

*God bless you and everyone at MOTT for giving me the most wonderful and joyful moments, where I truly understand the real meaning in life, the meaning of friendship and happiness.*



June to August 2014

**The most up-to-date version of this schedule can be found on the MOTT website:**

<http://www.menofthetrees.org.au>

Questions? Check with the coordinator, or with Fran 3851 0858

Date	Planting location	Coordinator
Saturday, June 7th	ARBOR STREET PARK (UPPER) Tramway Street, ferny Grove MAINTENANCE AND FILL-IN PLANTING	Marion 3366 1448 0413 483 833

<b>Saturday, June 14th</b>	<b>YINGALLY DRIVE</b> Part of Wightman Reserve, Arana Hills PLANTING & MAINTENANCE	Wendy 0437 439 774
<b>Saturday, June 21st</b>	<b>PATEN PARK</b> Near Scout Den, Paten Park, The Gap PLANTING AND MAINTENANCE	Marion 3366 1448 0413 483 833 Kerry 3289 9206
<b>Saturday, June 28th</b>	<b>BROSELY ROAD TOOWONG</b> PRIVATE PROPERTY (MILLS) Rear of usual planting site (BCC owned spare allotment half-way down road, on right-hand side) PLANTING	Marion 3366 1448 0413 483 833
<b>Saturday, July 5th</b>	<b>CASSIMATY PARK</b> Samford Rd, Ferny Grove PLANTING & MAINTENANCE	Marion 3366 1448 0413 483 833
<b>Saturday, July 12th</b>	<b>BUNYA RIVERSIDE (WONGAN CREEK)</b> Bunya Crossing on South Pine River. UBD 107, Q20. Either drive to end of Dugandan Rd., then down track to Bunya Crossing. Or near end of Dugandan Road, take Allen Rd on left, first right at Weston Drive, first right at Banks Court, park car, and walk down grassy easement to site on Wongan Creek. PLANTING & MAINTENANCE	Wendy 0437 439 774
<b>Saturday, July 19th</b>	<b>BROSELY ROAD TOOWONG</b> PRIVATE PROPERTY (MILLS) Rear of usual planting site (BCC owned spare allotment half-way down road, on right-hand side) PLANTING	Marion 3366 1448 0413 483 833
<b>Saturday, July 26th</b>	<b>KERYN PLACE PARK</b> Mungarie St., off Settlement Rd., Keperra NATIONAL TREE DAY PREPARATION	Marion 3366 1448 0413 483 833 Kerry 3289 9206
<b>Sunday, July 27th</b>	<b>NATIONAL TREE DAY</b> Keryn Place Park Mungarie St., off Settlement Rd., Keperra <b>National tree day planting</b>	Fran 3851 0858
<b>Saturday, August 2nd</b>	<b>PARKVIEW DRIVE, THE GAP</b> PLANTING & MAINTENANCE	Kerry 3289 9206
<b>Saturday, August 9th</b>	<b>YINGALLY DRIVE</b> Part of Wightman Reserve, Arana Hills PLANTING & MAINTENANCE	Wendy 0437 439 774
<b>Saturday, August 16th</b>	<b>KERYN PLACE PARK (NTD SITE)</b> Mungarie St., off Settlement Rd., Keperra WATERING AND MAINTENANCE	Marion 3366 1448 0413 483 833
<b>Saturday, August 23rd</b>	<b>REGIS PARKLAND MANOR</b> 39 Lanita Rd., Ferny Grove PLANTING, WEEDING & MAINTENANCE	Marion 3366 1448 0413 483 833
<b>Saturday, August 30th</b>	<b>TO BE ADVISED</b> <b>CHECK THE WEBSITE</b>	Marion 3366 1448 0413 483 833 Kerry 3289 9206



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Jim MacDonald  
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