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THE BEST LAID PLANS OF MOTT AND MEN

Picture it ...



Yingally Drive, Cabbage Tree Creek on a wet Saturday morning, May 28th – eager, well-intentioned MOTT members confined to their cars, sheltering from the rain – no tree is planted this morning. Meanwhile, not far away ...

NEITHER SNOW, NOR RAIN ...

... nor heat, nor gloom of night stays these courageous amassadorss from the swift completion of their appointed rounds.

Saturday, May the 28th was a shit of a day. I'm sorry if you find that word offensive but I have been scouring the thesaurus for 11 hours 42' 12" and that is the only word to describe it!

Unfortunately, it was the day on which the Ferny Grove State School had chosen to have their fête and it rained *all day*!



Did that deter our courageous MOTT volunteers, Patrick Peek and Louise Cadell, who had volunteered to man the MOTT counter, give out free plants and spread the good word about MOTT?

No, it did not! and it seems like their sacrifice bore volunteers because on May 5th, there were 43 people at Cassimaty Park. Granted, there were planters from Queensland Rail and Marriott Hotels but the combined efforts of MOTT, KBCB and additional volunteers saw 1,100 plants go in!



HUGH PRESTON



Sadly, I have to report the loss of Hugh Preston, who passed late Friday night, May 25th.

Hugh Preston, a true Man of the Trees.

DO WE MAKE A DIFFERENCE?

On the next page is a photo of our planting on the corner of Samford and Upper Kedron roads ... now there is habitat where once there was not!



MEET THE PLANTERS LOUISE CADELL

Our secretary, Louise Cadell, is a Brisbane girl whose earliest years were spent in New Guinea, where her father was working as an engineer on an airport project. At that early age, Louise was aware of the divide that existed between her privileged life and the other children in the area; next to their home was a large lot on which 40-50 people were living in complete poverty. When riots broke out in the street, Louise's mother moved her and her sister to Cairns where Louise did her first year at school before the family reunited back in Brisbane and Louise attended Norman Park State School.

From Brisbane State High, Louise went to the university, where she started out doing journalism, which had been her ambition, but she became disillusioned with the course and switched her degree to Arts, with a double English major, which involved more creative writing, which she loved, so she gave up her ambition to be a journalist but still wanted to write.

While she was studying here, Louise met Vice Pres. Derek and when she finished her degree, her family having moved to the U.K., Louise and Derek took a gap year and went to join them.

While there, Louise started working for a news agency where, for a paltry wage, the young staff were expected to pump out stories on topics about which they knew nothing. But Louise got lots of free movie tickets, had the opportunity to interview movie directors, pop groups and singers, and had a great time being fêted in the VIP lounges while she wrote movie, music, film and book reviews and material for commercial websites.

After working for a year and a half, she and Derek travelled around for a couple of years before returning to Brisbane where she saw an ad for a librarian ... Don't think so! But no, "It's your dream job", Derek pointed out. So Louise went back to university to do an IT degree, majoring in library administration which led to what she currently does, working as an appraisal archivist at Brisbane State Archives. This involves assisting government agencies appraise their records for historical purposes – what will be of future value and what will not; making sure that they are collecting and maintaining records of value to the history of Queensland.



Louise loves libraries. She worked in one while she was at the university and she still sees it as a step in her career path. She loves helping people to find books and information, helping

them with their studies and getting them excited about reading. Libraries are a resource for the public – they are *your* libraries. They are not there to make money, they are there so that you can take advantage of their free books, Internet, magazine, movies and CDs. Louise wants to be a part of that. She loves the idea that anyone can walk in and use those facilities.

When Louise was studying, Derek was looking for something to do and, seeing MOTT on Volunteering Queensland, he started coming to plantings. He kept telling Louise that she had to come – "They're all so nice; it's such a great time". Louise was not enthusiastic but Derek was adamant. So she went a couple of times and then, "just loved it". So now we have a Vice President and a Secretary, two great contributors to MOTT.

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



A VALE IN TIME

Having been a member of MOTT in Britain, Rob Thomson was one of the founding members of MOTT in Brisbane. One of his greatest contributions was in the setting up of the MOTT nursery at The Gap.

Rob was a farmer who, as farmers were wont to do, cleared large tracts of land of their trees, an act that he later regretted when he realized the damage that was being done to the land. His regret led to his writing this poem – *A Vale in Time*:

“This land is mine!” I said,
And seeing just the land and not the trees,
I cut them down to speed the plough.
Did ring the axe and leap the flames
Of hungry fires, ’til fallow pleased my tidy eye.
And rising from the ordered fields,
The urgent soil thrust forth the patchwork’d crops,
And then another crop – of humankind – could
flourish too.
And soon the valley rang with busy sound
And sang the Earth, it seemed, to utter forth such
gain.
But in our haste we took too much, I think.
We turned no tribute back to please the Gods
of Earth.
No gratitude we showed nor stayed
To question whether other streams of life
Could claim their share of space.
So withered now this vale, which one was fair.
The spirit waters spring no more to glide
And trickle down the slopes to grace the land
In ponds and streams. The thirsty bucket
Lifts what remnants pool beneath the banks.
But nothing’s lost for aye; in time will come
Another spring, and flower, shoot and leaf
Shall carpet Earth, and caring hands
Shall cosset nature’s gifts.
The circled whole of life
Shall fill this blessed vale, and peace remain.

QUEENSLAND STATE LANDCARE CONFERENCE

The Queensland Water and Land Carers State Landcare Conference will be held at the Brisbane Convention & Exhibition Centre, South Brisbane, from the 28th to the 30th of June.

An outstanding line-up of local and nationally recognized experts have been invited to speak including Prof. Tim Flannery, Annabel Tully and

MP, Andrew Powell. Facilitator will be Brian Stockwell.

The programme will include:

Cultivating communities – designed to highlight and strengthen community groups around the state. See a blend of perspectives from within and outside the landcare sector on approaches to developing diverse, proactive and resilient groups.

The environment around us – aimed at getting your hands dirty, sharing insights from experience and looking at issues across the broader landscape. From our own backyards to the countryside and coastlines, find inspiration for new ideas and practices.

Stepping towards the horizon – directed at lifting our gaze, and taking affirmative steps towards a sustainable future of landcare. Share approaches towards empowering our future leaders through social media, technology and creative engagement with young people. Discuss ways to adapt to changes facing our environment, climate, economy and communities.

Interactive workshops are being organized for Junior Land Carers as well as a visit to City Farm. Junior Landcare is on the Friday and is included in the price of the parents’ registration fee.

Registration is now open and the registration deadline is June 15th.

More information may be found on the organizations website:

www.qldlandcareconference.org.au

AUDITOR TO THE RESCUE!

The cry went out for some kind auditor to audit the MOTT books for the financial year and it was answered by **C & C Professional Accounts** of Browns Plains ...



... to whom we are most grateful.

www.ccaccountants.com.au/

THE LOSS OF DR RICHARD ST BARBE BAKER'S MEMORIAL KAURI PINE

At Brisbane Botanic Gardens – Mt Cooth-tha preparations for the Legacy Way Tunnel have necessitated the removal of a grove of near mature trees at the end of the main lagoon. Among those trees was a Queensland Kauri Pine, *Agathis robusta*, planted by Lord Mayor Sallyanne Atkinson in 1989 to celebrate the centenary of the birth of Dr Richard St Barbe Baker. The accompanying plaque was rescued and is now in the Administrative Office at Mt. Coot-tha.



Photo: Dick Date

During an earlier visit to Brisbane in 1980 St Barbe Baker planted a Kauri Pine in the City Botanic Gardens. The visit was hosted by Mrs Ngairretta Brennan who started Men of the Trees in Brisbane and was President for 18 years.

Although we cannot enjoy the Kauri planted in 1989 in his memory at Mt. Coot-tha we can still remember his inspiring life when we look at the Kauri in the City Botanic Gardens.

The above is taken from an article written by Barbara Wintringham for *Brisbane Botanics*, the newsletter of the Brisbane Botanic Gardens.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

MOTT's annual general meeting will be held after planting at 1.00 pm on August 11th at 119 Plucks Rd, Arana Hills 4054 (Erika Jakeman's).

Please bring something to share so we can make it a party!



June - August, 2012

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 Louise (0404 211 733)

Date	Planting location	Coordinator
June 2	Cassimaty Park, UBD 137, L1-across from Arbor St (and BP station) Qld. Rail-MOTT-Kedron Brook planting for Ferny Grove/Keperra train line	Jacinta 0439 788 459

9	Yellowwood Drive where we did 'Spring into Bushcare' planting (creek) Management meeting- 9 Lynwood Crt Ferry Hills, 1 p.m.-something to share	Sonya 0408 153 302 Fran- 3851 0858
16	Thomsett Park, Ferry Hills, minimal parking in Crane Reserve corner of Samford Rd & Gordon (this entry continued next page) UBD 117,L20, walk to the right-planting near dog off leash area..OR..park near Olakuna & Oolong UBD 117, L19	Kerry 3289 9206
23	Bardon Esplanade, Duck Pond area UBD -158,K6	Marion 3366-1448
30	Parkland Manor..... Home of Ngaietta & John Brennan (MOTT President and Treasurer for 18 years) 39 Lanita Rd.....just off Archdale Map 117, B18	Marion 33661448 Brennans- 3351 4504
July 7	Bunya Crossing, Wongan Creek. UBD 107,Q20 to Dugandan Reserve, or take Dugandan to Allen Rd, right at Weston Dr to Banks Ct' Park and walk down the grassy hill	Wendy 0437 439 774
14	Paten Park, Paten Park, Paten Road, the Gap. Boy Scout area, Creekside, Site 1. UBD 158, C7	Marion 3366 1448
21	Holy Spirit Anglican Church, 1036 Mogill Rd. Kenmore, UBD177, N9	Kerry- 3289 9206
July 29 - Sunday	National Tree Day!! Join us at SUNDAY 29 July at: Arbor St. Park, off Tramway St. behind Ferry Grove Police Station- top end 137, L2 Lots of tree planting fun and a free BBQ!	Marion - 3366 1448 Fran - 3851 0858 Louise – 0404 211 733
August 4	Bardon Girl Guide Hut site, Coolibah St. creek side Bardon. UBD 158. L5	Marion 3366 1448
11	Yingally Drive, near the playground Arana Hills QLD 4054 UBD 117 Q13 MOTT AGM and Management meeting 119 Plucks Rd, Arana Hills 4054. AGM starts at 1pm Please bring something to share.	Sonya 0408 153 302 Louise- 0404 211 733
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