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## THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

MOTT's AGM was held on August 28<sup>th</sup> at the home of Patrick Peek Esq., in Alderley. There being no minutes of the 2009 AGM held at Fran Gilje's, there was, of course, no business arising out of them.

The Treasurer's Report was presented by Jan Mealy and showed a decline in membership fees; a drastic decline in donations and other income; a decline in interest, so that income would have been well down on last year but for the Grant received from the Gambling Community Benefit Fund.

Expenditure, on the other hand was well up, triple that of 2009, so that we ended the year with total assets of \$61,329.68 which includes \$30,108.68 in the bank.

There was no audit to the report as our assets are below the threshold where one is necessary.

A motion was moved and passed to increase membership fees. The cost of membership will now increase to \$25 per person; \$45 for a family membership; active planters' subscription will stay at \$10.

President Jeff Mustard presented his report (see July newsletter) but added a report on MOTT's presentation to Macquarie Bank.

Jeff welcomed Sarah O'Brien and Lisa Glyde to MOTT; they will work together as MOTT's first PR team. Alyce Cowan has since joined the team.

In the discussion to add *Bringing Back the Forests* to the MOTT Logo it was revealed that Queensland is the world's second biggest state destroyer of forests after Brazil. The addition to the logo was approved.

The elections for executive positions and committee were held. Jeff Mustard will continue as president; we acknowledge the work



done as treasurer over many years by Jan Mealy and welcome Gareth Johnsen as MOTT's new treasurer. Kerry Walker will continue to act as secretary until somebody is prepared to relieve her of the position. Sarah O'Brien and Lisa Glyde have joined the general committee.

Patrick Peek moved a vote of thanks to acknowledge the students who have been coming to plantings. He also moved a vote of thanks to the group itself from which, he said, he has had many pleasant hours.

Marion Goward moved a vote of thanks to Scott Maxwell for all the graphic design and photographic work that he has undertaken for MOTT.



## NATIONAL TREE DAY

What a tragedy it is that we don't have an August newsletter because I am sure that the very few of you who didn't make it to National Tree Day have been positively pining to know how it went.



Well, it went very well. The site was Mahaca Park at Albany Creek and a very welcoming and pleasant site it was too – barbeque facilities, a kids' playground, convenient location and paths; it even had a flowing creek from which we could draw a good water supply.

Our good friend from the Morton Bay Council, the wonderful Adam Christison, was there early to ensure the water supply and to help us set up;



and of course the usual stalwarts were there to register volunteers and set everything in motion.



The Albany Creek Apex set up a sausage sizzle and we had a good turnout of all ages who all combined to succeed in planting yet another forest.



Each year Bretts Timber & Hardware, Windsor, supports local schools and community groups participating in "National Tree Day". This year they were donating children's gardening kits which consisted of a kiddie-size wheelbarrow and gardening tools. This year, Bretts included us in this NTD support programme. You can check us out on the Bretts newsletter at <http://www.bretts.com.au/feature.aspx?code=184>



Thanks to everybody who helped make the day a success ... the MOTT members and the many volunteers who came to plant.





## MEET THE PLANTERS.

“Every morning when we get out of bed, we look around and we see something beautiful”, said Gerry Dunford. “I appreciate beauty, and that includes the environment, which is all around us. We don’t need to go to a gallery to look at a picture”.



Gerry came to MOTT in 1992 when he took an early retirement from the Commonwealth Bank. He was the lucky recipient of a ‘Golden Handshake’ back when computers were first beginning to take over people’s jobs and before companies realized that they usually made such a mess of things that more staff than ever were needed to clean up after them. Still young enough to begin a new career, Gerry chose to retire retire and just enjoy life, hopefully doing something to make the world a better place.

This brought Gerry to MOTT where he is not only very active as a planter but official driver of “the ute” and he who gets the pump going.

Apart from his work with MOTT, there is always “something here, something there that swallows up the day”, especially as he is one of those people who rewards himself when he accomplishes something; so you add the stop for a cup of coffee ... or two cups of coffee ... to the task and you wonder how you ever found time to go to work!

Gerry laid the concrete floor in Marion Goward’s workshop (see story in July issue) and likes to invent and build things for MOTT use.

As we ended our talk, Gerry just threw in casually that he restores vintage cars and motorbikes and his group is currently working

on a 1934 Wolseley Hornet Special. “But”, he said plaintively, “I never finish anything. I don’t finish with them because I’m diverted onto something else”. So where does the time go? “More ideas keep jumping into my head than I have the time and ability to fulfil them; and that continues to this day”.

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## MEMBERSHIPS DUE

How long is it since you have paid your subscription to MOTT? Can’t remember? Go and get your chequebook and look it up. No, no ... that’s OK; we’ll wait.

Oh! That long huh?

Well surely we don’t need to point out that MOTT has ongoing expenses – newsletter postage (for those still on snail mail); insurances; registration, insurance and petrol for “the ute”; other administrative expenses.

MOTT relies on peoples’ subscriptions to cover ongoing expenses and we generously keep sending out newsletter to people who are not financial, leaving it up to the individual to do the right thing.

So here is the annual subscription form (at the end). If you are not financial for the year May 1<sup>st</sup> 2010 – April 30<sup>th</sup> 2011, please print it, fill it out and send your cheque or money order to PO Box 283, Clayfield, 4011.

And while we are on the subject of fully-paid-up, financial members, we welcome Derek Atkinson, Alyce Cowan, Robert De Lasala, Lisa Glyde, Gareth Johnsen, Renaud Liw Paul Monaghan, Sarah O’Brien and Elisha Veldhuijzen to the MOTTley crew.

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



And Bretts Hardware, Windsor.





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### CPR

This link will take you to a video that demonstrates a new, easy to remember method of CPR.

It is always useful to have this skill; it may save a life some time and it's always good to refresh your memory on it.

<http://medicine.arizona.edu/spotlight/learn-sarver-heart-centers-continuous-chest-compression-cpr>

### DAVID ARBOR

David Arbor, who has been planting with us for some time, is a finalist in the 2010 Regional Queensland Leader of the Year. His citation reads:

Mr David Arbor, Smart Services Queensland. David has been involved in promoting Queensland and the Queensland Government in many forms during the past three decades. David has been involved in the Queensland Government Agent Program (QGAP), providing a link for regional and rural communities to access the Queensland Government.

David has been instrumental in developing and growing this program from 13 sites to the 78 sites currently operating. David played an integral role in an alliance being established between the Queensland Government and the Credit Union Industry, known as Creditcare to combine government and financial services in rural and remote locations in an initiative designed to return basic banking services to rural towns.

David has implemented quality and audit processes, including operational manuals and financial management manuals. David was also integral to the opening of a QGAP office at Yarrabah, a small aboriginal community south east of Cairns.

Under David's expert guidance, the first integrated Queensland Government Service Counter successfully opened its doors on 5 October 2009. Additional counters will be opening in Maroochydore and Cairns in 2010 and 2011.

Relationships are an integral part of David's role. To this end, David created the QGAP Managers' forum. David is passionate about community initiatives, not only at work, but also in his personal involvement in the scouting movement and Men of the Trees, a non-profit, non-political international society dedicated to fostering the planting, maintenance and protection of trees.

## Killarney Biodiversity weekend



## Microbes to Mammals

**Weekend: 23<sup>rd</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup> October 2010**  
**Start: 8.30am**  
**Killarney Recreation Hall**  
 Entry: \$5 per person per day.  
 Pay at the event.  
 FREE entry for children to the live animal show: Children must be accompanied by an adult.  
 Pre-booking and payment required for meals.  
 Enquiries/programs/registration forms  
 Contact:  
 Phone Catherine: 07 4661 9909  
 Email: landcare@chlgroup.org.au  
 Web: www.chlgroup.org.au  
 A/N: Phone Susan: 07 4664 4074

**Killarney on the western side of the Border Ranges is a biodiversity hotspot.**

*Learn about our wildlife*  
**Highly acclaimed speakers**  
**Live animal show**  
**Workshops**  
**Saturday Evening Barbeque**  
**Field Trips**  
**Information tables**



OK, so the poster reproduces a bit too small to read but it says that on October 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>, at the Killarney Recreation Hall, beginning at 8.30AM each day, you can learn about our wildlife, hear interesting speakers, see a live animal show, participate in workshops, join field trips and check out information tables. There will be a barbeque on the Saturday night.

Cost is \$6 per person per day, children are free. For more information, phone Catherine on (07) 4661 9909 or have a look at their website at [www.chlgroup.org.au](http://www.chlgroup.org.au)

# MR. KISHIMOTO

*By Alan Mowbray*

I was six years old in 1940 - World War II was raging in Europe and the Japanese empire was completing the planned subjugations of its "Greater East Asia Co-prosperity Sphere", but none of this had yet affected the tranquility of my back yard on Chevy Chase Drive in Beverly Hills.

My father had enrolled my sister and me in something called the "Men of the Trees" that beside encouraging me to plant seeds and trees, entitled me to wear a tiny badge with a depiction of an evergreen tree on it. This led to an added benefit – in my imagination I could become a forest ranger, roaming among the trees and plants that comprised our backyard eco-system on imaginary woodland adventures.

A wonderful old man named Jimu "Jimmy" Kishimoto was engaged as our gardener and landscaper. Jimmy arrived twice a week at 7 AM, in his battered 1920's vintage Ford pickup truck - the tools of his trade - push lawnmower, edger, shovels, spades, seedlings in small cardboard boxes and seeds in linen pouches, were organized carefully in the truck's wooden bed.

Jimmy radiated an aroma of dirt and vegetation - an intoxicating smell to a six year old "forest ranger" – he was always clad in worn jodhpur breeches stuffed into "gum" boots, a work-soiled khaki long-sleeved shirt and a worn leather vest, topped-off with a battered, sweat-stained fedora hat, and of course the ubiquitous laborer's bandanna around his neck.

His language was strange - his "r's" always sounded more like "l's" to me - and vice-versa - I was fascinated by him, and dogged his footsteps, relishing each encounter with this "foreigner" from far-off Japan.

For his part, Jimmy was extremely patient with me -- he was meticulous in his work, but I always felt that he welcomed the opportunity to pass-on bits and pieces of his vast botanical knowledge to his little tow-headed "assistant." Jimmy communicated his consuming love for

trees, plants, garden animals and all growing things by showing me how to plant, trim and graft new limbs on the trees in our backyard – I watched fascinated as he planted a lemon tree in an area he had carefully cultivated next to the swimming pool (which became our "Victory Garden" during World War II) and a pomegranate tree and some poinsettias next to my sister's playhouse.

He instructed me carefully on the mysterious manner in which bees pollinated the avocado tree dad had gotten as a gift from gossip columnist Louella Parsons, showing me how their busy endeavors caused the reluctant tree to finally bear fruit.

The present owner of our former Beverly Hills home recently inform me that after seventy-odd years the trees that I "helped" Jimmy plant still flourish and bear fruit, and the poinsettias still flower around Christmastime - a tribute to Jimmy's botanical wizardry and his incredibly adept "green thumb."

I followed him around faithfully for two years - and then suddenly it was December 7th 1941 - we listened to FDR's famous "Day of Infamy" Pearl Harbor speech on the Philco console radio in dad's study – soon after that Jimmy disappeared - dad later discovered that, like so many Japanese-Americans, he and his family had been taken from their home and interned in a camp in northern California for the duration of the war – I vaguely recall dad attempting to intercede on his behalf to no avail - sadly, I never saw Jimmy again.

These days I write natural and cultural history booklets, stories and essays about the rainforest eco-systems that begin quite near my backyard in northeastern Puerto Rico - I like to think that if I have developed any skill in describing vegetation and wildlife, it was nurtured by Jimmy Kishimoto -- his patience with a bothersome little botanical acolyte jump-started my lifelong interest in our planet's flora and fauna.

Thanks Mr. Kishimoto...

*Luquillo, Puerto Rico  
January, 2010*



## CONGRATULATIONS SCOTT!

Scott Maxwell is the Artist Peer Award winner at the SWELL sculpture festival.  
His winning entry is called 'Excess Baggage'



*Men of the Trees Schedule – October to December, 2010*

**Always check with coordinator or Fran (3851 0858) for possible changes.**

DATE	LOCATION	CONTACT
October 2nd	Paten Park, 57 Paten Rd., The Gap- UBD 158,A3	Gerry – 3300 1615
9th	Behind Trevor's home, 1692(corner) Mt. Samson and Old Mt. Samson Rd., Closeburn	Kerry -3289 9206
16th	Bribie Island	Suzanne – 3869 2084 David Luhrman -
23rd	Cabbage Tree Creek off Yingally Dr. Ferny Hills/Arana Hills near Wightman Reserve close to children's playground	Sonya- 0408 153 302
30th	Winter Weeding - Dawn Rd. Reserve, Albany Creek (enter next to 36 Fred Campbell Drive) UBD 108, M18 <i>Management Meeting? 1 p.m.</i>	Adam – 0437 439 774

DATE	LOCATION	CONTACT
November 6th	Extension of Girl Guide Hut area, Coolibah St., creek side Bardon. UBD 158 L5	Marion – 3366 1448
13th	Holy Spirit Anglican Church, 1036 Mogill Rd. Kenmore UBD 177, N 9	Kerry – 3289 9206
20th	Bardon Bowling Green, east side of Bowman Pde. near little bridge UBD 158, M5	Marion – 3366 1448
27th	Bunya Crossing, Wongon Creek, UBD 107, Q20, to Dugandan Reserve, or take Dugandan to Allen Rd, right on Weston Dr. to Banks Ct. Park and walk down the grassy hill.	Adam - 0437 439 774

DATE	LOCATION	CONTACT
December 4th	Nat. Tree Day site, - checking, repairing, watering, Mahaca Park, Malvern Rd. Albany Creek, UBD 108 M18	Fran- 3851-0858 Marion- 3366-1448
11th	Keperra Picnic Grounds, Samford Rd& Upper Kedron, UBD 137, N5	Marion 3366 1448 Fran – 3851 0858 Kerry – 3289 9206
18th	MOTT Christmas Luncheon- Lifestyle Café ? Samford	Fran – 3851 0858
25th	<i>Best wishes to all the MOTT Volunteers, Supporters and Friends.</i>	

*Feb. 19th Caboolture - Suzanne*

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Jim MacDonald  
*Membership Secretary*