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KEITH FORDYCE TURNS 90

Now I'm sorry if I'm treading on anybody's zimmer frame here, but MOTT's oldest living member just turned 90!

On a rainy afternoon, the 18th of November, Keith Fordyce, who featured in last April's *Twahamwe*, celebrated his 90th birthday at the Gaythorne RSL.

The inclement weather didn't keep away many of Keith's friends from MOTT, the Lions Club, the RSL and the Historical Society, just a few of the organizations with which Keith has been, and is, associated.

Some of Keith's many awards and citations were on display: his Life Membership of the ALP; his Distinguished Service Award from the Lions Club; his Life Membership of the Gaythorne RSL and commendations from the Queensland Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals and QR Ambulance Corps. Not to ignore, of course, his OBE (Over Bloomin' Eighty) which he received ten years ago.



Keith with some of his MOTT friends

Several people spoke in glowing tones of Keith's achievements and of the qualities that have made him special ... but of course those of us with whom he has worked at MOTT know all about that anyway!

COMMUNITY OPEN DAY

On MOTT's behalf, Nigel Tarr has submitted an application for a Department of Environment and Resource Management Landcare grant to enable us to stage a Community Open Day at Toowong in April with the view to raising community awareness of the environment and demonstrating the value of our natural resources through increased awareness, education and participation.

We aim to generate greater community involvement; improve the site and, hopefully, increase membership.

We are hoping to include a Wildlife presentation for children; tree planting and weed presentation and a free barbeque.

Our application is being supported by Councillor Brian Crosby of the Moreton Bay Regional Council who wrote:

"I am pleased to add my support to the application by Men of the Trees for funding. ... I fully support the club in its endeavours to gain funding".

He also wrote a glowing account of MOTT and of how the grant would be used.

Since the open day is being planned for April, we should be able to give you full details in the next issue of *Twahamwe*.

MORETON BAY REGIONAL COUNCIL'S VOLUNTEER'S RECOGNITION EVENT.

The Moreton Bay Council held a 'do' to thank the people who do volunteer work for the council – Meals on Wheels, Landcare and so on. This Volunteer's Recognition Event was held at the Mueller College Performing Arts Complex in Rothwell on November 6th.

Unfortunately it was not well attended as many had chosen not to go as it was for the volunteers only and partners were excluded so there was barely a half a house which was a pity because it is nice that the council acknowledges the important contribution made by volunteers.

There was a concert that starred the Delltones! Remember the Delltones?



Yes, those Delltones, still rockin' 50 plus years later.

There refreshments provided and other entertainment, such as this polk-dotted local comedy act that strolled through the crowd with motorised dogs chatting up anyone who was keen

to participate and who look as though they were trying to make Hugh the 102nd dalmation.



BRIBIE ISLAND PLANTING

On October 16th we had a slightly different planting day at the Bribie Island's Bongaree conservation area, known as Buckley's Hole.

Finding the place proved somewhat of a challenge but once there, we had a miraculous planting experience that had been organized the Moreton Bay Council and we were looked after by Frazer Watson.

I say 'miraculous' because we were planting in sand and when I arrived, Patrick Peek introduced me to a somewhat miraculous tool that one had only to plunge into the sand and withdraw to make a planting hole – none of your rocks, clay or need for mattocks here!



Patrick Peek with his marvelous tool.

Frazer had organized morning tea, which we shared with the local crows.



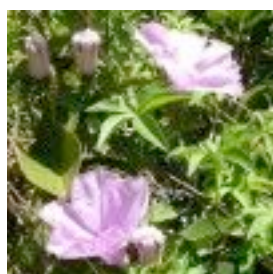
All in all a different and quite enjoyable outing that was well worth the drive.



Kedron Brook Catchment Branch of the Wildlife Preservation Society of Queensland's newsletter, *The Kedron Brook Babbler*, had an article that directed me to an interesting website.

On The Brisbane City Council's website - www.brisbane.qld.gov.au/ - under the *Environment and Waste* pull down menu, you will find *Weeds*.

This part of the website list 22 pages of weeds that may be found in the Brisbane area. Things like:



MILE-A-MINUTE:

A vine with hairless stems, growing with a twining habit and rooting at the joints (nodes).

Leaves divided into five or seven deep lobes, finger-like in appearance. They are alternately arranged and hairless with stalks 2-6 centimetres long.

Flowers tubular and purple to pinkish-purple (occasionally white) with a dark centre. Petal lobes 4-6 centimetres long, and flowering occurs year round. Fruits globular.

Also known as coastal morning glory or five-leaf morning glory, it is similar in appearance to morning glory but has shorter leaves with 5-7 lobes.

Aha! So what we need at plantings in future is a laptop! Laptop donations? Volunteers to write a grant application???? Money would do!!!

MEET THE PLANTERS. JAN RUSSELL

When I approached Jan about being our featured planter, her reaction was: "What would I talk about?"

Well, I started asking about her five-year plan and along the way she happened to mention her travels, ceramics, her art – installations and paintings – food styling, astrology, palmistry, rayid, dealing in oriental antiques and her work in interior design!



Jan has a 5-year plan that includes having a solo exhibition of her artworks and to travel some more. She works in acrylic and *objets trouvées*, both as installations and as works to hang on a wall. She has a work in a current TAFE exhibition and describes her art as very emotional but always with the idea of a much brighter future.

Jan started out studying ceramics when she left school; worked as a food stylist, preparing food for commercials for companies like Pauls, KR Darling Downs and Sunny Queen eggs.

When she was nearing 40, she was dealing in oriental antiques and realized that she hadn't done what she really wanted to do, so she studied interior design at the College of Arts and then did work experience in Japan.

She has also lived and worked in London and Hong Kong and would happily live overseas again.

When she turned 60, she was asked if it was depressing. "Not at all", was her reply. She thinks

of her sixties as being such an opportunity to do things she has never done before.

Asked what brought her to MOTT, she dropped, "Palmistry". Palmistry? Yes, her interest in Astrology and Rayid (the emotional reading of the iris structure) took her to palmistry where she met Hugh who talked about MOTT and she thought it sounded interesting so came along and stayed, although we may not see too much of her next year as she has to move to a development of beach houses she has done up on the coast, so will be living at Peregrine for most of the year. Jan tells me this with a tinge of regret because she describes herself as a city girl, not a coastal girl even though she grew up in Western Queensland at Wallumbilla. Jan says she went to boarding school in Brisbane when she was 10 and never went back!

Of course she would have something interesting to talk about – anyone who works with MOTT is interesting!

CUBBERLA/WITTON CATCHMENT

Scott Maxwell

As promised, I represented MOTT last night at the Cubberla/Witton Catchment Network Christmas shindig organised by Jutta Godwin.

The night began at Jane's & Charles's place who are members of CWCN (I knew them back in the old days on Magnetic Island) where we made sushi with lashings of wasabi. When we arrived at the Indooroopilly Library about 30 people were having some glorious food & red wine. Naturally, I could not resist a second feast!

The event kicked off with a few awards to selected members for their contribution throughout the year. Ros Laundon received acclaim for doggedly sticking to one project, the Rainbow forest, for 17 years & it is nearly finished. Next was a powerpoint presentation by 3 Griffith Uni students (who were not there - but delivered by Robyn Trotter, their lecturer) entitled "the great garbage patch" all about the North Pacific Gyre. Google; ALGALITA Marine Research Foundation if you are curious about the amount of plastics piling up in the ocean & affecting our precious wildlife. This is something I am concerned about because of my continuing affinity with the South Pacific.

Next presentation included Project Kaisei. Please look up www.powershift.org.au

This presentation included another powerpoint presentation interspersed with U tube clips. This was put together by one of the uni students who is a member of AYCC (Australian Youth for Climate Change) I liked their 4 R's policy; Refuse, Reuse, Reduce & Recycle (not sure whether that is in correct order?) Please refer to www.aycc.org for specifics about this global student movement.

Finally the last act was a play *Meet Jamie Oliver & Giselle Buendchen* - you had to be there to believe it! I have to say, it was a unique experience, presented by a group of inspirational young people who seem to be quite passionate about human beings & our future. If you are curious google; B. Brecht's style of theatre.

The program finished after 9pm & then Jutta drew out the lucky door prizes with interesting gifts.

SUPPORTING NEIL

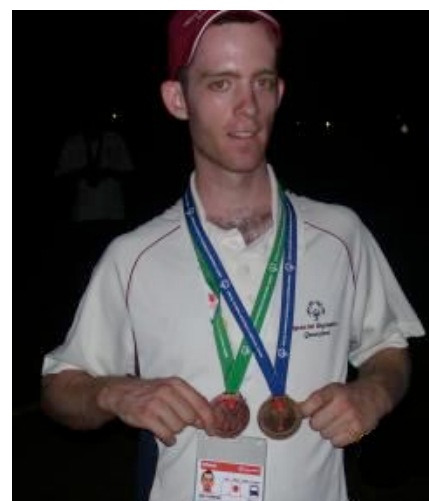
Neil Forster comes to plant with MOTT when we are at Cabbage Tree Creek.

Recently, we received this email from him:

"I have been selected as a member of the Special Olympics Australia team competing against 185 countries at the 2011 Summer World Games in Athens, Greece. This is an exciting opportunity to represent my country on the world stage and I will do my best to make everyone very proud of me.

"Each athlete is raising \$7,000 to cover costs and I'd like to invite you to sponsor me with a tax deductible donation. As a not-for-profit organisation, Special

Olympics Australia must rely on the generosity of donors like yourself to get the team to Greece.



The Special Olympics will be staged in June so if you would like to support Neil with a donation, best not to do it on line as you will end up getting SPAM from them and your credit card will be processed through a U.S. bank, thus resulting in a bank charge.

Better to send your cheque (with a reference to Neil David Foster: Ref=2761.0.133208223) to:
Special Olympics Australia
PO Box 62, Concord West NSW 2138.

SPREADING THE GOOD WORD

In September, eight of the MOTTley crew joined members of the Cubberla Creek Catchment Association at Indooroopilly Library.

Scott Maxwell began the proceedings with a wonderful powerpoint presentation on the nature and work of MOTT. Marion Goward followed this up with the origins and history of MOTT, especially the work of Dr. Richard St. Barbe Baker in founding and then spreading the organization world-wide. She then fielded questions.

There followed a very interesting powerpoint on fungi, presented by Jutta Godwin. I learnt that one can eat any mushroom provided one doesn't mind not being around for another meal (i.e. most are not to be eaten). The range of photos and variety of fungi shown were testament to the enthusiasm of Jutta for the study and for her photography.

We learned that CCCA have obtained a block of land and a house to put on it to become its permanent home!

The supper (wine, cheese etc) was most welcome. Books were on sale also. A good night!

Patrick Peek

CHRISTMAS BREAKUP

For our Christmas gathering this year, we are planning to have a bar-b-que instead of going to a restaurant.

Marion has discovered that Simpsons Falls Park (UBD 158, D10) has bar-b-ques for use with wood and several trails to blaze afterwards.



Derek has offered to pick up the MOTT sausages from an organic meat place which is open every 2nd week. What say the rest of us make up some yummy salads and desserts to share with each other. If you have a thermos perhaps you could bring it along for tea/coffee or feel free to bring your own drink.

We will bring tables. It would be a big help if you could bring a chair.

So let's get the whole gang together. Bring your partners.

Day – Saturday, December 18th

Time – 12: 30 p.m.

Place -- Simpson Falls Park (bottom of Mt. Coot-tha) – access >>"Horseshoe Bend", junction of Simpsons Rd. & Sir Samuel Griffith Drive. Go to the farthest carparks.

Holler "Coo-ey" and we'll come running...if we hear you.

Since Derek needs to know how many sausages to purchase, please let Fran know (3851 0858) as soon as possible if you are going to be at our celebration ... and if you can, what you think you might be cooking up for us. If you prefer to bring your own meat, that is okay too.

JOIN MOTT AND MAKE FRIENDS INSTANTLY!

Louise Cadell is a new planter with MOTT and she must have a special allure because within minutes of her appearance at our rainy-day Toowong planting, she had a big fan!

Young Nelson Mustard was by her side and hardly left it!



Pity about the hat!

WHO WANTS TO SEE A BOTTLE TREE PLANTED?



If anyone is interested in a grande tour of Toowoomba in 2011, please contact Fran.

DUKE OF EDINBURGH AWARD

We hear that Madeleine Arbor has heard from the Duke of Edinburgh office and it's official: she's been awarded the Gold Duke of Edinburgh award.

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



January to July, 2011

Always check with coordinator or Fran (3851 0858)

for possible changes

Bush care 9 a.m. to 12:30 or 1 p.m.

We bring something to share at morning tea (10:30 a. m.)

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To all the MOTTLEY crew:

My very best wishes for Christmas and 2011. Here's to a year of no floods (ha!), no mountainbike raceways and ideal planting conditions.

Rex.

For all the help and support people have given MOTT, we would like to dedicate our plantings each month to those whose names appear under the dates below.

Date	Location	Contact
1 Jan	Happy New Year	
8 Jan Laser Revive	Broseley Rd. At Kent St. Toowong UBD 158 approx. J18	Marion – 3366 1448 Fran – 3851 0858
15 Jan	Behind Trevor's home, 1692(corner)Mt. Samson and Old Samson Rd. Closeburn	Kerry – 3289 9206
22 Jan	Extension of Girl Guide Hut area, Coolibah St., creek side Bardon. UBD 158 L5	Marion – 3366 1448
29 Jan	To Be Announced	
5 Feb	Meet at Griffith University-Nathan Campus for morning tea. Talks> re:EcoCentre & Toohey Forest/Griffith Uni. Site landscape- Tour of Eco Centre & walking tour of Uni. Site/forest Lunch, adjacent café venue- TBA	Neil Thyer – 3217 9880 & Eco Centre Manager
12 Feb Barbara Wintringham	Cabbage Tree Creek off Yingally Dr. Ferny Hills/Arana Hills near Wightman Reserve close to children's playground Management Meeting, 1 p.m. 97 Chelford St. Alderley	Sonya – 0408 153 302 Pat -3311 4981
19 Feb	Caboolture or Woodford, location to be announced	Suzanne – 3869 2084 David Luhrman
26 Feb	Gubberley Creek maintenance, Gubberley St. Kenmore UBD 177, P10	Kerry – 3289 9206
5 March Brad Jeffers	Duck Pond, Bardon Esplanade, Bardon UBD158,K6	Marion – 3366 1448
12 Mar	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
19 Mar	Cedar Creek, lower end near railway fence Tramway St Ferny Grove, behind Police Station	Marion – 3366 1448 Kerry – 3289 9206
26 Mar	Arbor St. Park, Behind Police Station, Tramway St. Ferny Grove UBD 137, L3	Marion – 3366 1448 Kerry – 3289 9206
2 Apr	Paten Park, 57 Paten Rd., The Gap- UBD 158,A3 Weeding	Marion – 3366 1448
9 Apr Tracey, Mitchelton Cheesecake Shop	Cabbage Tree Creek off Yingally Dr. Ferny Hills/Arana Hills near Wightman Reserve close to children's playground UBD 117,N12 Management Meeting, 1pm. 9 Lynwood Court, Ferny Hills	Sonya- 0408 153 302 Fran – 3851 0858