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CAMOOOLA STREET PARK LAUNCH

A group of (Keperra) residents got together to apply for a grant to do some maintenance and beautifying of the local park in Camoola Street.

July 13th saw the launch of the Camoola Street Park site as a joint venture between the local residents, Brisbane City Council, Kedron Brook Catchment Group and MOTT.



Organizers (left to right) Fran Gilje (MOTT), Annie Morris (Camoola Street Group), Jacinta Hamilton (BCC Catchment Officer), Robert Standish-White (KBCG) and Fleur Sanderson (BCC Habitat Group)

With such a turn up (and an 8.30 start), planting finished early and everyone enjoyed a sausage sizzle.





A huge thank you from Planet Ark & Toyota

Thank you so much for helping plant the seed for a greener future. This year we've seen over 4,000 events and activities run by schools, councils, community groups, families, dedicated individuals, Toyota dealers, Bunnings stores and other businesses so far - a new Tree Day record! Together we also accomplished another milestone to be incredibly proud of - 20 million seedlings planted since 1996. You've also helped bring others closer to nature and helped them form a growing sense of environmental stewardship.

Warmest regards,

The Tree Day team at Planet Ark and the MOTT Qld. Team



Get involved!
National Tree Day Sunday 26 July
Schools Tree Day Friday 28 July

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Another National Tree Day has come and gone and you can see lots of Scott Maxwell photos on the website – www.menofthetrees.org.au.

There was a good turnout at Yingally Drive (a site you would hardly recognize since we started to clean it up and plant it many months ago).

More than 800 trees (well, plants really, because there were also a lot of lomandra planted as well) were planted and the international brigade of young and old that assembled, enjoyed morning tea and a sausage sizzle supplied by our friends from Apex.



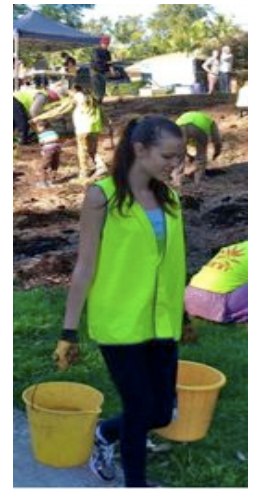
There follows a few of Scott's photos:



▲ Dale Shuttleworth MP with one of his daughters, Ailana (8) ▼ Emily Shuttleworth with Isabella



▲ Genevieve O'Brien (22) from MCOT helping Brittany McVicar (18) and Lauren Sowerby (18) both from Hillbrook Anglican School plant one of 300 trees



▲ Kerry Marion and Fran planning the plantings for the day

DOGS' DAY OUT

A MOTT planting is a good day out for the dogs too. Dusty and Zoe are usually there and sometimes Teddy and Bandi.



Morning tea at Gubberley Creek and who could resist Zoe's big brown eyes? Geoff Esdaile, that's who!

Poor Zoe, after what she's been through recently – attacked and mauled; half her back shaved for her operation; and still no fruitcake! Who said, "It's a dog's life"?

But sometimes you have to be cruel to be kind and I guess that Geoff knows he shouldn't give her fruit cake because puppy dogs should never be given sultanas.

And yes, the white cap in the background is Derek Atkinson. Derek and Louise returned from Thailand briefly to celebrate birthdays. How nice that Derek chose to be at a planting on his birthday ... just shows what a special bunch of people we are.

KNOW THINE ENEMY

Cat's Claw Creeper

Cats, as we all know, are the devil's creatures ... you never own a cat, it owns you.

The difference between a dog and a cat is that, were you doing something like mounting a shelf, the dog would be looking at you with unfeigned admiration that said, "You are so clever! I could never do that". The cat, on the other hand, would be looking with you contemptuously saying, "I wouldn't be doing it *that way*".

Is it any surprise, therefore, to find a hideous noxious weed named after cats – *Macfadyena unguis-cati*, Cat's Claw Creeper.



There is a great deal of this at one of our newer planting sites, the Ithaca Creek State School.

It is a vigorous woody climber with tendrils ending in three sharp, hooked claws (wouldn't you know!) Opposite leaves have two leaflets approx. five cms long and 1.5 cms wide. Its large yellow flowers develop to capsules 15-45 cms long and they develop lots of winged seeds.

MEET THE PLANTERS

Peter Amabile.

Starting with the premise that everyone who comes to planting is nice, Peter is one of the *very* nice planters. Very shy, and therefore quite retiring, he just gets on with the work and what a worker he is! From the moment he cycles up from his home at Ashgrove, he barely stops and nothing is a trouble for him ... except doing this interview.

Yes, again, here is somebody who says there is nothing interesting about them until one starts to draw it out.

Peter, one of three boys, is an identical twin and his twin lives in Melbourne. He grew up in Red Hill until the family moved to Ashgrove West, where he has lived for more than 20 years.

After attending school at St. James in Fortitude Valley, his goal was to do nursing but not being able to get into a hospital nursing college to do his training, he did enrolled nursing for a year and then went to university and did his Bachelor of Nursing. When he graduated, he got a job at the Princess Alexandra hospital for a year. Unfortunately, life got in the way and Peter suffered a nervous breakdown. When he got back to work, he was only able to work through an agency, which he found

unrewarding because the short stints and the working ward to ward didn't allow time to build relationships with patients.



Peter, who gets right into it, covered with Cobblers Pegs.

He regrets choosing nursing as a career because it is not a business one can just set up. Were he to have his time over, he would go into acupuncture or be a naturopath or something else, still within the health care area ... and note, still within the area of caring and nurturing.

It was Peter's interest in table tennis that got him to MOTT. He plays handicap and it was at table tennis that he met Fran Gilje who, as she is wont to do, sang the praises of MOTT. He thought Men of the Trees was a weird name but with Fran encouraging him, he came to a planting, enjoyed it and found it rewarding because at the time he was a member of the Brisbane Bushwalking Club and he found that MOTT gave him the outdoors activity that BBC did in addition to the opportunity to do something for the environment.

His other interests are movies – he likes new movies, whatever is popular in the main stream. He is a big fan of science fiction and very into movies set in space. And he likes to browse around Op. Shops ... which is something on which I got side tracked and didn't follow up. What is he looking for? What kinds of things interest him there? I'll leave that up to ask him and to find out for yourselves.

140 YEARS!

A rather special outing saw the 3M Company having a very enjoyable lunch at the LitsE Coffee Lounge and Restaurant at Keperra's Great Western Super Centre.

The reason for the special event was for MOTT to celebrate the 70th birthday of well-known MOTT twins, Marion and Miriam.



Photo Scott Maxwell

I know ... neither looks 70 and fortunately for MOTT, they have more energy than many 70-year-olds.

So many happy returns to Marion and Miriam from MOTT.

And many happy returns to Fran Gilje who has also just celebrated a birthday.



Left to Right: Marion, Gerry, Pat, Fran, Kerry and Scott

On Sunday, August 11th, the MOTT management committee attended the opening of Cubberla-Witton Catchments Network Inc's (CWCN) new clubhouse/headquarters, which was officially opened by Councillor Julian Simmonds, Brisbane City Council's Chairman of the Finance, Economic Development and Administration Committee.

ROSEMARY NICHOLAS

Marion Goward



On Sunday 11th August, MOTT and the world at large lost one of its most loved and most inspiring members. On that morning Rosemary Nicholas died from the insidious effects of Farmer's Lung - an incurable disease acquired from working with soil/potting mix/mulch, etc. She was keen for her plight to be a lesson for all of us, to take precautions when handling these natural materials.

We featured Rosemary and her contribution to the environment and the community in a previous newsletter, and in Clive Price's work celebrating MOTT Qld's first decade, a whole chapter (The Ripple Effect) is dedicated to just one of her achievements. This record tells the story of how Rosemary, working every week for four years with two groups of disabled children, turned the Dutton Park Rubbish Tip into the beautiful small forest (600 native trees) which became Harmony Gardens (1984).

If that were not enough, another of her contributions seems almost too amazing to adequately recount, and here the influence of MOTT's founder, Dr. Richard St Barbe Baker, whom Rosemary has acknowledged as her great inspiration, is clearly to be seen. Under the auspices of The Relaxation Centre and with the help of one other woman, the people of Australia were encouraged, inspired and cajoled into planting one-and-a-half million trees – a total that was achieved only after photographic evidence from thousands of plantings confirmed the record.

Rosemary's own bush garden at Eight Mile Plains was appreciated Australia wide, and featured in many home and garden magazines. A tree planted by St Barbe Baker himself graced the entrance.

On Saturday 17th August, our MOTT volunteers worked in the bush garden at Regis Parkland Manor, the home of John and Ngairetta Brennan (our celebrated founder and long-serving President). Our current President, Ross McKinnon was working with us, and the opportunity was taken to plant a small tree in the garden in Rosemary's honour. We chose a Grevillea named "Just Rosie" for this special occasion.



At the moving service held for Rosemary on the same day, MOTT gave away trees to those who attended who were able to use them. Well over 100 trees remained, and Rosemary's son Justin asked if he could take them to his parents' home at Cedar Creek to plant on the property and help complete a forest begun there by his mother. He said he had long been interested in continuing his mother's work with the environment, and finishing her project – a toe in the door. The 'ripple effect' goes on.

JOE WILDE

Marion Goward

On 4th July, Joe Wilde, who has been GA Nursery manager for a few years (commuting every day from Boonah!!), retired from the position to take up another job closer to his home. Joe's warm and engaging personality, his love of his nursery, its people and its plants (he collected much of the seed himself), and his dedication to all aspects of the environment, inspired and endeared him to the many people he met through his work. He greatly admired the life and writing of Richard St Barbe Baker, MOTT's founder, and went out of his way to assist our organisation, especially with the supply of plants, of course.

One of the Greening Australia volunteers at the Nursery told me to read Joe's farewell message, and

said it was quite special and worth a read by anyone.



It was Joe's last day, and when I asked him if I could read his letter written to his volunteers, he said he had screwed it up and thrown it in the waste paper basket. He told me I could have it if I could find it - which I did. I flattened it out to read and found it well worth sharing. In part it read:

"One thing I have learned since being

here and in my life to date is that it is the small actions of people on a small scale that lead to transformations and eventually larger actions on a larger scale. It is the small game changers that can make a difference – never underestimate this. As the hand of human intervention becomes more invasive in the natural environment, and environmental companies find themselves filling in holes that others have dug and cleaning up the mess of others rather than preserving/repairing/expanding areas of natural significance, our motto is as much about mindscapes as it is about landscapes. For without a radical change in the way we think, the way we do business and what we value as a nation, the natural environment, to our detriment, will continue to take a back seat. I am optimistic that the tide will turn and there are enough small players rising to ensure that the natural environment will become a priority allowing us to enjoy her many wonders now and into the future.

In short, keep the dream alive and I sincerely wish you all, and Greening Australia, all the best for the future”.

MOTT presented Joe with a book by St Barbe, his first book about New Zealand, *Land of Tane, The Threat of Erosion*, signed by the author. Beneath the author's inscription is that by MOTT Qld thanking the retiring Manager of the GA Nursery for his friendship and care of our organisation, and wishing him well. He already is, and will continue to be missed by many.

NEW MEMBERS

And while we have lost some friends, we are pleased to welcome some new ones: Philip Dooley to our Saturday morning plantings and Scott Nicholls who has volunteered to do some PR for us.

THE WEBSITE

Finally, the website's PLANTING SITES AND PROJECTS page is running as it should.

There are photos of most of our planting sites and if you click on them ... they will ENLARGE!

All of Scott Maxwell's National Tree Day photos are there for you to have a look at.

One of the recent posts, which I recommend to you thoroughly, will produce a very interesting video of MOTT's founder, Dr Richard St Barbe Baker OBE, talking about the importance of trees to us if the Earth is to survive. Share it with your friends.

The top left hand box of the Home Page will enable you to check out this newsletter at any time and to download an updated copy of the planting schedule that you can print for easy reference.

DERA SACHA SAUDA

At the end of our schedule in each *Twahamwe*, you will see *Dhan Dhan Satguru Tera Hi Asra*, which we have been featuring since members of *Dera Sacha Sauda* joined us.

Dera Sacha Sauda is a socio-spiritual organization that preaches and practices humanitarianism and selfless services to others. More than forty million people around the world are faithful followers of the organization. Dera's devotees learn to meditate and follow the principles laid down by Dera.

His Holiness Beparawah Mastana Ji Maharaj founded *Dera Sacha Sauda* (True Deeds) in 1948 to encourage spiritual awakening among the masses, to uplift humanity, and to create a better world. The slogan "*Dhan Dhan Satguru Tera Hi Asra*," which Dera's devotees chant at the Ashram, elucidates the kindness of God Almighty as our saviour.

The organisation has achieved Guinness World Records for several blood donation drives and on August 15th, 2011, the birthday of Saint Gurmeet Ram Rahim Singh Ji Insan, they established another Guinness record for the most trees planted

simultaneously at multiple locations – 1,945,535, in 405 locations across India.

On August 15th, this year, group members joined with MOTT chapters throughout Australia to plant trees in honour of the day. MOTT Queensland's

planting took place at Arbor Street Park, Ferny Grove.

If you would like to learn more about this worthy organization, have a look at their very interesting website: <http://derasachasauda.org/introduction/>.



September to December 2013

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, September 7th	PATEN PARK NEW SITE – PLANTING Parkview Drive, The Gap or enter Paten Park as usual, walk down track to right just before bridge leading to nursery.	Kerry 3289 9206
Saturday, September 14th	WONGAN CREEK, BUNYA CROSSING, UBD107, Q20 Either drive to end of Dugandan Rd, then down track to Bunya crossing, through drawgate and picnic area and up Wongan Ck to planting site/or near end of Dugandan Rd take Allen Rd on	Wendy 0437 439 774

	left, first right at Weston Drive, first right at Banks Court, park, and walk down grassy easement ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING at Erica Jakeman's 119 Plucks Road, Arana Hills, 1.00pm	
Saturday, September 21st	BROSELEY ROAD, TOOWONG Planting at the BCC site, 129 Broseley Rd., Toowong	Marion 3366 1448 0413 483 833
Saturday, September 28th	MAHACA PARK (Old NTD Site) Malvern Rd, off Keong Rd., Albany Creek Fill-in planting and maintenance	Marion 3366-1448
Saturday, October 5th	PATEN PARK NEW SITE – PLANTING Parkview Drive, The Gap or enter Paten Park as usual, walk down track to right just before bridge leading to nursery	Kerry 3289 9206
Saturday, October 12th	PLANTING AND MAINTENANCE YINGALLY DRIVE, Arana Hills Part of Wightman Reserve Planting with Moreton Bay Regional Council	Wendy 0437 439 774
Saturday, October 19th	PATEN PARK – PLANTING AND MAINTENANCE Old site – near the Scout Den Paten Road, The Gap	Marion 3366 1448 Kerry- 3289 9206
Saturday, October 26th	CAMOOOLA STREET PARK PLANTING AND MAINTENANCE Camoola Street, Keperra	Kerry- 3289 9206
Saturday, November 2nd	CASSIMATY PARK PLANTING AND MAINTENANCE Samford Rd., Ferny Grove	Marion 3366 1448 0413 483 833
Saturday, November 9th	WONGAN CREEK, BUNYA CROSSING, UBD107, Q20 Either drive to end of Dugandan Rd, then down track to Bunya crossing, through drawgate and picnic area and up Wongan Ck to planting site/or near end of Dugandan Rd take Allen Rd on left, first right at Weston Drive, first right at Banks Court, park, and walk down grassy easement	Wendy 0437 439 774
Saturday, November 16th	REGIS PARKLAND MANOR AGED CARE FACILITY 39 Lanita Rd, Ferny Grove PLANTING AND WEEDING	Marion 3366 1448
Saturday, November 23rd	129 BROSELEY RD., TOOWONG – PLANTING BCC owned spare allotment half-way down the road, on right-hand side	Marion 3366 1448
Saturday, November 30th	DETAILS NOT YET AVAILABLE. PLEASE REFER TO WEBSITE CALENDAR	
Saturday, December 7th	CASSIMATY PARK PLANTING AND MAINTENANCE Samford Rd., Ferny Grove	Kerry 3289 9206 Marion 3366-1448
Saturday, December 14th	MOTT CHRISTMAS GATHERING Details in the December <i>Twahamwe</i> or refer to website	



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