

THE MEN OF THE TREES INC. QUEENSLAND BRANCH  
FOUNDER: THE LATE DR RICHARD ST BARBE BAKER OBE  
PATRON: HRH THE PRINCE OF WALES



07 33711700  
info@menofthetrees.org.au  
menofthetrees.org.au

twahamwe

volume XXXVI

number 3

dec 2015

Twahamwe is Swahili for all together  
men, women & children pull together



# Special Christmas Edition Seasons Greetings 2015 & 2016

**Christmas luncheon** at the Siam Pagoda Restaurant in Clayfield on Saturday the 19 December 2015, was organised by stalwart MOTT member, Rex Callahan.

It was a cool summers day, as the MOTTly crew were surrounded by misting fans, colourful foliage and water features as a lavish feast of delicious Thai dishes, were served semi al fresco style.

~ the international society for the planting and protection of trees ~



*Twahamwe is Swahili for all together men, women & children pull together*

# BOLLYWOOD



**Balvinder Dhaliwal invited MOTT members to a joyful evening at the bollywood bluster movie MSG 2 at the Garden City Cinemas in Nov.**

*The film is a real story based on tribal peoples and how they become civilised with the help of meditation. The movie featured the Dera Sacha Sauda group who work with MOTT on most of the sites and also participate on many others welfare activities.*



## creating a butterfly garden

We are currently scoping the right site, one with a large open area where we can create various pockets of vegetation to support the various host plants that feed the caterpillars. A site close to natural bushland where a butterfly corridor can be created. I found that many of our endemic plants are host to a variety of different and beautiful butterflies, so what better way to create more colour and life to a garden than by attracting the multitudes of stunning little beauties to the area.

By providing food and habitat for caterpillars and adult butterflies we are also supplying resources for many other native animals.

Why are there fewer butterflies now? Unfortunately our current regimes of insecticide spray use in the gardens as well as environmental degradation and native vegetation clearing is having a negative effect on butterfly populations. Some exotic plants like the Dutchman's pipe and the Jacaranda are poisonous to some species, further contributing to their decline.

the amazing thing is that butterflies can often travel kilometres in search of their host plants. For example the Richmond Birdwing female will travel up to 30 kilometres from where it pupates. The vine contains pheromones which the butterfly can detect from at least a few kilometres away. This brings a lot of hope to those fighting hard to bring this magnificent butterfly back from its vulnerable status to where we can once again see them in abundance flying through the streets of Brisbane, as was reported in 1870.

**Story by Ishara Udawela  
from the Shah Satnam Ji Green S welfare force**



*the right tree ~ in the right place ~ for the right reason*



# TEAMWORK in ACTION

The Gap Native Nursery



*All hands to the table on potting day at the nursery L~R Rex, Gary, Fran, Ishara, Jerry, Christian, Jean & Danya (UQ student)*

Keppera Picnic Park 3 Oct 15



*Kerry Walker doing the planting*



*Mairi doing the watering with Nicolas (Spain) & Irupua (Brazil) doing the digging*



*the right tree ~ in the right place ~ for the right reason*



BEFORE



AND



AFTER

Kern Place Park National Tree Day 2014 planting

Planting and maintenance a year later

Imagine what it will look like in a decade's time



# MOTT's establishment sites

HOURS	SITE	PLANTS	VOLUNTEERS VISITORS	VOLUNTEER REGULARS
215	Parkview Drive The Gap	297	58	48
725	Keryn Place Park Keppera	925	312	77
68	Paten Park The Gap	200	16	14
1008	TOTALS	1422	287	139

## for Habitat Brisbane 1.7.14 - 30.6.15

*MOTT President, Ross McKinnon's quotable quote;*

***"To plant trees is to give body and life to ones dreams of a better world"***

*~ Montague Russell Page [British Gardener, Garden designer and Landscape Architect. 1985.]*



*Fran (sitting down on the job) helping a family with some planting and watering*

***the right tree ~ in the right place ~ for the right reason***



# Boxing Day Festivities



*~ the tradition continues*

*L~R enjoying the feast with Jerry at the head of the table with Pat with wine glass followed by Jan, Gary, Christine, Marion with hosts Fran & Rhonda, Steven, Erika and Miriam with Scott taking the photo feast*



*at Fran's place*

*L~R Fran with Teddy and Bandi. Marion with Dusty and Tilli off in search of more tucker.*

## The MOTT Report

*for Financial Year July 2014 to June 2015*

MOTT Qld has enjoyed another productive year. This is so, even though new plants in the ground were down in number compared with our yearly average. However, good reasons exist for this, in particular extended periods of dry weather, because of which planting was necessarily restricted, and more than the usual number of working bees were devoted to activities other than planting - e.g. watering, mulching, weeding. Another reason is the pre and post Christmas nursery crisis precipitated by Greening Australia's withdrawal from the nursery in Paten Park, The Gap (formerly MOTT's nursery), and thus from its commitment to supply MOTT with the bulk of our planting stock. As we all know, the "battle" to save the site as a continuing native nursery to be run by the community was a lively one, as the site had been cleared by GA for the BCC for future use as a Men's Shed. Following a host of meetings, with BCC and SOWN and Men's Shed representatives, as well as members of the community, good sense prevailed. A decision was made by BCC in favour of the community run native nursery, SOWN transferred its HQ from the old Gap pony club precincts to The Cottage in Paten Park to mentor the establishment of the new nursery, and the Men's Shed located happily in the old Pony Clubhouse in Yoorala Street.

The new community run nursery is now renamed the Paten Park Native Nursery. Very generously, the two adjoining nurseries in Paten Park, the SOWN Nursery and the PPNN, have combined in an ingenious agreement with MOTT to cover GA's previous commitment to supply MOTT with 5000 trees and understorey plants per year. The SOWN Nursery is supplying the PPNN with the quantity, and the PPNN is supplying MOTT with the quantity and quality - that is, the full biodiversity of its stock. This agreement has been signed by all three parties, and a MOTT representation attended the SOWN AGM to thank the local group for its initiation of this commitment.

Because of this generous support by the nurseries, and because of the initial struggle by the new community run nursery, starting from scratch, to prove itself, MOTT made a decision to assist the PPNN by giving over one of our workdays per month to nursery work, and another weekday per month to seed collection. Consequently, during the last 6 months of the year, our plantings have been reduced by at least one quarter of the usual. When the nursery no longer needs our assistance in this way, we expect to return all our Saturdays to our major work in the field. However, nursery work is enjoyed by our volunteers, and it provides an important experience with an essential part of the revegetation process.

Our highlight for the year was our National Tree Day planting at Keryn Place Park, Mungarie Street, Keperra. MOTT had won a BCC grant to prepare the site for this creek restoration project (small tributary of Kedron Brook). A record of this planting occurs in an earlier edition of Twahamwe, but suffice it to say that the day attracted an estimated 120 volunteers. Almost 1000 plants have been planted on this site, and the small forest is flourishing. Our full statistics for the year are recorded elsewhere in the newsletter, so will not be repeated here.

We wish to express our thanks to all our hard working volunteers, without whom we could do nothing, our management team, the nurseries, and our other major sponsors, Brisbane City Council and Moreton Bay Regional Council, and also Ashton Manufacturing Pty Ltd.

**Of concern to all!**  
**A tree is worth**  
**\$193,250**

according to Professor T.M. Das of the University of Calcutta. A tree living for 50 years will generate \$31,250 worth of oxygen, provide \$62,000 worth of air pollution control, control soil erosion and increase soil fertility to the tune of \$31,250, recycle \$37,500 worth of water and provide a home for animals worth \$31,250. This figure does not include the value of fruits, lumber or beauty derived from trees. Just another sensible reason to take care of our forests.

From Update Forestry  
Michigan State University

**THE VALUE OF A TREE**

**SAVE OUR MOTHER EARTH**



*Twahamwe is Swahili for all together men, women & children pull together*

# MOTT calendar JANUARY ~ MARCH 2016

The most up-to-date version of this schedule can be found on the MOTT website:- <http://www.menofthetrees.org.au>  
~ Meet Saturdays at 9.00am unless otherwise stated - break 10.30 for morning tea, finish work approx 12.30pm ~

## JANUARY

- Sat 16** **PATEN PARK NATIVE NURSERY - NURSERY WORK**  
Paten Park, Paten Road, The Gap Parking - Use upper carpark to drop or pick up gear at the nursery, and please park finally in carpark on the left just before the bridge
- Sat 23** **KERYN PLACE PARK - PLANTING & MAINTENANCE**  
Mungarie Street, off Settlement Road, Keperra (original site)
- Sat 30** **CASSIMATY PARK - PLANTING & MAINTENANCE**  
Samford Road, Ferny Grove. Entrance just before railway crossing, coming from Samford side (lower site before golf course)

Kerry 3289 9206  
Marion 3366 1448

Marion 3366 1448

Marion 3366 1448

## FEBRUARY

- Fri 5** **SEED COLLECTION with PPNN**  
MEET Paten Park Native Nursery Paten Park, Paten Road, The Gap
- Sat 6** **ARBOR STREET PARK - PLANTING & MAINTENANCE**  
Tramway Street, Ferny Hills (park immediately past Police station on the right)
- Sat 13** **YELLOWWOOD DRIVE - PLANTING & MAINTENANCE**  
MEET Paten Park Native Nursery Paten Park, Paten Road, The Gap  
**MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING**  
Home of Fran & Rhonda, 9 Lynwood Court, Ferny Hills at 13.00
- Sat 20** **PARK VIEW DRIVE - PLANTING & MAINTENANCE**  
The Gap
- Sat 27** **PATEN PARK NATIVE NURSERY - NURSERY WORK**  
Paten Park Native Nursery Paten Park, Paten Road, The Gap Parking - Use upper carpark to drop or pick up gear at the nursery, and please park finally in carpark on the left just before the bridge

Neil 3300 6304  
Marion 3366 1448

Marion 3366 1448

Wendy 0409 268 838

Fran 3351 5118

Kerry 3289 9206

Kerry 3289 9206

## MARCH

- Fri 4** **SEED COLLECTION with PPNN**  
MEET Paten Park Native Nursery Paten Park, Paten Road, The Gap
- Sat 5** **PATON PARK - PLANTING & MAINTENANCE**  
Paten Park, Paton Road, The Gap (just past scout den)
- Sat 12** **BUNYA RIVERSIDE (WONGAN CREEK) - PLANTING & MAINTENANCE with MBRC**  
Bunya Crossing on South Pine River UBD 107, Q20.  
Drive to end of Dugandan Road then down the track to carpark at Riverside
- Sat 19** **ITHACA CREEK - PLANTING & MAINTENANCE**  
COOLIBAR STREET, BARDON  
(park car & access street lower end of Coolibah Street - footbridge over creek)
- Sat 26** **PATEN PARK NATIVE NURSERY - NURSERY WORK**  
Paten Park Native Nursery Paten Park, Paten Road, The Gap Parking - Use upper carpark to drop or pick up gear at the nursery, and please park finally in carpark on the left just before the bridge

Neil 3300 6304

Kerry 3289 9206

Wendy 0409 268 838

Marion 3366 1448

Kerry 3289 9206  
Marion 3366 1448

*the right tree ~ in the right place ~ for the right reason*

# MOTT's NURSERY WORK



After the spectacularly speedy and complete disappearance of Greening Australia from the Nursery scene at the end of 2014, our organisation was in crisis as we all know, without a source of seedlings for our plantings. But firstly the SOWN Nursery and then the Paten Park Native Nursery (the community nursery struggling to start almost from scratch after GA), have come to our rescue and generously offered to replace, or rather continue the wonderful commitment of GA over the past seventeen years to supply our planting group with the basis of its planting stock.

As a thank-you to the PPNN, but also to assist in some small way with the productive capacity of the nursery, our planting group has committed to nursery activities on three days each month. One of these involves giving up one of our Saturday planting days - a difficult thing for us because of the demand for attention of our many planting sites. But we know what side our bread is buttered, and even if the nursery had no bearing upon our own survival, we appreciate the importance of this wonderful facility for the community and the dwindling habitat of our city and countryside.

On the fourth Saturday of each month therefore, the MOTT group works at the PPNN in Paten Park, Paten Road, The Gap. The work involves whatever the requirement may be at the time - pricking-out, potting-on, tube washing, also seed-cleaning, weeding, watering, etc. A very nostalgic activity for some of us with longer teeth, who did the same, in the same place, when the nursery was MOTT's, 20 years ago. (The house is still officially named Twahamwe Cottage, and a large bark painting of the founder of MOTT, Richard St Barbe Baker, still hangs in the central position on the wall.)

On the first Wednesday and the third Sunday of each month MOTT and the PPNN now get together to go on seed collecting expeditions. So far we have had some enjoyable and fruitful days in such places as Closeburn, Mt Coot-tha, and an idyllic property high up in the Lacey's Creek catchment, surrounded by the D'Aguilar National Park. These are the days when one can breathe the purest oxygen, and get closest to forests that still exist and hopefully always will.

*the international society for the planting and protection of trees*

## ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP

FOR 1 MAY 2015 - 30 APRIL 2016

Please send cheque or money order to:  
MOTT PO Box 283 Clayfield QLD 4011

If you are not renewing membership kindly cross the  
box and return slip to above address

active planter: \$10 / concession: \$15 / individual: \$25 / family: \$45 / corporate: \$100

name: \_\_\_\_\_  
address: \_\_\_\_\_  
email: \_\_\_\_\_  
phone: \_\_\_\_\_



Your valued support enables **MOTT** to continue the vital role of tree planting

*we acknowledge our dedicated sponsors*



*Dedicated to a better Brisbane*

TWAHAMWE - Vol XXXV1 No 2 June 2015  
If undelivered please return to  
PO BOX 283 CLAYFIELD QLD 4011  
PRINTPOST APPROVED PP 434810/0002

SURFACE MAIL

POSTAGE  
PAID  
AUSTRALIA