



THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

MOTT's AGM was held on August 28th 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 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.



Members & magpies meeting on the verandah

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.



Albany Creek APEX Club setting up for the catering

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.

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.



Jeff Mustard President thanking the volunteers for participating in National Tree Day

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.



Alejandro trying to entice volunteers into becoming members



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>

PROFILE Gerry Dunford

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"