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TREAT Newsletter Wet Season January - March 2017

Community Plantings 2017

Date	Location	Habitat	Trees	Collaboration	Planting
Sat February 4	Rural Roads, Upper Barron	DRY (Dry forest)	1000	DRY: TREAT, Landcare	Field Day
Sat February 11	Rural Roads, Upper Barron	DRY (Dry forest)	2000	DRY: REA/PRI, TRC	DRY: AM AM
Sat February 18	Rural Roads, Upper Barron	DRY (Dry forest)	2000	DRY: REA/PRI, TRC	DRY: AM AM
Sat February 25	Rural Roads, Upper Barron, near Lake Barrine	Wet forest	1000	Group: TREAT, LPG	Private
Sat February 25	Rural Roads, Upper Barron	DRY (Dry forest)	2000	DRY: TRRG, TREAT, DERM	DRY: I
Sat March 4	Mt Carbine Road, Upper Mareeba	Wet forest	1000	TREAT, DERM	Private
Sat March 11	REDLY Kilcoran Rd, Upper	Irrigation	1000	Irrigation: TRC, TREAT	Private
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Sat March 18	REDLY Kilcoran Rd, Upper Mareeba	Irrigation	1000	Irrigation: TRC, TREAT	Private
Sat March 25	Mt Carbine Road, Lake Barrine	Wet forest	1000	TREAT, QPWS &F&G	Private
Sat April 1	Mt Carbine Road, Lake Barrine	Wet forest	1000	TREAT, QPWS &F&G	Private
Sat April 8	Rural Roads, Upper Barron	DRY (Dry forest)	2000	Group: TREAT, LPG	Private
Sat April 29	Mt Emerald Road, Lake Barrine	Wet forest	1000	Group: TREAT, LPG	Private

Landowners: Collaboration

DRY - South Endeavour Trust
REA/PRI - MQ Land Management Services
TRC - Tableland Regional Council
LPG - School for Field Studies
TRRG - Tablelands Regional Group
REA - Rainforest Reserve Australia
LPG2 - Everyone's Environment Grant Round 2 - Qld Gov.
I - JM Smith - Aust. Govt.
I Serial - Serial Nature Resource Management - Aust. Govt.

Planting information

A - This year planting a part of a field day and starts at 9am.
B - Bring a hat, sunscreen, hat, and a drink. Start planting as soon as possible.
C - Bring a hat, sunscreen and water, plus gloves and a trowel if you have them.
F - A barbecue will be provided after each planting.
I - Email Doug Bunkhill **Bunkhill@bigpond.com** to let him know if you are coming.
L - Check for heavy changes due to weather conditions the day before or the day of.

Tablelands Regional Council (TRC) provides a large number of community plantings for this wet season. All except one (Jack Ed) are properties where previous community plantings have been held. Four are Landcare properties managed by Peter McCallum (Rural Roads, Upper Barron), one is Reserve Creek, Revelstone, one at Kilcoran Rd, Jaggan, and one at Rd. Rd. Topaz. If the weather is bad, a group planting may be rescheduled.

Mt Carbine Rd. Revelstone

The first community planting is a very small planting of 100 trees, in memory of Ian Freeman who died last year and did so much on the project. Revelstone is a Reserve Creek property that has been a community planting site for many years. Ian Freeman was President of Reserve Creek for many years.

TREAT had funding from Everyone's Environment Grant Round 2 for the planting there last year, and part of that grant required a field day held. This wet season after the planting, it is a good opportunity to look at the fantastic results it has had have achieved with revegetation here since 2011.

The second planting will be on with of the 2010 planting which suffered substantial losses due to extreme temperatures in January and February.

The last two plantings will complete the revegetation of the area adjacent to last year's planting. They will form part of a Feasibility Study into the revegetation of Reserve Creek. The Feasibility Study is being funded by Tablelands Regional Council. Everything is support further community activities. The trees for these plantings will come from Kuranda and Yungaburra Nurseries.

Carbon Road is off Lake Barrine Road between the Gillies Highway and Malanda. Look for the TREAT signs.

Rd. Rd. Topaz Barron

The first of these plantings is on the property at the end of Rd. Rd. Road. TREAT Project plant trees from 2011 and 2012 when it was ready to plant out. The trees are now 5 years old and 3 metres high. Rd. Rd. Road is a Landcare property managed by Peter McCallum. The planting of this is a wonderful thing to see and a great place to bring a family for a picnic. The trees are now protected from stock and provide a lovely shady place. The second planting will be on the Rd. Rd. Road. This planting is a very small planting of 200 trees, in memory of Ian Freeman who died last year and did so much on the project. Revelstone is a Reserve Creek property that has been a community planting site for many years. Ian Freeman was President of Reserve Creek for many years. This planting will complete the revegetation of the area adjacent to last year's planting. They will form part of a Feasibility Study into the revegetation of Reserve Creek. The Feasibility Study is being funded by Tablelands Regional Council. Everything is support further community activities. The trees for these plantings will come from Kuranda and Yungaburra Nurseries.

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Newsletter by Email

Bob Lemke

We had an article in the previous newsletter seeking sponsorship help for continuing with the present format of the newsletter. There were a couple of responses offering financial help which were much appreciated. However for continual publishing to go, we would need much more. Thanks to those who responded. We will continue to publish but it will be in a different format. We will be sending out the newsletter by email to members.

We would like as many members as possible to receive the newsletter by email, thereby reducing postage costs significantly. Not all members receive the newsletter by email. Some members have requested a hard copy be posted to them. This is a very costly exercise. Not only is the postage costly, but the printed version may be delayed by several weeks.

All members will receive a renewal form with this newsletter, requesting an email address for sending future copies of the newsletter. Non-members will receive a hard copy of the newsletter, unless they request it be emailed. Members who do not renew their membership, or who do not supply an email address, will be simply ahead our upcoming. Doug Bunkhill, where email is **Doug.Bunkhill**. This has an advantage in that some financial members are returned forms can be difficult to decipher.

The first one of emailed newsletters will be email enough to be downloaded easily.

Ecological Furniture - Making the House a Home

Inge Tucker

Anyone who has moved into an empty house knows it's pretty bare without a table, chairs, beds, the BBQ, brick-braces and all the other essential and not essential. It's also an opened up blank canvas and people enjoy decorating the place and putting their stamp on it. Our need, need-fetish, need-to-impress-others is the same as the empty house - the bedrooms are there but the things that really constitute furniture have to be added. Some people like to do it themselves, others like to buy ready-made, others like to have it made to their specifications.

In a typical rainforest, a hollow log on the ground is a complex resource offering wildlife an essential place to rest, eat, groom, hide from predators. Depending on its size, the number of species that utilise the log as a habitat resource, from wood-boring beetles to striped possums, is one large mammal species. Hollow logs are important habitat for many rainforest species and, as they are in short supply, they are highly sought after. Hollow logs provide food, shelter and nesting sites for a wide range of species. Hollows in dead trees are important habitat for many rainforest species. Nature, through the inevitable process of disturbance, initiates and perpetuates this long process.

Hollows are a very important resource in Australian forests and woodlands. Hollows are formed in trees and are characterized by finding around the entrance. Hollows are used by birds, bats, reptiles, amphibians and mammals for shelter, roosting and nesting sites. Hollows are a scarce resource and large hollows are a rare habitat feature. Hollows are important because they provide a range of life forms. Two that are of great value are bats and birds. Bats are important because they are the only mammals that are capable of sustained flight. Birds are important because they are a very diverse group of animals that are capable of flight. Birds are important because they are a very diverse group of animals that are capable of flight. Birds are important because they are a very diverse group of animals that are capable of