



## MEN OF THE TREES

# TWAHAMWE

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### ANNUAL REPORT 2002/2003

It gives me great pleasure to present my annual report for the year.

2003 was a quiet year in terms of major achievements for MOTT. A proposal to investigate forming a national body along with the chapters of MOTT in other states was defeated at the 2002 AGM, and MOTT (WA) the auspicing body was advised accordingly. The matter of public risk liability was addressed during the year in line with the Government's review, and an application for cover at a reduced premium was sent to the Queensland Community Group Scheme (through AON Risk Consultants) the preferred supplier of this type of cover for community groups such as MOTT. This will be effective as of the coming premium payment anniversary.

During the year, the completion report for the Gold's Scrub project was submitted to acquit the expenditure of the NHT funding. This in itself was of no great import, but it did present the opportunity to formally review our performance with this project. It was my impression that MOTT's persistence with this project together with the NHT and bequest funding that was applied have got this remnant to a stage where it only requires a watching brief to ensure that it survives as a major conservation asset to the Pine Rivers Shire.

Progress with the Kedron Brook project was stymied by a change of heart within Brisbane City Council when its waterways engineers decided that they did not want further tree planting within the flood channel, but I have been recently advised by the local group coordinator that more work has been approved near the Gilbert Road bridge crossing, and we will again be invited to participate.

The Anglican Church project on Gubberley Creek has progressed to a stage where we CAN now see the trees for the weeds after many long tiring hours of effort from our Saturday morning group. It is my view that we got to this point the 'hard way' by not insisting that the rank vegetation be removed or poisoned at the start, but as everybody is pleased with the obvious progress, who am I to complain.

Plantings at Terrors Creek (Dayboro) and the South Pine River (Bunya) have seen MOTT involved with other community groups who have been greatly appreciative of our efforts.

Last year we decided that MOTT had gone as far as it could go with the Paten Park project, and that we would henceforth maintain only a watching brief to ensure that the weeds remained in check, given that Council seemed willing to periodically spray the Madeira vine and cats claw creeper. This has resulted in fewer visits to the cottage and has set members to thinking if MOTT might be better served by looking for an alternative base from which to operate.

With this in mind MOTT members recently inspected the property at Camp Mountain that was bequeathed to the conservation of the environment by the late Dr Elizabeth Marks. This inspection was with a view to deciding whether or not to lodge an expression of interest as a tenant in partnership with others. As yet the trustees have made no decision on the determination of this property, which is far beyond MOTT's individual means to maintain.

On a personal note, I have been disappointed at our lack of ability to recruit the numbers of new members that we need to drive our agenda forward. I would certainly be grateful to hear from any of our armchair members (or readers) with experience in membership building as to what might be a possible way forward with this.

I would again like to thank all of those members (both on the ground and behind the scenes) who have laboured long and hard during the year delivering the vision and values of MOTT.

Finally I would like to extend MOTT's best wishes to John Brennan on the occasion of his recent illness. John, we hope that you get well soon.

Jim Dale  
President

## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the twenty-second Annual General Meeting of the Men of the Trees will be held on Saturday 9 August 2003 at the Anglican Church Hall at 1036 Moggill Road Kenmore at 11.30am..

Every ordinary member, life member or honorary member present in person or by proxy shall be entitled to one vote. No members shall be entitled to vote unless all subscriptions presently payable to the Association have been paid. A member entitled to vote at a meeting is entitled to appoint a proxy and such person need not be a member of the Association. A proxy form accompanies this notice.

Business:

1. To receive the report of the Management Committee, the Income and Expenditure Account and the Balance Sheet for the year ending 30 June 2003.
2. To receive the Auditor's report on the books and accounts for the same period.
3. To elect Office Bearers and other members of the Management Committee for the ensuing year.
4. To appoint the Auditor.

### The Men of the Trees Inc PROXY FOR ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

I, \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_  
hereby appoint \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_  
as my proxy to vote for me on my behalf at the Annual General Meeting of the Association to be held on Saturday 9 August 2003 and any adjournment thereof.

Signed this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_

Member: \_\_\_\_\_ Witness \_\_\_\_\_

### The Men of the Trees Inc NOMINATION FOR MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

I, \_\_\_\_\_ being a member of the Men of the Trees Inc  
hereby nominate \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_  
for the election of \_\_\_\_\_

*(Insert President, Vice President, Honorary Secretary, Honorary Treasurer, Management Committee)*

and I, \_\_\_\_\_ also being a member of the Association hereby second that  
nomination.

Signature of nominating member \_\_\_\_\_

I, \_\_\_\_\_ hereby consent to the above nomination for the  
position of \_\_\_\_\_

*(insert position)*

Signature of nominated member \_\_\_\_\_ / /2003

The signed nomination form shall be lodged with the Secretary, PO Box 283 Clayfield Q 4011, and at least twenty-one (21) days before the Annual General Meeting.



## MEN OF THE TREES SCHEDULE 2003

DATE	TIME	LOCATION	ACTIVITY	CONTACT
Aug 2	8.30am – 12.30pm	Gold's Scrub, Gold Scrub Road, Lake Samsonvale	Weeding and revegetation. Morning tea & lunch provided	Donna Bowe 3902 4416 Carole 3425 1527
Aug 9	9.00am – 12.30pm	Holy Spirit Anglican Church, 1036 Moggill Road, Kenmore	Weed, plant and water, Mulch if possible. Bring tools.	Kerry W 3289 9205 Anne S 2278 4115
Aug 16	9.00am – 12.30pm	Girl Guide Hut, Coolibah Street, Bardon.	Tree planting and mulching.	Marion 3366 1448
Aug 23	9.00am – 12.30pm	Taringa Parade opposite Equinox Street, next to bike entrance. up the hill, near the Freeway.	Removal of succulent plants and planting native grasses. <b>Bring plastic bags.</b>	Pam Rudder 3878 9505
Aug 30	9.00am – 12.30pm	Cedar Creek. Located behind Ferny Grove Police Station on Tramway Street.	Planting, weeding & transplanting of native regeneration. Possibility of water quality testing.	Tristan 3351 1930
Sep 13	9.00am – 12.30pm	Gubberley Creek, Gubberley Street, Kenmore.	Weeding, planting and watering trees.	Kerry 3289 9206
Sep 20	9.00am – 12.30pm	Bardon Esplanade (82 Bowman Parade is the meeting place)	Weeding, planting and mulching.	Marion 3366 1448
Sep 27	8.30am – 12.30pm	Gold's Scrub, Gold's Scrub Road, Lake Samsonvale.	Weeding and revegetation. Morning tea & lunch provided.	Donna Bowe 3902 4416 Carole 3425 1527
Oct 4	9.00am – 12.30pm	Terrors Creek Habitat, Mt Mee Rd, Dayboro. Opposite old saw mill.	Planting – bring water and tools.	Denis Rouse on 0428 786 020 or Fran 3851 0858
Oct 11	9.00am – 12.30pm	Terrors Creek Habitat, Mt Mee Rd, Dayboro. Opposite old saw mill.	Planting – bring water and tools.	Denis Rouse 0428 786 020 or Fran 3851 0858
Oct 18	9.00am – 12.30pm	Terrors Creek Habitat, Mt Mee Rd, Dayboro. Opposite old saw mill.	Planting – bring water and tools.	Denis Rouse on 0428 786 020 or Fran 3851 0858
Oct 25	9.00am – 12.30pm	Holy Spirit Anglican Church, 1036 Moggill Road, Kenmore	Weed, plant & water, mulch if possible. Bring tools	Kerry W 3289 9205 Anne S 3378 4115



## GOSSIP

### *Golden Oldies Seed Sowing Implantation Program*

#### **Community/Environmental Project**

#### **THE PROJECT**

GOSSIP is a local community based environmental project, planned to utilise the energy and enthusiasm of green thumbbed retirees, to produce a continuous supply of trees for bush rehabilitation.

The title, GOSSIP, was created by SOWN as a plan for harnessing the energies and enthusiasm of our 'Golden Oldies', who wish to contribute to the rehabilitation of the Australian bushland and waterways.

SOWN (Save Our Waterways – Now) successfully operated a pilot project, based on these principles, with a group of Golden Oldies at the Iona Retirement Village in Brisbane for over four years.

The Iona project was a plant propagation program by the residents of Iona Retirement Village at Kenmore, in Brisbane's western suburbs, in which, with the help of the Coordinator of SOWN, native plants were raised to planting stage. The raw materials were provided by the Brisbane City Council and SOWN and the residents give freely of their time and labour to propagate trees and under-story for bush regeneration projects.

In recognition of its outstanding work in pioneering this great system, Iona was "Highly Commended:" in the "2000 National Community Link Awards" and awarded \$1,000 to upgrade its environmental facilities. Following that successful trial, SOWN is now expanding the GOSSIP project by using the Iona model, to ten other retirement villages from which to create an Australia-wide project.

Iona type projects have the potential to, each, produce over 20,000 seedlings every year.

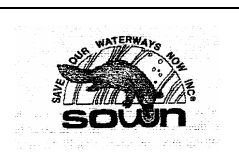
In addition to the great contribution to the environment promised by such a scheme, it also provides an opportunity for retired people to contribute their time and energy to a worthwhile project, resulting in a feeling of self-worth and a great opportunity for social interaction.

To bring the GOSSIP project to a national level, a partnership between Greening Australia, the Retirement Village Association of Australia and Lions Clubs International, is being planned but, in order to attract federal funding, it is necessary to be able to demonstrate the Iona success in ten other retirement villages.

The GOSSIP Project is a working model which will immediately provide tens of thousands of local native plants to bush-care groups in south-east Queensland and eventually will be expanded throughout Australia by:

1. The production of local species of native trees and under-story on site in any part of Australia, for planting by the thousands of disparate environment groups across our nation;
2. Providing meaningful, interesting and rewarding work for the many 'frustrated gardeners' among the 'Golden Oldies' in the nation's retirement villages;
3. Creating a truly National Partnership for the Australian Community Business Partnership Program, which will directly involve tens of thousands of Australians and touch the hearts of the nation; and
4. Offering opportunities for Australia's thousands of community service clubs to bond with our retired citizens and to further contribute to the environmental benefit of our great country.

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# Trees Replacing Weeds

Gubberley Creek winds from the Kenmore roundabout to the Brisbane River. The stretch from Kenmore State School, along the gully below the Kenmore Anglican Church, contains every weed found in the Brisbane suburbs. About a year ago, a few energetic members of the Men of the Trees Inc gathered one Saturday to attack the weedy creek bank. They did an amazing job and planted many small native trees.

Another Saturday, a few weeks later, an even larger patch of creekside was cleared and about 200 lower-storey plants and trees planted. Local residents watered and weeded and some of the first plantings are now 3-4m high. The success rate through this very dry year has been 75%-80% and the site is looking good.

This Saturday Group returns every two-three months to help with weeding and replacing dead trees. A great transformation has been made but lots of weeds are still flourishing along the creek.

*Barbara Wintringham*

## APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

**MEN OF THE TREES Inc**

**PO BOX 283 CLAYFIELD QLD 4011**

Name: .....

Address: .....

Telephone (home):..... (work):.....

How would you like to participate?

(Please tick square)

- Tree planting and maintenance
- Helping on stalls, shows, etc
- Public speaking
- Help organise activities
- Propagate trees
- Drive helpers to plantings
- Financial support only
- Technical advice
- Newsletter
- Other (attach)

### SUBSCRIPTIONS

Annual subscriptions are due on May 1 each year.

The subscription fees are:

- FAMILY OR CORPORATE \$30
- SINGLE \$20
- STUDENT \$12

Please select the appropriate remittance from below:

JOINING MONTH	SINGLE MEMBER	FAMILY OR CORPORATE	STUDENT; PENSIONER
MAY-AUG	\$20.00	\$30.00	\$12.00
SEP-DEC	\$12.00	\$20.00	\$8.00
JAN-APR	\$8.00	\$10.00	\$4.00

**Plus \$5 Joining Fee**

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