



MEN OF THE TREES

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ANNUAL REPORT 2004/2005

A short report this year. Not that MoTT did any less than in years past, but what we did was mainly to consolidate our efforts on existing projects. We commenced one new project adjacent to the Bardon Girl Guides hut, and extended our works at the Kenmore Anglican Church (planting and weed control), Gold's Scrub (weed control) Cedar Creek at Ferny Grove (planting), South Pine River (planting), and Taringa Parade/Equinox Street (planting).

In January this year I applied for a community grant of \$2500 from Brisbane City Council for the Bardon and Taringa Parade sites. After many months we were advised that our application was unsuccessful, which was a disappointment. It is my intention to resubmit this application in September for further consideration.

In October 2004, MoTT applied to join the South East Queensland Water and Land Carers Network (SEQWALC). This is the parent group for the Landcare and Integrated Catchment Management Groups in the south east part of the State, that was set up to provide a voice to Government in the region in relation to community based natural resource management. There is no subscription fee, but the benefit of joining is to be included under the umbrella of their \$10m public liability insurance cover. This effectively has saved MoTT about \$1500 in insurance premium payments this year and contributed largely to our small budgetary operating surplus.

Continuing with the business activities, we were contacted by Environment Australia in relation to the lack of trading activity in the environmental gift fund. The fund was set up initially as a vehicle by which donations to MoTT's cause could be claimed as tax deductions by the donors. Under current banking rules a minimum amount of \$1000 has to be maintained in the account so as not to attract account-keeping fees. The committee decided to relinquish the fund with EA on the understanding that we could apply to have it reopened should a significant donation be received in future.

In April, MoTT was asked by Brisbane City Council to participate in its Growing Brisbane program that was being conducted through its libraries. We were asked to speak to a local interest group at Indooroopilly library in relation to tree growing in Brisbane along with the Friends of Sherwood Arboretum Group. I obliged on MoTT's behalf and our coffers benefited by the princely sum of \$80 for the effort.

As before I would like to express my appreciation to all of MoTT's members who have contributed to our efforts over the past twelve months. Apart from the output of our regular Saturday morning toilers, I would particularly like to acknowledge the work done by the newsletter and membership group, and the committee members who keep the business of MoTT ticking over so effectively. My thanks to you all.

Jim Dale, President

BARRIE OLDFIELD VISITS QUEENSLAND

Barrie Oldfield OAM is the President of MoTT in Western Australia. He and his wife Sallie will be visiting Queensland from 27 August to 10 September. Barrie has devoted much of his working life to making the WA chapter of MoTT one of the largest and most effective Landcare organisations in the country. During his stay he has expressed an interest in meeting with the Queensland membership at one of our project sites.

As soon as his itinerary is finalised, I will advise members of the date and the site/venue or I can be contacted on 3263 5713 by those members wishing to be involved.

Barrie has been asked to speak at the Relaxation Centre on the corner of Brooks and Brunswick Streets in the Valley at 7:30pm on Friday 2 September on the issue of trees, the landscape and what we can all do. He tells me that he hopes to round up the evening with a session like the WA chapter's Midsummer Night's Dreaming which they use to reinvent themselves periodically. Sounds interesting!

Any members and friends who are interested in attending would be most welcome. There is the possibility that David Bellamy might also be in town at this time.



ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The 24th Annual General meeting of the Men of the Trees will be held on Saturday 27 August 2005 at 1.00pm

The venue is home of Fran Gilje, 6 Lynwood Court, Ferny Hills. Tel. 3851 0858.

There will be a barbecue commencing at 12 noon.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the twenty-fourth Annual General Meeting of the Men of the Trees will be held on Saturday 27 August 2005 at the home of Fran Gilje, 6 Lynwood Court, Ferny Hills (Tel. 3851 0858) at 1.00pm.

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 2005.
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 27 August 2005 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 _____ / /2005

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

Men of the Trees Schedule – July to October 2005

Always check with coordinator or Fran (3851 0858) for possible changes

Date & Time	Location	Activity	Contact
July 16 th 9 am - 12 noon	Across street from 207 Taringa Pde & opposite Equinox St, near Freeway	Removal of exotic grasses and planting of native trees toward the freeway.	Pam Rudder 3878 9505
23 rd 8:30 am - noon	Gold Scrub, Gold's Scrub Rd. Samsonvale	Weeding and Revegetation. Lunch at Samsonvale Pub	Sandra W 3902 4416 Carole 3425 1527
30 th 9am – 12 noon	Gubberley Creek. ,Gubberley St.,Kenmore or Forum at Mt. Coot-tha \$35.00	Weeding, planting and watering trees National Tree Day	Kerry 3289 9206
Aug 6 th Early 8:30am or ASAP	Near Leitchs Rd. Albany Creek Please contact Fran (3851-0858) for a map	Planting Lomandra in a flood plain <i>Morning Tea Provided</i>	Janet Mangan 3264 1767
13 th 9am – 12 noon	Across street from 207 Taringa Pde & opposite Equinox St, near Freeway	Maintenance and mulching. Bring wheel barrows, bags and mulching forks	Pam Rudder 3878 9505
20 th 9am – 12 noon	Cedar Creek – behind Police Station, Tramway St, Ferny Grove	Weeding and maintenance	The Team (Fran 3851 0858)
27 th 9am – 12 noon	Cabbage Tree Creek behind Fran's (9 Lynwood Court, Ferny Hills)	Planting creek side	Amanda F.3480 6745 Mob. 0437 439 774 Fran 3851 0858
Sept 3 rd 9am – 12 noon	Holy Spirit Anglican Church 1036 Moggil Rd. Kenmore	Weed, Plant, Mulch, Water	Kerry 3289 9205
10 th 9am – 12 noon	Extension of the Girl Guide area Coolibah St, Bardon	Planting trees – Weeding creek area	Marion 3366 1448
17 th 9am – 12 noon	Cedar Creek – behind Police Station, Tramway St, Ferny Grove	Weeding and maintenance	The Team (Fran 3851 0858)
24 th 8:30-12 noon	Gold Scrub, Gold's Scrub Rd. Samsonvale	Weeding and Revegetation Lunch at Samsonvale Pub	Sandra W 3902 4416 Carole 3425 1527
Oct 1 st 9am – 12 noon	St. Johns Wood-Bennett Rd. off Waterworks Rd. UBD Map 158,E1	Tree Planting	Melinda MacLean(SOWN) John Stalley 3366 3695
8 th 8:30 to 11am	Stanton Reserve,down track opposite Plover Crt off Kingfisher St or down Barwing Crt. Follow path to left - UBD Map 108,C17	Tree Planting	Jann McArthur 3325 1577 Mob. 0419 029 585
15 th 9am – 12 noon	Extension of the Girl Guide area Coolibah St. Bardon	Planting trees – Weeding creek area	Marion 3366 1448
22 nd 9am – 12 noon	Across street from 207 Taringa Pde & opposite Equinox St, near Freeway	Removal of exotic grasses and planting of native trees toward the freeway.	Pam Rudder 3878 9505
29 th 9am – 12 noon	Cabbage Tree Creek behind Fran's (9 Lynwood Court, Ferny Hills)	Planting creek side	Amanda F.3480 6745 Mob. 0437 439 774 Fran 3851 0858

ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION AND REUNION

On 14 November it will be 25 years since MOTT began in Queensland and we are planning a reunion to celebrate. The celebration will take place on Saturday 12 November at the Holy Spirit Anglican Church, 1036 Moggill Road Kenmore. More details in the October Twahamwe.

Please assist us to make the day one to remember! If you wish to contribute some photographs or memorabilia please contact Jim Dale on 3263 5713

ILLEGAL DUMPING

With a new user-friendly waste voucher system tailored to the needs of Brisbane households, as well as the re-introduction of kerbside pick-ups for unwanted household goods and green waste, there is no excuse for illegal dumping. Council advises illegal dumpers to reconsider the cost of dumping their unwanted mess in the community’s backyard because illegal dumping sites were now patrolled on a regular basis and camera surveillance was often employed.

There are dozens of illegal dumps where green waste, building materials, white goods and tyres make up the bulk of the rubbish. The worst affected areas for Brisbane residents include Willawong, Burbank, Murarrie, Sumner and Wacol.

Council spent about \$650,000 of ratepayers’ money each year cleaning up after selfish illegal dumpers. Illegal dumping is one of the most deliberate forms of environmental pollution and vandalism. It plays a major role in the degradation of natural environments, as well as the contamination and exposure of natural settings to unwanted pests like fire ants, mosquitos and vermin as well as weeds like lantana.

Council has launched the Dob in a Dumper initiative, which includes a reward of up to \$500 for information leading to a successful prosecution or on-the-spot fine. Fines can be as high as \$12,000 for illegally dumping waste.

To find out more visit Council on www.brisbane.qld.gov.au pick up a brochure from your local Customer Service Centre or call 3403 8888.

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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