



## MEN OF THE TREES

# TWAHAMWE

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## ACTION WITH MEN OF THE TREES

### MEN OF THE TREES TEACH YOUNG CUBS NEW TRICKS

On 14 June an excited pack of cub scouts and their parents met at The Gap Scout den, Paten Park. Members of MOTT were on hand to instil a respect and love of nature in these youngsters.

The cubs were taken to the Nursery at Twahamwe Cottage for a lesson in pricking out seedlings in to tubes, in preparation for growing on until ready for planting.

After morning tea the cubs set to digging holes and planting seedlings around the den. They planted 70 trees, carted endless buckets of water and wheeled dozens of barrows of mulch. The cubs and parents were tired when their tasks were completed but felt they had achieved something worthwhile, thanks to MOTT members.

### EPRAPAH

In July 28 MOTT members including other volunteers and friends planted 1,500 trees from the Eprapah Nursery on the site as part of the Eprapah Catchment Bushcare replanting scheme at Victoria Point.

Caretaker John Lowe was amazed at the will with which the planting was achieved. (He had not met MOTT planters before). The target had been 1000 trees but as the energy level was running high he produced another 500! In they went and all planting was finished in time for a barbecue provided by Bernard and Anne Stone at 12.30 to 1 p.m.

Barbara Wintringham said that Eprapah worked its magic once more with everyone happily enjoying the morning. She says the ground was soft and damp where the planting was done near the creek so hopes are high for a good survival rate.

News comes from long time member Peter Voller who was awarded a Public Service Medal in the Australia Day Honours in 2002. This was in recognition of his tree planting over the past 15 years and services to vegetation management. Peter has been extremely active on properties in the southwest. Some of you will remember Peter and his planting machine at Clifton on Lois Gotz's property. The trees there are growing well.

Further news comes from Hannaford and the trees on Darryl Lush's property. Darryl is still a MOTT member and has become a local advocate of good vegetation conservation. He has tended his trees, but more importantly gone on to fence out some 50 ha of virgin brigalow for conservation, of which he is very proud. Peter says he finds the greatest value in tree planting projects out there is the projects often start a process of attitude change which results in far greater conservation outcomes. The sowing of trees seems to sow the idea of habitat, which in turn saves habitat.

## Christmas greetings



Wishing all members a

happy and holy

Christmas and a healthy

and peaceful New Year

## VALE BROOK PARKER

Holbrook Victor Parker, known to us all as Brook Parker, died on 12 September. Associated with the Men of the Trees since 1981, Brook played a pivotal role in establishing the fledgling society. Brook successively held the secretary and treasurer positions. He and John Brennan were arbiters of the original Constitution required for an unincorporated association in 1982. He steered the organisation through to Incorporation in 1984 when the Rules that we regard as our constitution were sanctioned by the Department of Justice. From his extensive business experience Brook was able to guide MOTT in the right direction legally. When he relinquished the officers' positions on the management committee Brook remained as the wise counsellor. In this capacity we called on his guidance on many occasions.

Brook had a deep interest in the environment and responded to St Barbe's exemplary blend of the practical and the visionary. On at least three occasions he met St Barbe when he visited Brisbane in 1980, 1981 and 1982. That put him in the rare group of Queensland MOTT members who had the privilege of meeting our Founder.

Brook and his wife Peg were always present at the early plantings. Our first planting was at Hilder Road school The Gap, second was at Mayne Junction Railway Yards and the third was the memorable planting of 4,000 Eucalypts on steep slopes at Kin Kin. Brook and Peg were able and willing.

No AGM would have been the same without the Parkers. They greeted members as they signed the attendance book and within a week a report on the event would arrive, in Brook's incredible copper plate handwriting. This report was for inclusion in the newsletter. Those of you who are long term members will recall this regular feature of the newsletter following the AGM.

Many and varied were the venues for the AGM, ranging from Mayne Junction, to Gold's Scrub to Twahamwe Cottage. For 20 years the sun shone on MOTT's AGM. Brook recorded them all. What a contrast when in 2002 the heavens opened up and rain teemed down! Our first wet occasion.

Brook made a significant contribution to the strength, stability and credibility of our organisation and we mourn the passing of this unassuming gentleman.

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### A Kenyan Proverb

Treat the earth well  
It was not given to you by your parents  
It was lent to you by your children

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## ROUND AND ABOUT

### **From the UK**

Devon (UK) has a project in Kenya, the MOOF (Mount Kenya Organic Farm). Why is the acronym not MKOF? A trivial point when compared to the problems experienced by the project. During a drought followed by torrential rain the roof of their nursery was swept away. This has now been replaced with a stronger construction.

MOOF is now ready to collect seed from indigenous trees in the Abadares and Mount Kenya forests for growing on and planting back into the forests. 80 years ago Dr. Richard St Barbe Baker planted his trees in these forests.

### **From WA**

The Carbon Neutral programme is gathering momentum with WA MOTT now able to sponsor tree plantings in remote districts where land care is so important. President Barrie Oldfield says that the first major recipients of this scheme will be the Lake Chinocup Catchment Group located near Pingrup. This spot is so remote from Perth that they might easily feel left out and forgotten.

Carbon Neutral programme.

Readers will recall the description of this programme in Twahamwe March 2003.

To remind you – it is an opportunity for government departments, private corporations and individuals to offset carbon dioxide produced through the use of their vehicles, by paying an annual membership to Carbon Neutral to plant trees. Carbon Neutral benefits landcare, the climate and the biosphere.

### **From SA**

Premier Mike Rann has become a grower of seedlings for Trees for Life. The Government has a city revegetation programme the One Million Trees Program. Says Premier Rann 'This is a very practical way for people to get involved in the Urban Forests.'

The Premier is showing his personal support by growing seedlings for the scheme – and planting them out. All seedlings are native to the area into which they will be planted. This ensures they have a higher survival rate and will provide homes for local fauna and help restore local ecosystems.

**MEN OF THE TREES SCHEDULE 2003**

DATE	TIME	LOCATION	ACTIVITY	CONTACT
Nov 22	8.30am – 12.30pm	Golds Scrub Gold Scrub Road Lake Samsonvale	Weeding and revegetation. Morning tea and lunch provided.	Donna Bowe 3902 4416 Carole 3425 1527
Nov 29	9.00am – 12.30pm	Gubberley Creek Guberley Street, Kenmore	Weeding, planting and watering trees	Kerry 3289 9206
Dec 6	8.30am – 11.30am	Peachester	Planting of 500 trees	Ross Gutteridge 3356 1594
Dec 13	8.30am – 11.30am	Bowling Club Bowmam Parade, Bardon	Tree planting and mulching	Marion 3366 1448

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(Please tick square)

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- Propagate trees
- Drive helpers to plantings
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- Technical advice
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