



22<sup>nd</sup> October 2021

## **President's Annual Report 2020-2021**

Judit Roland began by reminding the meeting of our Landcare Objectives, as set out in our Constitution, since these set our priorities.

### **Thanks**

Our volunteers have contributed about 4000 hours this year. This amounts to approximately \$120,000 which TM Landcare contributes to our local community each year.

Judit thanked the many volunteers who support our work in various ways, including the Executive and Management Committee, and the site coordinators and team members. The planning for and camaraderie at the working bees keep the organisation focussed on our vital work of regenerating our forests.

The Piccabeen Bookshop is ably run by individuals who staff the desk, organise the volunteers' roster and sort the books donated by mountain residents. Profits from the shop enable us to undertake projects beyond those funded by Scenic Rim Regional Council.

Through their annual environmental grant, Council supports our work on their reserves. Their free trees program means that our Landcare funds can be directed to other supplies and paid work.

A very good team of paid contractors carry out heavy tasks and help maintain our sites. Even when all planting and regeneration is completed, the sites still need regular care to maintain a healthy ecosystem.

In addition to our own volunteers, thanks are due to the Rural Fire Brigade, who fill our water tanks regularly, and water our precious seedlings when needed.

TM Landcare is fortunate to receive ongoing donations from Thunderbird Park and local resident Jason Watson and also donations from Tamborine Mountain State School as a contribution our work on their rainforest.

### **Regeneration**



This thriving *Elaeocarpus grandis* was planted 10 years ago at the Areca Gully site on Contour Rd. It reminds us of the success of our volunteers' work of regeneration.

Landcare volunteers and contractors have worked at nineteen sites across the mountain this year. Chief among these is the Shelf Rd Richmond Birdwing Butterfly project. Two thousand nectar trees have been planted, along with 500 vines for the endangered butterflies to lay their eggs on.

As funds allow, TM Landcare will continue to remove large privet trees at various public locations, using professional tree loppers. Last year these invasive trees were eliminated from the Lions Park, and this year very large privets were taken out from the beautiful remnant rainforest in the back of the Tamborine Mountain State School carpark. This work is funded by Piccabeen profits.

### **Belong Trainees**

A Queensland Government initiative has enabled us to host Belong Trainees on our sites. After 18 weeks of training, including practical on-ground work, the enthusiastic and hard-working participants of this scheme receive a certificate in Conservation and Land Management. Many of the graduates have subsequently found work with local bushcare contractors.

### **Private Properties and Community Projects**

Judit has given advice to many private property owners concerning their own regeneration projects and helped them secure thousands of trees through the SRRC Million Trees program.

### **Landcare Centre Mabel Forrest Garden**

This site, opened in May, is planted with local shrubs which encourage birds and insects and enable local residents to identify plants they can include in their own gardens.

### **National Tree Day 2021**

The planned large planting at Rosser Park was cancelled due to the COVID lockdown, but the Tuesday Team of volunteers subsequently planted all 250 trees.

### **Biodiversity**

Due to COVID restrictions no surveys were conducted during the past year, but a flora survey is planned at a private property on Main Western Road by botanists Bill McDonald and Glenn Leiper along with our local experts, Elizabeth and Mike Russell. It is important to have records of native species, especially in our remnant forests.

### **Our Agenda for 2021-22**

We expect to receive our annual grant from SRRC to enable us to continue with our core regeneration work in their reserves. In addition, we will use funds generated by the bookshop to continue with our program of privet eradication in areas not owned by SRRC.

### **2021-2022 Executive and Management Committee**

President                    Judith Roland  
Secretary                 Wendy Morgan  
Treasurer                 Tony Hall

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**Visit the Piccabeen Book Shop**

Operated by Tamborine Mountain Landcare volunteers. All funds are directed to forest restoration projects across Tamborine Mountain.

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