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The view to Moreton Island from Tibooburra, early morning. One of those fab days when the valley is covered in cloud. Photograph by Di Clark

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FREE BUSHCARE SERVICE

Would you like some assistance managing bushland on your block, advice on weeds, or advice on planting local native plants in your result. MEPA has a free service offering advice and information (supported by PRSC) (Contact Maggie - 3289 8175 or Dominic - 3289 0093)



Hi Folks!

Hope you enjoyed your first edition of the full colour, supa dupa version of the "News". Aren't the links great! Remember, if you have a friend and/or neighbour who doesn't have access to a computer, please print a copy that you can share. I did this when the 'News' came through and took it to my neighbour and we sat and had a lovely chat over a cup of tea! Subscriptions to the on-line News are going really well but, as I discovered when talking to my mountain friends, there are some who have overlooked subscribing and are missing the news. So subscribers, please talk to your neighbours and remind them to subscribe. It's easy, just send a blank email entitled Subscribe MTN to: mountain news@yahoo.com.au



In the December '07 editorial it was suggested that when the Mountain News is produced environmentally sustainably 'on-line', funds received from advertising could be used to support the community. So now that is happening, the MTN Committee recommends that each of the following community organisations be provided with \$200 to assist in their on-going support of this wonderful community: the Mt Nebo Residents' Association for assistance with the ever increasing insurance costs, the Bush Fire Brigade to help keep us safe from bush fires and MEPA for the continuing fight against the nasty weeds invading this beautiful community. This will leave approximately \$500 in the MTN coffers for 2008 as a buffer against any computer related costs. This proposal will be actioned in late July. Please provide any comments for publication in the July News.



Last but not least. Each year the Mountain News Committee asks for volunteers to join the committee and for the past 5 or so years we've had no luck in recruitment! At present, the members are, Steve Reinthal, compiler/publisher, Di Clark treasurer and enquiries and Ann Cazzulino, 2nd signatory. We need to boost the numbers so if you would like to join the committee please contact Di Clark on 3289 8309

Di

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# Weed 'em out and whip 'em in

Part 7 of MEPA's (Mt Glorious/Mt Nebo Environment Protection Association) monthly profile of a problem weed — with details about a native plant or two that could replace it in the same habitat.

The D'Aguilar Range is a beautiful natural region, and is a very important reservoir of a particular type of biodiversity: subtropical rainforests and wet and dry eucalypt forests — as well as many other different types of vegetation. But there are certain well-recognised threats to the area, and one is invasion by weeds. Happily, this community is already making very active efforts to "weed 'em out"! Please see what you can achieve in your backyard and nearby street frontage.

This month's featured weed is actually a suite of species in the genus Asparagus (that includes the well-known vegetable), which is native to Europe, northern Africa and western Asia. These are herbaceous perennial plants with feathery foliage. The vegetable asparagus has been cultivated for over 2000 years, and has diuretic properties. It is used by herbalists to treat urinary infections. These facts are interesting also because of the phenomenon of "asparagus pee": Marcel Proust wrote in Swann's Way: "...they [asparaguses] played...at changing my chamber pot into a jar of perfume". You may want to try this at home. Asparagus contains sulphur compounds — thiols — which tend to have a chemical appetite for capturing metals especially mercury; hence their group name "mercaptans". Most thiols stink. Skunks synthesise thiols on purpose. Mercaptans are added to natural gas to give it a smell so we can detect gas leaks. But grapefruit mercaptan is an unusual thiol that smells good. So is it nice or nasty? Whatever the answer, apparently only 40% of people have the gene to smell "asparagus pee".

Related wild asparagus species have become serious weeds in Australia and New Zealand. The three species plumosus, aethiopicus and asparagoides are invasive on Lord Howe Island, where groups of people are paying to go on "winter weed eco-tour" holidays each year (since 1998). Lord Howe's flora is much closer to New Zealand's and New Caledonia's than to Australia's, but these plants are also serious problems in Australia.

Problem weed: Asparagus asparagoides — Bridal (Veil) Creeper

['Asparagus' comes from Greek 'aspharagos' or 'asparagos', which in turn comes from Persian 'asparag', meaning 'sprout' or 'shoot'; in an imaginative turn-of-phrase, 'asparagoides' means 'asparagus-like'!]

Bridal Creeper is of South African origin and is a popular decorative plant. It is a Class 1 declared pest plant in Queensland and a Weed of National Significance (WONS). The DPI website explains what this means: "Class 1 pests established in Queensland are subject to eradication from the state. Landowners must take reasonable steps to keep land free of Class 1 pests. It is a serious offence to introduce, keep or supply a Class 1 pest without a permit issued by the Department of Primary Industries and Fisheries. Penalties of up to \$60,000 apply."

They also note that "although it is not climatically suited to most of Queensland, it has the potential to become a pest in cooler parts of southern Queensland, primarily areas around Stanthorpe and Warwick." Hence its relative comfort atop the 'cool mountain island' of the D'Aguilar Range. It has scrambling, climbing stems which can smother native plants, and its thick tubers take up ground space and prevent other plants from establishing their seedlings. It also produces more than 1000 berries per square metre which are eaten and spread by animals, and the movement of any soil containing roots can aid its spread.

Problem weed: Asparagus africanus

This is a climbing Asparagus. It has thickish stems and recurved thorns, and gets up high into trees — usually by climbing — or sometimes...Maggie Scattini reveals a little-known something from the Brisbane Underworld: "You may have seen their dead bodies hanging in the trees down near the Gap after we (MEPA workers) have dug them and hung them out to dry (and die)." She advises on eliminating these aggressive plants: "Dig out the crown. Being monocots they won't shoot again from the roots but the crown will grow again if left on the ground. Make sure to get the whole of the crown — dig deep." There are no obvious alternative natives to be recommended to replace this, as many climbers can become problematic.

Problem Weed: Asparagus aethiopicus — Basket/Ground Asparagus

This plant languishes in hanging baskets looking yellow and horrible with red fruit, which waits for a bird to come and take it away. It is mostly spread by seed dispersal by birds, and also through the growth of rhizomes originating from dumped garden waste. It is still sold as an ornamental garden plant in some parts of Australia: please ask your local plant supplier to check carefully about what is being sold.

Problem weed: Asparagus plumosus

This is "feathery" ("plumosus") asparagus.

Desirable Native: Dianella species

Dianella is a ground cover with beautiful blue berries, and there are several local species.

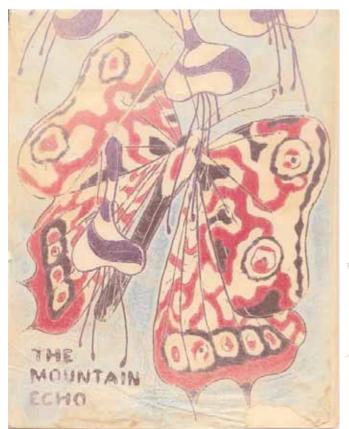
There is a lot of information available on internet about these various asparagus species. Try the National Asparagus Weeds Management Committee and the Department of Primary Industry. Please also get a plant guide and see what they look like, and go for a wander around to see if you can find any. Then hang 'em up to dry!

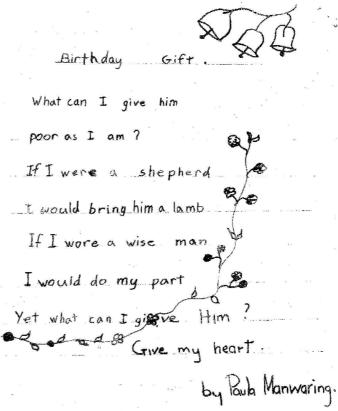
For further information, call MEPA: 3289-0093

Sarah Lowe

### From the Fossa archives

A mountain school paper from the '70's? Does anyone remember this?











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# Hoon Line

If you see hoons or other dangerous road users call the police (The Gap 35II 0077, Ferny Grove 385I 4499 or). If it's possible and safe, get a description of the vehicle and number plates. If they have resources available at the time, police should respond.

# Drum Workshop a Buzz...

Picture this; a beautiful mostly fine day on the mountain with 15 eager punters gathered at the hall ready to make their first African Drum. Exciting stuff!

Young and old joined together to make African drums with African drum maker Tunde Solanke. Tunde who heralds from Nigeria has been making drums in Queensland for many years. He has made drums with Peter Beatie among others and was happy visit the mountain and assist locals and friends to make their own drums with all the profits going to Mountain Creative Artz.

Mountain Creative Artz was started by members of the local community and continues to operate as a community group since 2000. Originally started by Milinda Krogh to showcase and develop the already thriving Artist community of Mount Nebo and Mt Glorious. Mountain Creative Artz continues to do this successfully in the community.

Part of advancing this aim is to hold regular meetings attended by currant members. At the beginning of this year the meeting was heldand it was decided that the workshops to be run this year would be African Drum Making, Beading/Jewellery Making and Watercolours.

At the workshop people, worked happily together throughout the day stopping for lunch from the provided by Boombana Café. The day was a success with all participants enjoying themselves. The Drum making process was not over however for these 15. The next Sunday, after the skins have dried they were tuned and played at Boombana National Park.

For more information about Mountain Creative Artz or Drum Making with Tunde contact Brodie on 0431186160 or Kara on 0411568626 Tunde Solanke also has a website <a href="http://africanconnection.com.au">http://africanconnection.com.au</a>

### **Brodie Krogh**





# The Wilson Report

### Walking to School

The State Government is getting behind walking to school each day. Walking to school is a great way for parents to spend a little extra time with their children, do some exercise and model safe road behaviour to children. We're encouraging parents, guardians and children to take advantage of the cooler mornings and practice how to safely walk on local streets. Parents could also organise a walking group with other parents who live nearby. To increase your enjoyment try walking a different path each week and showing children the safest route to school, but remember to use designated footpaths, not the road and always use pedestrian crossings and lights where possible. Walking to school will ease traffic congestions around the school and allow you time to think or chat with your friends. Why not aim to leave the car at home two days a week and walk with the children to school?

### **Business Breakfast**

On Tuesday 24 June, the Hills & Business Breakfast at the Keperra Country Golf Club. The Minister for Transport, Trade, Employment & Industrial Relations, the Hon John Mickel MP, will be our guest speaker and will outline key features of the 2008 State Budget. This annual event is a great opportunity for local businesses to get together and network. Tickets are \$25 per person and can be purchased by downloading a registration form from <a href="http://geoffwilsonmp.com">http://geoffwilsonmp.com</a> Funds raised will go to the Arana Hills PCYC.

### Out & About in the Electorate

On 8 May I had the great pleasure of attending a Citizenship Ceremony at the North Lakes Community Centre in which twenty residents of the Ferny Grove Electorate took the exciting step of becoming Australian Citizens. This was an important evening for the candidates and their families, and I was delighted to join with them for such a significant

event.

My next mobile offices will be Saturday 24 May at Mitchelton and Upper Kedron.In Mitchelton South, I will be on the corner of Glen Retreat Rd & Cokrose St from 8.45 until 9.15am. Then on the corner of Suez St and Gizerah St from 9.30 until 10am. In Upper Kedron/Ferny Grove I will be on the corner of Charolais Cr & Camp; Cemetery Rd from 10.15 until 10.45am and then the corner of McGregor Wy & Dr. McAlroy Rd from 11.00 until 11.30am. If you, Are out and about on a Saturday morning, drop in and say hello.

### Out & About in Queensland

As Minister for Mines & Energy I recently inspected the first residential solar system in the Townsville: Queensland Solar City project, in a home on Magnetic Island. The photovoltaic (PV) solar system is the first in a major roll out of solar systems that will transform Magnetic Island into a solar suburb. The Townsville: Queensland Solar City consortium will receive up to \$15 million from the State Government and its government-owned corporation Ergon Energy. This is an iconic project. It shows how communities can harness solar energy and be more energy-efficient in their daily lives. The solar suburb would save energy and reduce greenhouse gas emissions by around 50,000 tonnes over the next seven years. That's equivalent to taking 1700 cars off the road for the same period.

In closing, I welcome people contacting me with their views, as well as seeking information or help with any State Government matter. Telephone me on 3851 1570, fax me on 3851 1261, email me on ferny.grove@parliament.qld.gov.au, or check out my website, http://geoffwilsonmp.com My Electorate Office is at 3/6 Nepean Avenue, Arana Hills - next to the Caltex Service Station (office hours 9:00 am to 12.30 pm and 1.30 pm to 5:00 pm week days).

Working with our local community

### Geoff WILSON MP



# State Member for Ferny Grove

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# D'Aguilar Range National Park News

### Firebreaks improved

Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) rangers are currently working to improve firebreaks across the D'Aguilar Range in preparation for this year prescribed burn program and wildfire season. Well-maintained firebreaks are vital to protect local properties and the fragile ecosystems of the range from potentially devastating wildfires.

Without regular maintenance, firebreaks lose their effectiveness, becoming overgrown with vegetation and weeds. Overgrown firebreaks present a higher risk of fires crossing the break and escaping as well as hindering fire fighter access. In recent months, EPA rangers have worked on the more degraded and overgrown firebreaks across the Range. The EPA has also taken this opportunity to improve water drainage along these firebreaks, reducing runoff and erosion from the breaks.

A combination of fantastic late summer rains and newly disturbed soil has seen a huge growth spurt for many weed species on some of the fire-breaks. These weeds pose not only a threat for wildfires, but also increase the opportunity for weed spread further into the park along these thoroughfares. EPA rangers have been actively spraying weeds on these firebreaks.

Fire breaks maintained over the past few months include:

- The fire break from South Boundary Road to the rear of Boombana Section of D'Aguilar Range National Park,
- Township Break, running from South Boundary Road through to Lightline Road,
- a section of the double break system adjacent to Forestry Road, and
- Taylor's Break, following the ridge east of Branch Creek, and then linking into the D'Aguilar Range National Park (Cabbage Tree area).

Plans to similarly improve the double break system adjacent to Forestry Road and the Banks Creek area will also be carried out prior to the approaching wildfire season.

### D'Aguilar Range stakeholder groups forge new partnership

Recently D'Aguilar Range stakeholder groups met to discuss creating a new working group focused on improving vegetation management on and adjacent to the park.

During March, the EPA held a meeting with Energex, Powerlink, Mt Nebo and Mt Glorious Environment Protection Association (MEPA), Brisbane City Council and Moreton Bay Regional Council to develop a cooperative management agreement for maintenance works across the range. The primary aim being to improve communication and standardise vegetation management practices.

The maintenance of electricity infrastructure corridors, gazetted road corridors and management trails is essential to ensure uninterrupted access to electrical supply and community safety. However, maintenance activities have the potential to impact on protected areas in a number of ways including: habitat loss and fragmentation, reduction in populations of threatened plant and animal species, weed establishment, erosion and sedimentation of watercourses.

The new stakeholder group will focus on vegetation management practices that balance safety and efficiency of operational process with protection of the significant natural and cultural values of the D'Aguilar Range.

We would like to thank the Mount Nebo and Mount Glorious community for their valuable support throughout this process.

### Michael Siebuhr,

Senior Ranger, EPA.

For more information about any of the topics in this column, please contact the EPA Brisbane Forest Park office on ph. 1300 723 684.

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# **Councillor's Column**

### **GOAT TRACK UPDATE**

Council officers have informed me that they are not yet confident that the cessation of the wet period has totally removed the underlying risks of serious infrastructure failure in some parts of the track and an assessment is currently underway to establish how these can best be addressed to meet our "two way" objective. A visual assessment of the available safe pavement width has been carried out and an aerial mapping of the track is to be carried out to assist with these deliberations. I have also undertaken an inspection with senior Council engineers in an endeavour to progress things as quickly as possible. We should not lose sight of the fact that the only reason the road became two way was because the continual grading over the years pushed uncompacted fill over the edge and overtime "widened" the road. This is why the unstable road edges actually "hang out" over the line of original ground levels. For those who missed Anne McManus' reprinted 1992 account of the "One Way" in the April edition of the Mountain News, it is worth another read as it puts in perspective the tenuous nature and history of the road. Whilst the current situation is not only frustrating and inconvenient for those who regularly use the "track", it is one that must be managed with community safety as the primary consideration and in this regard we are in the hands of those with the relevant professional expertise. It is unfortunate that Council continues to receive reports of some drivers disobeying the current one way arrangements but police are intermittently patrolling the area with respect to this particular issue and offenders should give great consideration to the implications for them of not only being caught but the outcome if they cause and accident. Insurance companies and the courts don't take too kindly to people intentionally driving the wrong way on roads. I will continue to actively pursue the matter and keep you informed.

### \$44M WATER RECYCLING PLANT.

I recently inspected progress on Councils largest infrastructure project which when completed in late 2008 will be treating some 4,000,000 litres of waste water per day via a new state-of-the-art polishing plant located at Murrumba Downs. The water will then be piped to the nearby Amcor Carton Board Mill at Petrie. The quantity of water saved will be equal to that used by around 28,500 persons or over 9,500 homes on the basis of the current level 6 restriction. That's good water strategy and is another example of both Local Govt & Qld Govt working together. Council instigated the initiative under its water saving agenda and paid to get to it going but will be reimbursed when the State Government takes over the plant under the water reform arrangements introduced last year.

### MATERIALS RECOVERY FACILITY (MRF)

Council early last year awarded a new waste collection contract to Thiess Services with the arrangements commencing in July 2007. As part of these arrangements, Thiess has constructed a significant new MRF on property owned by the AMCOR at Petrie (aka the Petrie Paper Mill). The facility was jointly opened by the our Mayor, Alan Sutherland and Dave Saxelby, Managing Director of Thiess Services on 21st May. The state of the art facility is almost fully automated and will process all the recyclable materials collected from our region. Waste paper comprises the bulk of the material processed with the location of the MRF right beside the paper mill which uses the paper, contributing to minimal cartage costs and therefore a very environmentally sensitive solution to waste management. The MRF is already processing around 1,000 tonnes of recyclable material per month of which about 600 tonnes is paper product. Provision has been made in the facility for regular school education programmes to be conducted.

### DID YOU KNOW?

That the Pine Rivers sixteenth Annual Art Awards will be open for public viewing at the Pine Rivers Regional Art Gallery (Mecklem St, Strathpine) from Saturday 4 June to 5 July (Wednesday to Saturday 11am to 4pm).

Please don't hesitate to contact my office on 3480 6455 for assistance on any of the more complex council issues or the call centre on 3480 666 for general assistance.

### **Bob Millar**

Councillor, Division 11Moreton Bay Regional Council Ph: (07) 3480 6455 Fax: (07) 3205 7305 Mob: 0409 890 203

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**1st. Wednesday of the month -** Mt Nebo Residents' Association meeting at the Hall. 7:30pm

2nd. Monday of the month - Mt Nebo P&C Assoc meeting at 7pm ASC Bldg. (No meetings in School Holidays)

**Every Wednesday** - Playgroup every Wednesday, 10am noon at Mt Nebo Hall, \$2 per family, babies, toddlers, preschoolers welcome, please bring a plate to share.

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### MBRC selected as a World Environment Day Award finalist

Moreton Bay Regional Council's E-Team Environmental Education Program has been selected as a finalist in the 2008 United Nations Association of Australia's World Environment Day Awards.

The E-Team program, a free sustainability education program delivered to local schools, was announced as a finalist in the 'Local Government - Best Specific Environmental Initiative Award' category.

W inners of the World Environment Day Awards will be announced during a presentation dinner to be held in Melbourne on Friday, June 6.

Moreton Bay Region Mayor Allan Sutherland said being selected as a finalist for the award was a fantastic tribute to both council and the community who had worked hard to deliver relevant environmental education programs to local schools.

"This is an outstanding achievement," Cr Sutherland said. "I wish our council officers involved with this successful education program all the best at the World Environment Day Awards."

The E-Team Environmental Education Program was initiated in June 2005, after council recognised a need to deliver a consistent sustainability message to school students in the region.

Using the five E-Team mascots (Busy Lizzy, Wormboy, Hosey, Solar Sally and Catchment Cath), the free program links important environmental topics such as water conservation, catchment care, energy conservation, climate change, waste minimisation and recycling.

All lessons contain local information and have been developed by teachers to ensure they are relevant to the Queensland school curriculum.

As part of its environmental education program, the E-Team is currently co-ordinating the annual School Sustainability Forum to be held on Wednesday June 18. The event offers schools in the Cabbolture district the opportunity to perform, present and celebrate their efforts to make their schools more environmentally sustainable.

The United Nations' W orld Environment Day Awards are held as part of the United Nations' W orld Environment Day (June 5) celebrations. The awards acknowledge actions taken at a local level to address global environmental issues.

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Council moves to align dog rego fees

Uniform registration fees will soon apply for the 50,000 dogs registered across the Moreton

Bay region.

Under Moreton Bay Regional Council's new register of fees and charges it will cost \$74 a year

to reregister entire male and female dogs and \$24 to reregister desexed dogs.

A concession rate of \$60 for entire male and female dogs and \$20 for desexed dogs will be

available and a late fee of \$20 will be applicable when fees are not paid by the due date.

Registered dogs are provided with tags, which can aid with their identification should they

become lost or be impounded.

Mayor Allan Sutherland said the uniform fee structure was just one of the ways council was

working towards ensuring a regional approach for its business.

"Until now, the three districts under council's jurisdiction had operated different sets of levies,"

he said.

"Dog registration is part and parcel of being a responsible owner and helps council reunite you

with your dog if it strays."

A full schedule of charges and details of concession availability will be accessible on council's

website at <a href="http://moretonbay.qld.gov.au">http://moretonbay.qld.gov.au</a>

Dog owners in Caboolture and Redcliffe districts will continue to renew registrations annually around the beginning of each financial year, while Pine Rivers District dog owners will renew

registrations on an anniversary basis.

Local laws in Moreton Bay region require dogs to be registered once they reach three months

old.

There are no registration fees for special needs dogs such as dogs for the disabled, police

dogs, RAAF training dogs and the puppy carers program.

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