The Men Of the Trees

Western Australia

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Festival of Trees Official launch

Photographs Clockwise starting top left: City of Swan Cr. Sandra Gregorini with Tim Lawrence, Adam Peaty, Roseanne Scott, Barrie Oldfield, Chris Fyfe, Tim Lawrence, Chris and Ray, Sandra Krempl, Mort Hanson, Ray Skinner and Peter Goodall

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Celebrating 30 years of MOTT in WA
Preparing for the 2009 Planting Season

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Editorial

The 2009 Festival of Trees is over and soon it will be planting season. But in true MOTT tradition, there are lots of other activities on the go at all branches. At the time of writing, we are still looking for land to plant more than 200,000 trees to fulfil our Carbon Neutral contract. Please get in touch if you can help point us in the right direction. Information is available from our Reveg Team.

Tim Lawrence, our President has encouraged us to consider buying our own land. Tim Lawrence says "if we can get 1,000 people to donate $1,000 (tax deductable), we will have 1million dollars with which to buy land".
Do we have any takers?

Sandra Krempl

MOTT News

Carbon Neutral to become a wholly owned subsidiary of Men of the Trees WA.

Men of the Trees and Carbon Neutral Ltd are currently engaged in a transition process with the intention of varying the legal relationship between the two organisations. This is to better reflect the original purpose for which Carbon Neutral was established and to ensure that Carbon Neutral Ltd is able to operate as effectively as possible. Through a consultative process it was decided that Carbon Neutral Ltd will become a wholly owned subsidiary of Men of the Trees. This transition process is expected to be completed in early 2010.

Thanks to West Australian Newspapers

West Australian Newspapers have donated 10 second hand computers to MOTT. Two have gone to Rockingham to set up the data bases for their seed bank, two have gone to St Barbe Grove Nursery, one to the Farm Tree Help Scheme, three to the Reveg Team and two to Admin. Thanks to the West Australian we are now able to bring our computers into the 21 Century!

The following Raffle winning tickets were announced in the West Australian Wednesday on the 1st April 2009

MEN OF THE TREES RAFFLE Drawn Sunday 29th March.

1st: prize ticket No 1245, 2nd 1252, 3rd 0165

New Members from Jan to April, 2009

Tracy Pearce
Gaynor & Rod Mitchell
Chris Doherty
Evelyn Wong
Sue Shaw
Milan & Jana Kicera
Lesley Hamilton
Mathew Carter
Two Feet & a Heartbeat
Scarborough

There are 7 other new members who have chosen to remain anonymous.

PEGF Donations to 30th April

M White
Tinka Sack/Garry Moir
Bruce Elliott
Hawk Personal Excellence Sportsmind
United Way Sydney
Christian Marriott
Sallie & Barrie Oldfield
Joe & Anne Courtney
Lesley Hamilton
Ray & Irene Hill

Of the above some have donated several times. Others have chosen to remain anonymous.

MOTT Volunteers covered until 90 years now.

Volunteers insurance cover has been extended from 80 years to 90 years. Thanks to the research done by Ted O'Sullivan. As with all insurances there are limitations to the cover. If you need to know more please contact the office. Thank you Ted for your excellent assistance in chasing up this matter.

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Festival of the Trees 2009 *feedback*

Q1. On a Scale of 1-10 how would you rate the Day?

the average was 8.4

Q2. What worked for you and why?

I enjoyed doing presentation on stage with Auzzie the Wedgetailed Eagle. Great way to educate en mass.

Great people attending, lots of interest and conversation. Jo was great, she helped me set up.

Great range of stalls for young and old. Stalls were spread out nicely.

Sites were well spaced and easy to get to. Pavilion at the far end ensured visitors walked the whole site.

The site well setup and I got some great books.

I had clear instructions and what was promised was done (cheerfully). I appreciated my car behind my site (by the fence) both as a windbreak and convenience.

A lot of people didn't even know we existed so it was great to be there and inform people.

The numbers, the set up of the pavilion we used and the promotion.

Great support from MOTT staff and volunteers for the Festival, just needed lots more participants. We had a great spot this year! If we come next year, we will bring a 3 sided shelter, from the gusty winds.

On entering the atmosphere was fantastic with the varied and complimentary stall meandering among the trees and I had a very lovely spot well suited and catering for my needs.

Good breakfast, good siting, good organisation. Great Gardens seemed to bring in plenty of people. Allocating them the Shirley Fyfe Pavilion, therefore bringing visitors past all the displays, would have increased visitors to most displays.

Good location.

Alpca Association- A lovely position to put the alpacas – plenty of room – it was easy to unload and load the cars.

The enthusiasm and positive attitude of MOTT staff volunteers and visitors. Willingness by all to increase knowledge re: alpacas and their positive impact on environment. Great feed back from visitors and members re: alpaca products and some valuable suggestions on value adding to the fleece end products.

Q3. What could we do better?

I like to see more garage sale stuff maybe ????? a bonsai demo.

There wasn't really much of a vego breakfast .... minor thing tho!

The staged area was stretching out quite far and when it was crowded people were having difficulty passing through to the other end. I had a few people asking where the toilets were, more signs maybe.

Nobody knew where the compost was. A lot a people came up to us, but not even we knew. Suggest a coloured line to compost bin???

External road signs were limited and not well placed. Could put them out on Sunday morning – e.g. at Gt Eastern Hwy/Guildford Road/ Morrison Rd. Toilets – add a couple of Porta Loos?

Maybe have a bigger display area.

A hand microphone

I think it was all done fabulously.

Very little; more numbers would be great for everyone and the trend is positive in that sense when we track increases in numbers over the last couple of years.

Breakfast could be extended to 9.30. My friend did not have breakfast before she came, went along, just on 9am and all finished. Mind you I have just picked up the vouchers from the P O Box on Tuesday! Have less speakers, and ensure they are of better quality. First one was dismal.

With the weather made to order and a wonderful gentleman bring me a cup of tea an audience so gracious and appreciative you could not do better and if you went to a grander scale would you have the magic of the intumesce that was created?

Numbers appeared good, but perhaps could have been better. Different marketing? A couple of stall holders remarked on the music being too loud and invasive. One questioned the need for music at all. Occasional vehicle congestion occurred. Perhaps yellow lines along what we want for a clearway indicating no parking, could work.

A little more advertising to the general public.

Not sure – I thought it was wonderful.

Very impressed so no!

Q4. What will you take away from today's experience?

Building a relationship with the Men of The Trees working together for the environment.

Really impressed with the work and size of MOTT, I hadn't fully appreciated it until going up to the property. Again, good conversations and lots of letters signed.

The wide range of ages that are so interested in the environment and looking after all the aspects.

My first speaking opportunity which was well received.

Great fun, great people, great day. As a student, I learned a lot from meeting others in complementary fields.

It was good, especially seeing the snakes and eagle.

Another fantastic experience at MOTT.

How wonderful it is to be surrounded by such an amazing group of loving, caring and forward thinking human beings.

Good shows by the people with the snakes and the raptors

I have never felt so welcome to a festival and I met so many wonderful people and fellow presenters that I would love to meet again to share and learn from.

A great range of interests represented. Appreciation for the opportunity for our students to make the day part of their learning.

Some new contacts/enthusiasm.

Lovely atmosphere, very well run – a thoroughly enjoyable day.

A positive experience and very enjoyable day. Loved talking to such a diverse group of people. It was so good to see so many young people who obviously realise the importance of getting back to basics and caring for the environment.

Rosanne Scott is recipient of the Paul Harris Fellow

The East Perth Rotary Club had their annual breakfast at City Farm and took the opportunity of their visit to acknowledge the work of Rosanne Scott and presented her with a Paul Harris Fellow. *Congratulations Rosanne.*

The Paul Harris Fellow is The Rotary Foundation's way of expressing its appreciation for a substantial contribution to humanitarian and educational programs. It is named after the founder of Rotary. Paul Harris, a Chicago lawyer who started Rotary International with three business associates in 1905.

Festival of Trees 2009

This year, Cr Sandra Gregorini officially opened the Festival. The City of Swan provided MOTT with funding towards the Festival.

Mort Hansen provided the Welcome to Country.

We had Benazir Bellydancers, they come every year and are a hot favourite. This year we also had the Traditional African Dancers, in their first ever Australian performance. Thank you also to Ben, Gavin and Nina for providing their wonderful music.

It was so exciting to have the past and current MOTT Presidents together to celebrate 30 years of Men of the Trees in WA. Charles Peaty, MOTT's founding President, unfortunately passed away only a few weeks before the Festival of Trees. Charles was represented by his son Adam who provided many insights on his father's love of trees and love of this Society. Peter Goodall, Ray Skinner, Barrie Oldfield, Rosanne Scott and Tim Lawrence told us about their many achievements and experiences during their terms in office.

Chris Fyfe, landlord of St Barbe Grove was there to accept the payment of $1 as payment of our annual lease. We are indeed indebted to the Fyfe family for allowing us the use of this land.

We had well over 1,000 people attend through the day and a record number of stalls. The Birds of Prey and Reptiles were funded through the City of Swan.

Celebrating 30 years

Men Of The Trees WA

Special thanks to Vicki Davies who came out of the blue and offered to volunteer with promoting the Festival. She did an excellent job. We had an article in the West Australian, eight radio interviews and numerous community announcements all of which contributed to the Festival's success.

Sarah Harms offered to take photographs of the official ceremony. It is Sarah's Festival photographs that you see in this edition. Many thanks Sarah.

You may have caught a glimpse of Colin Carpenter in the background inside the Gazebo working the sound system. Colin is a MOTT legend. He offers his services each year, bringing his own sound system to support the Festival. Many thanks Colin.

Our thanks also go to Chris Ferreira and the team from Great Garden and Heavenly Hectares who are an amazing draw card for the Festival. Their workshops were full throughout the day. Ted Johnson from Swan Tafe, and Chris Rafferty from Whiteman Park were our Festival Partners this year and they assisted with a lot of the groundwork for promoting the Festival to their networks.

In MOTT tradition, many, many people worked behind the scenes to make this Festival a success. What a great community we have. We can all be proud of a successful Festival commemorating 30th year since formation.

Well done everyone!
Sandra Krempl

Photographs by Sarah Harms

Planting Season News

The Children's Forest is a community forest to which kids of all ages can belong.

The Whiteman Park Children's Forest is a community conservation initiative where children, together with their family and friends, are encouraged to explore, discover and enjoy the many wonders of the Forest.

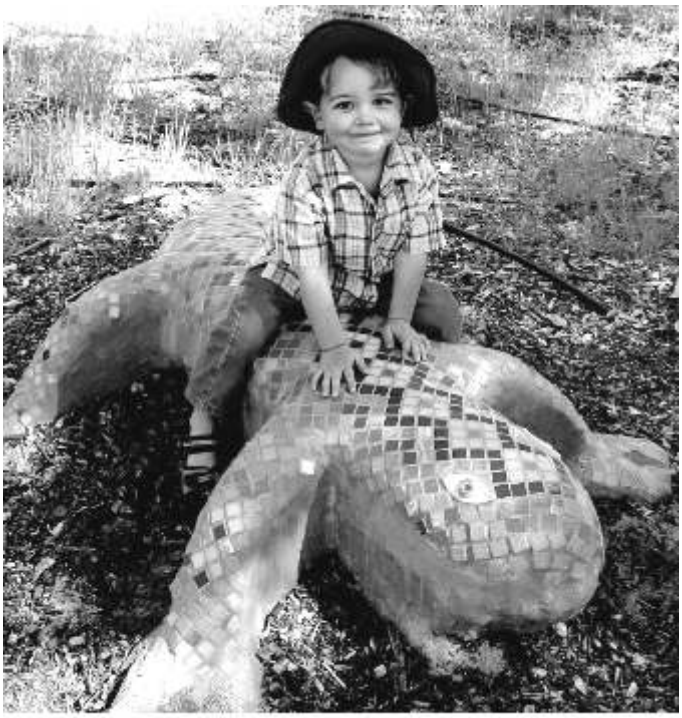
The growth of the Children's Forest...

The idea came from a number of new parents at Men of the Trees and the hope that the birth of their children could be given a living link with the earth.
Their dream was realised when the first stage of Whiteman Park's Children's Forest was planted in 2001 and as it continues to grow each year as new stages are planted with native trees and more children become *Friends of the Children's Forest*.

Get involved...

For a small registration fee of just $25*, you can purchase a 'share' of the forest and dedicate it to a special child you know.
Each child is recognised as being a *Friend of The Children's Forest* with a certificate and their name recorded on a personalised tile, which is then placed within the Forest.
The *Friends of the Children's Forest* are also invited to assist Men of the Trees at the annual planting day in June each year.

Children's Forest photographs courtesy of Whiteman Park



All proceeds go towards maintaining the Forest and supporting the important environmental initiatives of Men of the Trees.
**Fee subject to change without notice.*

What will you find?

As you wander through the pathways of the Forest you will notice indicator arrows pointing to some of the wonderful artworks you can discover.
Find giant marching ants, colourful birds perched high in tree branches, our friendly snake and many more including a life-sized steel wedge-tailed eagle nest.

The future...

It is hoped that the Children's Forest will be a place where children can come to learn about the importance and beauty of trees and the natural environment as they watch their forest grow and flourish as they do.
Children's Forest photographs courtesy of Whiteman Park.

The Children's Forest Planting day is a great day out for the family. It will be on Sunday the 7th June. MOTT will have food and drink for sale as a fund raiser for MOTT.
Contact MOTT on 9250 1888 for more information.

York Farmers tell their Revegetation Story

Left to right: Jo Wheeler MOTT field worker, Robyn and Terry Davies

Men of the Trees, a not for profit organisation now in its 30th year of operations, continues to work with landowners to improve the environment through mass plantings of native biodiverse species in degraded areas. In 2009 MOTT and its subsidiary Carbon Neutral are seeking landowners with in excess of 10 hectares to take up the opportunity for free plantings with financial incentives for the sequestration of carbon. MOTT will also work with landowners seeking to develop commercial crops such as Oil Mallee and Sandalwood.

Robyn and Terry Davies shown here with MOTT field worker Jo Wheeler on their property along 6 Mile Brook near York are very pleased with the results of their planting of around 47,000 seedlings and hope to add to this in the future.

The seedlings planted less than a year ago by volunteers have had a 75% growth success rate.

The reason Robyn and Terry pursued the program was out of interest for the environment having experienced high levels of salinity and erosion around the creek line. The land was degraded and unsuitable for any development. However since the planting Robyn and Terry have noticed a marked difference in the land with reductions in both salinity and waterlogging.

Robyn and Terry said they would highly recommend the plantings to other landowners. "The results speak for themselves" they said. In addition Terry said the water flowing into the creek is now fresher and this will in turn mean improved water quality in our river systems.

Once the seedlings have grown sufficiently the Davies plan to reintroduce sheep to the area thus extending the arable land on the property as well as providing shade and shelter for stock. They will be guaranteed for the longevity of the project as part of the program requires the trees to be protected by a carbon covenant plus the registration of the Carbon Rights.

MOTT has seedlings available now for winter planting if you would like to know more please contact Erin Keeffe Revegetation Manager on 9274 4842 or 0428 593 274

Article and photograph by Vicki Davies

Reveg Team News

York Contract Continues

For the past 4 years, Men of the Trees has been planting around 4000 seedlings annually on a contract basis for a landowner in York. The years have always seen around an 80% survival for the plantings.

We are looking for volunteers to assist with this planting again on Friday 17th July. It provides a perfect opportunity to see the effect past plantings have on the landscape, especially if you have been on one of the expeditions.

A bus will be hired to take the volunteers from St Barbe Grove Nursery in Hazelmere at 8am and return by 4 pm that afternoon. Morning tea will be provided; volunteers will need to supply their own water and lunch.

Please contact Erin Keeffe on 9274 4842 or mottplanting@iinet.net.au.
You can also register online at www.menofthetrees.com.au, click on events.

Reveg Team Plantings

The Reveg Team is a branch of MOTT coordinating tree plantings for Carbon Neutral and other smaller contracts. Staff includes Erin Keeffe, Joanna Smartt, Kris Griffin, Joanne Wheeler and Julian Fletcher. This year 500 000 seedlings will be planted for Carbon Neutral, 60 000 seedlings for infill into last year's Carbon Neutral plantings and a further 6000 seedlings as other contracts.

There are not many volunteer plantings this season due to site location and the increase of corporate group plantings through Carbon Neutral Ltd. The majority of the seedlings will be planted by outside contractors requiring close supervision by the Reveg Team staff. Our aim this year is to have all sites record a minimum 80% survival rate.

If you volunteered at a particular site planted in 2008, and you would like to know the survival rates or other information, please contact Erin Keeffe on 9274 4842 or mottplanting@iinet.net.au.

2009 Planting Calendar

Date	Location	Details	Contact
7/5/09	Island Point	Maintenance and Revegetation	Peel 9537 3409
8/5/09	Yalgorup National Park	Tuart Trees seed collection	Peel 9537 3409
5/6/09	Garvey Park Belmont	Carbon Neutral Planting with City of Belmont staff. 1130 seedlings to be planted. 10 volunteers needed.	Erin Keeffe 9274 4842
7/6/09	Whiteman Park	Children's Forest Planting. 2000 biodiversity seedlings. An event for children and families. Volunteers needed to assist families	Carol 9250 1888
July TBC	SERCUL	Bowra & O'Dea Memorial Grove Planting	Erin & Sandra 9250 1888
1 / 2 July	Wonnerup	Dune Restoration Planting	Peel 9537 3409
TBC	Whiteman Park	Million Trees School Planting	Sandra 9250 1888
July TBC	Waroona	Nell's Block School Planting	Peel 9537 3409
July TBC	Various	School Plantings	Peel 9537 3409
3/7/09	Rockingham	2000 seedlings. Carbon Neutral Planting with local schools. 15 volunteers needed to help plant and help students.	Erin Keeffe 9274 4842
4/7/09	Island Point	Island Point Revegetation	Peel 9537 3409
8/7/09	Whiteman Park	Planting with YMCA Group. 5 volunteers needed to help from 11am-2.30pm assisting students.	Erin Keeffe 9274 4842
10/7/09	Nambling	150 seedlings planted at salt flats. This is a Tree Farm Project in partnership with the Natural Resonance Study Group.	Barrie Oldfield c/o 9250 1888
10/7/09 - 11/7/09	Amery Acres Dowerin	A Tree Farm Project activity supported by the Farm Tree Help Scheme Growers.	Jenny Young 9250 1888
17/7/09	York	Contract planting with Chris Pullen. We have planted on this property for the last 5 years. Volunteers needed to plant 4000 seedlings	Erin Keeffe 9274 4842

TBC = To be Confirmed