



A note from the editor . . . I have to begin this newsletter with an admission - I somehow managed to completely miss doing the May/June edition of the NVCA News! Though it seems that no-one noticed (doesn't say a lot for my efforts), I feel I should explain.

The months of May, June and July were somewhat chaotic for me with two weddings (one in Canberra and the other a week later in Kuala Lumpur), my own family's get-together on Magnetic Island then joining a friend's family holiday for two weeks travelling in Borneo and Cambodia . . . how lucky am I!

With all this taking place in a short space of time I managed to get lost in travel plans and what to pack for different climates and though I was sure the NVCA News for May/June was done and dusted, when the dust did finally settle and I began in early August to get this edition underway, I could find no evidence of the May/June edition on the computer or on my thumb-drive or on my external back-up hard-drive. Feeling a bit concerned at the fact that I had no electronic copy I figured that at least I'd have a hard copy in my file - but I didn't! That's when I realised that I must have totally missed out on doing that issue. So, I've made this issue a bit bigger and though there are only a few 'good news' bits and a couple of encouraging articles with the rest basically being 'doom and gloom' I hope you read it and enjoy it! - Wendy.

Community triumph over mining pollution threat

After 18 months of intense campaigning, Lock the Nambucca Valley (LNV) members are delighted that Precious Metals Resources (PMR) has relinquished its antimony Exploration Licence (EL 8016), claiming that exploration was not justified. EL 8016 which allowed exploration activities over 330square kilometres of the upper catchment of the Nambucca River has now been cancelled without any exploration being done. LNV is claiming the news as a triumph of community action to protect land, water and the valley's economic future.

"The threat posed by EL 8016 to local agricultural land, our river system and town water supply has disappeared with the stroke of a pen," said group president Rudy Van Drie. "The vast majority of property owners within the exploration area in the upper reaches of Taylors Arm, South Arm, Buckra Bendinni and North Arm expressed strong opposition to any antimony exploration or mining activities in the valley. No one wants permanent arsenic and antimony pollution on their land or in their water, as has happened in the Macleay Valley because of antimony mining."

Although LNV will never know how much its existence and actions influenced PMR's decision to pull out, the strong community opposition to proposed mining activities was well known to the mining company.

According to LNV, the group wrote twice to PMR introducing itself, posing a number of questions and attempting to commence dialogue with the company, however PMR never responded to LNV's questions or undertook any community consultation regarding its proposed activities.

It is well known that much of the valley's local economy is dependent on a healthy river system. "The community has made it known that it does not need or want a polluting industry which takes its profits out of the valley and leaves behind a permanent and expensive problem like the toxic antimony processing site at Urunga Lagoon and the ongoing arsenic pollution of the Macleay River and floodplain from the Hillgrove antimony mine area at its headwaters," said Mr Van Drie, who is a hydrologist by profession.

Many properties in the valley display "Lock the Gate" signs and LNV is advising land owners, especially those in the upper catchment, to leave them where they are. Mr Van Drie said there still remains one much smaller exploration licence in the upper Taylors Arm area and there were no guarantees that another massive exploration licence like EL8016 will not be granted to another company. That is

Leard Forest win

Legal action by the Maules Creek Community Council, represented by EDO NSW, stopped Whitehaven Coal from carrying out its winter clearing program of the Leard State Forest. The science shows that clearing the forest in winter is especially harmful to animals threatened with extinction. Threatened bat species are in hibernation and for others, such as the large forest owls, it is their key breeding period. Clearing the forest during winter impacts its threatened inhabitants at their most vulnerable time.

Maules Creek Community Council sought an interim injunction in the NSW Land and Environment Court to immediately stop the clearing. However, just before a judgment was handed down in the case, Whitehaven Coal gave an undertaking to the Court that it would stop the clearing until there is a full hearing on the matter. The full hearing will happen in early September. This is a great outcome for the threatened animals living in the Leard Forest including bats, koalas, forest owls, the swift parrot and the regent honeyeater. But more work is needed and EDO NSW needs your help.

Please donate to the EDO NSW Environmental Defence Fund so we can continue our legal work supporting the Maules Creek Community.

New venture is filling an ecological niche

Ocean Green (Gaagal Girrin Eco Store) a treasure trove of clothes, manchester, toys, books and more, sourced from companies with a social consciousness, but all profits from the business go straight

why LNV will continue to be vigilant and keep the community informed via its web site and social media. - *Rudy van Drie (02) 65642244.*

Council Matters

Unsurprisingly the **Bellwood 346 lot development application was approved** by the Joint Regional Planning Panel on 5 August. At least the JRPP required the removal of the 15 lots (Stage E) adjacent to the sacred Diamond Tree; a small compensation for the Aboriginal Community. Council earlier approved the 'link road' between Alexandra Drive and Marshall Way which was so strongly opposed by local and Aboriginal community members with Crs Smyth, Ballangarry and myself opposing the controversial road through sensitive wetland. The expansive Bellwood site was pre-emptively cleared by the developer around 2003. The then Dept of Environment and Climate Change failed to take action to protect the threatened species and Aboriginal Cultural Heritage known to exist there, despite efforts by local conservationists, Aboriginal Elders and a few sincere DECC officers. This litany of poor planning and disregard for environmental values and Aboriginal Culture by NSC the State Government over the Bellwood site has long angered and saddened me. It is a development which I will always turn my back on and view as a sorry disgrace.

The Dam is nearing completion after numerous hitches and over runs. Anyone flying over or seeing aerial photos of the site will grasp the scale of land clearing and earth moving of this massive project. The filling regime is yet to be finalised. Council is awaiting the completion of the Filling Options Report which will propose rainfall capture to augment pumping from the aquifer. This option requires State Govt approval and will hopefully reduce extraction from the borefield thus going some way to protecting environmental surface flows in the river. More info and photos can be seen on Council's website.

With news that Precious Metals Resources has relinquished its huge antimony exploration licence in the upper catchment of the valley, council **staff recommended cancellation of the water testing program**, five months into the project. Testing for metallic and other compounds eg arsenic and antimony upstream of the bore field, was to provide strong baseline data which could be used if necessary to protect the town water supply in the event of any pollution from mining activity pollution. I argued the flawed economic logic of abandoning the program halfway through, urging council to complete the full 12 months sampling regime as planned. There is no guarantee that another mining company will not apply for a similar exploration licence and this data will provide solid information for Council. Fortunately the majority of councillors agreed and resolved for the program to continue to completion.

The **sale of approx 290 square metres of Gorden Park** to a neighbouring private property owner is still on the agenda. Crown Lands Department CLD reps met with Council and were shocked to learn that the proponents had expressed an intention to extend their building onto the Gorden Park land if they were able to purchase the land. Council as trustee subsequently resolved to recommend to the CLD who owns the land that only a lease be granted to allow for the construction of a retaining wall immediately below the proponent's house. This being the original reason given to Council for the need to acquire the land. Cr Morrison going into bat for the private owners has managed to have Councils decision once again deferred pending further communication with CLD.

Council's consultant undertaking a **study of all Council owned community land** has identified that council has a high percentage of community land compared to other local government areas. This is largely a result of developers donating land to Council instead of paying developer contribution fees. Despite the report not yet being finalised or presented to council, two reports have already come to council

back into caring for the land at Gumma and the Three Islands. Nambucca Aboriginal Land Council's CEO Louise Robinson and her staff set about sourcing an astonishing range of products: everything from natural soaps made by the Yolgnu women of the Rorruwuy community in Arnhemland to towels coloured using natural yam dyes, clothes designed and made locally, hemp socks and underwear and recycled cups and bowls cleverly used as containers for shaving and dishwashing soaps. Adding to this vibrancy is the new Indigenous art gallery housed next door, giving local Indigenous artists their own outlet in the shire. Situated opposite the round-about at Newville, Ocean Green is open Monday to Friday 9am to 4.30pm.

Gordon Park Rainforest and Nature Walks at Nambucca Heads

The Gordon Park Rainforest and Nature Walks of Nambucca Heads meander through a regenerating remnant rainforest and are uniquely located in the midst of the residential area. The walks are not arduous, but why not linger a while as well, just sitting around relaxing and enjoying the magnificent natural environment of this unique coastal bush land, so close to town. While sitting quietly, look for the eastern yellow robin and the rufous fantail or some of the many other local and migratory birds that make this forest their home. While walking along, listen for the whip-bird and the cat-bird. Notice the changes in the vegetation, from the eucalyptus and brush box on the drier ridges to the many rainforest species as you move down the slopes to the wetter and more protected areas, finally reaching the melaleucas, figs and callistemons in the swampy parts.

Bowerhouse Community Reuse Centre at Raleigh

The Bowerhouse Community Reuse Centre has a new entrance point, bowerbird sculpture and signage made entirely of recycled materials collected at Bellingen Council's waste facilities. The Bowerbird concept was chosen as a relevant, identifiable and accessible symbol of both resourcefulness and sustainability. Residents are encouraged to drop off unwanted but reusable items at the Reuse Shop.

meetings proposing reclassification of 'community' land to 'operational' land which would then enable the land to be sold. The two parcels of land are 1) **Kingsworth Lake Reserve** is 17.6ha adjoining Kingsworth Estate to the north, agricultural land to the south and east and bushland and Old Coast Road to the west. This little known parcel of land consists largely of a massive 30 year old man made dam with very restricted access. It provides expansive waterbird habitat and has very real potential for low impact nature based recreational use. 2) **Community land adjacent to the Valla Beach Pre School** which contains an Endangered Ecological Community and which council has tried to reclassify previously to allow for sale and failed due to community opposition. Both reports were deferred pending further information.

With the release of the State Government's **Sustainable Dredging Strategy** and funding program the pro dredging lobby have raised their heads again with Crs Ainsworth and Morrison speaking strongly in favour of dredging the river. The 'hook' that is now being used (given all the reports confirming the very high cost and futility of dredging the Nambucca Estuary) is that of access to hard to get to areas for the marine rescue boat. As far as I am concerned this issue is an absolute no brainer, but council voted to seek funding in the next round of the sustainable dredging funding program to employ a consultant to prepare a report on the merits of a dredging strategy for the Nambucca – go figure!

Some good news – Council resolved to accept \$70k from OEH to commence the next stage of vegetation mapping following on from the Endangered Ecological Communities mapping project undertaken last year and also \$50k to undertake koala habitat study, mapping and reporting. The Environment Levy will be used to match the funding for these worthy couple of projects.

Opinions expressed are those of Cr Paula Flack and not those of Nambucca Shire Council

GM wins, a loss for Organic and Non GM farmers

The future of organic and non GM food in Australia is uncertain after a WA farmer recently lost his legal battle with a neighbouring farmer.

Steve Marsh lost organic certification on his Kojonup farm – and most of his livelihood – when his farm was contaminated by GM canola. He sued his neighbour in the WA Supreme Court for his losses, and to protect his farm into the future.

The court in its judgment stated the decision by NASAA (National Association of Sustainable Agriculture Australia) to decertify Steve was erroneous. Given the extent of the contamination of Steve's farm we fail to see how NASAA could have taken any other decision. Certainly 100% of organic consumers would support the NASAA decision.

Because the court did not recognise the NASAA decertification the court did not recognise the economic loss Steve suffered, and dismissed the case that Steve had brought for negligence and nuisance.

Scott Kinnear, director of the Safe Food Foundation, says he is very disappointed and gravely concerned for Steve Marsh and his family and their farm and for the future of organic and non GM food in Australia remaining GM free.

"This is a huge setback for organic and Non GM farmers and their choice to remain GM Free. This has been an important test case, of interest to many parties, locally and globally.

"If Steve on legal advice chooses to take this case further, the Safe Food Foundation will continue to work to legally protect the rights of Australian consumers to buy organic produce free of GM."

"We also call on our legislators to work on finding a solution to this vexed issue. State and Federal governments have continuously stated that the solution to any GM contamination events is common law. This has clearly failed and demonstrates that the law has not kept up with new technologies such as GM."

"We thank Steve Marsh who has risked his farm to make a stand for all of us, a move that demonstrated his courage, tenacity and integrity."

Please note all items will be viewed by the waste attendants before being accepted to ensure they are in an acceptable condition for sale. Contact 6655 3777.

Raleigh Waste Facility, Shortcut Road
Open 8.00am to 4.00pm on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays.

Tips for using your wood heater for maximum heat and minimum SMOKE

Wood heaters are warm and cosy, just watching the flames can make a dull winter's day brighter. Wood heating is a great way to heat your home. However you probably never thought about it, but smoke from wood heaters can also be a major source of pollution. Wood smoke can be a nuisance not only around your home but also in your neighbourhood. It is also a health hazard because wood smoke can contain fine particles and toxic compounds that can cause respiratory problems. For some simple tips on how to reduce wood heater smoke . . .

Use several small logs instead of one large one and stack them loosely so that air can circulate around them.

Use seasoned, untreated wood - unseasoned wood contains moisture which causes smoke.

Don't burn rubbish, driftwood, painted or treated wood.

Get a hot fire going quickly using plenty of paper and kindling to start.

Open air controls fully when lighting and loading and keep air controls open enough to ensure your fire is burning brightly.

Maintain a bright flame, never let your heater smoulder.

Check your chimney regularly, if there is a lot of smoke then increase the air supply to your fire.

Have your chimney cleaned regularly to prevent the build-up of creosote and soot.

Land for Wildlifers meet

Members from the Nambucca Valley had a get together in May where Kathleen Fanning and Peter McGrath shared their bush recovery story. It was a day spent sharing a passion for the environment and the wildlife we are endeavouring to protect by improving our properties to ensure their habitat survives.

Mr Kinnear also thanked Slater & Gordon and the many people and businesses in more than 30 countries who contributed amounts large and small to this landmark case, but warned the battle may not be over.

While law firm Slater & Gordon donated its legal services, other costs were provided through a unique crowd-sourced funding campaign organised by the Safe Food Foundation.

Steve to appeal GM canola contamination case

Steve Marsh has decided to appeal the decision against him in the WA Supreme Court. He has lodged his appeal which will be heard in the next six to twelve months before the court of appeal, made up of three judges. -

www.safefoodfoundation.org

Greg Hunt approves Adani's Carmichael coal mine

The federal government has given the go ahead for the giant Carmichael coal mine proposed by Indian company Adani in the Galilee Basin in central Queensland.

The approval was announced by Environment Minister Greg Hunt, who said he had imposed 36 strict conditions on the project.

Environmentalists are furious at the decision, with Greenpeace accusing government of ignoring expert scientific advice in granting the approval.

"The federal Environment Minister has laid out the red carpet for a coal company with a shocking track record to dig up the outback, dump on the Great Barrier Reef and fuel climate change," said Greenpeace Program Director Ben Pearson.

Mr Hunt said the strict conditions "will ensure the proponent meets the highest environmental standards and that all impacts, including cumulative impacts, are avoided, mitigated or offset".

Adani has proposed a 60 million tonne per annum thermal coal mine about 160km northwest of Clermont, with coal to be sent to the coast by rail via a private line.

Most of the coal will be sent to India. - *The Australian*, July 28, 2014

Inquiry into EPA audit welcomed by NEFA

The North East Forest Alliance has welcomed the NSW Upper House inquiry into the Environment Protection Authority's audit of Royal Camp State Forest (near Casino) as NEFA believe it was a political cover-up aimed at hiding the full scope and extent of licence breaches committed by the Forestry Corporation.

NEFA spokesperson, Dailan Pugh, said that while the EPA issued the Forestry Corporation three \$300 fines for logging in a Koala High Use Area, their 2013 audit report failed to respond to NEFA's complaints that Forestry Corporation logged another 2 Koala High Use Areas while the EPA were conducting their audit.

"Given that the EPA told us they had inspected at least one of these and agreed it was another Koala High Use Area, their failure to mention it in their report is inexplicable. The fact that this was a cover-up was made apparent by the EPA's dismissal of numerous complaints on the grounds that they "could not locate the alleged location", this was despite NEFA providing the EPA with photos, GPS locations and even leading the EPA to the specific breaches in the forest.

Mr. Pugh said "NEFA do not consider that the EPA dealt with our complaints on logging operations in Royal Camp State Forest in a fair, balanced or competent manner. The EPA suppressed audit results relevant to complaints, claimed that they couldn't find trees they were shown on the ground, ignored expert evidence, and refused to audit significant breaches.

"We welcome this opportunity to have the EPA's handling of this matter investigated. Their audit was either a deliberate attempt to hide the nature and extent of breaches or an extremely shoddy, unprofessional and incompetent job. This is just one of the EPA's audits that we harbor grave reservations about, maybe now we can find out why they are so bad". Mr. Pugh said. - www.nefa.org.au

Koala populations of the Upper Mid-North Coast Report

NCEC in conjunction with local environment groups commissioned a preliminary study by ecologist David Scott into regional koala populations.

This project trialled Koala habitat mapping centred on six Local Government Areas (Kempsey (northern part), Nambucca, Bellingen, Coffs Harbour, Clarence Valley and Richmond Valley) and combined this with collated Koala locality records and local knowledge of Koala ecology and habitat to derive a number of mapped outputs relevant to Koala conservation assessment and planning in this region.

A broad Koala population estimate for the study area ranging from 1,850 – 6,750 individuals.

Report Summary

The New South Wales (NSW) upper mid-north coast and hinterland supports Koala populations of national importance.

The project concluded that three separate Koala meta-populations may exist in this region; each is considered important in its own right and deserving of targeted survey, monitoring and research to ascertain current Koala conservation status. The first, nominally called the Coffs Harbour – Guy Fawkes meta-population, is centred on the Coffs Harbour, Northern Bellingen and south-western Clarence Valley LGAs and extends from the coastal plains at Coffs Harbour / Bongil Bongil National Park west through hinterland and escarpment forests to Guy

Fawkes River National Park. This meta-population is considered to be of national significance as a Koala core area. This same forest gradient has also been identified as significant in other conservation assessment and planning programs. It is clear that long term management programs need to be explored and promoted to ensure the long term welfare of this critical forest area where the Great Escarpment approaches the coast. The Coffs Harbour – Guy Fawkes meta-population appears to be geographically separated from two additional potential Koala meta-populations. One is nominally called the Clarence – Richmond meta-population and is centred on the central and northern Clarence Valley LGA and extends further north to the Richmond River valley, encompassing the Richmond Valley LGA. The third is nominally called the Bellinger – Nambucca - Macleay meta-population, extending south and possibly west from the southern Bellinger LGA to encompass the Nambucca LGA and the northern part of the Kempsey LGA to the Macleay River valley. These Koala meta-populations are also considered to be nationally significant.

Recommendations are provided concerning the need for future targeted and systematic Koala survey, monitoring and research in this region. Further tenure-blind habitat mapping and clarification of geographic Koala populations, including genetic relatedness, is considered an important aspect to be addressed.

- ncec.wordpress.com

Timber yield reductions too little too late

The North East Forest Alliance has welcomed the Government's announcement that sawlog commitments are to be reduced from north-east NSW's public forests, though considers the cuts as too little too late.

This is in response to the announcement yesterday by the Minister for Primary Industries, Katrina Hodgkinson, that the NSW taxpayers are to pay \$8.55 million to Boral to buy back about 50,000 cubic metres of timber allocations annually for the next nine years.

NEFA spokesperson Dailan Pugh said the problem has been caused by a deliberate decision by the NSW Government and sawmillers in 1998 to over-log public forests for the next 20 years, before dramatically reducing yields down to a sustainable yield after 2018.

"Subsequent yield reviews showed that the resource had been greatly over-estimated and the level of overcutting was far worse than intended.

"There are currently annual commitments of some 209,500 cubic metres of large high quality sawlogs and 64,000 cubic metres of small high quality sawlogs from public forests in north-east NSW. Since the new Wood Supply Agreements were issued in 2004, the forestry Corporation have been unable to supply them, with an average annual shortfall of large high quality sawlogs of 40,400 cubic metres from 2004-12. So a reduction in commitments of 50,000 cubic metres may not translate into a significant reduction in logging intensity.

"Boral had been granted a virtual monopoly on Blackbutt, which the Forestry Corporation was unable to supply. This decision buys back 40,000 cubic metres per year of Blackbutt with the apparent intent being to continue cutting it at an unsustainable rate, just reallocating some to other mills.

"The buying back of these commitments may help overcome a gap in wood flow projections before 2023, though is unlikely to redress the major reductions in yields that will be required next decade.

"These Wood Supply Agreements were given for free to the sawmills in 1998, yet since then NSW taxpayers have paid out over \$11 million to the millers in direct compensation to private mill owners. As well as this payment to Boral, in 2006/7 12,200m³ per annum for 16 years was bought back for \$2.78 million. Boral was also paid compensation of \$550,000 for 34,000m³ of high quality large sawlog the Forestry Corporation was unable to supply during 2004-2006, with another undisclosed payment for shortfalls since then. This is in addition to the approximately \$14 million annual taxpayer subsidy for the logging of public native forests".

"The Forestry Corporation have been flogging the forest in vain attempts to meet commitments. With increasing areas of forests denuded of sawlogs, being invaded by weeds and suffering from dieback, the prognosis remains bleak for our native forests. The Government is now also changing the logging rules to make more trees available from the habitat of threatened species and excessively steep and erodible lands to help redress shortfalls.

"The NSW Government must now come clean and release the October 2012 and February 2013 reviews of timber resources on the north coast commissioned from environmental research company URS Australia Pty Ltd." Mr.

Pugh said. - nefa.org.au

Macksville Community Garden

The Community Garden is situated in Boundary Street Macksville (between Macksville High School and the Hospital). If your yard is not big enough for a veggie patch, or you just love pottering around plants or digging in dirt - you're invited to enjoy the pleasures of gardening, learn new skills, meet new people and share your knowledge in the bountiful Macksville Community Garden. Why not drop in and say Hi to our Coordinator Gary and crew. Designed to cater for special needs and having raised garden beds to make gardening easier. Trees and plants for revegetation are for sale. Open 8am to 12 noon on Thursdays and 8.30am to 3pm Fridays.

The next meeting of the NVCA will be at 1pm on Friday 12th September at the 2NVR Studios at Tewinga.
for more information: email nvca@nvca.org.au All members are welcome to attend.

Tribute to Jim Tedder

By Lyn Orrego and Penny Coleing

Over many years Jim Tedder was an inspiration to us with his dedication, tremendous knowledge and tenacity: his refusal to be daunted by the ever increasing threats to and onslaughts on our environment. A tireless worker, I once said to Jim, "How long are you going to keep working for the environment, Jim?" He said, "Until I fall off the twig." True to his word Jim was interested and active in defence of the environment right up to and including his last days. We are deeply saddened to lose Jim but we also stand in awe of his life, the person he was and his achievements.

While in hospital recently, Jim read the latest Quarterly Essay by Tim Flannery and at once penned off a letter pointing out that Flannery had neglected to discuss over-logging of native forests and its overall impact upon species diversity in Australia

The Tedders came to Grassy Head in 1982, after 20 years in the Solomon Islands with the British Colonial Service, and 6 years in Adelaide, where Jim was director of the Environment Information Centre of the Conservation Council of South Australia from 1975 – 1981.

While working on the farm at Grassy Head re-planting thousands of rainforest trees, and growing macadamias, avocados and bananas commercially, Jim with several others set up the National Parks Association 3 Valleys Branch, initially to fight for Gaagal Waanggan and to promote Bongil Bongil in support of Trevor Pike's proposal for a national park.

During the past 30 years Jim has been involved in campaigns on the North Coast to create new national parks - campaigns which have seen the protection of areas such as : Bongil Bongil, Chaelundi, Guy Fawkes, Hat Head, New England, and Yarriabini to name a few.

He has served on a number of committees:

- the North Coast Environment Council (as secretary from 1985 – 2002);
- Dune Care Committee - principally to tackle Bitou and stop annual burns on Crown Land at Grassy Head (beginning in 1986)
- member of Dorrigo District National Parks Advisory Committee (ca 1980)
- North Coast Regional Advisory Committee (until 2013)
- Mid North Coast Farm Forestry Organisation (one time past chair and member since its establishment)
- Appointed to Gondwana Consultancy Committee in 2012

Among his most passionately felt causes were creating and maintaining the integrity of national parks – as places for protection of native species and biodiversity and as places essential to humans for experiencing nature: to find peace in, to walk in, to camp in.

The causes of his greatest ire was the human mismanagement of natural areas such as-

- Overzealous burning practices altering biodiversity and creating ever more fire prone species;
- Over-logging of native forests;
- Commercialisation of national parks (the most recent example being visitors now referred to as "customers")
- The greed which sees unsuitable areas for development, particularly on the coast, being handed over to developers and all natural values and amenity sacrificed for calculator style, insensitive development;
- And the not so gradual withdrawal of once strong environment legislation, including winding back of the Environmental Defenders Office.

Jim has never held back his vigilance and his commitment to standing up for the things he believes in and has spent a major part of his life fighting for. Jim passed away at home with his family earlier this year. It was a bountiful autumn on the property he loved with the trees he'd planted dripping with fruit. Our thoughts and well wishes go to Jim's family, especially his wife Margaret, who knew his love for his life's work and supported him in being able to dedicate himself to it.

Jim was gallant, intelligent, a gentleman in his dealings with people as he pursued his life work translating his love for the environment into protecting it. Both who he was and what he did with his life energy were entirely consistent. He was a true mentor, an encourager of the younger generation he worked with. Such a stable, steady, bright, well-read, energetic, principled and hard working man. As such and so much more he was respected by all, his opinion sought after and valued and his life a worthy model for those around him. Have I mentioned humble? That too. He will be missed. He will be remembered with admiration and love by his family, friends and colleagues. We say, thankyou Jim for all you achieved, all you gave, all you were and still are in our hearts. It was a privilege to walk and work alongside you for the time we were given with you.

Vale Jim Tedder.