



TAMBORINE MOUNTAIN BOTANIC GARDENS NEWSLETTER

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SPECIAL 10th ANNIVERSARY EDITION



Chris Davison working on a newsletter and (right) the first edition in July 2006.



July marks the 10th anniversary of this newsletter. It is a remarkable achievement.

And it is the work of one person. Chris Davison, who has been an integral part of the Tamborine Mountains Botanic Gardens team for many years, designed and published that first newsletter in July 2006.

Sadly for all of us, she has decided to retire from that role. Her focus, her knowledge and her dedication to this publication will be sorely missed. But she has promised to remain as a mentor to ensure the newsletter carries on.

The year 2006 was a watershed for the Tamborine Mountain Botanic Gardens. The

newsletter was part of a vastly wider and dynamic project that would transform the Gardens. It was a highly effective tool in informing the wider community, the media and our regional Council of work that was beginning.

In that year, Roger Bell, Brian Davison and the team of Gardens volunteers took the first steps to transform the site into what we know today.

The team convinced the then Beaudesert Regional Council to pave the car park and

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work began to pave the pathways throughout the site. They also applied for and received the first annual grant from Council.

Those funds, combined with the enormous fundraising efforts of the Tamborine Mountain Garden Club, were poured into infrastructure throughout the site.

The Tamborine Mountain Botanic Gardens was recognised through membership of Botanic Gardens Australia and New Zealand Inc, the body recognising Botanic Gardens throughout Australasia.

The Botanic Gardens web site was launched.

And Chris Davison was on hand with her notebook and her camera to record all of this activity.

Botanic Gardens Manager Roger Lenehan says Chris' contribution to the popularity of the Gardens and the enthusiasm of volunteers cannot be overestimated.

"Through her work in creating and continuing the newsletter over 10 years, Chris has been invaluable to our work," he said.

"She has informed our community and the Scenic Rim Regional Council and the media of our activities and she played a significant part in attracting people to come and enjoy what we have built over 34 years."

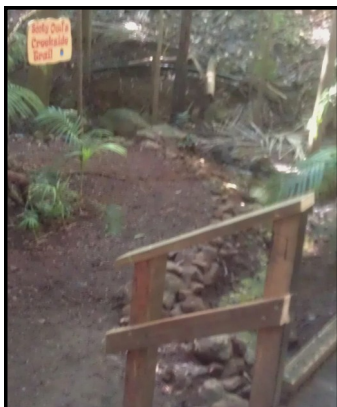


Michael Hiew and Rob Howard are working hard to extend the Orchid House, doubling its size and including tiers and steps. It's going to be a magnificent display!



Jerry Hodges and Roger Lenehan put the finishing touches to new lattice to beautify the morning tea area.

"Another example of the caring efforts of the management," says Roger.



The Sooty Owl Walk may have been linked from one end to the other, but there is still plenty of work to do. The photo (left) shows the end linking to the Rainforest Walk. At right, **Sandy Silabon** carefully places rocks to make up an owl image on the forest floor. It joins a host of objects and surprises that are sure to delight young and old for many years to come. Fantastic job by everyone involved, especially designer **Brian Davison**.



More Sooty Owl news. Matt Bird's beautiful owl seat has been replaced and welcomes visitors to the entrance of the Sooty Owl Walk. And (at left) a giant elkhorn is suspended along the walk. The elkhorn was kindly donated by **Toni** and **Keith Pegram** before, sadly, they left the Mountain. **Jerry Hodges** built the A frame. **Roger Lenehan** and **Rob Howard**, who lent some muscle, are seen with the massive plant in place.

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Man Lin Hiew with her trusty rake — she somehow always manages to have the Japanese Garden looking spotless.



The Three Musketeers of the Botanic Gardens: **Bobby White, Gil Whyman** and **Jan Collis**.



Team-work among the hydrangeas. From left **Harry O'Neill, Daniel Brown** and **Colin Wilson** spreading mulch. Harry and Daniel had the job of bringing the mulch in — hence the rubbish bin — and Colin rakes it. Well done, lads.