



FIDO Eurong Trip\_22 - 29th October 2016\_diary



Day	A.M. (7:00 - 12:00)	P.M. (12:00 - 7:00)	Total Hrs
1. 22.10	<div><p>Maree completed packing and loading of fresh food; Ben, Will and Sarah arrived at designated meeting place. Following demonstration lessons</p></div> <div></div> <div><p>'How-to-hitch-a-trailer-101A' and 'how-to-do-a-half-hitch' we</p></div>	<div><p>Rearranged the trailer, loaded dry goods and other gear, goodbye to Nick and set off for River Heads after a one hour lunch stop.</p><p>Met 'the Ducks' who had been entertaining the local midges; boarded the 4pm barge. 'How-to-unhitch-a-trailer-101A' was presented on deck to save awkward reversing off the barge. In high spirits our 2 car convoy headed east leaving the midges behind. An eventful trip was ahead of us: buses charging for the 5pm barge passed us easily as we deflated our tyres, however we met a straggler head on, who we coerced to back up lest he spend the night at this particular spot! The driving seemed tough going in the soft sand and we came to a halt when slowing to</p></div>	

	<p>were on our way, navigating to the Ginger Factory Yandina to pick up Suzanne. Navigator lost her voice and we merrily drove past the Yandina turnoff, so quickly phoned Suzanne to hightail it to Eumundi. With luggage and flower pots loaded into the trailer Suzanne jumped in the backseat, introductions all round (Ben and Will now Bill and Ben, with the flower pot lady on the end) making Tin Can Bay the next stop.</p>	<p>give room to a following tourist bus. 1st bog! Kind bus driver reminded FIDO tour leader (FTL) to use 4WD, thus delivering demonstration lesson 'How-to-turn-hubs-and-use-high-range/low-range-201A' which is the follow-on course after '101A-Up-him-strong'! Convoy arrived safely, and thanks to Nick, we all enjoyed a hearty lamb stew and coconut slice with fresh cream for dinner (see appendix for cooking course units).</p>	
2. 23.10	<p>Awoke to the pitter patter of rain, after heavy falls throughout the night. Peter drove Suzanne to the nursery, numerous pots were cleaned, checked seed source potential general look around. Meanwhile FTL took the others on orientation tour, from Shed/toilet block, along dingo fence to Nature Trail. Weed infestations were recorded and boys begin to learn new language. On to residential area tour &amp; Singapore Alley before morning tea, all the while light rain falling. Shed Keys picked up from resort, weeding gear distributed, the team quickly set to task handpulling numerous brazillian nightshades, corky passion vine, coral creeper (not too many) along the dingo fence from the toilet block to tennis courts for 2 hours in light soaking drizzle.</p> 	<p>After lunch at 12:30 the decision was made not to continue the work day due to abnormally low temperatures and soaking rain.</p> <p>FTL completed diary to date, weed locations and next day program. Suzanne fetched seed from shed to continue sorting, while the rest preferred to relax.</p> 	<p>6x4hrs= 24</p> <p>1x8hrs= 8</p> <hr/> <p>32</p>



3. 24.10

Awoke to miserable pouring rain. FTL convinced Peter, Bill, Ben, Jenny and Sarah that clearing fishbone fern behind the fire station would take 2 hours & 3 bags, and they had a site close by for cover in the event of heavy rain. Upon acquiring the bags, Ben had a terrifying run-in with a family of rats and discovered a new octave. After smoko, Sarah and Jenny were promoted to the nursery and lunch chef duty after high performance in the fern department. Peter, Bill and Ben pressed on...10 bags and 4 hours later, after braving Golden Orbs, paper wasps and bull ant nests the team achieved two thirds of the task. The wasps made themselves known by giving Peter the ol' clip around the ear'ole. FTL met with Green Army and meanwhile FTL's daughter Bonnie decided to increase the FIDO capacity, declared her imminent arrival. Suzanne introduced the GA to the nursery. The nursery team did potting and extracting seed from the fruit *Cyclophyllum coprosmoides*.



At 1pm, after a delicious feed, the team set out in 2 vehicles to Central Station for an illuminating boardwalk tour of the creek and sited a Mango Tree. We met two delightful Swiss backpackers who were all ears in the presence of our multiple experts but were unenthused about the prospect of yodelling. We upped-him-strong to Lake McKenzie and had a cool dip and afternoon tea from within the safety of the Dingo-proof feasting area. There was an increased number of tourists sharing our aquatic pastime at the Lake. Sarah proved the most keen of the lot by swimming to the opposite bank and running into the distance as if pursued by a Dingo. Ben was a fish out of water as a Melbournian and his buoyancy didn't live up to his duck tattoo. A very bumpy journey home led us to a gourmet Seafood Marinara Linguine with compliments to Maree and the Mighty Ducks. Presumably the Green Army had an equally enjoyable afternoon removing cassia along the dingo fence.....allegedly. (\*Confirmed -plus painted spurge in front of backpackers)



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<p>4. 25.10</p>	<p>Peter sprayed 7l roundup on remaining Fishbone fern; Eurong entrance guinea grass and other spot spraying to Problem Cnr. Suzanne assessed Eurong grounds for seed. Maree checked Eurong gardens for weed m'tance and cleared weeds behind units. Plants doing well.</p> <p>The rest of the team attacked young Brazillian Nightshade, cassia, corky passion vine which is moving in with a vengeance along Dingo fence from the tennis court to exit of Eurong. Bonnie arrived at 9:45 and all continued aforementioned task until lunch, in between arranging a return trip to Hervey Bay for Peter who exited at about 10:15 after slicing his finger with knife while removing asparagus (yes, he was wearing gloves!_Ambo clearance to drive back to barge and see Dr for stitching)</p> 	<p>Trip to Eli Creek was commenced but driver got nervous with impending rising tide at 5pm, so aborted. Plan B: Lake Wabby. A hurried walk up the 2km+ track and every bit worthwhile for the cooling waters of the sandblow lake. Met Warren (F.I. tour guide) so was relieved when the busload of folk passed us as we were returning! Afternoon tea on the surf beach and cooling seabreeze.</p> <p>Dinner with GA at public BBQ with a superbly splendid meal prepared and cooked by "the young ones".</p> 	<p>6x4hrs= 24</p> <p>1x8hrs= 8</p> <hr/> <p>32</p>
<p>5. 26.10</p>	<p>Team allocated to respective target areas: <b>Singapore Alley-</b> Maree, Ben, Jenny &amp; <b>Nature Walk-</b> Bill, Sarah, Bonnie. The morning was largely uneventful but HIGHLY productive with the team manually removing loads of corky/stinky passion vine, painted spurge, cassia, singapore daisy and mile a minute. The</p>	<p>A full car ventured to Eli Creek at 12:45pm. It proved a popular spot. Amused by the akubra gang who set up a table in the creek to facilitate their XXXX consumption. We bypassed them to walk the boardwalk and float back to the beach in the shallow, cool waters. The team then made the short trip up to the Maheno</p>	<p>32 hrs</p>



latter's remains was repurposed into a hanging basket by Jenny. Bill failed in befriending a goanna. It was as antisocial as yesterday's wallaby. (Editors note: Bill needs to meet Longnose to learn animal communication skills)

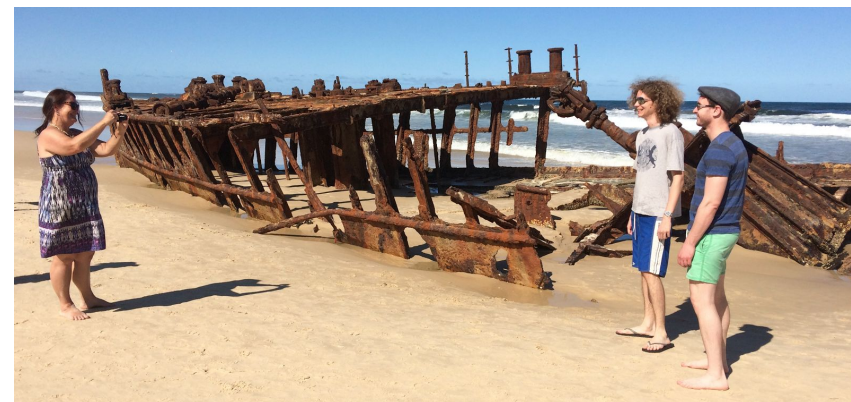
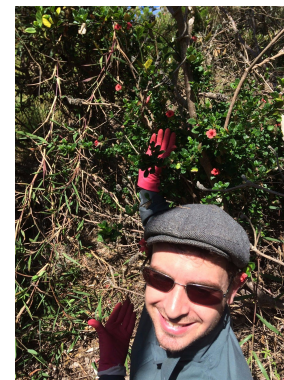
Suzanne liaised with GA from 7:15: off to walk Eurong to look for native plant wildlings, seed and cuttings to increase the diversity within the nursery. Joel (pandanus man) from USC joined Suzanne on her survey. After gathering much seed and cuttings they headed up to the nursery to learn all about propagation. Suzanne left them there at 11:30am to wash pots and continue their work



Wreck for a quick squizz.

Suzanne went the extra mile when we returned embarking on another gathering expedition while the others primarily napped, except for Sarah who was stitching up the meal for the night. Peter returned in timely fashion with a sewn up finger for happy hour at 5.


Whole contingent enjoyed curried prawns (ah-la-Bon), papadoms (Suzanne), rice and reserved linguine marinara (Sarah).



6. 27.10 Work a 6 hr day: Mad team arrive at 6:55 every morning including Sarah who's middle name is late! Suzanne and Bill to

Lunch was bacon & egg muffins ably cooked by Bacon Ben and Bon. A short break and back on the job....more of the same

42 hrs

	<p>nursery to pot cuttings of pigface, I s tea tree, scaevola. Team to assault Singapore Alley where we are nipping a resurgence of opportunistic baddies in the bud_singapore daisy, mile-a-minute, loads of coral creeper. Peter assaulted loads of mother-in-law while his beloved wife was at least 500m in the distance. His 4 pronged attack became 3 pronged after vigilant tuber removal. Bonnie worked on her Japanese (via podcast) while removing coral creeper, corky passion, mile-a-minute- a high order multi tasker. Ben meanwhile with podcast envy returned hastily after morning tea with his phone - Joe Rogan Experience with coral creeper and prickly pear as his targets. Jen and Sarah consciously, diligently, persistently worked on coral creeper, corky passion, and ID regen sp; clearing around the recruits. There are lots of big ants in this area. Maree meanwhile dumped 16 bags of weeds to the tip, and did another round of the resort to ID priority before departure. Then removed Unidentified orange thing to allow access to more coral creeper.</p>	<p>however Ben and Bill swapped jobs. Bill landing in a thicket of MOM and completed MOM101A in mid Singapore Alley. This work needs to be continued next March. Also near fig tree.</p> <p>Peter continued removing MILT with 3-pronged fork. Maree sprayed along dingo fence in front of Singapore Alley- Mile-a-minute, singapore daisy; then finished chem (5l) on stray and hard to get to coral creeper, MOM, fishbone near fire stn.</p> <p>It was long day, but everyone satisfied with a job well done! We knocked off at 3:00, cleaned up and went for a swim at the resort. Chilli con carne for dinner.</p> <p>2 hours work tomorrow will complete our week, followed by a tour of Lake Allom.</p>	
7. 28.10	<p>Work 2 hours: Jenny and Sarah completed weeding resort units gardens; Bill does dump run (20 bags of weeds from Singapore Alley); Peter took Suzanne to nursery to finish up last minute jobs and arrange plants for GA team (30 plants for next fortnight when Maree due to complete assessments). Peter then cut/paint siratro at pedestrian access near dingo fence/pub and was joined by Bill and Maree once the dump run was completed. Bonnie and Ben to tidy up tennis court gardens and bus wash area. Morning tea back at Weerona then set off on a Trip to Lake Allom at 10:00 returning at 4:30pm. Ben stayed back to hold the fort and complete a Uni assignment.</p>	<p>Lake Allom Tour</p> 	$\begin{array}{r} 7 \times 2 = \\ 14 \\ \\ 1 \times 4 = \\ 4 \\ \hline 18 \end{array}$



8. 29.10

Clean-up from 7:00-10:00 included Peter & Suzanne sow more seed at the nursery. Jenny pack & prepare for return trip to Hervey Bay. Ben, Bill, Bon, Maree pack goods and clean up house; Sarah does final check, plus sweep and with a bit of persuasion, mopped with a real mop! Bill & Maree did a final pack & Lock-up of shed and return keys to the resort with a BIG thankyou for their support and assistance with transport and accom for our team. Bon joined Peter & Jenny at the pool and tour of Central Stn before HB barge departure at 1300.

The final trip to Inskip (10:15) was smooth. The 4WD/trailer ahead of us bogged, ensuring a place for us on the barge. Tyres reinflated, hubs unlocked, fuel tanks filled at Shell RB; onto TCB to unload and all responsibility handed over to 2IC at 1300. Cheers, awesome team! FTL

