



Lot 50—Kanyanyapilla, McLaren Vale
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Hi Everyone

News

Planting, 2016 Season

After the wet winter I was just hoping for an average summer to give the 1500 seedlings a fair chance. A mild December, 60mm of rain in January with a 16mm top up in early February couldn't have been better. In mid-February both the reed swamp and grass areas were green, normally one has dried off when the other is green. It is only in the last few weeks that the place has started to dry. Some hand watering of vulnerable seedlings is being done now.



L50K 14th February, 2017

Planting, 2017 Season

About 700 seedlings are to be planted this coming season; thirty species have been selected and ordered in conjunction with NRM, and weed control for the planting areas is underway. Planting is expected to start in mid-May and a call will go out for volunteers.

Visitors

In December we had visitors from the east and west coasts of Australia, the Pacific and Indian Oceans: friends Greg and Janet from Sydney on an annual visit to Adelaide; and an extraordinary visit from Steve Nicholls and his wife Debbie Sibosado from near Lombadina on the Dampier Peninsula, north of Broome.

Steve is the great, great grandson of Richard and Amelia Pomery from Cornwall, the first European occupiers in the 1850s of Section 194 (Lot 50 is half of that Section). The Pomerys first leased the land from absentee English landlords and then purchased the land in the 1870s. Steve's branch of the family went west a few generations ago and this was the first return visit to the ancestral place. We had a wonderful half day on the land, touring around McLaren Vale, visiting Richard's grave and me introducing Steve to a distant McLaren Vale relative.

Debbie is of Aboriginal and Filipina descent. Her Filipina grandfather Martin Sibosado was orphaned when young and then grew up at the Beagle Bay Mission, Dampier Peninsula (near Lombadina). My great, great grandfather Terrence O'Brien's niece Bridget, became Mother Antonio of the Sisters of St John of God and was the head nun at the Mission. She cared for Martin. Susan and I drove past Steve and Debbie's place a few years ago when tracing Mother Antonio and visiting her grave in Broome. When all the cross-connections came to light we were all just amazed.

'Drop the Lot', Open Evenings

The first two open evenings have been held and have been relaxed and most enjoyable. Two more to go, **Fridays April 7th and May 5th, 4.00 pm onwards.**

*Take a stroll Have a yarnEnjoy a wine Have a feed
Play a tune (bring an instrument if inclined) Watch the sunset
Camp over & watch the sunrise
BYO food and drink and camping equipment if you want to stay over*

'Adopt a Plot', Volunteer Assistance

There just seems to be an enormous amount of work to do at L50K and all the ad hoc help I've received has been great and much appreciated. But I've had a thought; would anyone like to look after an area on an ongoing basis, i.e. six months, a year etc. It would involve weeding, watering, some planting etc. Areas could be the Culture Shack, Sandhill Shelter, one of the camp areas etc. If this is of interest to you please contact me, email below.

Another Project Supporter, Timelapse Adelaide

Timelapse Adelaide is providing a time lapse camera to record the landscape changes long-term. To be located on the Sandhill Shelter this will provide a valuable record of plant growth and other changes over several years. A photo will be taken once a week. Nick Graalman from Timelapse Adelaide can assist with any time lapse photography needs contact@timelapseadelaide.com.

History Snippet

Last newsletter I mentioned the 1917 *Nomenclature Act* and the changing of German place names with two escaping the net, Rheinthal and ?? Well it was Adelaide, named after the German-born wife of King William IV, Adelheid Amelia Louisa Theresa Caroline of Saxe-Coburg Meiningen. Couldn't change the name of the King's Mrs could we now!! What would have been a good name change for Adelaide back then? Any suggestions?

I've since found out that there were another two overlooked; Krichauff Creek (east of the Stuart Hwy just shy of the NT border) and Gebhardt Lagoon (off Koomooloo Rd well north of Morgan). Maybe understandable, not political.



Queen Adelheid or Adelaayed

King William IV signed the Letters Patent, the founding documents authorising the establishment of the Province of South Australia. More on that next newsletter.

A Two Headed Horse Story



Well not really, just a relaxed Mum and Polly, but a wonderful illusion nevertheless.

The Year in Review, 2016

To establish a tradition of reviewing each year's activities through images here's some of the activities/highlights of the last year to February 2017 (land was acquired 17 Feb. 2015).

Rise of the Machines

Whilst much of the management and development of Lot 50-Kanyanyapilla is based on good old human hands, some jobs just need the big 'uns.



25 tonnes in a jiffy



'Hovering' tipper



Pethick road upgrade (Council)



Creating a 'planting corridor'



Loading logs

Dendro Theatre



Pull 'n pull



And not to forget Toro, an absolutely marvellous machine (but not so squeaky clean now)

Fire



Birthday bonfire



Ceremonial burning

Water



Winter wet & wonderful

Archaeological Research



Lunching



Scraping

Camp Overs



Not glamping

Dendro Theatre



Tin whistling



Ticking along, give it another year

Award for 'Best Performing Juveniles – Less than Two Years Old', Karra, Karko & Minno



Redgum *Karra* at 1.8m



Sheoak *Karko* and Golden Wattle *Minno*, over 2m

And Things You Can Only Do On 'Papa's Farm'



First driving lessons



Hay rides for big and little kids

In Closing

Again my thanks to all who are supporting this project and particular thanks to Steve Poole and Ian Preston for all their help over the year. The third year is now underway, and who knows what will unfold!!

Cheers

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