



## ETS Magazine

"Just another day"

- an inspirational speaker in OHS

**Theo Venter's** story revolves around the day he thought was going to be "Just another day!" John Wallace, Damian Torre and the Tasmanian Crew attended one of Theo's presentations recently. Full story can be found on page 2.



**Prometheus** (aka **WPN-114**) was the nickname given to the oldest known non-clonal organism, a Great Basin Bristlecone Pine (*Pinus longaeva*) tree growing near the tree line on Wheeler Peak in eastern Nevada, USA. The tree, which was at least 4862 years old and likely approaching or over 5000 years, was cut down in 1964 by a graduate student and U.S. Forest Service personnel for research purposes.



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*A tree is a wonderful living organism which gives shelter, food, warmth and protection to all living things. It even gives shade to those who wield an axe to cut it down" – Buddha*

*...working safely*

## FROM THE DESK OF JOHN WALLACE

The end of the financial year has just passed with the business in a strong position to progress through the challenges in the next 12 months. We have recently signed up a number of our existing contracts, won a couple of contracts in non vegetation areas and consolidated the business in new markets. The GFC had a major impact on many individuals and businesses through the world but ETS has been able to continue to grow into the leading vegetation busi-

ness throughout Australia. The Power Company clients judge our performance on the number of electrical and safety incidents that occur and how we run the business to manage and eliminate these types of incidents in the future. This is one of the key factors they consider when evaluating our tender submissions and therefore justifies the resources employed to focus on reducing these types of incidents. But more importantly I feel more



comfortable knowing that each of you is looking out for everyone and following safe work practices to ensure you all go home safe each night to your family and friends.

Stay Safe

John Wallace

## A NEW PRINT COMPANY FOR THE MAGAZINE

You may have noticed a different paper has been used for this magazine. The cover has been printed on partly recycled plantation-sourced paper and the rest of the magazine has been printed on 100% recycled paper. Queensland Complete Printing Services (Q-Print) use award winning industrial and business practices. Their water is 100% harvested from their own roof. They use 100% green power and 100% recycled

When future generations judge those who came before them on environmental issues they may conclude "they didn't know"; let us not go down in history as the generation who knew, but didn't care.

Mikhail Gorbachev (2002)

waste. The inks they use are soy based and biodegradable and their policy is to only purchase paper from suppliers that are manufactured under strong Environmental Management Systems. Lean Manufacturing techniques are also used to reduce waste. ETS are happy to show

our support for the environment by using a printing company who prides themselves on minimizing the impact on the environment whilst also giving back to the local community and supporting Australian made wherever possible.

## "JUST ANOTHER DAY" - AN INSPIRATIONAL SPEAKER IN OHS

ETS recently engaged Mr Theo Venter to deliver a gripping safety presentation to Southern staff. The sessions were held in Victoria and Tasmania in March and April 2010, respectively, and were delivered in collaboration with SP AusNet and Aurora Energy. Theo's presentation revolved around the day he was exposed to 22,000 volts of electricity whilst working on live power lines. Theo's story

is a brutally honest account of how it all went wrong and why. He spoke about the physical and mental scars that he still carries with him to this day. Feedback from all ETS and power company staff was excellent. The relevance of the information presented by Theo and the ongoing need to work safely, complete risk assessments and communicate with each other and your Supervisor about safety risks

was continually reinforced. Talking and thinking about safety, and working safely in all circumstances was a constant message to the audience. Theo clearly indicated safety awareness needs to be uppermost in everyone's mind, always. ETS are hoping all our employees will be able to attend Theo's presentation in the near future.

## ETS - DOING US PROUD ON THE SUNSHINE COAST

The following email was sent to Andrew McAtee—(Area Manager Sunshine Coast) by Dr Jan Green, Principal Environment Adviser, Energex.

"Dear Andrew

*I spent last Wednesday watching an ETS crew, supervised by Col, clearing sensitive vegetation at a property on the Sunshine Coast.*

*To give some background on the job - initially, the property owners were less than pleased about the fact that we were widening the easement and clearing sensitive vegetation. Negotiations were ongoing for over a year, with threats of lawsuits and denied access.*

*Col negotiated, with the landowner, times and dates which had to be changed a couple of*

*times due to forecast rain. So that was another hurdle we had to overcome.*

*The day went smoothly. Col spent some time chatting with the landowner about his (the landowner's) problems with Energex and his perceptions that Energex staff had lied to him. Col defended Energex in a way that the property owner was satisfied.*

*Col and the crew were very professional, polite and friendly as well as very efficient and neat. They worked hard to finish the job before they had lunch (at 2.00) but no-one complained. They were successful in maintaining the low growing vegetation and placing the felled trees and branches neatly to the side of the easement as requested.*

*So please thank Col and the chaps - I cannot remember all their names - for a job well done. They certainly satisfied all the criteria I had promised the landowners last year."*

Regards

Jan

Crew Involved were:

Climbers: John Ehrenberg, Rory Tauro and Brad VanDoore,  
Ground Crew: Matt Shields, Ben Crichton, Steve Clarke and Adrian Cullinan.

Well done guys !

*"Col and the crew were very professional, polite and friendly as well as very efficient and neat."*



John Ehrenberg and Colin Karl



Matt Shields



Damien Shields



Ben Crichton

Rory, Brad, Steve and Adrian escaped the camera this time round, but well done guys !

## OUT AND ABOUT WITH ETS ELECTRICAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES



"ETS is continuing to grow with the development of our newly formed - ETS Environmental Services. The team is headed up by Troy Fazakerley, General Manager, ETS Electrical and Environmental Services"



Environmental Services formerly known as The Tree Care Division of ETS prides itself in providing a standard of excellence in high end Arboricultural practices/services and conservation/land management.

Our abilities as a company to provide "the complete package" in vegetation management allows us to have a significant impact within our industry and sets us well above our competitors.

### **Environmental Services Team**

**General Manager** - Troy Fazakerley has been involved within the electricity distribution industry for over 18 years and has developed a unique set of skills and experience whilst employed by some of Australia's largest electricity distributors.

Troy has been a driving force in introducing and implementing VTA (Visual Tree Assessment) to the utility vegetation management industry.

**Business Manager** - Arna Love has been a part of ETS for over a year and has contributed in establishing and growing our utility vegetation management contract in NSW.

Arna has been involved within the Arboricultural Industry for over 10 years, including 5 years as an Executive Committee Member of the Qld Arboricultural Association (QAA). Her involvement with the QAA allows ETS to keep up to date with industry knowledge and development.

**Senior Consultant** - Cassian Humphreys has been a member of the ETS team for 7 years and was a major contributor in developing the ETS Tree Care Division. Cassian has over 25 years experience in both Arboriculture and Horticulture. His role within ETS is as a consultant to both the utility and amenity arboricultural profession where he provides specialist Visual Tree Assessment inspection, training and support to Arborist's as assessors in tree mechanics.

**Arborist** - Jon Cowan is a UK based arborist with enthusiasm for arboriculture and passion for working with trees. Having worked in the industry for over 8 years since completing his degree in Horticulture at Wye College, University of London, Jon has been working as an arboricultural consultant dealing with development site surveys, risk assessment surveys for large landowners, and survey work for protected species such as birds, bats and badgers.

**Arborist** - Mark Gistitin is a diploma level arborist with over 9 years experience specialising in utility vegetation management. Mark has been apart of ETS for over a year, and currently manages various vegetation management crews in NSW and is an integral member of our Tree Care Maintenance program in Papua New Guinea.

### **ETS Electrical Services Update**

After a busy couple of months preparing tenders and meeting new clients, ETS Electrical Services has been successful in winning contracts with both Ergon Energy and Energex.

The first contract involves Meter Reading Services to Ergon Energy within the Central Region, Rockhampton to Gladstone. Each year we will be required to take over 500,000 readings!

Second, we have been appointed to a panel contract with Energex for Minor Maintenance Works in all of their Zone Substations across all of their network area – Gold Coast to Gympie.

These contracts provide a great foundation for moving forward with the Electrical Services business and will give ETS the all important experience to demonstrate our diverse capability.

***Troy Fazakerley—General Manager Electrical and Environmental Services***



Cassian Humphreys, Arna Love, Troy Fazakerley, Jonathan Cowan

## TREE CARE / MAINTENANCE WORK—PORT MORESBY

In Papua New Guinea the Office of Australian War Graves is responsible for the maintenance of three large Commonwealth war cemeteries at Port Moresby, Lae and Rabaul. At each of these war cemeteries there are significant trees that require ongoing care and maintenance.

Currently the Environmental Services Team have made two trips to PNG to carry out Tree Care/Maintenance work at the Bomana War Cemetery in Port Moresby. This site is approximately three hectares in size and contains over 280 Trees. The health and vitality of these trees is critical to the presentation of the war cemetery as well as the safety and amenity of the site to staff and visitors.

The Tree species featured within this cemetery include:

Samanea saman - Rain Tree

Tamarindus indica - Tamarind

Cassia fistula - Gold Shower Tree/Laburnum

Plumeria rubra - Frangipani

Manifera indica - Mango

Albizzia sp Various Other Species - yet to be identified

As part of this project we are to inspect, assess and prepare reports regarding the care and maintenance of trees in the war cemeteries.

We then carry out hazard reduction pruning to enhance their health, appearance and safety for visitors and staff.

To ensure ongoing health and vitality of the trees, we develop and implement tree management plans and provide recommendations regarding the selection, planting and nutrition of all the trees on site.

Our next trip to PNG (Bomana Stage 3) will be in early August, the work will be carried out by Cassian Humphrey's (Consultant), Mark Gistitin (Head Arborist/Climber), and Sean Tougher (Climber).

Whilst the boys are finalising the work at the Bomana War Cemetery, Wally and Arna will visit the two other cemeteries at Lae & Rabaul (See map above) to assess and scope future works.



Arna Love



*"DVA management and ground staff are truly great people - this is certainly a dream job & a very great honour to be a part of."*

**Cassian Humphreys—Senior Consulting Arborist & Arboricultural Manager**

### Industry News & Upcoming Events

#### **2010 ISAAC Annual Conference & Australian Tree Climbing Championships**

ETS were well represented at the 2010 ISAAC National Conference held in Adelaide this year. We had 8 Team members attending the conference, with one ETS representative also competing in the Australian Tree Climbing Championships. There were 35 competitors, made up of climbers from each state within Australia and a number of representatives from across the Tasman.

Mark Gistitin (pictured right), Supervisor from Northern NSW, and Head Arborist for Environmental Services represented ETS and was ranked 8th overall.



## 2010 Qld Tree Climbing Championships

This annual event will be held at Eumundi at Caplick Park, next door to the world famous Eumundi markets on the 28<sup>th</sup> of August 2010. Why not bring the whole family to this beautiful venue? A great market and the climbing competition in a beautiful setting means there will be something for everyone! Further information will be sent out during July so keep an eye out. You never know, you could go on to represent Queensland at the National Competition in Darwin next year.

## QAA Annual General Meeting - 2010

The AGM will be held on Saturday the 21<sup>st</sup> of August 2010. More details to follow soon. All members welcome!

## ArborCamp 2010

This year ArborCamp will be held at Lake McDonald on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> of October. (ArborCamp has been held there before) The theme is 'Be Prepared'. We look forward to seeing everyone there and preparations are full steam ahead!

## ETS AT ENERGY SUPPLY INDUSTRIES (ESI) FIELD DAY SYDNEY



ETS attended the ESI Field Days exhibition during May with our Jarraff attracting a lot of attention.

The ESI Field Day was hosted by Energy Australia at the Sydney Olympic Park Showground on behalf of the Industry Safety Steering Committee of NSW (Department of Industry & Investment), with the purpose of sharing industry knowledge and experience on the topic of safety.

The two-day event comprised of demonstrations, seminars, more than 80 exhibitors, hands-on activities, and team-based competitions.

More than 3000 representatives attended from the electricity supply industry, rail, mining, heavy industry, health and safety organisations and other sectors.

Both ETS Vegetation Management and ETS Electrical Services attended the event. Our 23m Jarraff was a major highlight of the exhibition with particular focus on the remote operated camera attachment.

The event was good to catch up with some of our existing clients who traveled to Sydney to attend but also a great opportunity to meet and talk with new clients as well.

A special thanks to Ross Devery and Michael Warren for driving the Jarraff 1200km from Maryborough to Sydney and also to Darren Marshall for doing a top job in mounting the camera and preparing the Jarraff.

**Troy Fazakerley—General Manager ETS Electrical and Environmental Services**



## ANZAC DAY BOMANA WAR CEMETERY PORT MORESBY — PNG

Photographs Jonathon Cowan & Cassian Humphreys of ETS Environmental Services - Dawn Service - April 25th 2010



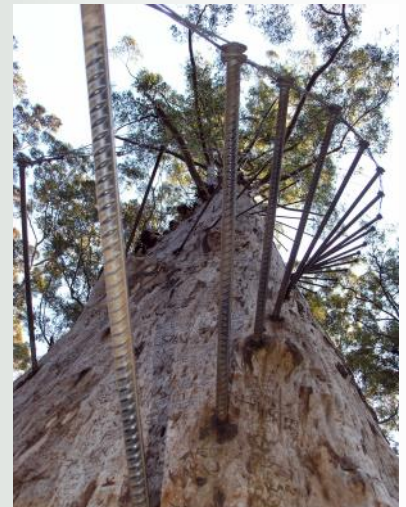
## PEMBERTON'S CLIMBING TREES—WA

### Diamond Tree Lookout—Manjimup WA

The **Diamond Tree** is a giant Karri tree located 10km South of Manjimup, Western Australia on the South Western Highway.

A wooden viewing platform built in 1939 is located 52 metres up, and is the oldest wooden platform fire look-out still in use today. The Diamond Tree is one of three climbing trees in the Southern Forests and was used as a fire lookout every summer from 1941 to 1973. The tower is still used by DEC (Department of Environment & Conservation) to support aerial surveillance from time to time. It is 51 metres high and is known for its spectacular view over the trees.

From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia



### The Gloucester Tree



Above: (Diamond Tree Lookout)  
Not designed for the faint hearted, the gruelling 51-metre climb to the top of the world's only wooden treetop tower will reward all visitors with an incredible panoramic view.

The **Gloucester Tree** is a giant karri tree in the Gloucester National Park of Western Australia. At 72 metres in height, it is the world's tallest fire-lookout tree, and visitors can climb up to a platform in its upper branches for a spectacular view of the surrounding karri forest. It is owned by the Shire of Manjimup.

Built in 1947, the Gloucester Tree was one of eight karri trees that between 1937 and 1952 were made relatively easy to climb so that they could be used as fire lookout spots.[1] The suitability of the tree as a fire lookout was tested by forester Jack Watson, who climbed the tree using climbing boots and a belt.[1] It took Watson six hours to climb 58 metres, a difficult climb due to the 7.3 metre girth of the tree and the need to negotiate through limbs from 39.6 metres up.[1]

Another forester, George Reynolds, pegged the ladder and lopped branches to facilitate climbing the tree, and a wooden lookout cabin was built 58 metres above the ground.[1] The Governor-General of Australia, Prince Henry, Duke of Gloucester, visited the site during construction, and the tree and national park are named in his honour.[1]

The wooden lookout cabin was demolished in 1973 for safety reasons, and was replaced with a steel and aluminium cabin and visitors' gallery.[1] Currently the climb is done by stepping on 153 spikes that spiral the tree. Only 20 percent of visitors climb to the top of the tree; most make it only part of the way before turning back.[2]

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## AERIAL RESCUE TRAINING—WIDE BAY REGION—MARCH 2010



## EWP TRAINING —MARCH 2010



## New Arrivals...

Below: "Madison Grace" was welcomed into the world. Beautiful little Madison is the second child for Jennie McDonald (PA to the GM Northern) and husband Brad and also a little sister for Riley.



Above: Wayne Neilsen (Training Manager Southern) and his wife Diane became proud grandparents to a precious little granddaughter "Arayah"

Below: Spunky little Miller deVerdon Pennicott, was born on 20<sup>th</sup> February 2010, weighing in at 8pound 7oz. Congratulations Leesa Pennicott (Lilydale)



Above: In Townsville Katrina Watts (Admin Assistant) gave birth to a beautiful little girl—Khali Rose Watts  
Born 12.06.10 at 9:57pm—7pound 2oz  
mum and bub were home within 4hrs of bub arriving !!



Above: Our General Manager Northern - Ashley Thomson and his partner Emma Major welcomed little "Levi" to their family.

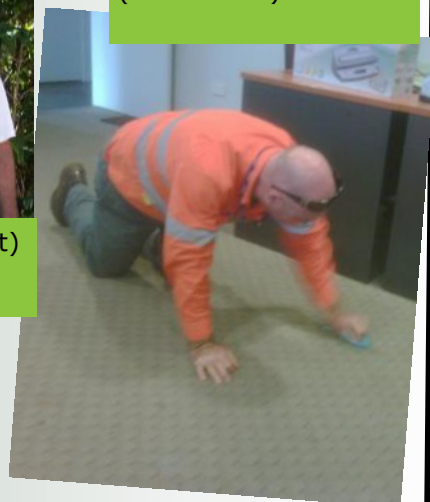
**Don't leave mud on your boots in the Yandina depot !  
Hey John.**

(John Smith)

## OUT AND ABOUT ....



Our training Manager Wayne Neilsen (far right) clearly showing his boys how it's done ????



John Ehrenberg (Climber—Sunshine Coast) dressed to impress at Ladies Oak Day 2010.



Peter, Ryan, Tahlea, John and Jessica.



**Our Ops Manager in Murwillumbah even has a Bridge named after him !!  
We always knew you were special Matt "ie".....**

## BRUCE RIDDLES TACKLES CROC NOXIOUS WEED

### Keen-eyed fisherman 'hooks' noxious weed

A THICK infestation of miconia weed on an almost vertical bank of the Johnstone River near Innisfail has been destroyed thanks to a report from a local fisherman.

Biosecurity Queensland employed the services of abseilers to reach the difficult to access area where the weed was spotted.

Tropical weed eradication project co-ordinator Mick Jeffery said the plants were discovered thanks to an alert recreational fisherman who reported the infestation.

"He recognised the distinctive purple underside of miconia's large leaf from a Biosecurity Queensland advertisement published in a local newspaper," he said.

Mr Jeffery said the dense thick-  
et of miconia was halfway down the bank and only an abseiler operating safely could effectively access the weed and remove it.



**Clean up:** Contractor Bruce Riddle gets tough on a miconia weed infestation.

"This is an example where support from the public, the media and the council working together has directly helped us to identify and destroy this particularly nasty weed," he said.

Miconia is one of the world's most invasive plants with the potential to take over Australia's tropical and sub-tropical rainforests.



**Submitted by Ken Hanigan — Operations Manager Cairns.**

"Bruce and I did this job for Biosecurity Queensland a few weeks ago. What they didn't mention in the story was that a 16ft crocodile lives directly under where Bruce is pictured and they were too scared to try and get down the bank to do it. I volunteered as Safety Observer and Croc spotter for the operation and sent Bruce down the bank."

**Nice of you to leave Bruce to wrestle the croc Ken !!!**

## ANOTHER WORKSHOP FOR ETS



Scott Lewin joined the ETS team in April heading up the workshop in Murwillumbah.

**How long have you worked for ETS?**

8 weeks

**If you could be doing anything else, what?**

Drinking a pallet of cold crownies

**What one word would you use to describe yourself?**

Legend Dad

**What one word would your friends use to describe you?**

Slack

**What do you find most annoying?**

Ex-Wives

**What has been the happiest day of your life?**

Tomorrow

## FLEET UPDATE

The start of 2010 has seen quite a few personnel changes within the Fleet Department take place, as well as new equipment coming through and a new workshop set up.

Firstly, in February Dayle Frost was promoted to the role of Fleet Maintenance Supervisor. Dayle has been with ETS for around four years now and has a wealth of knowledge that needed to be utilised. He has attacked (yes that's right) the role with a huge amount of enthusiasm and vigour, with our workshops and ETS as a whole, reaping the benefits of having Dayle in this pivotal role. He has been on the road for much of that time ensuring that our workshops, mechanics and vehicles are all functioning at optimum levels and achieving the highest standards possible.

Yandina has seen a few changes as well. Unfortunately two of our mechanics moved on within a few weeks of each other in February, and ETS was able to recruit two very good mechanics in a short timeframe, ensuring that our M&R did not fall too far behind. Steve Scott and Ted Russell have settled in and are now part of the furniture at Yandina. I would also like to congratulate Dylan Claus on successfully completing his apprenticeship and becoming a fully fledged tradie.

As a result of Dayle's promotion, Darren Marshall was promoted to Head Mechanic at Maryborough and a new mechanic – Quentin Wilson – was recruited to fill the vacant role.

April saw ETS start up its seventh workshop at the Murwillumbah depot with Scott Lewin coming on board. Scott spent his initial few weeks setting up the workshop and learning about ETS processes. We also welcome Scott Cupitt, who has joined us as a first year apprentice reporting to Martin Beckett in Rocky. Scott has hit the ground running and has already spent plenty of time in Mackay assisting with the servicing and repairs on the fleet up there.

The end of April saw Maree Walters start as Fleet Administrator at Lilydale. Maree's role is new and includes ensuring that our vehicles are registered, insured, financed, have fuel cards as well as maintaining our FleetMEX database amongst other things. Maree has previously worked at Hanson Construction Materials in a similar role and will prove to be an asset to the company.

ETS has been able to recruit some excellent new blood as well as promoting from within. I would like to take this opportunity to welcome the newcomers and congratulate those who have 'stepped up', and if you see any of our new Fleet employees around introduce yourself and say Hello.

Bill Simmons

National Fleet & Maintenance Manager

"ETS has been able to recruit some excellent new blood as well as promoting from within."



Dylan Clauss from Yandina modelling the new rain jacket



Hey, Where's my reversing observer??  
(Bill Simmons's daughter Jade )



Steve Scott —  
Head Mechanic—Yandina—hard at it....

## CYCLONE HITS THE NORTH

On March 21st 2010 Cyclone Ului crossed the Qld coast between Bowen and Mackay as a category 3. The eye of the storm went directly over the Whitsunday islands, Airlie beach and Proserpine with destructive winds up to 200 kph causing significant damage to private property and the Ergon network.

ETS Operations Manager, Alex West, booked his room for Saturday night in an Airlie Beach apartment. Once Ului's path was predicted, "Westy" was able to give regular updates on the storms status throughout the night with howling winds roaring in the background.

The following morning "Westy" was well positioned to evaluate the devastation caused by fallen trees. Power had been lost to approximately 48,000 customers with many waiting up to four days before the fridge came back on. ETS had gathered crews numbering 60 guys at times from Gladstone, Rocky, Mackay and Townsville and a large sub-contract contingent from Mossman/Port Douglas. All crews attending the cyclone clean-up work should be commended for their dedication and commitment to getting the job done and maintaining safe work

practices in an otherwise unsafe environment. ETS had the job of clearing vegetation from hundreds of kilometres of network with the aim of restoring power as quick as possible. Ergon has praised ETS employees and it's subcontractors, MPDTL (Tim's guys), for the amazing effort given during this period.

In addition to powerline cleanup our crews attended over 70 insurance claims across the region including removing large trees laying on houses, fences and cars. I'd seen Roberta Fraser and Tony Connolly's crew remove two huge Radiata pines resting precariously on a claimants' two storey house which took a high level of skill, experience and crew communication to

after seeing a successful demonstration of our ability to undertake large scale vegetation removal at the Proserpine Airport Carpark. From this we ran 2 crews including 2 Jarraff's full time over the following 2 months cleaning up the council parks and roadside verges.

ETS employees involved in the cleanup should be proud of the way they handled the long hours and difficult conditions safely without an incident occurring. We have once again shown ETS has the ability to react quickly and manage disaster cleanups with great success.

Well Done to all involved !!

Brian Jeffrey—Area Manager

"ETS employees involved in the cleanup should be proud of the way they handled the long hours and difficult conditions safely without an incident occurring."

perform safely.

Westy's effort in organising crews in the Proserpine/Airlie Beach area was outstanding in a somewhat chaotic environment. Whitsunday council sought the services of ETS



A great shot of "TC" hard at work (Tony Connolly)



# TANE MAHUTA—FAMOUS TREE OF NZ

*From Wikipedia, the free encyclopaedia*

**Tāne Mahuta** is a giant kauri tree (*Agathis australis*) in the Waipoua Forest of Northland Region, New Zealand. Its age is unknown but is estimated to be between 1250 and 2500 years old. Its Maori name means "Lord of the Forest" (see Tāne), from the name of a god in the Maori pantheon.

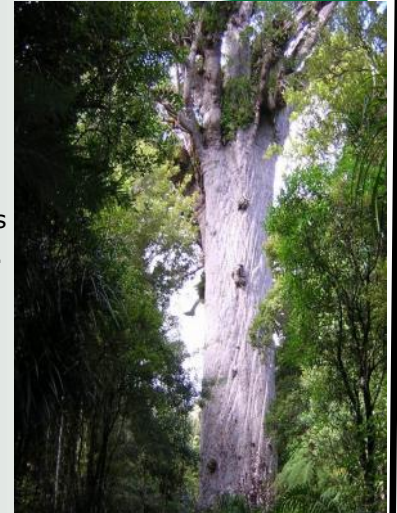
Tāne Mahuta is the largest kauri known to stand today, and has the following measurements:[1] Trunk girth 13.77 m (45.18 ft), Trunk height 17.68 m (58 ft), Total height 51.2 m (167.98 ft), Trunk volume 244.5 m<sup>3</sup>, Total volume including the crown 516.7 m<sup>3</sup>[2].

The tree is a remnant of the ancient subtropical rainforest that once grew on the North Auckland Peninsula. Other giant kauri are found nearby, notably Te Matua Ngahere. Tāne Mahuta is the most famous tree in New Zealand, along with Te Matua Ngahere. It is thought it was discovered (by Westerners, as it was already known to Maori) and identified in the 1920s when contractors surveyed the present State Highway 12 route through the forest. In 1928 Nicholas Yakas and other bushmen, who were building the road, also identified the tree.

According to Maori mythology Tāne is the son of Ranginui the sky father and Papatuanuku the earth mother. Tāne was the child that tore his parent's parental embrace and once done set about clothing his mother in the forest we have today. All living creatures of the forest are regarded as Tāne's children.

In April 2009, Tane Mahuta was partnered with Jōmon Sugi on Yakushima, Japan.[3]

Tāne Mahuta is one of the most famous trees in New Zealand.



The giant kauri tree -Tāne Mahuta

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## ETS CLIMBERS



## OUT AND ABOUT WITH ADMIN ....

### Administration Coordinator—QLD

Congratulations to Sandi Willitt (pictured right) who has accepted the newly created position of Administration Coordinator for Queensland. This position will see Sandi working closely with the QLD Ergon Contracts to ensure the timely and efficient running of the administration function.

Sandi will have a direct involvement in the administration of each office, coordinating processes to ensure each office stays on top of their workload. Sandi will also be coordinating the inductions of new Admin staff into any Queensland contract to ensure we are taking a standardised approach to training.

Congratulations Sandi.

(Thanks must also go to Sarah Whatson who proposed this idea as part of her project for her Certificate IV in Frontline Management. Well done Sarah!)



"A wonderful message was received on our answering machine this morning, when a call from one of our crews ringing in their DLR ended with, Have a great day, Luv ya's! We're spreading the love one call at a time throughout ETS."

I really think it was a slip of the tongue, but still a lovely one.....

(Anonymous Submission.)



Amanda Matheson  
Sunshine Coast

Happy Belated Birthday Lana.  
(Murwillumbah)



Amy McKee joins our Rocky depot as our new full time Administration Assistant.



Casey Smith (Office Manager )  
Murwillumbah depot starting playing Soccer again.. Nice Hat Casey !!



Welcome also to Alice Brack and Claire Anderson in WA and Kylee Jenner in Maryborough, Maybe a photo for the next magazine ?



Team Building for our Townsville Ladies involved a night out at a Jimmy Barnes concert !!  
(Sharon Rycen, Vicki Phinn and Jimmy.....)

Brittany Satchell

Trainee HR and Training Assistant Yandina



Lana, Casey and Rochelle (Field Worker Murwillumbah) out and about .

## CLIMBING COURSE —DEVONPORT

In mid April I had a very enjoyable week conducting a successful climbing course for four of our employees from our depot in Devonport. The employees involved in the course were David Van Brecht, John Barker, Kade Ellis and Peter Schindler. The weather was very kind especially as I was down from Cairns and we spent three days honing climbing and balance skills in a large 40mt + tree in the Bur-

nie district. The first day was spent going through the safety side of things and learning the required knots and when to use them. Day two started with everyone keen to get going and after travelling to the site we did some spiked climbing to get warmed up then moved onto spikeless climbing by way of prussiking and with the use of an ascender and a gri gri (the guys discovered muscles that they never knew they had). Days three and four followed much the same

vein with the addition of rescues, branch walking and practice with throw bags to set ropes in the tree tops. The last day the rain moved in and the day was spent indoors recapping all the elements of the previous four days and completing the assessments required. All in all it was a great week and I wish those involved all the best and keep safe.

**Bruce Riddle**  
**Training Manager Northern**



## ETS TO MATCH WORKPLACE GIVING DONATIONS

Thanks to all our amazing workplace giving participants we have managed to donate an incredible total of \$6,370 to the chosen charities for the last 12 months This is split as follows:

Cancer Council Australia \$2,365

RSPCA \$1,330

Starlight Children's Foundation \$2,675



All 3 charities are very thankful for the monthly donations & want to pass on their appreciation. They have all said how helpful it is to know that they will be receiving the regular donations from us. As we record the donations via the payroll they don't have to issue individual receipts and this saves them a lot of time & money.

We have great news for current participants as well as for anyone considering joining up. **To kick start the new financial year ETS will match all employee workplace giving donations for the month of September.** Therefore for every \$1 donated by employees, \$2 will be donated to their chosen charity - so there has never been a better time to join up.

For further information Workplace Giving information sheets and application forms can be obtained from your local office. If you still have any further questions about the program & how you can make tax deductible donations via your pay please call Mel on 03 9237 1716 or email [mhoward@easterntrees.com](mailto:mhoward@easterntrees.com).

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## NEW OPERATIONS MANAGER—TOOWOOMBA

### What is your Name?

Jason King

### What is your position?

Operations Manager - Toowoomba

### How long have you worked for ETS?

1 week (5 minutes)

### What is the most embarrassing moment you have had?

Too explicit for this type of publication.

### If you could be doing anything else, what?

Jumping out of perfectly good aeroplanes for no particular reason.

(Professional SkyDiver)

### What one word would you use to describe yourself?

Easy

### What one word would your friends use to describe you?

Goodbloke

### What do you find most annoying?

Liars

### What has been the happiest day of your life?

Birth of my daughter



Jason started with ETS on the 1st June 2010. Jason is new to the vegetation industry and is looking forward to the challenge this role will bring. Special thanks must go to Jeff Bain who has decided to step down from this position. Jeff put a huge effort into the role and he even stayed on to help Jason transition into the role. Jeff will stay on as a crew member in Toowoomba. Thanks Jeff.



Mel Howard (Office Manager Lilydale) went tandem sky diving on her recent trip to NZ. I asked Mel why she decided to go sky diving and her reply:

***"just something I decided I had to do in my lifetime, and you never know when your time is going to be up so I thought I better do it sooner rather than later. Taupo in NZ is meant to be one of the best places to jump, so couldn't let the opportunity pass us by."***



***They had a cool motto:  
Fear is temporary.  
Achievement is permanent.***

For those of you who (like our GM) are impressed by the latest technology and need to keep up with the latest trends. Beware the new Iphone has one drawback - "The Size of the Charger!" see right hand, can you spot the Iphone? Oh there it is, between the thumb and forefinger



## ETS CREWS WORKING ON COUNTRY ENERGY CONTRACTS

### Goondiwindi, Deniliquin and Leeton

Over the past 6 - 12 months we have had continual growth in our crew numbers working on our three rural Country Energy contracts in Goondiwindi, Deniliquin and Leeton

ETS is now running 7 EWP's, 2 Chipper Tippers, and a number of Groundline vehicles across these contract areas

The crews in Goondiwindi and Deniliquin are also completing street tree work for the local

shires on a regular basis.

In recent weeks ETS has kicked off a Forest Mulcher which will be working in the Leeton and Deniliquin Country Energy contract areas over the next few months.

At the request of Country Energy, all of the crews working in these three contract areas have found themselves working in different areas of NSW completing emergency work that Country Energy has required at short notice. Feedback from Country Energy in relation to

the work that all these crews have been completing has been very positive.

All of the guys working in these contracts are keen and looking forward to kicking off their Certificate 3 in Arboriculture in the coming months.

Keep up the good work guys!

**Nick Clark**

**Health, Safety and Environment Manager**



Mick Warren has committed to quit smoking as of June 30. He had a deal with Kelvin Pope (FEDC) that if Kelvin quit smoking until the 30th of June he too would quit. Kelvin has so far kept up his end of the deal and Mick is well aware that his smoking days are coming to an end. Mick has also recently purchased a mountain bike and rides almost every day - he even takes it with him when he is away - and may soon be a great role model for healthy living!!! As it is now past 30th June anyone who knows Mick make sure you get an update on the non-smoking and bike riding efforts... Hopefully both are still going well. Good on you Mick...

## ACROSS THE COMPANY...



Above: Damian Torre (HR & OHSE Manager) *far left* and Kay McCue (Facilitator IBE Training) *far right* congratulate our most recent graduates of a Certificate IV in Frontline Management - Gavin Thomas, David Grohn, Stewart Peake, Arna Love, Dan Keskinan, Matt O'Neill, Colin Karl, Jennie McDonald, Bruce Riddle, Sarah Watson and Jeff Bain.— Congratulations to all.



Above: First aid training in Murwillumbah

Selection process for Westy's away crew.....

"Fishing ✓ Beer ✓ more fishing ✓"

Wayne—You're  
Hired !!!!!



Below: LaMP (Leadership and Management Course) held in Rockhampton and facilitated by Kay McCue of IBE Training.



## GAP TRAINING ROLLS OUT ....



# ALL THINGS EWP ....

John Wallace recently attended the 29th International Trade Fair for Construction Machinery, Building Material Machines, Mining Machines, Construction Vehicles and Construction Equipment. This is the largest trade fair in the world and spans over 16 acres. The fair showcases new innovative types of equipment.

Over 415,000 visitors from more than 200 countries attended the fair.

John went up in a 55 metre tower, but didn't manage to get up in the 112 metre, which was the largest tower !



Below : One of our Sunshine Coast Crews hard at work up in the Montville Hinterland area.



Above: Matt O' Neill (Ops Manager Murwillumbah) takes Lana Mayo (Administration Assistant Murwillumbah) up in an EWP



Left and Below: Dean Morcombe (Yandina) takes Petrina Williams (HR Advisor) and Brittony Satchell (Trainee HR Assistant) up in an EWP while the crew watches on...

Below: One of our Northern Crews out and about



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To better serve the diverse application needs of contractors and municipalities, the BC1800XL is available with four Tier 3 diesel engine options – 115 hp (86 kW), 125 hp (93 kW), 140 hp (104 kW), and 170 hp (127 kW). A 20" x 24" (50 cm x 61 cm) infeed opening is equipped with vertical feed rollers with helical cleats to help hold material down against the feed table for reduced vibration and shock loading to the rear of the machine.

The BC1800XL also features the patented SmartFeed control system which monitors engine rpm and automatically stops or reverses the feed rollers when feeding large, hardwood material. With three SmartFeed settings to fit the project's specific needs, this advanced system can increase productivity while reducing strain on vital engine parts.

**Help improve chipping productivity.**

The SmartFeed system monitors engine rpm and automatically stops and / or reverses the feed rollers to enhance production. This system also senses feed roller jams and manipulates the material automatically to reduce the need for manual control bar use.

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**Easily lift heavy material.**

An optional winch allows operators to move large logs effortlessly. The 150' (45 m) winch line can handle logs up to 2000 lb (907 kg) and can automatically lift the log onto the feed table.



**Smooth feeding.**

Vertical feed rollers with helical cleats help hold material firmly to the infeed table which reduces vibration, shock, and structural loading to the rear of the machine.

## Brush Chipper

### Operator safety.

Combined with the patented Bottom Feed Stop Bar is a four-position upper feed control bar with dual stop and forward / reverse feed positions. Mounted over the feed table, this control enables the operator to stop the feed rollers and select forward or reverse operations. Dual reset / hold-to-run buttons allow the operator to readily reset both bars.

### BC1800XL Specifications

**General**  
Length: 177" (450 cm)  
Height: 110" (279 cm)  
Width: 80" (203 cm)  
Weight with winch and hydraulic jacks: 9740 to 10900 kg  
Weight bar winch and hydraulic jacks: 9570 to 10700 kg

**Engine Options**  
Make and model: John Deere P540A5714F230 Tier 3  
Horsepower: 115 hp (86 kW) @ 2400 rpm  
Max torque: 517 ft-lb (698 Nm) @ 1500 rpm  
Fuel type: Diesel  
Number of cylinders: 4  
Cooling medium: Liquid

Make and model: John Deere P540A5714F230 Tier 3  
Horsepower: 125 hp (93 kW) @ 2400 rpm  
Max torque: 555 ft-lb (754 Nm) @ 1500 rpm  
Fuel type: Diesel  
Number of cylinders: 4  
Cooling medium: Liquid

Make and model: John Deere P540A5714F230 Tier 3  
Horsepower: 140 hp (104 kW) @ 2400 rpm  
Max torque: 587 ft-lb (796 Nm) @ 1500 rpm  
Fuel type: Diesel  
Number of cylinders: 4  
Cooling medium: Liquid

Make and model: Cummins Q260A.5 Tier 3  
Horsepower: 170 hp (127 kW) @ 2400 rpm  
Max torque: 660 ft-lb (894 Nm) @ 1500 rpm  
Fuel type: Diesel  
Number of cylinders: 4  
Cooling medium: Liquid

**Electrical**  
System voltage: 12 Volt DC, 95 amp alternator  
Lights: front, rear, side, brake and tail marker lights

**Capacities**  
Fuel tank: 30 gal (113.5 L)  
Hydraulic tank: 12 gal (45.4 L)

**Chassis**  
Frame: C channel, 10" x 6.2 lb (2.7 kg)  
Tires: 20.5/13R17.5 Load Range J  
Axle suspension: 10000 lb (4536 kg) Deere  
Hydro. Pumps: 2.3/2.7 @ 2000 rpm

**Cutting System**  
Cutterhead speed: 1100 rpm  
Drum size: 36" (91 cm) diameter  
Drum thickness: .375" (1 cm)  
 knives: 4 knives: 14.5" x 10" x .825" (368 x 254 x 21 mm)  
Backhoe: 4 sided: 31" x 30.25" x 1.25" (787 x 768 x 31 mm)  
Chute: 1.5" (38 mm) opening loaded auto cut

**Feed System**  
Chipping capacity: 10" (25 cm)  
Infeed opening height: 20" (51 cm)  
Infeed opening width: 20" (51 cm)  
Feed table length: 60.5" (1538 cm)  
Feed table height: 30.5" (776 cm)  
Feed roller style: Twin vertical, helical cleats  
Feed speed: 110 ft/min (34 m/min)

**Discharge System**  
Discharge height: 110" (279.4 cm)  
Degree of rotation: 270 deg

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Not only does the BC1200XL tear through material up to 12" (30.5 cm) in diameter, its patented productivity enhancements help make the job easier for you. Our exclusive SmartFeed system automatically monitors engine speed and stops or reverses the feed rollers if needed, reducing strain on the engine. The dual-pump hydraulic system helps deliver an impressive 3600 lb (1632.9 kg) of theoretical pull-in force for the heavy work. The operator controls are conveniently located close to the feed area, helping you monitor the machine while it works.

The BC1200XL includes a number of exclusive safety features. The strategically located Bottom Feed Stop Bar makes it possible for an operator's leg to either intentionally or automatically strike the bar and shut off the feed mechanism in an emergency. The optional winch features a new patent-pending winch line interlock, which requires the end of the winch line to be attached to an interlock hook in order for the feed rollers to be operable.

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**Dual horizontal offset feed rollers** improve performance by aggressively grabbing and feeding material to the drum. The offset helps the upper feed roller climb over big logs or material with lots of branches or forks.



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**Engine options to fit your needs.** With two Cummins diesel engine options providing 85 hp (63.4 kW) or 110 hp (82 kW), contractors have the ability to choose an appropriate horsepower option based on their jobsite. A steel engine enclosure helps provide additional durability.

Brush Chipper

## BC1200XL Specifications

### General

Weight (with winch): 5600 lb (2540.1 kg)  
Weight (without winch): 5325 lb (2415.4 kg)  
Transport length: 14' (4.3 cm)  
Width: 79" (200.7 cm)  
Height: 103" (261.6 cm)

### Engine Options

Make/Model: Cummins Q560.3 Turbo Tier 3  
Horsepower: 110 hp (82 kW)  
Max torque: 304 ft-lb (412.2 Nm) @1600 rpm  
Fuel type: Diesel  
Number of cylinders: 4  
Cooling medium: Liquid  
Make/Model: Cummins B3.3TAA Turbo Tier 3  
Horsepower: 85 hp (63.4 kW)  
Max torque: 215 ft-lb (303.7 Nm) @1600 rpm  
Fuel type: Diesel  
Number of cylinders: 4  
Cooling medium: Liquid

### Capacities

Fuel tank: 75 gal (94.6 L)  
Hydraulic tank: 12 gal (45.4 L)

### Cutting System

Drum size: 20" dia. x 20" (50.8 cm dia. x 50.8 cm) wide  
Speed: 2000 rpm  
Knives: Two A8 chipper steel  
Shear bar: Four useable edges

### Feed/Discharge System

Infeed throat/feed capacity: 13" x 17" (33 cm x 43.2 cm)  
Infeed opening: 52" x 32" (132.1 cm x 81.3 cm)  
Feed table length: 30.1" (76.3 cm)  
Feed table height: 32" (81.3 cm)  
Feed roller style: Dual horizontal offset  
Infeed rate: 0 fpm - 122 fpm (0 m/min - 37.2 m/min)

### Chassis

Frame: 7" x 25" (17.8 cm x 6.4 cm) Z-channel  
Tires (option 1): ST225/80R16 Load Range E  
Tires (option 2): ST285/75R16 Load Range E  
Axle/suspension: 7000 lb (3175.2 kg) rubber torsion  
Electric brakes with breakaway switch

### Electrical

System voltage: 12 V  
Lights: Brake, turn, tail, license, side indicators



**A clutchless PTO system** reduces premature wear to the belt-drive system by preventing high-speed engagement of the cutter drum. The throttle is integrated with the belt drive to help ensure the PTO can be engaged only while the engine is at low speed.



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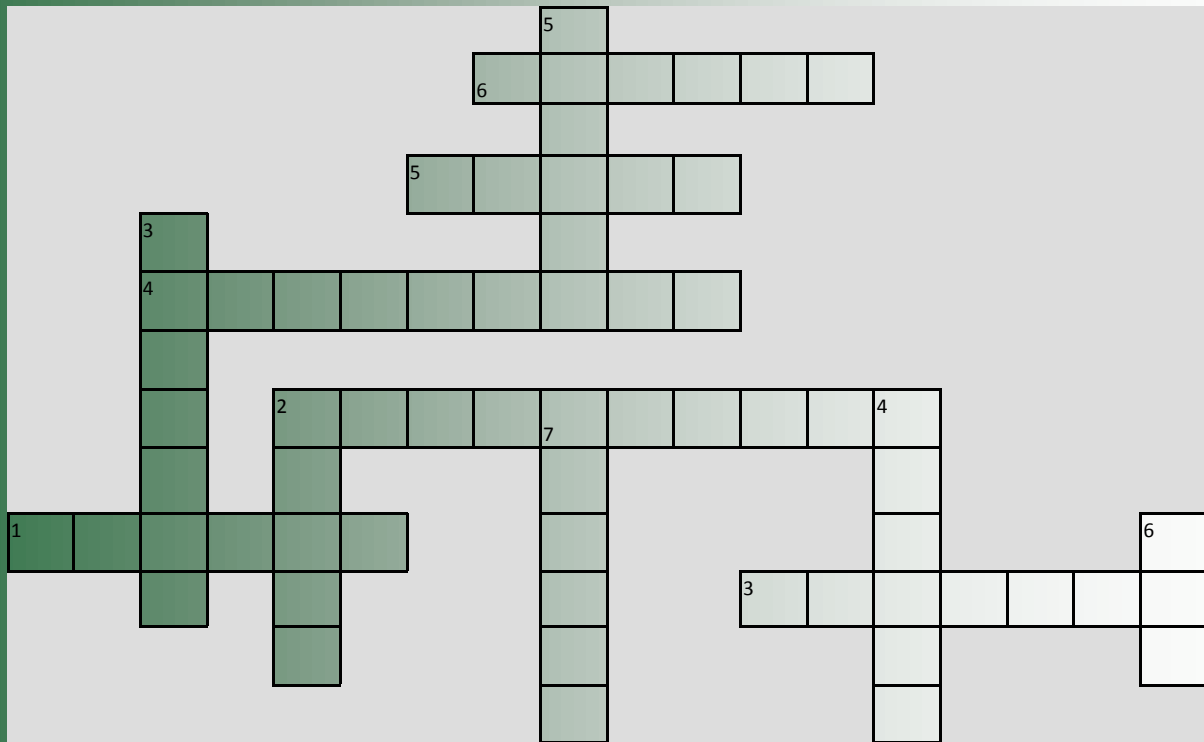
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Thank you to everyone who contributed to this edition of the ETS Magazine. For contributions to the Spring edition, please email:

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## Across:

1. Theo \_\_\_\_\_ was exposed to 22000 volts of electricity
2. The \_\_\_\_\_ tree is a giant karri tree in WA
3. One of the world's most invasive plants
4. The Johnstone River is location near this North Queensland Town
5. John Wallace recently attended the 29th International \_\_\_\_\_ fair.
6. Tane Mahuta—Famous Tree of NZ, Maori names Lord of the \_\_\_\_\_

## Down:

2. Surname of the Principal Environment Advisor for Energex
3. Name of the lookout in Manjimup Western Australian is the \_\_\_\_\_ Tree Lookout.
4. Aerial \_\_\_\_\_ Training was done in Wide Bay in March
5. Name of the War Cemetery in PNG that ETS Environmental Services is working with.
6. \_\_\_\_\_ training rolled out
7. One of our workplace giving charities is the \_\_\_\_\_ Council

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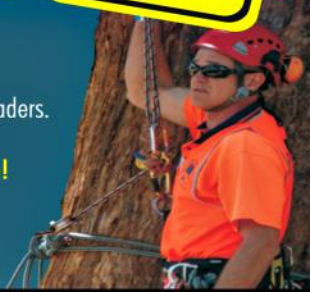
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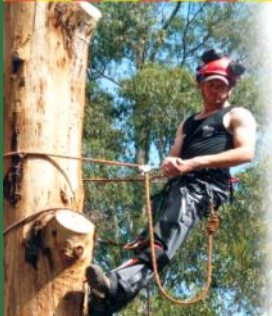


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