

## Report on a Visit to the Unity Water Tree plant

A great run-down on what's happening at the site - read more [here](#).



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### **Green Hills regrets that we have to cancel our regular bushcare group meeting for this Sunday 15th June.**

We were looking forward to commencing planting the area around the big bend in the Obi Obi opposite the Uniting Church - thanks very much to Mark Amos from Lake Baroon Catchment care for building the fence in the last few weeks and to Barung Landcare for clearing and preparing the land for planting.

Unfortunately the planting scheme for the site has not been finalised by Council, obliging us to put our plans on hold, at least temporarily. We expect to reschedule later this month.

Please accept our apologies and watch your emails for updates.

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## **The Precinct – Tourist Dream**

**Maleny is home to a thriving day tourism industry, a unique community culture, exceptional natural assets, and a great natural park in the making, the Obi Obi Parklands (aka the Maleny Community Precinct) with international iconic potential.**

**At a public meeting convened by Green Hills on 28 September 2013, many expressed surprise that the tourism potential of the parklands had never been considered during planning, and that it remained a blank on Council's strategic agenda.**

**Green Hills President Steven Lang explored the subject in a researched speech to Maleny Chamber of Commerce on 9 October 2013.**

**Green Hills published a short, readable report based on the research which we distributed widely, including to Sunshine Coast Destination.**

**Six months later and we hear the topic is at last gaining traction. Great!**

[Read Steven's speech.](#)

[Read the report.](#)



**No caption needed - we did this! (and more...)**

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**A must see map**

A great 'simplified map' that shows the planting areas on the Precinct. Click on the file name below

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[PRECINCT MAP V1-3.pdf](#).

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## What's It All About?

In the midst of all the politicking about the riparian corridor, it's easy to forget what's at stake: a creek,

wetlands, plants, animals, insects and birds. Including, among the birds, the exquisite [Latham's Snipe](#).

The Maleny Precinct is home to about 6 or 8 Latham's snipes, a migratory bird slightly larger than a pee wee.

Each year, October to March, they feed in the long grass edges of the Precinct's wetlands on worms, snails, grubs and other boneless creatures, storing energy for [an epic flight to Siberia](#). There, they find a mate, breed, and after rearing their young, fly all the way back to Maleny.

The wetlands and the Obi Obi riparian area down to Gardners Falls are home to an amazing 150 species of bird, a surprising diversity of mammals including platypus and echidna. Green Hills Director, Dr Les Hall has also compiled a list of [31 species that are threatened or listed for special protection](#). A dedicated observer even found a never before identified dragon fly on the Obi Obi, at the eastern end of the Precinct.

Restored and re-vegetated, the riparian and wetland areas on the Precinct will create refuges for a host of wildlife species. Connectivity with other riparian corridors will enable wildlife to move safely around the Blackall Range and assist their survival during drought. The creek itself, buffered by plantations, will be clean and healthy to the benefit of people and wildlife alike.

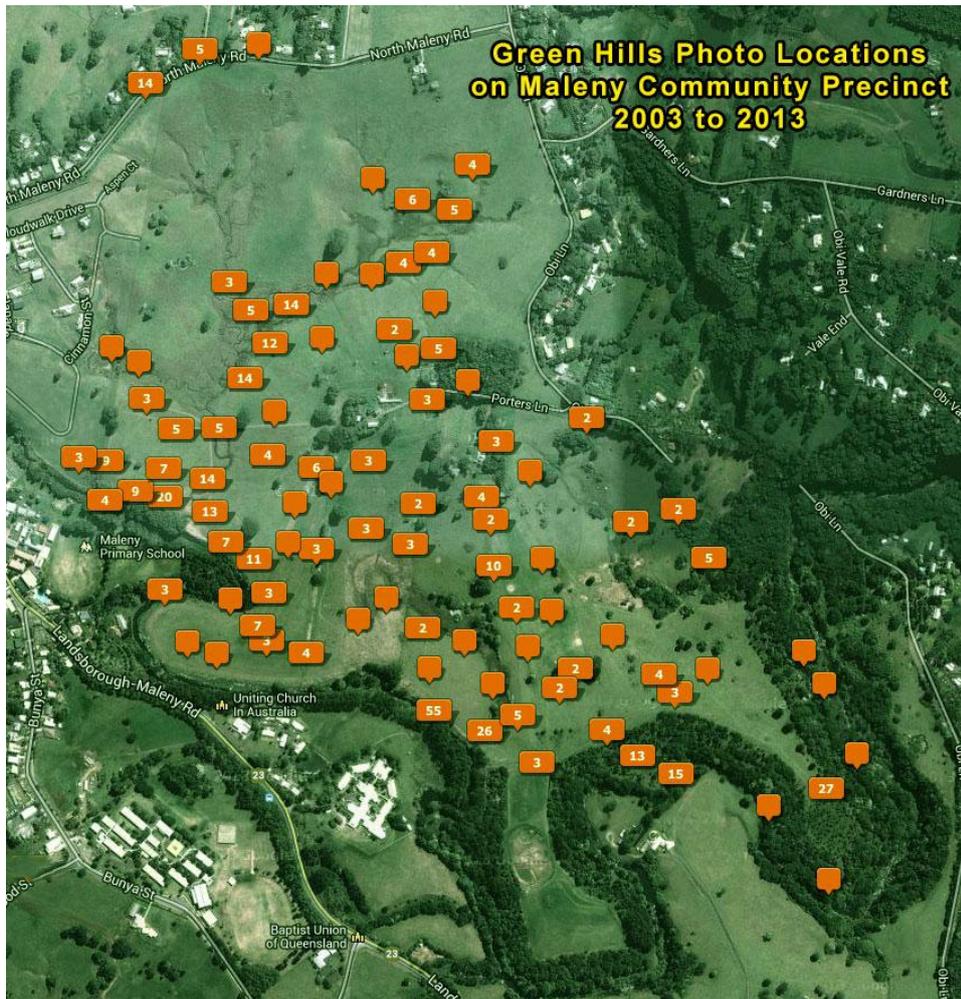
That's what it's all about.

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## The Precinct in Pictures

Green Hills Director Steve Swayne has compiled a [Green Hills' photo archive](#) - a pictorial representation of our activities on the Precinct over the past 10 years. The orange tags on this map show where we have taken photos. Steve Swayne

has also made a brief video showing what's been done on the Precinct - breathtaking! Find it [here](#).



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## Unitywater Tree Plant

Once again, Steve Swayne has recorded work on the Precinct - catch the video [here](#).