

TAMBO BLUFF LANDCARE/COASTCARE GROUP

A tribute to the work of those who had a vision.

Tambo Bluff Landcare/Coastcare Group commenced 26 years ago with a vision of what a neglected area of old farming land, botched up by a greedy developer, could look like when you have vision, determination, passion and drive. The vision was one from Jonathan Smith who could see a future for this derelict, barren place; a place which had the most beautiful natural assets.

Able assisted by Maurice Burns, (Secretary) and Barry Healey, (Treasurer) plus a very small handful of helpers, work commenced on changing the face of Tambo Bluff.

Tambo Bluff was considered the poor relation in the Metung area; few people ventured to see it, those not living there had no idea of the natural assets that existed, no understanding of the ecology in this wonderful environment, and certainly no vision for its future.

The efforts made under the guidance of Jonathan can only be described as a continuous slog against all odds; they endured the knockers, a council who had no interest in Tambo Bluff at the time, together with other agencies who saw it as a lost cause; however, persistence overcomes resistance and Jonathan pressed on with his vision, gathered a trusty Secretary, Treasurer and a handful of others and pressed on with positive determination. What a credit this is to these people who achieved so much, but said little, and got on with the job.

The work that has been achieved under the guidance of these Office Bearers has to be seen to be believed. A barren, ugly landscape has been transformed into what is to us, and should be to East Gippsland, the transformation of a denuded landscape into something locals and visitors can all enjoy today; All achieved because a vision existed, combined with drive and dogged determination.

To Jonathan, Maurice and Barry, what has been achieved in 26 years since TBLC commenced in 1992 is truly amazing, one has to see it to believe it!

On behalf of all members I wish to pay tribute to Jonathan, Maurice and Barry. You have selflessly put this vision first since its inception, the work has been outstanding; in fact unbelievable, and the results of your dedication is an area you can be justly proud of. Congratulations on this remarkable work, it is indeed absolutely incredible. I know just what has gone into this work, the transformation we see today is truly unbelievable. Indeed an amazing achievement.

To Jonathan, for his dedication and vision, to Maurice for his outstanding work as Secretary, and to Barry, Treasurer, who has provided all forms of practical work and equipment to get the job done, we thank you so much. Your work has been absolutely extraordinary.

I would also like to pay tribute to Annie Marshall and her excellent contribution to Tambo Bluff particularly in relation to her educational artwork and signage along the walking paths. All who walk in Tambo Bluff can enjoy this and learn much about this very special environment.

In recent years we have been fortunate to have new members come on board who have shown us what they too can achieve with a vision, together with their hard work and determination. They now pick up the cudgels and move forward to continue the wonderful work that Jonathan, Maurice and Barry have achieved.

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It is important that they receive our utmost support as they continue going forward with this venture. Best wishes to the new office bearers for continued success, you are doing a great job, and have huge shoes to fill.

Kind regards,

Marion Dawson

Tambo Bluff Landcare/Coastcare Representative.