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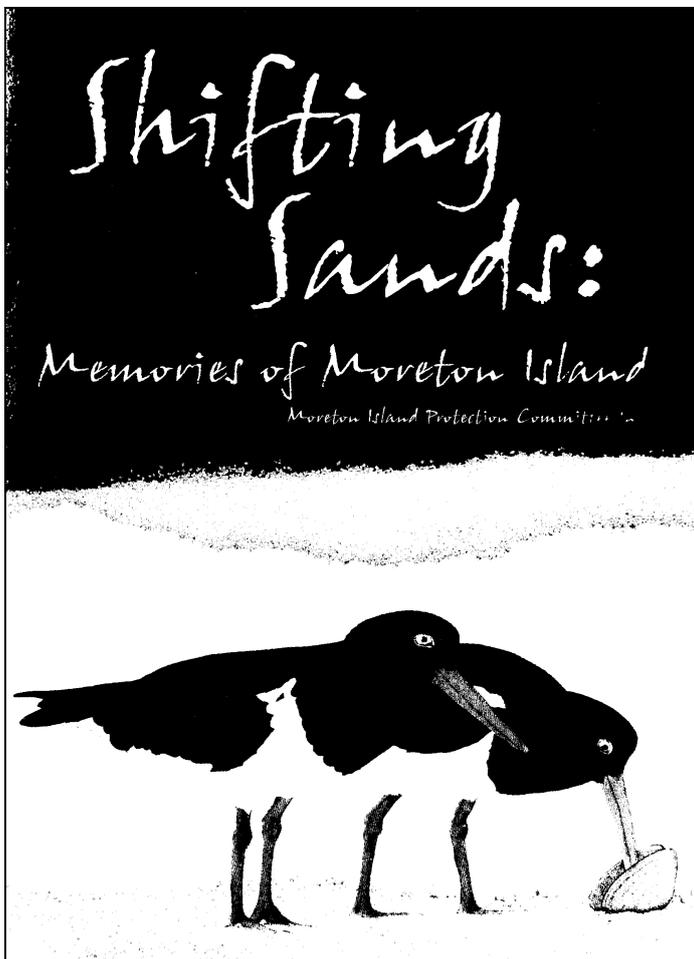
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Shifting Sands published by Moreton Island Protection Committee



Shifting Sands is a blending of historically valuable stories and photographs from lighthouse keepers and their descendants, whaling workers, World War II veterans, environmentalists, fisherman, Minjerribah-Moorgumpin Elders, tourist operators, barge operators and others.

The book has been sourced from tapes made by MIPC members interviewing people with stories to tell about Moreton Island. These tapes have been deposited in the John Oxley Library. Most of the photographs have been donated from the private collections and have not been

previously published.

The resulting book reveals the relationships between 'people' and the 'place' of Moreton Island Memories. The publication has been made possible by grants from the Brisbane City Council and by voluntary work by MIPC members.

Official Launch of *Shifting Sands*

At Museum of Brisbane City Hall

Tuesday 18th October 2005, 6 – 8 pm

An invitation to all MIPC members has been sent by post.

RSVP by 12th October to Museum of Brisbane.

Dress casual. MIPC T Shirt superb

Guest speakers with a historical connection to Moreton. Champagne, Renew, Rejoice, Converse

Other Promotions

BCC Toowong Library

Saturday 22 October 10.30 am

Promotion of *Shifting Sands* All Welcome!

Located in Toowong Village above railway station.

Speakers, Readings, Entertainment, Morning Tea

MIPC T Shirts still cool.

Minjerribah-Moorgumpin Elders, Dunwich

Group member of MIPC.

Boosting *Shifting Sands* Friday 7th October 11am

At office: 2 Mitchell Crescent **Dunwich North Stradbroke**

Short walk from the ferry. All Welcome! Especially MIPC T Shirts. Please register with MIPC if attending.

At Cleveland – ferry 10.15 am or water taxi 10.30 am

Cost \$15 see Page 3 for order form *Dennis Maher*

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Statement of Aims

1. To promote the preservation of Moreton Island as a natural area to be managed for public recreation and enjoyment, provided always that the recreational uses are consistent with conservation aims.

2. To foster the conservation of the vegetation, fauna and natural features of Moreton.

3. To facilitate public awareness and appreciation of Moreton Island as a natural area and encourage support for its preservation and management in accordance with these objects.

4. To co-operate with, or promote co-operation by any means with and among persons, trusts, corporations, firms, associations, institutions, governments, instrumentalities or government, municipal authorities and other bodies in the Commonwealth or its Territories or elsewhere for the purpose of carrying out any object of the organisation.

5. To oppose any development or usage of Moreton Island which is contrary to the preservation and good management of the island in accordance with these objects.

6. Generally, to take such lawful action as it considers necessary or appropriate in the interests of promoting the preservation and good management of Moreton Island in accordance with these objects.

The views expressed in this newsletter are not necessarily those of the Moreton Island Protection Committee or its members.

Contributions to this newsletter are welcome, but the editors accept no responsibility for alterations made to articles.

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Editor Alan Gennings

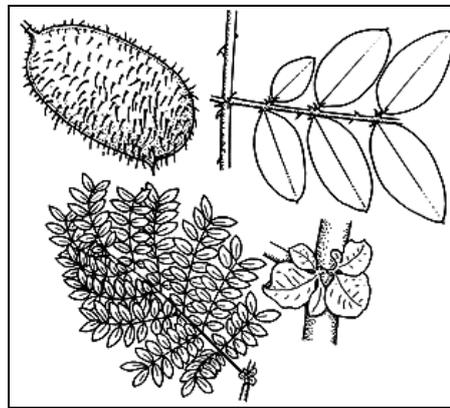
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Two new plant records for Moreton

Lisa Ford, NRM Officer, recently found two new plant species on the Island. One specimen of beach calophyllum (*Calophyllum inophyllum*) was found growing on the fore dunes near Eagers Creek. It looks like a large-leaved fig tree and is a native species generally found much further north of Brisbane. This is a new southerly record for this species, and it is likely transported to Moreton by ocean currents.

The second species, nicker bean (*Caesalpinia bonduc*) was found in the fore dunes near Blue Lagoon. This native shrub is covered in very sharp, recurved thorns.

Source Moreton Island Update Sept 2005 No 30.P 3.



Caesalpinia bonduc nicker bean.

Source:

<http://plantnet.rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au/floraoonline.htm>

Meeting with NRM Officer

At a recent meeting with Natural resources officer, Lisa Ford two projects which would be suitable for MIPC volunteers were presented.

Mapping of weeds. Mapping is required before control so the efficiency of control measures can be assessed.

Assessment of campsites. Assessment is in terms of plant cover, eroded roots, old camp fires etc. A manual for campsite assessment has been prepared by a work experience student.

See back page for details of first weekend where these projects will be commenced.

Waders on Moreton – National Winter count.

Seven members of the Wader Study group and three rangers conducted a count of waders on Moreton Island. The count was undertaken on Friday 22nd July 2005.

A sand bank acting as an intermediate roost site (only suitable for roosting during lowish high tides) held the most number of waders including 106 Eastern Curlew and 68 Pied Oystercatchers. Also seen were Red necked stints, Curlew Sandpipers and 560 cormorants.

At Mirapool Lagoon 68 Black winged Stilt and 11 Red-necked Avocet were counted along with cormorants, teal and ducks.

At Mirapool beach 27 Red necked Stints, 33 Double banded plover, 28 Red-capped Plover and 7 Ruddy Turnstone were roosting on the beach and dunes in front of the lagoon.

Due to time constraints this survey was not able to monitor people activity around roost sites. One incidence of disturbance was recorded at Mirapool beach.

Management Plan Update

In the next few weeks the revised plan and the review of submissions on the draft plan are going to the Queensland Environmental Minister for approval.

Source Moreton Island Update Sept 2005 No 30.P 3.

Mt Tempest track opened

The traditional owners opened the Mt Tempest walking track on the 9th September. The new walking track and viewing platform gives spectacular views of the island, along with indigenous signage that provides a new perspective of Moreton Island. In conjunction the Telegraph Track has recently been cleared providing a fantastic day walk opportunity. *Source Moreton Island Update Sept 2005 No 30.P 3.*

Reports presented to the AGM 17th August 2005

Presidents Report Alan Gennings

This time last year we were still campaigning against the proposed fish cage for Moreton Bay. During the Federal election campaign came the announcement by the State Government that the fish cage proposal would not proceed. Approximately \$1million in compensation was paid to the proponent, presumably as a result of inappropriate encouragement by state government officers for the proponent to prepare an extensive EIS statement.

Moreton still does not have a Management Plan. The current proposed management has completed the public consultation process and is now being redrafted in preparation for submission to the Minister.

Due to diversity of opinion and an inability to reach consensus on specific issues MIPC did not make submission for the management plan. Executive members presented their own submissions.

Following the lead set in the campaign against sand mining we link with others whenever we share common goals. Our meeting here on the beach in front of the North Point camp ground is an example of a shared interest with Tangalooma of management issues regarding vehicle management in this area. So our members can be better informed Tangalooma offered at no cost a bus to transport our members today. Tangalooma continues to provide transport and accommodation for our volunteer projects. This does not detract from our personal disappointment when we see the urbanization occurring at Tangalooma.

A special thanks to Julie Dean and Dennis Maher who have worked tirelessly since the initial grant application in 1999 for the Oral history project. The project is now completed with publication of Shifting Sands: Memories of Moreton Island.

On behalf of the membership, I wish to thank members of the executive who drive all over Brisbane at their own expense to attend the monthly executive meetings.

ORDER FORM— *please circle required shirt*
T Shirt are Australian made unbleached cotton
Mens printed on front S; M; L; XL Cost \$16
Ladies printed on front 10; 12; 14 Cost \$16
Men Polos printed on front M; L; XL Cost \$25
Men Polos printed on back M; L; XL Cost \$25
Postage \$1.50 per shirt. Send to MIPC with payment or order, then collect and pay at AGM.

Name;
Adress

Summary of Treasurer's Report

Income;	
Memberships	\$905.00
Sale of T Shirts	\$78.00
Donations	\$348.00
Trips	\$1286.13
Total Income	\$2990.26

Expenditure	
Phone	\$293.55
Printing	\$1326.20
Postage	\$432.42
Auditing	\$770.00
Post office box	\$56.00
Stationary	\$56.96
Public Liability Insur	\$870.95
Affiliations	\$140.00
Oral history project	\$177.00
Trips	\$857.00
Donation to NPA	\$45.00
Printing of T Shirts	\$510.00
Total Expenditure	\$5535.08

Net Loss \$2917.95

Bank balances as at 30 June 2005
Term Deposit \$10,000.00
Cheque Ac \$2,554.90

Grant for oral history project of \$4,500 which is held in trust for Oral History expenses has been deducted from the cheque account balance so as to give a realistic account of MIPC's reserves for this summary.

The net loss of \$2917.95 for the year and its potential to affect the viability of MIPC was noted at the AGM. Pam suggested an increase for membership fees. Discussion of the case for and against a fee increase resulted.

ORDER FORM

Shifting Sands Memories of Moreton Island

Cost \$15 plus \$2.50 postage *Please send to*

Name: -----

Address:-----

Ph: -----

What's on!!! Ph 3321 1463

Sep30 to Oct 2 Camp at Blue Lagoon

Sep30 to Oct 2 Volunteers at Cape Moreton.

Oct 7 Friday Shifting Sands promotion

Oct 18 Tuesday Official launch Shifting Sands

Oct 22 Saturday Shifting Sands promotion

Oct 28 to 30 Wildlife Pres Soc bus tours & BBQ

Dec 2 to 4 Volunteer at Blue Lagoon

MIPC camping at Blue Lagoon

Stay after AGM (Cost \$65 includes Park fees \$31)

Return Sunday 21st.

Weekend 19 to 21 Aug

Depart Friday 8.30 am and Friday 6.30 pm

Weekend 30 Sept to 2 Oct.

Depart Friday 6.30 pm

MIPC trips

Sept 30 to Oct 2 Camp at Blue Lagoon

BYO food, sleeping bag – marquee tents, stretchers and camp kitchen provided. Depart Friday 6.30 pm

Cost for weekend \$80 includes Park fees \$13.50

Optional tours Sandhills \$10, Cape Moreton \$5

Book with MIPC 3321 1463

Sept 30 to Oct 2

Stay at Cape Bunkhouse

A few places remain on this volunteer week-end to Cape Moreton. For further details ring the leader for the week-end Linda on 33661292. Departure times unconfirmed - Possibilities are Friday 12.30 am, 8.30 am, 6.30 pm.

Cost \$60

Book with MIPC 3321 1463

Dec 2 - 4 Volunteer at Blue Lagoon

Volunteers will be asked to spend about three hours participating in one of the following projects.

- Recording condition of campsites along eastern beach
- Mapping of weeds along the eastern beach especially *Gloriosa* and to search for any new incursions of bitu. To date there has only been one bitu invasion which has been eliminated.
- Hand pulling Mossman River grass

Tent accommodation and 4WD transport will be provided by Moreton Experience.

Cost Moreton Experience will ask volunteers to pay **\$50** to cover Park fees \$13.50 and MICat fares.

Leader Alan **Book with MIPC 3321 1463**

Other group trips

Oct 28th to 30 WPSQ at Blue Lagoon

Wildlife Preservation Society Brisbane branch

Bus trips, BBQ provided Sat. night –otherwise BYO food.

Departs Fri 8.30 am or 6.30pm departure Cost \$110

Book with Alan on 0428 783 781

Further Information www.moretonexperience.com

All trips depart Howard Smith Drive, Lytton

New Volunteer initiative

Finally we are able to offer a volunteer week-end where we know in advance Ranger directed volunteer work to be done. The weed mapping and campsite assessments are being done under direction of Natural Resource Manager Lisa Ford.