

# Land Lines

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2008 looks like being a great year for the WLFL! As those attending the information evening last November will know, land under our management is to increase due to the generosity of Neil Holloway at Reesville (see article below).

As our reserves increase in number, the work of the Board becomes more complex and the need for funds increases. At the AGM in September there were enquiries about the way that WLFL Directors are appointed. WLFL's constitution sets

## From the Chairman

out the appointment process, the minimum and maximum size (3 to 10) and the term of appointment (annual) for Directors.

The Board may appoint a Director by resolution (provided there is a vacancy) if the Board feels that the appointee has skills to complement those of existing Board members. Alternatively a person can nominate and stand for election at the AGM. Persons nominating for a Director position must pass the Fit and Proper Person test of ASIC.

The Board has developed guidelines for the combined skill-set needed to satisfy corporate governance principles and to meet company objectives. The criteria include legal, financial, corporate governance expertise,

government operations at all levels, conservation skills, flora and fauna knowledge and communication/journalism skills. The critical area not covered is fund raising and/or partnerships with the business sector. Any volunteers? Your Board has a place reserved for a suitable person!

WLFL always needs hardworking volunteers who give freely of their time and effort. These people can make their most effective contributions through the various management committees.

WLFL values your contribution and looks forward to your ongoing support as we continue to prosper and grow.

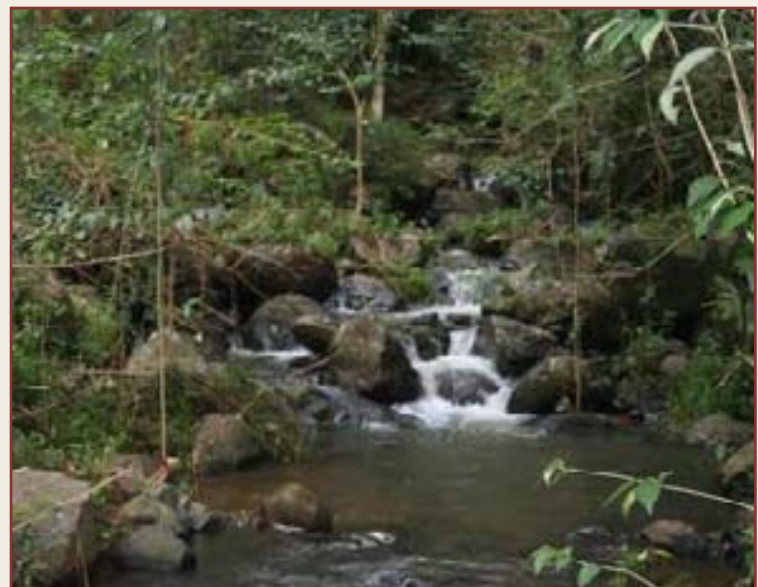
**Des Boyland, Chairman**

## Our newest reserve: Reesville

WLFL has been fortunate in receiving a generous donation of land from Mr Neil Holloway. The donation consists of about 15 hectares of well vegetated land and is located approximately 10 km south of the Witta Reserve. The block will be called "The Holloway Conservation Reserve, Reesville"

It supports various closed forests with Sydney blue gum forest on the ridges. A continuously flowing stream (pictured) runs through the reserve and this maintains the diversity of habitats. Up to five koalas have been seen on the block.

The land has three regionally endangered ecosystems (the main one is Sydney blue gum with rainforest understorey). A noted rainforest botanist has offered to help WLFL with a flora survey of the block.



Apart from some weed problems, the land is in good condition. The main weeds are broad leaved privet and lantana and these will require early action. The donation of land will be finalized after a management

plan and weed control plan have been prepared. The transfer of title will occur in the next few months following due process.

*See over the page for further photos from Reesville.*

## Board Member Profile: Rudy Bell



Rudy is the WLFL's newest board member, having joined the board in late 2007. He brings to the board skills in journalism, marketing and communication, from both his studies and professional experience. After completing a degree in Journalism and Business Communication at QUT in 2005, Rudy joined the Australian Red Cross as a Media Officer. At the beginning of this year, he commenced a new marketing role with EDAW, a design, planning and environments firm. Rudy has been involved with the WLFL since 2004, and designs and edits each edition of *Land Lines*.

Reesville creek (below) and  
panorama (right)



## Witta Working Party: 19<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup> April

The Witta reserve is in excellent condition following rains over the last few months. The recently constructed tracks down the main ridge and into the rainforest gully have held up well despite the rain. An audit of the ten nesting boxes installed at Witta found that 80% are being used by gliders, possums and birds. We are considering adding more boxes.

Weed control work is proceeding well. Barung Landcare have cut an extensive area of lantana and are making good progress. Some birdwing vines have been purchased for planting to provide habitat plants for Richmond birdwing butterflies.

All of this activity means that another working party will be needed at Witta. Dates of 19<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup> April 2008 have been set.



Volunteers will be able to work to extend the new fence by 30 metres or so, to remove groundsel weeds lower down on the block and possibly to extend the upper track. Discussions have been held with Barung Landcare for

a future work program at Witta totalling \$5500 based on the various grants from Caloundra City Council and matching funds from WLFL. It covers weed spraying as well as removal and planting of new plants.

## Visit to Bukkulla Reserve

At the AGM there was considerable interest in having a trip to Bukkulla in 2008. Brian Lowry has now agreed to lead a trip some time in July or August, when the reserve should be in prime condition. If you are interested please contact Brian (phone 07 3378 1795 or email [b\\_andg\\_lowry@bigpond.com](mailto:b_andg_lowry@bigpond.com) )

Camping at Bukkulla is now fairly comfortable, with toilet, tables and chairs and a bush shower. These facilities were made by Jeff Simmons, our tireless Rockhampton-based member. The WLFL Board appreciates the substantial effort and initiatives by Jeff.

After discussion of possible improvements at Bukkulla, the Board has agreed that an open wall shelter shed with cement floor and attached tank should be built as resources become available and when such construction is a priority compared with the needs on other reserves.

As reported in the last Newsletter, the eastern windmill collapsed in late 2006 and there has been a problem having it repaired. Work finally started after October 2007 but has been further delayed by heavy rain.

*Pictured left: Emus inspect the half-finished shower at Bukkulla*

