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Where have we been?

Paul Hains, Queensland, Australia



Yes, yes, I have been slack and haven't published a Bulletin since October.

As many will know, we moved into our new house on the 3rd November and it has been a huge challenge to move from suburbia to acreage. Toni and I have both been busy at work also and she has been taking on the challenge of doing the surgery to remove arteries and veins for heart bypass (a huge challenge in itself).

The challenges of acreage combined over Christmas into heavy flooding in our city. We were fortunate to not be near a river connected creek. Our area floods every time it rains heavily anyway as there is no stormwater system other than creeks. You needed gumboots just to walk on the block and the downpipes were all blocked etc..

This weekend I have just

finished 9 trailer loads to the local dump/tip with each load being between 500 - 650kgs. In the last 3 weeks I have done 24 such loads. Largely this has been the removal of Queen (Cocos) Palms that do not self clean and are very unsightly to allow for the planting of flowering rainforest trees and ferns. I am also growing palm seedlings of more appropriate types.

The roses are still in pots! I have marked an area for a future trial garden that will temporarily be a home for all of the roses we removed from the last house. This area is 12m x 22m and the grass has been poisoned so I can terrace it with the bobcat. The last months have been spent in repair and cleaning up areas for new work to begin.

I have also drawn up plans for a large 6m x 2.7m shade-house near my golf net. This

will be followed down the track with a 20m x 6m poly-tunnel for hybridising under.

I have some website work to do also for the National Rose Society of Australia and for the Australian Rose Breeder's Association. Please go to www.arba.rose.org.au and get inspired to try breeding your own unique roses. I have many seedlings that have survived the last 2 years and look promising.

This edition really just has some pictures and serves to update you on where we are at.

Over the coming months I plan to get back to producing a Bulletin for you that will provide more information on rose growing.

Thank you for your support over the last few years and I hope you enjoy the pictures.

Paul & Toni Hains

Pictures of our last 2 months

Paul Hains, Brisbane, Qld



Toni using the mower and trailer to collect and transport palm fronds to the fire



Lillypillies for planting down the back fenceline



One of my "Toni" growing well and flowering. This seedling is of Moonstone x City of Newcastle (Veteran's Honour) and shows much promise as an exhibition HT.



Rubbish removal the simple way for easy to burn palm leaves



A street in our suburb during the big rains over summer



The rainbow lorikeets by the back of our house with a couple of green parrots



Toni surveying Paul's path of destruction. All in the aid of planting a more natural habitat for the wildlife



The Bobcat is parked on the area that will become a greenhouse. The posts have been salvaged from my brother's place. The pit in the foreground will be covered for storing of potting mix.



Queen palms mostly cut up for transport to the tip



Painted areas for terracing for new rose beds. The soil will be moved, garden beds built, then the topsoil replaced for planting into



Paul using safety gear for cutting up a large stump. This tree had been removed by the previous owners but left a 9ft tall stump in the ground