

Bindarrabi Community



Practising Integral Ecology for a Sustainable Future

We dare to Dream, then we act

What does Integral Ecology mean?

- **Maintaining Mind-fullness** of the **connectedness & inter-dependence** of :
- **all living systems** from the micro-organisms in the soil right through all the native flora and fauna & weather systems
- the effects of domesticated animals & agriculture
- the **effects of each action** we **Humans** take on this **Integrated System of Life**

Why do we need to be mindful?

Scientists are talking about

THE 6TH MASS EXTINCTION EVENT

The 6 Direct Drivers of Mass Extinction are:

1. Invasive Species
2. Over-Population
3. Over-Exploitation
4. Habitat Loss
5. Climate Change
6. Pollution

In other words, we have NOT been mindful of the effects of our actions on this precious Earth.

The Human Condition

“We scientists don’t know how to do that”

“I used to think the top environmental problems were biodiversity loss, ecosystem collapse and climate change.

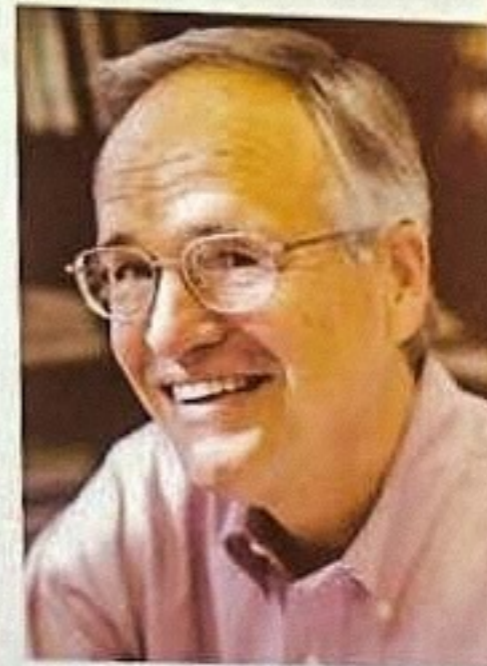
I thought that with 30 years of good science we could address those problems.

But I was wrong.
The top environmental problems are selfishness, greed and apathy...

...and to deal with those we need a spiritual and cultural transformation

- and we scientists don't know how to do that.”

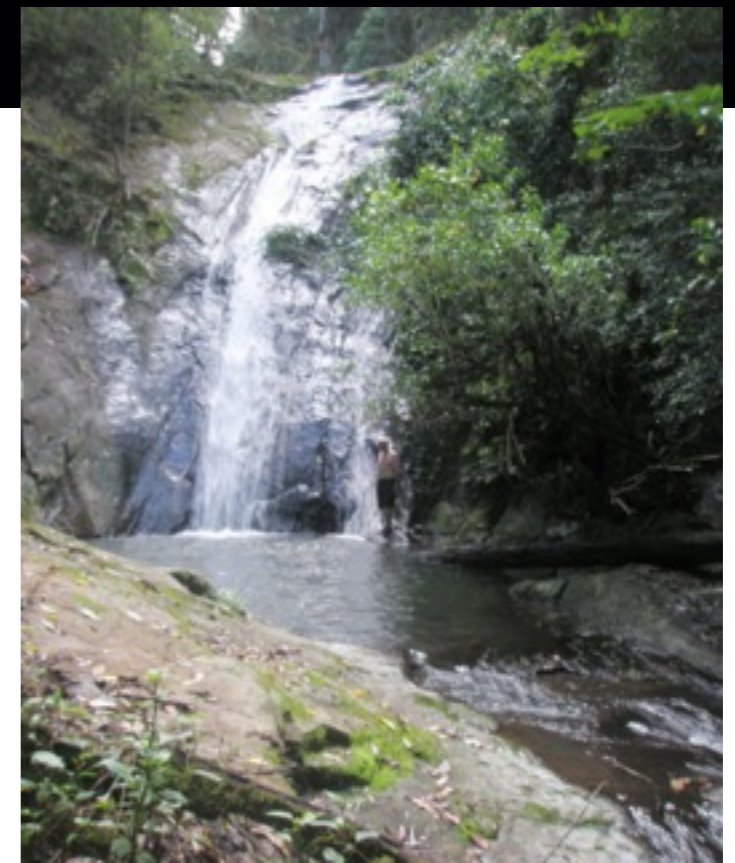
Gus Speth



Can we do it?

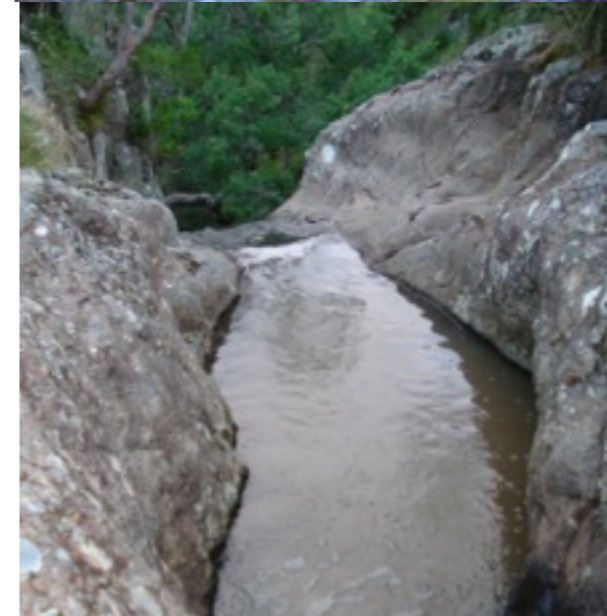
- It all can seem overwhelming.....Conscious steps
- Bindarrabi is using systems such as Permaculture, Holistic Management, Biological farming to aid decision making
- Connecting to Nature is important- Bindarrabi is Blessed- children thrive in nature
- Keep it simple:
- **Healthy, Happy, Conscious Living with Respect & Care for the Earth & Each other**

I DON'T WANT TO PROTECT THE ENVIRONMENT, I WANT TO CREATE A WORLD WHERE THE ENVIRONMENT DOESN'T NEED PROTECTING.



Bindarrabi Rural Land-share Community:

- Setting
- This pristine 800 acres of land is bordered on three sides by Koreelah National Park with Koreelah Gorge on the other in northern NSW 2 hours from Brisbane.
- There is approximately 200 acres of semi-cleared land suitable for cropping and grazing. This is our community activity area.
- 70 acres of rainforest merging with World Heritage listed rainforest of the Koreelah National Park, and the remainder is wet sclerophyll forest. This is reserved for conservation which we call the 'Wildlands'
- The land is blessed with an abundance of clean water including a number of creeks, swimming holes and waterfalls.
- **'BINDARRABI'** comes from two indigenous words meaning 'Deep Pool' & 'High Mountain'



Bindarrabi Rural Land-share Community: Concept

- Community of people-
- mindful of both the challenges & exciting possibilities for change as we face the future
- who want a more equitable, respectful, creative and sustainable way of life
- Principal place of residence for members
- Affordable, sustainable housing
- Meaningful livelihoods
- Practise **self-reliance** in areas of food production, water, energy & waste - all 'off-grid'
- Look to enhance the biodiversity of the Land
- Value Co-operation over Competitiveness

Bindarrabi Rural Land-share Community

- **Regulatory Structures:**
- Development approved under NSW State Environmental Planning Policy (SEPP) number 15 (1998) – Rural Land-sharing Communities
- The owner of the Land is Bindarrabi Pty Ltd with 21 shares
- Each share is currently \$68,000
- There are 21 approved house sites each with a 2 acre curtilage for shareholder use
- Each share group is entitled to one house-site with curtilage
- Each share group has 12 ordinary shares to allow for shared housing with voting rights

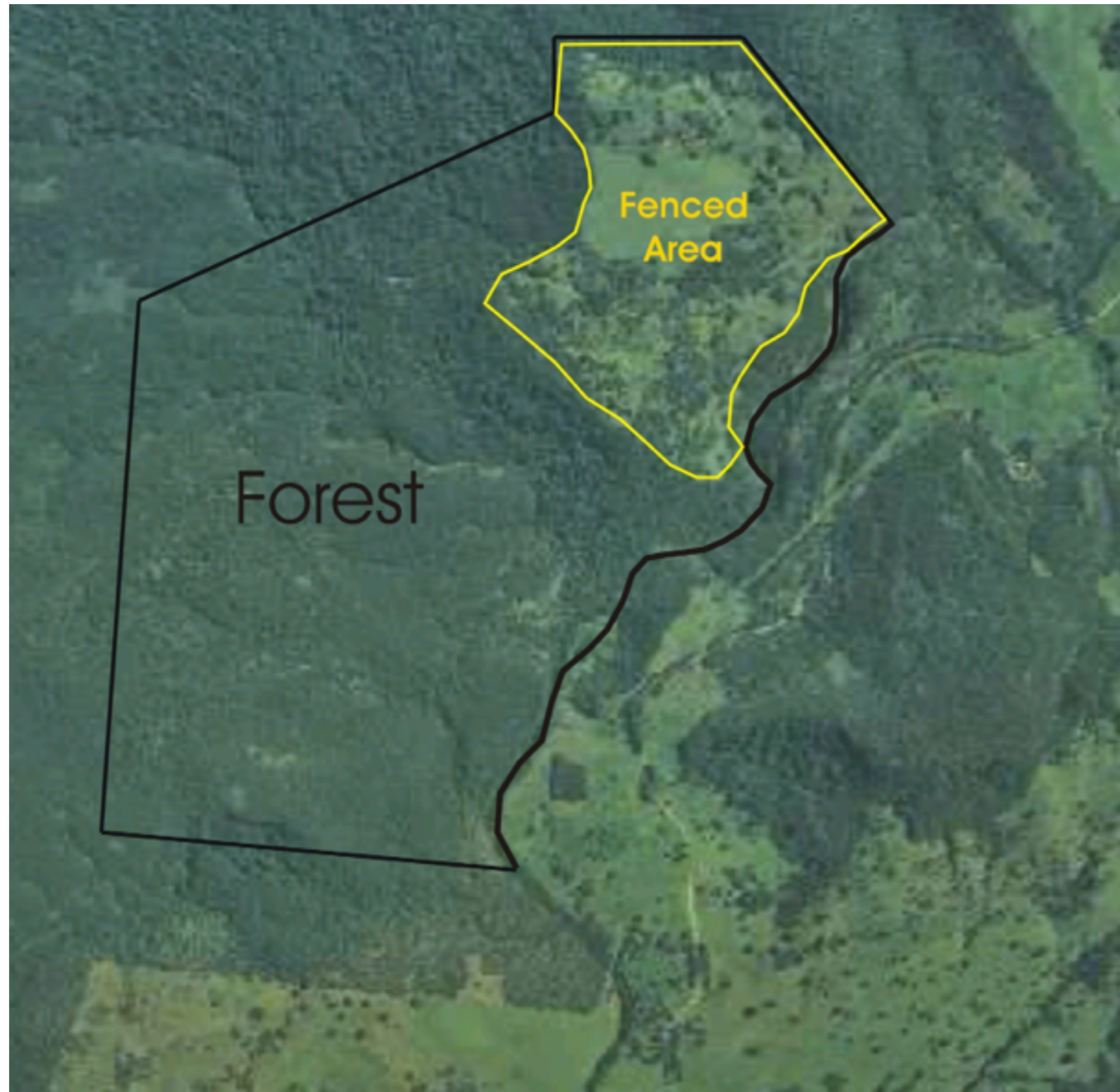
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Housing - all off-grid

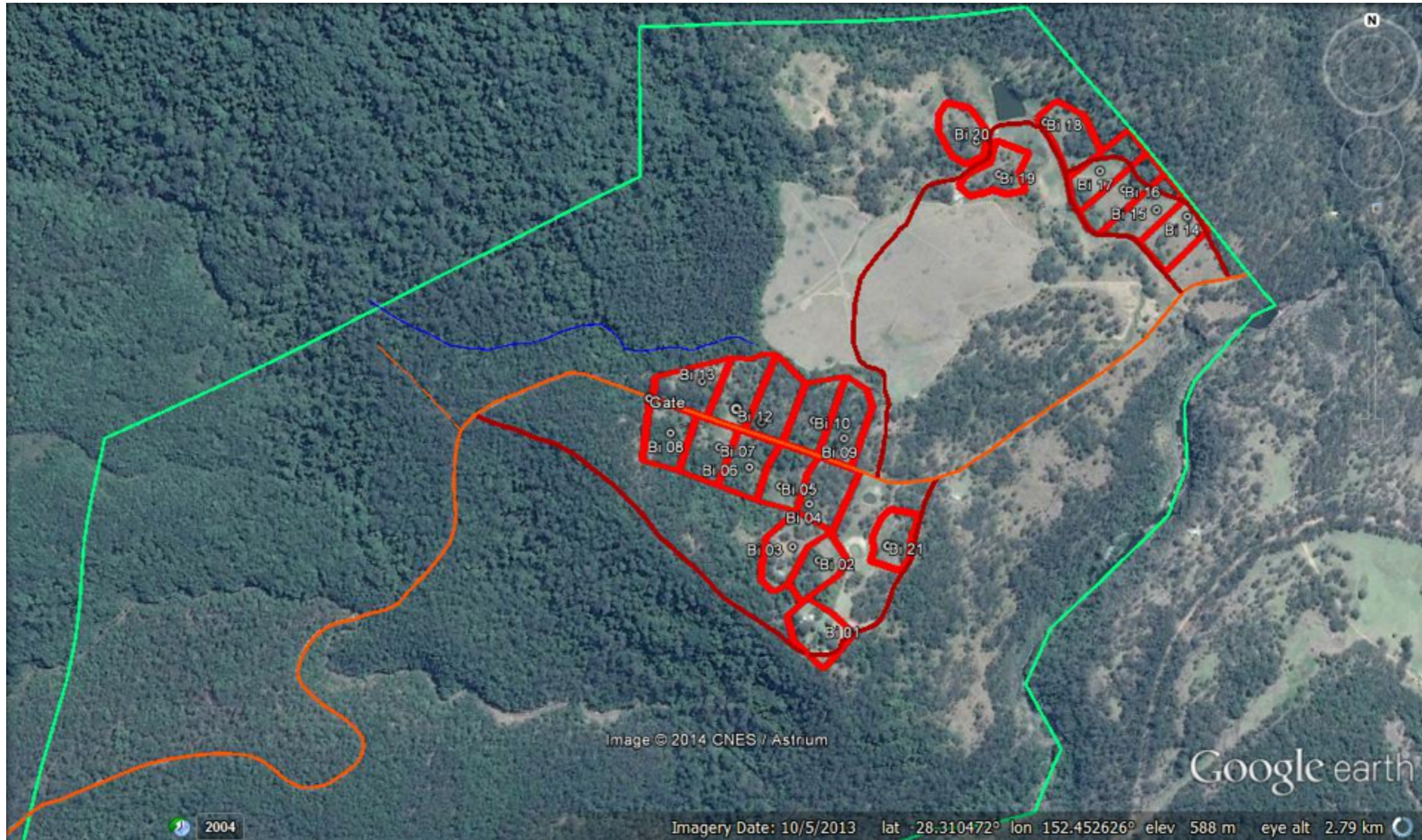
- Houses to be erected are to have own water harvesting, solar power, composting toilet and waste management and demonstrate varying low cost, minimal footprint, sustainable building styles.
- Any buildings for habitation to be within building code standards and fire code standards.

Recycling, repairing, reusing are encouraged as well as use of natural resources on the land.

Map: community area & Wildlands



Map:house-sites



What have we done so far?

- Firstly we needed somewhere to meet that wouldn't collapse in the rain and wind.....
- and with a few more amenities



so we went to the forest...



Designed a structure and started building...



Hm, no cranes...



Then we had a go at...

earth bag walling



Then we had a go at...



paving



lets have a herb garden!

Then we had a go at...



of course we needed showers!

and composting toilets



And now....

all from recycled and materials form the land



One more thing...

the ubiquitous pizza oven!



Building... Dams



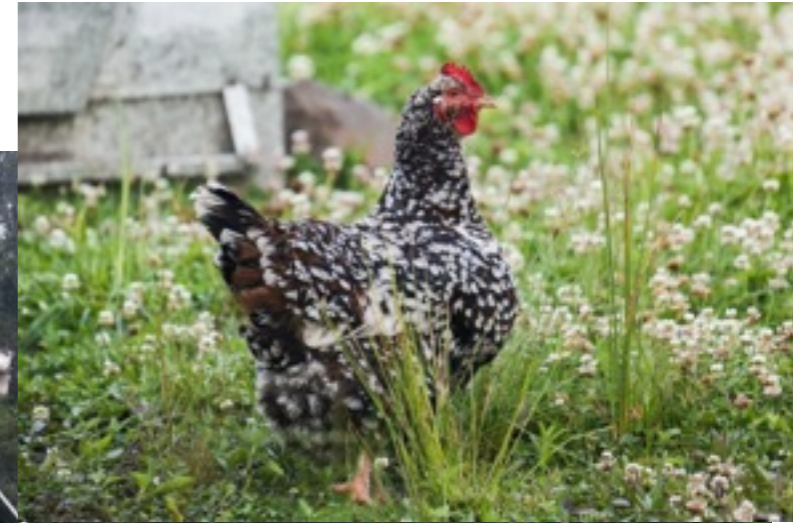
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establishing the community garden



Building.....

our chicken caravan



Growing kids, erh...goats!....



in the beginning...site of first house



progress.....



1st house...built with solar power!



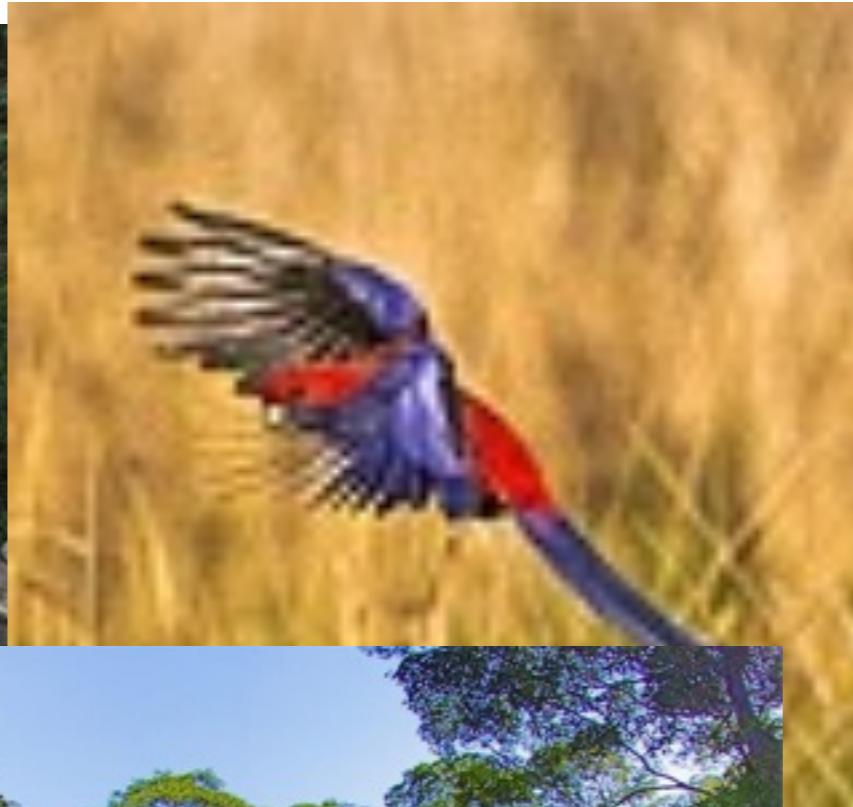
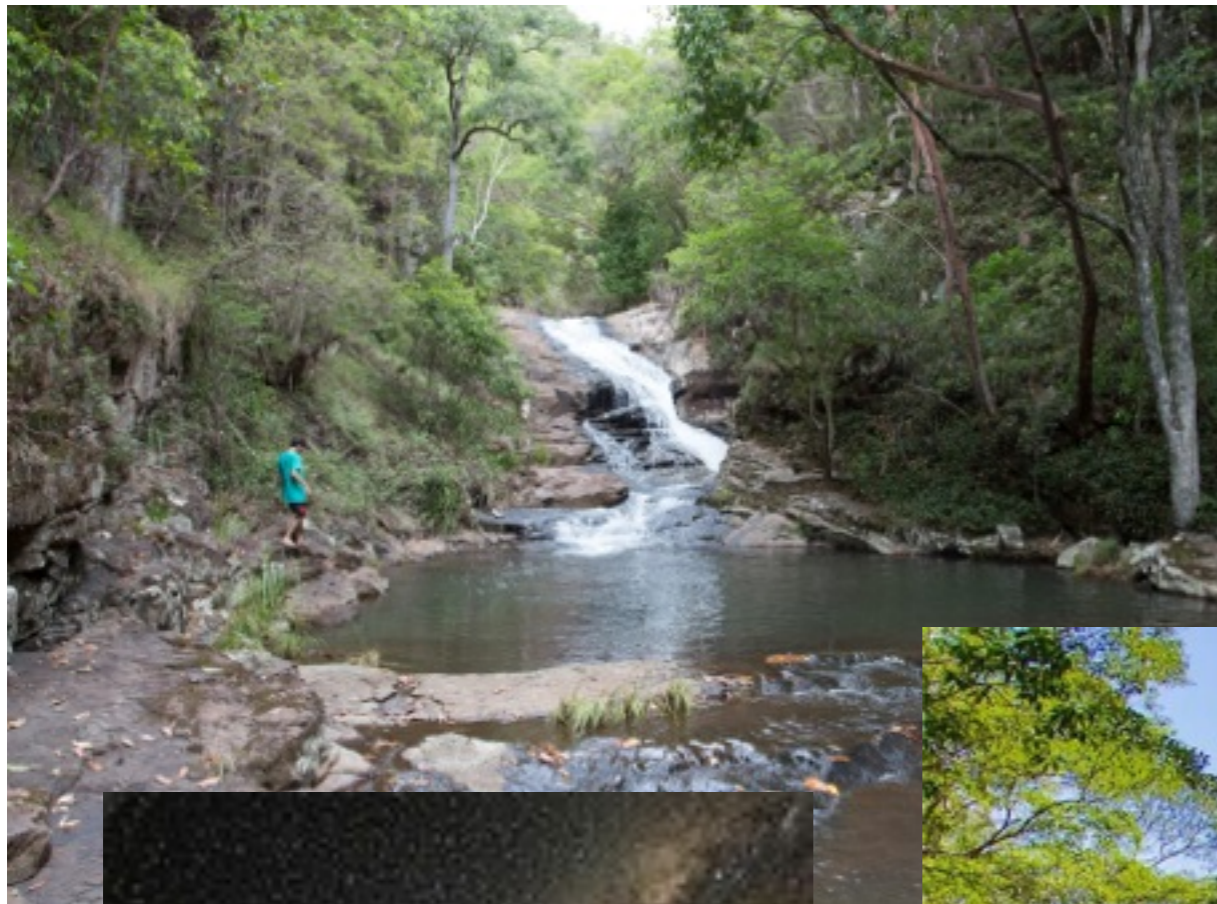
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What else?

Connecting with the wider community

BINDARRABI COMMON-UNITY FESTIVAL

Healthy
Happy
Simple
Living

OCT 3rd-5th 2015
Camp & enjoy the natural beauty over the weekend or come for
SUNDAY OCT
10am- 5:30pm (NSW TIME)
Learn, Laugh & Fun
with our workshops which include:
Micro-Solar, Mindful Yoga, Wicking Beds, Cooking with the Medicine, Easy Cheese & Bread, Permaculture, Spinning, Felt Making a Ram Pump - for water, Feather, Music from Epoxy

PLUS great activities for
Adults \$5 Children free

Where: 1189 White Swan
For further camping & ticket purchase visit www.bindarrabi.com or contact bindarrabi@bindarrabi.com

Bindarrabi Community Fun Day

Sunday Oct 5th, 10am-5.30pm ^{NSW TIME}
Adults \$5 Children free

Old Skills for New Times

Blacksmithing
Basket Making
Sourdough Bread
Bee-keeping
Solar Systems off grid
Edible Weeds
Portable Sawmill demonstration
Spinning & Dying with Linda Spinsta

Kids
Tribal Masks
Clay Play
Orienteering Games

Stalls : Natures Medicine Chest: Pot of Gold Organic Seedlings: Cafe

Further information and ticket purchase @ www.bindarrabi.com

What else?

- This year we are giving ourselves room for a little more spontaneity so make sure you are on our mailing list to catch our 'moments of inspiration' gatherings !
- In 2016 to date, we are having 3 main activities.
- **MARCH /Easter** 24th-28th Building an **Aquaponics unit** - fish and food in one system. Fantastic!
- **JUNE:18th & 19th Electric car conversion**. Time to convert our farm "Wu" (a 10hp asian designed agricultural carrier) vehicle to an electric "Whizz" vehicle.
- **SEPTEMBER:17th & 18th A tropical fruit planting** at the 'Summer Palace'- our frost free area where we are hoping to grow bananas, coffee, and other yummy things!


What else?

- **Tiny house opportunity**
- Do you have one?
- Where to put them?
- Not everyone wants to be a member of Bindarrabi
- An opportunity to participate in community life and/or do a project/ start an enterprise
- Flexibility with affordability and opportunity.




What else?


Adventure




Escape to Nature



Peace, Beauty



DIRECTIONS



For detailed directions check our website:
<http://www.bindarrabi.com/visitors-information.html>

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BINDARRABI
BUSH CAMP/
RETREAT



In the beautiful Scenic Rim
1189 White Swamp Rd Koreelah
NSW 2476



What else?

Come and visit!

Dream,

consider how you would like the world
to be,

then act.

Care for the Earth, Care for Each other,
Fair Share

