

# Botanical Book Newsletter Extract

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**500 Looked at Booked:** The Booked Exhibition at Jasu Gallery on Saturday 08 July was visited by over 500 people during the exhibition of hand made books and other hand made paper based works by participants in the Botanical Book Project

## **Stage 2 - Begins**

We have been successful in gaining funding for Stage 2 of the project and the first workshops begin in Redcliffe in October (see details below).

During Stage 2 workshop participants will learn or enhance skills in book binding and print making. These skills will then be brought together to make a series of books from the natural fibre papers produced in Stage 1 of the project.

Also to help ensure that the communities involved can build on the networks created during the Botanical Book project, we will be initiating workshops or seminars on how to develop and carry out community arts projects.

Then to complete the project these books will be exhibited in participating local Libraries, the Craft Queensland Gallery and the Redcliffe City Art Gallery.

If you were not able to attend a Stage 1 workshop, remember you are very welcome to take part in the workshops and BUDs still to come.

**Boil Up at Home** If you would like to have a Boil Up Day at your home or workshop or local venue, contact Red Hot Fibre to discuss the arrangements.

## **In the Garden**

Seeds are now available from Red Hot Fibre for *Abelmoschus manihot* also known as tororo-ai and is the source of neri. Neri is a mucilage used in Japanese papermaking. Spring is the time to plant. For more information contact Red Hot Fibre.