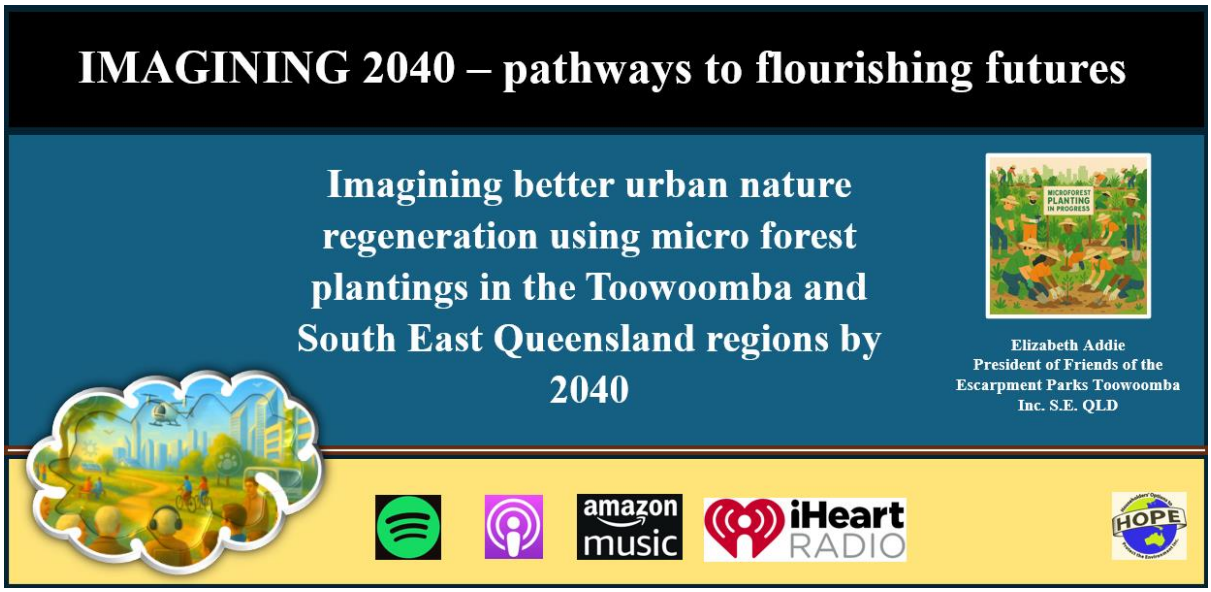
EPISODE 9: Imagining better urban nature regeneration using micro forest plantings in the Toowoomba and Southeast Queensland regions by 2040

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A Microforest also known as a mini forest, tiny forest, pocket forest or Miyawaki forest, named after its originator Japanese botanist Professor Akira Miyawaki, is a closely planted area of native vegetation which offers great opportunities for urban nature regeneration. Microforest plantings comprise all layers of the ecosystem: trees, shrubs, climbers, grasses and herbaceous plants. The forests can be situated in small plots sizes, can mature up to ten times faster than traditional planting methods, require little to no maintenance after an initial couple of years - and are claimed to achieve well over ten times more biodiversity support than do more traditional reafforestation methods.

In this episode we focus on the exciting prospects for extending future Microforest plantings as one important element in repairing and restoring some of the huge damage done to native plant and animal species in this part of urban Australia, and in other urban settlements across the continent.

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