

SOCIETY FOR GROWING AUSTRALIAN PLANTS (QLD REGION INC.)

CAIRNS BRANCH

APRIL 1990.

Our meetings are held in the first year centre, Trinity Bay High School, Hoare Street, Manunda. Dates for 1990 are as follows; I-5

Comm/General Meeting 7.00pm 5-6
Guest Speaker 8.00pm Supper to follow 3-7
and visitors most welcome.

MAY's EXCURSION will be to Lake Morris to mark and catalogue trees for the Water Board. Date 27th, Time 9.30am, Meet at Picnic area. Bring a portable lunch if you intend to do the walk down to Crystal Cascades and allow approx. 5 hours.

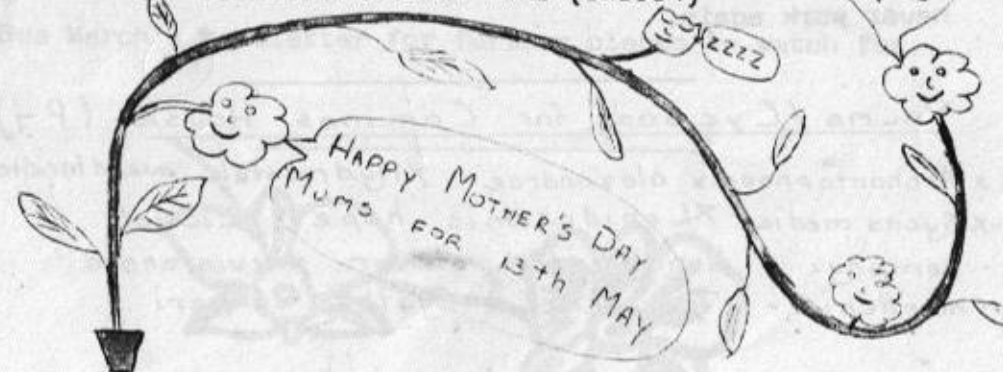
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COMMITTEE FOR 1990.

CHAIRMAN.....Dave Warmington (502482)
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PUB. OFFICER.....Theo Utzinger
DISPLAYS CO-ORD.....Dave Warmington
TUCKEROLOGIST.....Graham Pike (546994)

A GREETED HAPPY
ENTER TO ALL
OF YOU



EDITOR'S SPOT,

I hope you enjoyed your Easter break and didn't have your plans washed out. It's a fact of life up here that any weekends in the early part of the year have question marks on them weather wise.

Our April meeting had another very late start (7.35pm) which meant a few items on the agenda couldn't be discussed. One important point, however, was the help required for the Garden Expo. It is now going to be run on Friday evening as well as Saturday and Sunday which means more volunteers will be needed this year. Setting up will probably be on Thursday night. Please work out a time to give your help and add your name to the roster at May's meeting or give Dave a ring.

Those who missed out on the March Excursion missed an enjoyable and informative day. I was impressed with the cleanliness of and lack of disease in the nursery. This is achieved with a minimum of sprays, some natural predators (birds) And plenty of help from TREAT people. As you can imagine, Nigel cannot afford to introduce any new diseases into our National Parks.

What did you think of Peter Woodman's talk? I think it emphasised the large gap between the landscaper/architect and the native plant enthusiast. Somewhere in the middle are most of the population- do they set the trend or are they only buying what is available in the nurseries (and catches their eye with its bright colours?)

Sorry about the misalignment of letters and the ghosting, it's just the result of my cleaning of this machine. I don't think I'll attempt a major overhaul, it would never work again.

Palms / Cycads for Cominas House (P.7)

x Archontophoenix alexandrae x Hydnastele wendlandiana
x Cycas media x Lapidostomia hopei x Licuala
ramsayi Linnospadix minor x Livistonia
muelleri * Tree fern x Cyathea cooperi

A FAMILIAR FACE - GUESS WHO?

Professional qualifications: Bachelor of Applied Science (Biology) Capricornia Institute of Advanced Education.

Relevant Work Experience: Gardener, Landscaper, Dunk Island. Landscaping in the Gladstone area and for Woodman's Cairns. Technical Officer, Tondoon Botanic Gardens, Gladstone.

Present: Supervisor Botanic Reserves, Cairns City Council.

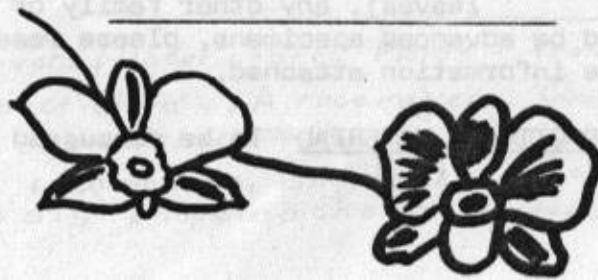
The last line gave the answer away. didn't it? Dave has a few more words to say on page 4.

APRIL'S RAFFLE - This comprised just two plants, both seedlings; Syzygium kuranda and Calophyllum inophyllum. I missed the drawing but congratulations to the winner(s) and don't forget to bring in your spare stock for our next meeting.

FLOWERING THIS MONTH - (or trying to)

Dendrobium bigibbum	Alstonia scholaris
Ixora klanderiana	Flindersia ifflaiana
Melaleuca leucadendra	Acacia flavescens
Nauclea orientalis	" hemsleyi
	" montfordiae

See March's newsletter for further plants to watch for.



TROPICAL EXPO DISPLAY 18th, 19th, 20th May.

Dave Warmington.

A successful display should possess the following characteristics:-

present a theme eg. edible plants, Proteaceae, Bird & Butterfly plants, Native palms.

be visually appealing and captivate the observer.

be informative.

not be too cluttered.

This year's display will be set up in a 6m x 3m area. Free standing boards (HELP) will be used to display photographs and interpretive material and tables arranged to display fruit, seeds, pods, flowers and promotional handouts.

Because we have had limited time to discuss the display one particular theme has not been chosen. This year will be a variety show based on several themes.

(I) PHOTOGRAPHIC A selection already exists, however additions each year are necessary. Please bring to the next meeting top quality shots of flowers and fruit. Any shots of people on excursions to promote the fact that we are active in the field would be handy.

(II) SEED PODS, FRUITS, FLOWERS Large interesting seed pods eg. Black bean, are things most of you probably have at home already. Fruit in season and flowers, preferably arranged in containers are needed.

(III) PLANTS Suggestions of plant themes could be; Native palms, Proteaceae (spectacular leaves), any other family or groups.

Plants should be advanced specimens, please research them and have information attached.

(IV) PROMOTIONAL MATERIAL To be discussed at the next meeting.

(V) SIGNAGE Who's got it?

A lot of this material can be dropped off at the Flecker Botanic Gardens prior to the event so we know which way we are going. Please phone first so we do not duplicate too much material.

DAVE WARMINGTON Ph. 502 482.

NOTICE BOARD & DATES TO REMEMBER.

MAY 18, 19, 20 Tropical Garden Expo. H...E...L...P.

APRIL 1 Annual subscriptions were due. Have you paid yours?

JUNE 3 Envirofair.

APRIL 29 ACF Daintree rainforest walkabout Baileys Creek, 12noon. For details phone 91 1712.

REVISION OF AUSTRALIAN LAURACEAE by Bernie Hyland is now available from CSIRO Atherton @ \$45.00 a copy.

T. R. E. A. T. and Trees is now available approx. \$4 per copy. Contact Elaine Pike for purchase details.

GUEST SPEAKER FOR MAY.

An interesting and informative night is promised with our guest speaker being NICKY HORSFALL, a well known archaeologist and authority on Aboriginal plant use. I believe slides and plant specimens will be on show, so come along and acquire some new uses for your plants.

Ground covers / Understorey Plants - from P. 7.
 x *Alpinia arctiolora* x *A. racemigera* *Costus speciosus*
Curcuma australasica *Crinum asiaticum* x *Dionella*
odorata x *Lomandra longifolia* x *Proiphys*
amboinensis x *Tapeinocheilos queenslandiae*

COMINOS HOUSE.....Our future venue for club activities

At our March meeting, fellow member, Ron Ruffley, showed us plans for the renovation of Cominos House. As we come under the umbrella of CAFNEC, we are to share in the top storey facilities.

At the present moment the building has had its verandahs removed, been rotated 45° to face the corner of Little and Greenslopes Streets and been elevated to allow the building in of a lower storey to begin.

Part of SGAP's involvement is to suggest suitable native plants for the gardens and as a result of a quick "think tank" the following list was forwarded to Eugene Herbert.

I understand he will return the landscape plan to us for perusal and further comments before finalising it.

Those marked x are considered most suitable/ first preference.

TREES.

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| X Archidendron lucyi | X Elaeocarpus bancroftii |
| Archidendron grandiflorum | Elaeocarpus grandis |
| X Alstonia scholaris | X Eucalyptus pellita |
| Barringtonia acutangula | Lagerstroemia archereana |
| " asiatica | X Melaleuca leucadendron |
| " calyptrata | Pongamia pinata |
| Brachychiton acerifolium | X Pandanus spp. |
| Canaga odorata | Syzygium forte |
| Davidsonia pruriens var pruriens | X Xanthostemon chrysanthus |
| X Planchonia careya | |

SHRUBS

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| X Alyxia ruscifolia | Eugenia reinwardtiana |
| Banksia robur | X Leea indica |
| X cordyline cannifolia | X Melastoma affine |

MARCH EXCURSION.

Graham Pike.

The March excursion was held on March 25th, when six members visited the National Parks Nursery at Lake Eacham for a conducted tour of the nursery and surrounds. Nigel Tucker, the nursery manager was our tour guide, explaining how and why the nursery was set up. Most of the plants are used in revegetation of National Parks, such as Lake Barrine, Mossman Gorge and Eubanangee Swamp.

Nigel then took us on a tour of his plantings of the families, Lauraceae, Moraceae, Myrtaceae and Proteaceae. These plantings are very extensive and will be suitable for scientific studies in the future.

The final area to be looked at was a planting of mixed timber species. Five Eucalypt species and a mixture of rainforest species were selected and planted out in a degraded area covered with lantana. The results are extremely promising for timber production, especially around gullies etc., on farms.

The excursion was very successful and I would like to thank Nigel for spending a large part of his Sunday with us.

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| X Cordyline manners-suttoniae | X Myrtella obtusa |
| X Cordyline rubra | Phaleria clerodendron octandra |
| Ervatamia orientalis | |

VINES

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| X Faradaya splendens | X Hoya macgillivrayi |
| X Hibbertia scandens | X Rhipidophora australasica |

FERNS

- Adiantum cunninghamii Asplenium cuneatum
A. nidus Blechnum articulatum.