

SOCIETY FOR GROWING AUSTRALIAN PLANTS (QLD REGION INC.)

CAIRNS BRANCH

JUNE 1990. NO.102

Our meetings are held in the first year centre, Trinity Bay High School, Hoare Street, Manunda. Committee/General Meeting begins at 7.00pm. Guest Speaker 8.00pm. Supper follows and visitors are most welcome.

FINAL SUBSCRIPTION REMINDER.

Five dollars is all that is required to ensure continuation of your branch membership. A tick in the box below indicates that records show your subscription has not been paid and this will be your last newsletter. Please post outstanding fees to SGAP, PO Box 199, Earlville, 4870.

DIARY DATES

1st July	FRIENDS OF THE GARDEN FESTIVAL (see p. 3)
3rd July	Monthly meeting
18-20th July	Cairns Show. We will require your assistance with our static display (set up, pull down and provide fresh flowers daily.)
8th July	Behana Creek Excursion (details below).

GUEST SPEAKER.

It's just not Theo's month. Not only has he been ill, but two speakers have cancelled for July's meeting due to work commitments. However keep an eye out for the Club Notes in the paper or listen to the radio later this month for the name of the mystery guest that Theo is organising.

JULY'S EXCURSION

This will be to Behana Creek, walking from the gate towards the intake. Bob has planned a full day trip, meeting at the turn-off on the highway at 9.00am. The Naturalist Club will also be in the area on the day. PLEASE RING BOB IF YOU ARE GOING. THIS WILL APPLY TO ALL EXCURSIONS FROM NOW ON.



CHAIRMAN.....Dave Warmington (5024820)
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 TREASURER.....Peter Robbins (535036)
 NEWSLETTER.....Helen Moody (554982)
 LIB. & SALES.....Frances Boyd (552550)
 EXCURSIONS.....Bob Jago (552266)
 PUB. OFFICER.....Theo Utzinger (545266)
 DISPLAYS CO-ORD.....Dave Warmington
 TUCKEROLOGIST.....Graham Pike (511422 B.H.)

EDITOR'S SPOT.

Our last meeting began with congratulations being offered to Bob Jago on his well deserved environmental award, presented at the recent Envirofair. Keep up the good work, Bob.

Let's hope our two sick committee members, Theo and Peter are well and truly on the road to recovery by now.

Tony Irvine presented an interesting and entertaining slide show and commentary. The entertaining pieces for those who missed the meeting were the slides of the French toilets and the instructions for using them. All I can say is that French plumbing is perhaps a little too economical and austere and reading is definitely out.

The dirigible and raft involved much ingenuity in their design and certainly to date provides the best way of studying the canopy. Let's hope we see it in Australia soon, although our mountains and associated updrafts may cause a few problems. Tony then went on to show some slides that really contrasted our rainforests and those of French Guiana. These include floral characteristics, soil differences, trunk diameter, epiphyte abundance, wildlife and of course, dominance of different families.

May's excursion was poorly attended, no doubt the rainy weather put most people off, however, June's trip should be a good one. See you there.

Ron Ruffley presented a landscape plan for Cominos House, including the no. and size of each species required. This plan (we now have a copy) is the final draft. So that SGAP can have a greater input, Mary Gandini has suggested all members donate at least one plant or its purchase price. Late September will probably be the planting time but more about that later. See page 7 for the plant list.

Please note Graham and Elaine Pike's change of phone number. As it is a work number, please use it only if necessary.

As you can see from the roster for the Friends of the Garden Festival, we need many more helpers. Please ring me (ph. 554982, preferably at night) with your available time. Only one hour is required.

SUNDAY 1st JULYSET-UP

8 - 10 am Graham Pike.....more needed
 Theo Utzinger

PULL DOWN

4 - 5 pm Ron Ruffley.....more needed

PEOPLE TO WORK ON THE STALL...at least 2 people per time.

10am G. Pike
 11am
 12noon H. Moody R. Hinxman
 1pm G. Forsythe
 2pm
 3pm
 4pm

As you can see, we do need more helpers and as our theme concentrates on fruit that are edible, PLEASE, bring in your samples on the day. Ring Dave Warmington for more details. We are required to give a short talk concerning our theme so the more samples the better and the more interesting our display will be for the general public.

The following article was forwarded by Mary Gandini, hopefully it will elicit some response.

"I DON'T KNOW A CALLISTEMON FROM A MELALEUCA NOR A ELEPHANTOPOD FROM AN IDIOSPERMUM" AND OTHER EXCUSES.

What was your excuse for not contributing something to SGAP's efforts at both the Plant Expo and the Envirofair?

Half the botanists still can't decide whether or not our familiar Callistemon viminalis is really a Melaleuca in disguise and the other half have probably never heard of an Idiospermum let alone seen one.

Next excuse! "I had other things to do." Well, so did we. Maybe you got yours done. We didn't! Because you didn't come to give us a break, nor did you bring in any flowers or plants.

We believe in SGAP and its aims. SGAP should have representation at all functions concerned with the environment. It is only by being there promoting Australian plants and offering them for sale to the public that we can rid the general public of what Tony Irvine calls the "Poinciferangicassi" disease.

Every day we hear or see the word "environment". Through SGAP you can do your bit. We don't want you to lay down in front of bulldozers (other organizations cater for that). We want you to get into Australian plants because they are our environment. Exotics can be classed as pollutants when they escape into our environment.

If you can't grow plants, then bring along some flowers, fruits or seeds or better still bring along yourself. We all started off knowing very little -- none of us are botanists. We learnt by joining in, asking questions, going on excursions -- PARTICIPATING.

We charge only \$5 per year branch membership. This does not even cover the cost of the newsletter let alone your cup of tea. Multiply a 41 cent stamp by eleven and you will see what I mean. This means that YOU are being subsidised by the faithful few who go to all the effort of providing and selling plants, talking to the public, giving them advice and promoting SGAP and its aims.

The next event is the BOTANIC GARDENS FESTIVAL in the Gardens on Sunday 1st July. We need you! Please phone and volunteer something.

PLANT SWAP

Where were the plants and flowers for our table? Thank you to the two people who did bring something in for us to look at.

FLOWERING THIS MONTH

Melaleuca viridiflora (large and narrow leaf forms in shades of green, burgandy and pink.)

Acacia crassierpa, A. paniculata

Eucalyptus tereticornis, phoenica, ptychocarpa.

Xanthostemon chryanthus, Cardwellia sublimis, Banksia integrifolia var. aquilonia.

Grevillea banksii, dryandra, venusta, "Robyn Gordon", "Sandra Gordon", "Coconut Ice", "Honey Gem".

GARDEN FESTIVAL UPDATE.

- (1) Bob Jago is doing the talk for us and needs all the materials he can get:- fruit, flowers, leaves, etc.
- (2) We will be selling plants so bring yours in and all the better if they follow our edible plant theme.
- (3) Our stall is situated between the Aboriginal Food Plant Garden and the front fence.
- (4) Collins Avenue in front of the Gardens is being blocked off at 8.00am, so if you are dropping off materials, plants, etc. use the side entrance in McCormack Street.
- (5) Programmes will be available on the day and times for the talks will be announced over the P.A.

Following is a copy of the financial report for the Cairns Branch as forwarded to Brisbane earlier this year.

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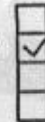
INCOME STATEMENT FOR YEAR ENDING 1989

Membership Fees	190.00	190.00
Region Fee	637.00	827.00
Interest	52.87	879.87
Donations	27.20	907.07
Petty Cash	7.60	914.67
Sales:- Publications	352.00	1266.67
Plants	685.75	1952.42
Fertilizer	44.00	1996.42
Registration fees (conference)	90.00	2086.42
Balance Cash Book 1987	1948.91	4035.33
Total	4035.33	4035.33

EXPENDITURE STATEMENT

Region Fee	637.00	637.00
Duplicating & Stationery	220.84	857.84
Publications	219.40	1077.24
Foodstuff	44.40	1121.64
Excursions	90.00	1211.64
Plants	1141.50	2353.14
Advertisement signs	198.00	2551.14
Postage	155.80	2706.94
Federal tax	12.35	2719.29
Associations	25.00	2744.29
Petty Cash	00.00	2744.29
Show Display Materials	465.00	3209.29
Cash on Hand	826.04	4035.33
Totals	4035.33	4035.33

b Instruction
Transmittal Advice
Memo
Sketch



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firm 'FRIENDS OF CONIMOS HOUSE'

attention WILLIAM MASSON

address

RE: PLANT SCHEDULE - CONIMOS HOUSE

THIS SCHEDULE IS TO BE READ IN CONJUNCTION

WITH DRAWING # CH 90 01 "LANDSCAPE"

CODE NUMBER	SPECIES	STAKE	SIZE
AA 6	ARCHONTOPHENIX ALEXANDRAE	✓	2.3.0, 2.2.5
AA3 2	" " - TRIPLE PLANTED	✓	3
AP 7	ADENANTHERA PAVONINA	✓	1500
AR 31	ALYXIA RUSCIFOLIA		200 P
BA 34	BLECHNUM ARTICULATUM		150 P
BL 12	BRUNSEFUSIA LATIFOLIA		200 P
CA 25	CURCUMA AUSTRALASICA		150 P
CC 6	CYATHEA COOPERII	2x1.0, 2x1.5, 2x2.0	150 P
CS 55	COSTUS SPECIOSUS		150 P
DO 220	DIANELLA ODORATA		150 P
IPP 22	IXORA 'PYGMY PINK'		200 P
LL 78	LOMANDRA LONGIFOLIA		100 P
LR 2	LICUALA RAMSAYI		1000
MA 17	MELASTOMA AFFINE		200 P
OA 17	ORTHOSIPHON ARISTATUS		200 P
PA 18	PROPHYLLIS AMBOINENSIS		200 P
PMAC 9	PTYCHOSPERMA MACARTHURII		2.0 P
PS 3	PANDANUS SPIRALIS (multi-head)	✓	5.0 P
PV 4	PETREA VOLUBILIS		150 P
XC 9	XANTHOSTEMON CHRYSANTHUS	✓	1500

PLANTS HEIGHTS MEASURED FROM TOP OF ROOT BALL TO
TOP OF UNSUPPLEMENTED FOLIAGE

✓ 35 x 38 mm x 1800 H HW STAKE

SUBSTITUTIONS = PONGAMIA PINNATA FOR AP
= PHALERIA CLEODORON FOR AR