



# SGAP Cairns

June Excursion News

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## June Excursion – Cooktown Gardens Working Bee

I'm pleased to pass on the news that the traditional June excursion to Cooktown Botanic Gardens is on. This is always a fun and social weekend, and it's great to leave at the weekend knowing our labours have contributed to the development of the gardens. Chris Evans and Nada Sankowsky of the Tablelands Branch have passed on the following news about the trip.

### Timing

*Friday 22nd June* – arrive and set up camp at the Vela's place (see camping details below)

*Saturday 23rd June* – full day of gardening work at the Cooktown Botanic Gardens. We will be supplied with lunch at the Power House museum. Bring your own morning and afternoon smoko, although we can get hot water if needed.

*Sunday 24th June* – full day trip to Cape Bedford. Cape Bedford is a spectacular table-top peninsula to the north of Cooktown. To get there you pass through some floristically interesting country, particularly on the dune fields behind Elim Beach.

*Monday 25th June* – return home after breakfast.

### Accommodation and provisions

Once again, camping space has been organized on private property just outside of town. The property, owned by the Vela's, is located at 16 Walsh Close, Cooktown. The owners of the property kindly allow us to use their amenities. To get there, on the approach to Cooktown, turn right into Quarantine Road. Take the first right (Walsh Close) and then take the first driveway on the right.

There is a small fee for camping of around \$5 per night to cover use of bathroom facilities.

Apart from Saturday lunch, you'll need to cater for yourself. There will be a combined barbecue on either the Saturday or Sunday evening (I have conflicting advice on which night is barbecue night), but on the other evenings, a lovely alternative is fish and chips from the Cooktown wharf.

### Any further questions?

Call Stuart on 0488 788 768, or email Chris Evans on [cievans@primus.com.au](mailto:cievans@primus.com.au).



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