

Society for Growing Australian Plants (Qld Region) Inc

Cairns Branch Newsletter

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SGAP Outings

Wangetti Beach on Sunday 14th April 1996.

Meeting Time and Place: Meet at 10.00 am in the car park at Wangetti Beach (ie the one north of the mouth of Hartley Creek).

How to get there: Travel north from Cairns City along the Cook Highway past Ellis Beach on to Hartley Creek Crocodile Farm, cross Hartley Creek and turn right, proceed down this road to meeting place.



Leaders: Tony Irvine and Rob Jago.

Notes: *This is an interesting area with many different plants and vegetation types from typical beach front vegetation to plants of rocky headlands to Tracey & Webb Type 7a rainforest growing on sand. A plant species list from past excursions will be available. Why not see if you can add a few more to the list.*

See you there Rob

May excursion will be to a wetland area in the Julatten area, Leader will be John Clarkson. Date and meeting time is as yet to be decided.

Annual General Meeting

Elected Office Bearers

President:	Rob Jago
Vice President:	Rob Hinxman
Secretary:	Debbie Yee
Treasurer:	Mary Gandini
Assistant Treasurer:	Dusty Bennett
Librarian:	Val Clark
Assistant Librarian:	Frances Boyd
Guest Speaker/Publicist:	Helen Moody
Displays Coordinator:	Grahame Magarry
Newsletter Editors:	Frances & Peter Leate
Tuckerologist:	Des Boorman

Chairman's Report 1995

J hope all members of the Cairns Branch have enjoyed this past year as much as I have, the year has flown and I can hardly believe it has been twelve months since I was elected to this position. My job has been made easy by all members and in particular the hard working committee.

Rob Hinxman our **Vice Chairman** has deputised on numerous occasions when I have been late due to work commitments.

Rob has run such meetings far more efficiently than I am capable of doing. His smiling face, enthusiasm and the work he has done is very much appreciated by all members. Thank you Rob.

Our **Secretary Debbie Yee** has once again carried out this task. This position involves a large amount of work and I ask all members to thank Debbie for a job well done. Thank you Debbie.

Our *Treasurer Mary Gandini* has been a tireless worker and a mainstay of this branch for many years, her management of our finances, has once again seen this branch finish the year in a healthy financial position, unlike our Federal and State Governments, our branch has no current account deficit or overseas debt to worry about. Thank you Mary.

Newsletter Editor, Dusty Bennett, the newsletter is a vital part of our branch, it keeps members informed and is a reminder of events and I for one would be lost without it. Thank you Dusty for a job well done.

Librarian and Book Sales, Val Clarke and Frances Boyd; Val with the help of Frances has carried out this job in an efficient and capable manner. Val is a relative newcomer to this branch and her willingness to take on the job is very much appreciated. Thank you Val & Frances.

Publicist & Guest Speaker Organiser, Helen Moody. Helen the immediate past Chairperson of this branch has carried out this job particularly well. Through her publicity and interesting guest speakers our branch has retained the interest of existing members and attracted new members and visitors to our branch meetings. Thank you Helen.

Display Co-ordinator Grahame Magarry. Grahame once again has done a splendid job in organising our display at the Garden Expo, The Cairns Show and The Friends of the Gardens Festival. These displays help raise funds for our branch and are one of the main ways in which new members and visitors are attracted to our group.

Tuckerologist, Des Boorman. Des has done a wonderful job and his cheese cake has become something of a legend and I for one find his contribution to the meetings one of the major attractions.



The popularity of some of our guest speakers has attracted large crowds to some meetings, this has resulted in an ever increasing work load. Thank you Des.

Guest Speakers

This past year has seen a number of very interesting guest speakers through our door and I would like to thank each and every one for their time and effort.

At our *April meeting Dr Geraldine McGuire* gave an illustrated talk on some of the plants of Cape Flattery. This very interesting talk was much appreciated.

Our *May meeting* saw *David Warmington* from the Flecker Gardens showing plans and speaking on the Gondwana Project. The Cairns branch later voted to assist David with this interesting project.

At our *June meeting Errol Wiles* spoke on the planting of native tree species for timber production. Errol's impassioned talk on this subject attracted a large number of members to a visit to Errol's property.

In *August Des Boorman* demonstrated the art of grafting. This hands on demonstration attracted a great deal of participation and much to my surprise no blood was shed.

September saw the whole of our display table covered in lillipillies. It was good to see such participation by branch members in our discussion night.

In *October Jane Hughes* spoke on Sedges and other small plants and once again our display table was covered in sedges, grass and lilies. The *grand finale* being Anton's ceiling high specimen of *Gymnostachysanceps*

In *November Rupert Russell* gave an illustrated talk and as usual Rupert's talk was both entertaining and enjoyable. The quality of Rupert's photography was outstanding.

Our *final speaker for last year* was *Anton Van Der Schans* who gave an illustrated talk on the design and construction of the gardens at the new Cairns Casino. Anton's talk convinced members and visitors that there is much to see and enjoy at Cairns new casino.

Rob Jago

Gardens

What a man needs in gardening is a cast-iron back, with a hinge in it.

Charles Dudley Warner (1829-1900), U.S. essayist, novelist. *My Summer in a Garden*, "Third Week" (1871).

New Library Publications

✻ "Australian Brachyscomes" by Australian Daisy Study Group — Esma Sulkin, Gloria Thomlinson, Beth Armstrong, Bev Courtney, Maureen Schaumann, 1995.

✻ "Bottlebrushes Paperbarks & Tea Trees and all other plants in the Leptospermum Alliance" by John W Wrigley & Murray Fagg, 1993.

Tropical Garden Expo

Don't forget this weekend

Saturday, 25 May 9.00 am-to 9.00 pm and
Sunday, 26 May 9.00 am - 5.00 pm.

Help needed!

Set up will be Friday afternoon and
Grahame will be calling for volunteers at
the next meeting to help with the stall.



April Meeting

Guest Speaker

Des Boorman is going to tell us everything we need to know about Seeds from collecting, and preparation to the final setting stage. He will cover the different media and conditions needed for setting including sun, shade and water.

Bring along any seeds that you are unsure how to set and Des will enlighten us.

See you all there -

Tuesday, 16 April, 7.45 pm
(7:30 pm for library loans)



Looking closely...

Wanted contributions for the monthly newsletter please contact the editors

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