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NEXT MEETING - FEBRUARY 17TH

Chris Cobb will provide a slide presentation on Orchids of North Queensland.

COMBINED TABLELAND AND CAIRNS SGAP OUTING

At this stage no outing has been organised. This meeting should establish a prospective calendar of events to enable those of us with work schedules to participate.

DEC/JAN FLOWERING:

Buckinghamia celsissima	Grevillea banksii	Darlingia darlingiana
Brachychiton acerifolius	Stenocarpus sinuatus	Deplanchea tetraphylla
Dillenia alata	Alphitonia excelsa	Alphitonia petriei
Tarennia dallachiana	Xanthostemon chrysanthus	Ficus racemosa (fruiting)
Aleurites moluccana (fruit)	Euodia elleryana	Hibiscus tiliaceus
Schefflera actinophylla (fruit)	Phaleria clerodendron (fruit)	

Meeting News: December

Members enjoyed a quiet get together with drinks and nibbles and lots of sweets for a super supper. Numbers were light on, no doubt due to impending Christmas Parties. The club is in recess now until February 17, so I hope everyone enjoys their Christmas and New Year holiday break.

"PRUNINGS"

(From the Media)

Treescape

The Cairns City Council and FNQE C have undertaken to plant 1000 semi-mature trees on the footpaths around the city. Some 70 native Species will be included. FNQEC will also supply a native tree replacement to householders for those removed as a risk to the power supply.

Donaghy's Corridor

The 4th and final link in this important wildlife corridor restoration work will connect the Lake Barrine section of the Crater Lakes National Park to Gadagarra State Forest. These park areas have long been isolated by clearing for grazing and agricultural purposes and no longer provide support for some of the threatened/ endangered wildlife.

Replanting corridors will provide safer movement for animals, extending the feeding range for species of marsupials, small mammals and cassowaries.

Indoor Compost

An application for a mushroom compost farm has been presented for an Edmonton site. The expansion of 'Marlin

Mushrooms' is expected 2780 tonnes of compost.

Mossie Zapper

Felargonium citrosum vanleenii is reputedly the shot.. planted in a tub where it can be brushed against to release the repelling aroma.

Treat for Creek

The National Heritage Trust has provided funding for a revegetation project on the upper reaches of Petersen Creek near Lake Eacham National Park. The first part of the project will utilize some 5000 trees provided by the DEH Lake Eacham Regional Nursery.

Roll Call

Nominations for a community council committee to help manage the Wet Tropics World Heritage Area are required. The 17 member committee's role is to provide advice on the implementation of Management plans and Policies.
Ph (07) 4052 0555.

Flower Power

A workshop in Mareeba was held to discuss the Tablelands developing a Wildflower Industry

with a view to the marketing difficulties. The DPI in Mareeba has 2 booklets which will provide some helpful information to those embarking in this fledgling industry.

Out of Plum

These errant plums caused some mishaps lately... "A passenger on a bus travelling through La Plata (Argentina) threw a plum from the window. An unsuspecting car driver following mistook the ejected fruit for a 'hand grenade or something', took evasive action, forcing a six-tonne truck off the road into Butane reserves of a camping site. The resulting explosion destroyed the site, the shop and injured 93 people. "Thank God it wasn't a watermelon" said an Official.. " or the whole country would have been destroyed."

Back in Europe, an elderly woman died in Romania when her plum liquor still ignited and caused a buried artillery shell to explode. A neighbour quoted " We always said her plum brandy would blow your head off."