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*** ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING *** MARCH 17TH

Rob Hinxman will present Aboriginal Food Plants (part 11)

COMBINED TABLELAND AND CAIRNS SGAP OUTING

April 19th -HERBERTON RANGE - WALSH FALLS.
Meet 10.00am Platypus Park (Atherton)on the left after crossing the Railway on the
Herberton road.

MEETING - FEBRUARY 17
GUEST SPEAKER

Chris Cobb gave us an excellent slide program and presentation on some of North Queensland's endemic orchids. Chris had collected and photographed flowering species from a variety of habitats, including the Mowbray Falls, Iron Range and Mt Toser, Archer's Point and Musgrave Station. Some of those depicted were rare and unusual species and varieties.

The outing on Saturday, March 7th was to Chris's residence at 230 Robert Road, Edmonton. Chris's phone No. is 40 452709 for anyone wishing to visit by appointment.

APOLOGIES

Our sincere apologies to Tony Roberts for neglecting to attribute to him, the excellent assignment on butterflies and food plants presented in our December newsletter. Thank you Tony we did all appreciate the article, and apologize for our oversight.

SGAP OUTINGS

Rob has set the following dates for your calendar.....so take note and keep them free!

May 3-4-5 : Camp out - suggestions are for either Cape Tribulation or Chillagoe.

June 14th - July 12th - August 9th - Sept 13th - Oct 11th - Nov 8th - Dec 6th

Venues have not been decided, but these are the relevant dates set for combined outings.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
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PLEASE COME TO THIS MEETING AND LEND YOUR SUPPORT. WE ARE KEENLY LOOKING FOR A SECRETARY.....DEBBIE HAS DONE THE JOB GRATIS FOR A WHOLE YEAR...BUT CANNOT CONTINUE...ITS IS ALSO ROB'S FINAL YEAR AS PRESIDENT...

NOTES ON SOME RECENTLY DESCRIBED SPECIES &
RECENT AND NOT SO RECENT NAME CHANGES

What has been known for many years as *Linospadix* sp. Mount Lewis has at long last been described and published as *Linospadix apetirolata* by John L. Dowe and Anthony K. Irvine in "A Revision of *Linospadix* in Australia, with the Description of a New Species" Principes V.41 p.192 - 217.

Anthony Irvine one of the authors may well be known to SGAP members who attend our excursions, he's the big fellow in the red hat.

While on the subject of local personalities Mr. Rigel Jensen of Malanda a man who is well known to SGAP members has been honored by having *Marsdenia jensenii* named in his honor by Paul I. Forster, "*Marsdenia jensenii* (Asclepiadaceae: Marsdenieae), a new species from north eastern Queensland" *Austrobaileya* V. 5 No. 1, 1997, p. 59-61.

Paul Forster is no doubt well known to SGAP members he's the bloke from Brisbane who gave us a talk on Cycads early last year.

What has for many years been known as Genus nov. (AQ826) sp. Freshwater Creek D. Nicholson 4018, has been recently described and published as *Dinosperma longifolia*, by Thomas G. Hartley in "Five new rain forest genera of Australian Rutaceae" in *Adansonia*, ser.3, 1997, 19 (2) p. 189 - 213.

The only known collections of this rare and unusual plant are believed to have been made in an area now flooded by Lake Morris. Hartley has also transferred a couple of *Melicope*'s into *Dinosperma* thus *Melicope melanophloia* becomes *Dinosperma melanophloia*. This small tree is common in many rainforest areas through out the Wet Tropics.

Melicope stipitata becomes *Dinosperma stipitata*, this small tree is native to the City as well as many other areas of rainforest between Gap Creek and Tully, it has a greater altitudinal range than given by Hartley being found almost at sea level in the Cape Tribulation and Babinda areas. *Melicope erythrococca* becomes *Dinosperma erythrococca*, this medium sized tree occurs in many areas of rainforest through out the Wet Tropics.

Another of Hartley's new genera is *Pitaviaster* a monotypic and endemic to eastern Australia, accommodates what we have been calling *Euodia haplophylla*. *Pitaviaster haplophyllus* is native to the City as well as many other rainforests through out the Wet Tropics.

While on things Rutacea, does any one know what has happened to *Evodiella muelleri*?, it appears to have disappeared as it is not listed in "Qld. Plants Names & Distribution, 1997.

Till next time, Bob.