

Native Plants Queensland



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and**

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Rain, Hail or Shine!!!!



Newsletter MAY 2015



Welcome to our first botanical collaboration - quite a difference to our previous plant experiences together. First, a huge thank you to all those of you who really make it possible – all the people who have taken time to offer contributions. We hope to encourage everyone to offer articles, photos, stories, jokes or anything else that will aid us all in the task of growing many of the appropriate Australian native plants for enjoyment, aids to conservation or simply because they exist and deserve to be added to our landscapes and publicised. (Some of us just love to settle for photographs!!). So please fire up those creative juices for future editions – from what I have heard from members of the group over the years, there are plenty of articles buried deep within you all.

May we all grow, propagate, grow more, promote, share, revel in and appreciate all the wonderful plants we call our own.

Bev and Michael

DATES TO REMEMBER

- Autumn Plant Sale – Grovely TAFE
 - LEAF Griffith University Logan Campus
 - Qld Garden Expo
 - Native Flower Show and Plant Market
BG Mt Coot-th-a
 - Rosewood Festival Plant sale
 - Bushland Vibes
 - ANPSA Conference
- Link to website anpsa.org.au

MAY 2ND

MAY 31ST

JULY 10 - 12

AUGUST 15 - 16

SEPTEMBER 5TH

SEPTEMBER 6TH

NOVEMBER 15 -20



Rare Plants Propagation

Rare Plants Propagation Project - progress

The David Hockings Collection group have been enjoying wonderful autumn afternoons re-potting and putting down cuttings under David's expert supervision. Olive spoils us with homemade cake for afternoon tea and there is always some stunning plant in flower in the garden. The latest was a *Phaleria clerodendron*, with the branches and trunk massed with beautiful white flowers.

Almost 40 species have cuttings done and many are doing well. The re-potters have over 100 plants looking cheerful on the SGAP bench in David's nursery.

Marie



March 22nd Cuttings



Phaleria clerodendron



David Hockings



David, Ian, Chrissie and Dan

THE CONSERVATION GROUP

The Conservation group is enjoying the benefits of the nursery facilities at Brush Turkey Enterprises, thanks to Spencer and Karen Shaw. The great challenge is to locate propagating material for the rare species but progress is being made with *Senna acclinis*, *Corynocarpus rupestris*, *Plenctranthus nitidus* and *Plectranthus alloplectus* and *Triunia robusta* all in pots and growing happily.



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Triunia robusta flowers and fruits

Future Meetings



May 10th: Walk in Triunia led by Rowena Thomas.
Details of when and where will be provided

June: Meeting at Ian Inglis's home
2 Conrad Court Nambour.

July 12th: No meeting as the Branch is participating at the Qld Garden Expo.
Volunteers needed.

August 9th: A walk in the wildflowers with Janet Whish Wilson. The wildflowers will decide the venue!

Queensland Region Office Bearers for 2015

New appointees: President - Ian McMaster
Treasurer - Joan Abercrombie
Conservation Officer - Glen Leiper
Horticultural and Technical Officer - Bill McDonald.



The Secretary – Paul Taylor
Vice Presidents – Robert Ellis and James Hansen and
Displays Officer – Lawrie Smith were all re-appointed to their
positions.

Best wishes to this team as they lead us in 2015.

Congratulations to our Sunshine Coasters Ian and Joan and many thanks to Olive Hocking who filled the Conservation Officer role for a number of years.

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Our members organise regular Plants Markets where you can buy many well-known as well as other less common native plants not generally available in commercial nurseries.

So add some botanic variety and interest to your garden by selecting native plants from one or more of these events!

PLANTS MARKETS - 2015

May 2 Autumn Plants Market
Grovely TAFE College
Carpark off Woking Street

May 31 Logan Eco Action Festival LEAF
Griffith University Logan Campus
University Drive, Meadowbrook

July 26 Einbunpin Festival,
Einbunpin Lagoon Parklands,
Brighton Road or Lagoon Street, Sandgate

August 2 What's Cooking in the Gardens
Redcliffe Botanic Gardens,
George Street or Henzell Street

August 15,16 Native Flower Show, Plants Market
Brisbane Botanic Gardens, Mt Coot-tha
Mt Coot-tha Road, Toowong

September 5 Rosewood Festival
Rosewood Showgrounds
Railway Street, Rosewood

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Congratulations

*Sunshine Coast Branch member
and Wallum Study Group Leader
Barbara Henderson was
awarded an
Honorary Life Membership of
SGAP Qld
at the AGM April 2015.*

*Congratulations to Barbara for
well deserved recognition for the
many years she has devoted to
the Society and her outstanding
contribution to our knowledge of
the Wallum.*



Barbara Henderson's presentation by Ian McMaster, President.

Rasp Ferns

Ferns from Wendy



Family: *Blechnaceae*

Genus: *Doodia* named after Samuel Doody an apothecary of London.

These are terrestrial ferns with dark, wiry roots. Fronds are clumped and divided once. The pinnae are leathery and rough with toothed margins. The *Doodia* ferns are inclined to hybridise naturally making identification difficult.

Doodia aspera: Prickly Rasp Fern.

From Latin *asper* 'rough' in reference to the rough stipe and rachis.

The fern laminae are 15-35 cm long and 4-10 cm wide. The lower section of the lamina has a "ric-rac braid" appearance. Fertile and non-fertile fronds have the same shape. The new growth is bright pink

This fern is found in tropical and temperate rainforest and open Eucalyptus forest, usually in the shade, although it grows quite well in sun. It occurs naturally in eastern Qld, eastern NSW and eastern Vic as well as in New Zealand.



TIP..... Remember to ensure your ferns stay watered on these lovely sunny days with low humidity.



BOOKS

SMALL PLANTS for Australian Gardens 2009
Nola Parry and Jocelyn Jones
Published by New Holland Publishers (Australia) PtyLtd.

Now here's a great little book for native plant enthusiasts – especially those (of us) who have small blocks and need to see the value of growing smaller plants. And this book certainly shows how attractive at least 125 of them can be, both individually and in combination with a selection of the other presented plants. If only some of us would put the lesson into practice!!

Each of the plants has a page devoted to it where aspects such as – “Description”, “In the Garden”, “Combine With”, “Caring For” and “Flowering Period” are discussed along with photographs as required and relevant.

In addition, the presented plants are listed into groups such as “Pink”, “Purple /Blue”, “Yellow/Orange”, “Red”, “White” and “Green” flowers; “Interesting Foliage”, “Annuals”, “Bird Attraction”, “Butterfly Attraction”, “Coastal Planting”, “Damp”, “Dry,” “Fragrant”, “Mass Planting”, “Pots and Containers”, “Spring Flowers”, “Summer Flowers”, “Autumn Flowers”, “Winter Flowers”. There are 26 different listings presented at the rear of the book. Something for everyone – even though there are only two Acacias.

Small plants are described in this book, as “shrubs, grasses, herbaceous plants and annuals that grow up to 1 metre high, with a spread of less than 1 metre!!”

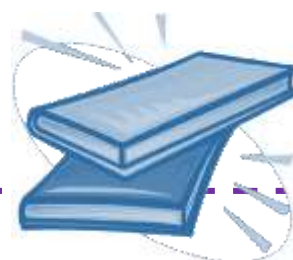
There are described here, 8 Scaevolae, 5 Hibbertias, 9 Lomandras, (never a hint of longifolia), D.G., and 6 Dampieras, and most of these find their way into the “Pot and Container” list as well.

There are, along with all of these, many of your old favourites and hopefully at least some with which you might not be as familiar.

For mine, when confronted with a book such as this, it is very difficult to curb rampant enthusiasm and translate selectivity and common sense into the garden. Perhaps a sane, appropriate and long – term plan could be the best way to go.

Happy reading.

B & M



Have a laugh



'And now we're going to play she-loves-me, she loves-me-not!!'

Quick recipe

- 2 large, ripe bananas, about 400 g in total
- 2 cups self-raising flour
- 1 teaspoon baking powder
- 1/4 cup brown sugar
- 1/3 cup sunflower oil
- 1/3 cup low-fat milk
- 2 eggs
- 1 cup sultanas



1. Preheat the oven to 180 degrees C. Grease a deep 18cm round cake tin and line the bottom with baking paper. Peel the bananas, then mash with a fork.
2. Sift the flour and baking powder into a large bowl and stir in the sugar. Mix together the oil, milk and eggs in a separate bowl and add to the flour mixture. Stir in the sultanas and mashed bananas, then pour the mixture into the tin.
3. Bake for 50–55 minutes or until the cake is well risen and a skewer inserted in the centre comes out clean. Leave to cool for 15 minutes, then loosen the edge of the cake with a knife and turn it out onto a wire rack to cool completely. The cake can be kept in an airtight container for up to 4 days.

Cake for our next get together...



Gardening is a matter of your enthusiasm holding up until your back gets used to it. ~Author Unknown

Floral Tribute

Man to florist: 'I'd like a bunch of flowers, please.'
Florist: 'Certainly, sir. What flowers would you like?'
Man: 'Er.. I'm not sure...Ummm..'
Florist: 'Let me help you, sir - what exactly have you done?'

Organic, or Inorganic?

Mary and Ellen were talking one day. "My husband asked me to buy ORGANIC vegetables from the market garden," said Mary.

"So were you able to find some?" Ellen asked.

"Well when I got to the market, I asked the gardener, 'These vegetables are for my husband. Have they been sprayed with any poisonous chemicals?'"

"The gardener answered: 'No, you'll have to do that yourself.'"



Poor child, school holidays with Acacia man !!!