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Stuart Worboys

Sunday 19 July saw the biggest SGAP gathering in my time with the organisation. Members from Cairns, Tablelands, and Townsville met in Herberton on a grey and drizzly Tablelands morning. We guessed 30 people met at the Petford Road turnoff, threatening to block the road with their massed four wheel drives.

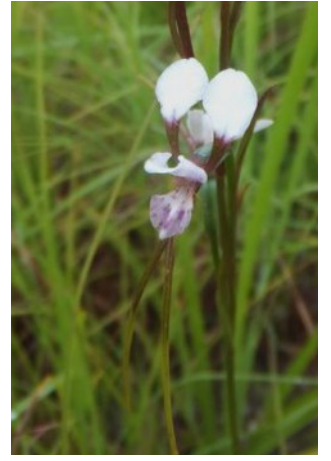
The group trundled off to the Great Dividing Range Range powerline corridor, with a splinter group heading to Stannary Hills proper. On the Range we found flowers more typical of a temperate heathland - *Velleia pubescens*, *Mirbelia speciosa*, *Cryptandra debilis* and tiny donkey orchids, *Diuris oporina*.

After lunch at the historic Watsonville Cemetery, Peter Radke lead us to a site where we could see all of the Stannary Hills iconic species - *Grevillea glossadenia*, *Eucalyptus atrata*, *Eucalyptus pachycalyx*, *Acacia longipedunculata*, and the unique but uncharismatic *Acacia purpureapetala*.

Thanks to everyone for making this a fun, unwieldy, and fascinating day.

Photos, clockwise from top left:

- Stannary Hills locals welcome visitors with open arms.
- Low cloud over the Great Dividing Range powerline corridor.
- The iconic, and slightly rainsoaked, Stannary Hills species, *Acacia purpureapetala*, Australia's only native purple wattle.
- *Diuris oporina*, Herberton Railway Line (Photo by Chris Jaminon).
- *Diuris oporina*, Mt Emerald (Photo by Chris Jaminon).
- *Diuris oporina*, Baal Gammon (Photo by Chris Jaminon).
- *Hakea plurinervia*.
- *Phyllanthus dallachyanus* subsp. Irvinebank (P.I.Forster PIF14675)



Species List

Compiled by everyone!

Ferns

DENNSTAEDTIACEAE

Pteridium esculentum (bracken)

PTERIDACEAE

Cheilanthes cordata

Cheilanthes tenuifolia

Conifers

CUPRESSACEAE

Callitris intratropica (cypress-pine)

Monocots

ASPARAGACEAE

Thysanotus (fringe lily)

BORYACEAE

Borya septentrionalis

HAEMODORACEAE

Haemodorum coccineum
(bloodroot)

HEMEROCALLIDACEAE

Tricoryne anceps

ORCHIDACEAE

Diuris oporina

POACEAE

Aristida

**Melinis minutiflora*

Mnesithea rottboelioides

Panicum effusum

Themeda triandra (kangaroo grass)

XANTHORRHOEACEAE

Xanthorrhoea johnsonii (grass tree)

Eudicots

ACANTHACEAE

Brunoniella acaulis

Rostellularia adscendens

APIACEAE

Platysace valida

ASTERACEAE

**Ageratum conyzoides*

Coronidium newcastlianum (white paper daisy)

Cyanthilium cinereum

Xerochrysum bracteatum (yellow everlasting)

BIGNONIACEAE

Pandorea linearis

CARYOPHYLLACEAE

Wahlenbergia (bluebells)

CASUARINACEAE

Allocasuarina inophloia

Allocasuarina torulosa

CELASTRACEAE

Stackhousia intermedia

FABACEAE

Acacia aulacocarpa

Acacia galioides

Acacia humifusa

Acacia leptoloba

Acacia longipedunculata

Acacia purpureapetala

Acacia whitei

Acacia wickhamii subsp. *cassitera*
(tabletop wattle)

Chamaecrista rotundifolia (Wynn Cassia)

Chorizema parviflorum (Lisa's pea)

Corymbia leichhardtii (yellowjacket)

Flemingia parviflora

Gastrolobium grandiflorum (poison pea)

Gompholobium nitidum

Hovea nana

Indigofera bancroftii

Indigofera pratensis

Jacksonia thesioides

Mirbelia speciosa subsp. *ringrosei*

**Stylosanthes scabra*

Tephrosia filipes

GOODENIACEAE

Velleia pubescens

HYPERICACEAE

Hypericum gramineum

MYRTACEAE

Corymbia citriodora (lemon-scented gum)

Eucalyptus atrata

Eucalyptus cloeziana (Gympie messmate)

Eucalyptus pachycalyx (pumpkin gum)

Eucalyptus tereticornis (forest red gum)

Lophostemon suaveolens

Syncarpia glomulifera (Turpentine)

PHYLLANTHACEAE

Breynia cernua

Sauropus elachophyllus

PICRODENDRACEAE

Petalostigma banksii

Petalostigma pubescens (quinine bush)

PITTOSPORACEAE

Bursaria cf. incana

POLYGALACEAE

Polygala paniculata

PROTEACEAE

Grevillea dryandri

Grevillea glauca (bushman's clothespeg)

Grevillea glossadenia

Grevillea pteridifolia

Hakea plurinervia

Persoonia falcata

RHAMNACEAE

Alphitonia pomaderroides

Cryptandra debilis

RUBIACEAE

Coelospermum reticulatum

SAPOTACEAE

Sersalisia sericea

STYLIDIACEAE

Stylidium graminifolium (trigger plant)

WHAT'S HAPPENING

Cairns Branch

Meetings and excursions on the 3rd Sunday of the month.

17 July 2016 – 12 noon. Emerald Creek Falls. **How to get there:**

Head west from Cairns towards Mareeba. About 5 km before Mareeba turn left onto Tinaroo Creek Road. Follow this for 2.8 km, turn left onto Cobra Road. Continue along this road - it changes name to Emerald Falls Road and takes you to your destination.

August 2016 – To be confirmed.

September 2016 – Cattana Wetlands, Smithfield

7-9 October 2016 - Yabba Capricorn - see , p 4 & 5 for details.

October 2016 – Jumrun Nature Walk, Kuranda.

Tablelands Branch

Meetings on the 4th Wednesday of the month. Excursion the following Sunday. Any queries, please contact Chris Jaminon on 4091 4565 or email hjaminon@bigpond.com

Townsville Branch

Meets on the 2nd Wednesday of the month, February to November, in Annandale Community Centre at 8pm, and holds excursions the following Sunday.

11 September 2016 - Burra Range. The most spectacular array of wildflowers in north Queensland can be found in the Burra Range, west of Townsville. Contact John Elliott (jw-elliott@aapt.net.au) for more details on this excursion.

See www.sgaptownsville.org.au/ for more information.

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