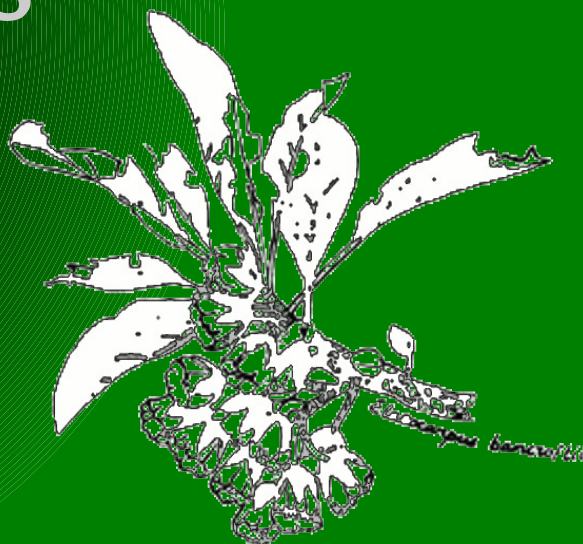


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2017 Updated Excursion Plans

Due to changes in trip leader circumstances, we've had to change around our excursion plans for June and July. Here is the new SGAP Cairns Excursion Calendar for 2017.

May

Goldsborough. An old favourite, this excursion takes us deep in the Mulgrave valley, behind Mt Bellenden Ker.

June

Munro Martin Park. In July, we revisit the redeveloped Munro Martin Parklands to inspect growth of the gardens.

July

Cooktown. Scheduled for third weekend in July, the plan is to travel up on the Friday and return Sunday. This allows for work all day Saturday and Sunday morning. It was resolved to invite Tablelands, Innisfail and Townsville SGAP. Whilst there, we would be hosted by Tony Roberts, Botanic Gardens Curator.

August

Harvey Creek. Flowing off the eastern flanks of Mt Bellenden Ker, Harvey Creek supports one of the richest lowland rainforest communities in the Wet Tropics. This excursion gives us a chance to see a tiny piece of this tall, beautiful forest as it recovers from the impacts of Larry and Yasi.

September

Cairns Esplanade. A gentle wander along the Cairns Esplanade, with maybe a lunchtime barbecue.

October

Russell Heads. All going well, this excursion will involve a cruise down the Russell River to explore the forests growing around the mouth of this major Wet Tropics watercourse.

November

Christmas Party. We finish off 2017 with a visit to Mary Gandini's place, with its rambling garden full of unusual natives.

What's happening in SGAP north Queensland...

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

Saturday 26 February 2017. For the first excursion this year Roger [Yuruga nursery] has invited us to visit his garden and that of his friend Russel Slater in Kuranda. Meet from 9.30 for 10 am departure at the recreational centre on Fallon Road, about 600 m from the highway, look for the tennis courts and don't cross Jum Rum Creek.

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

Cairns Branch

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

Sunday 19 February 2017. First meeting for the year at the Cairns Botanic Gardens Visitor's Centre, Collins Avenue, Edge Hill - see map below. Meet 10:30 a.m.

How to get there:

1. Travel south from Cairns to Gordonvale along the Bruce Highway.
2. At Gordonvale, turn right onto the Gillies Range Road. Continue up the Mulgrave River Valley about 8 km to the Goldsborough Road.
3. Turn left onto the Goldsborough Road and follow the road. It crosses the Mulgrave River at "Fisheries", and again at 11 km from the Goldsborough turnoff.
4. Beyond the second crossing, the road changes to gravel as you enter Wooroonooran National Park. Continue along the you through to its end, at the Goldsborough Day Use Area and Camping Ground.

Reminder:

*Members and new members are welcome. Please advise
secretary@sgapcairns.org.au
if you will be attending any of our excursions.*