



# Society for Growing Australian Plants

Cairns Branch Inc.

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## February Excursion Planning

*Don Lawie*

*President and Proud Life Member, Cairns Branch SGAP.*

Don has chartered Bad Fishy's 18 passenger cruiser plus a skipper for a 4 hour cruise around Admiralty island and Cairns Harbour. This will be our SGAP excursion for February.

Roger Kitchen, President Native Plants Queensland will be in the North and will be accompanying us.



*Exploring Trinity Inlet with Bad Fishy.*

### *When*

Sunday 20 February. Arrive 10 a.m. for a 10:30 departure. Cruise Trinity Inlet, enjoy lunch, explore the mangroves and return around 2.30 p.m.

### *Payment*

The charter costs \$500 plus a Cairns Port levy of \$2 per head, with a maximum of 18 passengers, which comes to a round figure of \$ 30 per head.

Based on the response to earlier emails it is expected the boat will be filled and to have a wait list. If this is the case, a second smaller boat has

been retained.

Partners, guests and children are welcome but in order to meet costs they will be charged a flat \$30 each. To secure a seat, each intending passenger should pay the sum of \$30 into the Cairns Branch SGAP bank account: Westpac Community Solutions One:

BSB: 034 167

Account Number: 850 790

And then send an email to:

[secretary@sgapcairns.org.au](mailto:secretary@sgapcairns.org.au)

advising payment and number of seats required. Seats will be allocated in the chronological order that the emails come in, and a reply email will be sent to acknowledge. Tickets are limited and bookings close 15th February

***N.B. Each passenger MUST have proof of vaccination before boarding.***

### *What to bring*

Lunch, water, repellent, sun cream.

### *To do...*

It is hoped that we can compile a mangrove species map of the harbour area that we traverse, as well as having a pleasant outing with friends.



## Flowering in February



*Apostasia wallichii*



*Corymborkis veratrifolia*



*Macropteranthes montana*



*Portulaca bicolor*

## What's Happening?

### *Cairns Branch*

Sunday 20 February. You already know what's happening, so why are you reading this?

### *Townsville Branch*

No February meeting due to COVID restrictions.

Sunday 13th February. Outing to the beautifully shaded rainforest section of Queens Gardens, North Ward. Meet at 9 am at the Paxton Street entrance of Queens Gardens.

### *Tablelands Branch*

Meetings on the 4th Wednesday of each month at 7:30 pm, Tolga CWA Hall. Excursions the following Sunday.

Excursion officer: Peter Radke, 4091 4565.

### *State Branch*

Sunday 20 March 2022. The State branch Annual General Meeting is to be held on at Nerang Country Paradise Parklands 9.30 am for a 10am start. The business part of the event will be brief and our host the Gold Coast branch has organised an interesting program for the morning.

Email [membership@npq.org.au](mailto:membership@npq.org.au) for more information.

### SGAP Cairns Branch 2021-2022 Committee

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