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Meeting Thursday, 9 October 6.30 p.m.

Our next meeting will be at the Stratford Community Hall, 15 Kamerunga Road, Stratford (next to Stratford Library) on Thursday, 9 October, commencing at 6.30 p.m. Speaker to commence at 7.30, followed by hot drinks and light refreshments. Bring a plate to share!

The hall will be open at 6.00 and the meeting will commence at 6.30.

Speaker: Ryan Zihrul, leading hand at the Cairns Regional Council's Stratford Nursery.

The Stratford Nursery is the source of planting materials for many of the Cairns region's tree planting schemes. Each year, it supplies tens of thousands of seedlings to projects across the Wet Tropics lowlands. With so much going on, there is always a tension about how best to supply the competing needs of the different organisations. Ryan will discuss "Being adaptable to balance with differing priorities."



September Excursion Report

A small but enthusiastic group gathered at Goomboora Park, Redlynch. Along with many others we enjoyed the beautiful sunny day. After lunch, instead of inspecting the plantings on the former cane paddock as we did previously, we strolled across the bridge and along beside the creek enjoying the ambience and beautiful tall trees.

Excursion for 19 October

Our October excursion is to Cattana Wetlands at Dunne Road, Smithfield. Access is from Yorkeys Knob Road or McGregor Road. The car park is at Dunne Road. There are picnic tables not far in. If you intend to come, email secretary@sgapcairns.org.au and we will keep a look out for you.

This excursion has been brought forward to commence at 10 a.m. to avoid the worst of the heat of the day.

There is much interesting information about these wetlands on the web



Our Christmas party will be held on 14 December at Edge Hill Bowls which was such a successful venue last year. Meet at 11.30 at the Edge Hill Bowls Club. Bring plants or items for a Monster Raffle.



Items of Interest: Art Exhibition

Claudine Marzik, an accomplished artist and one of the ATH's long standing volunteers, will be exhibiting her latest series of work at the Mulgrave Gallery, Cairns; the exhibition will be in collaboration with Tijn Meulendijks.

Together they explore the natural world through painting and sculptural installations; Claudine's work cleverly recycles old Herbarium sheets to create abstract paintings.

The exhibition will be officially opened by Prof. Darren Crayn, Director ATH (Friday 31 October, 5:30 p.m).

<https://www.cairns.qld.gov.au/experience-cairns/arts-and-culture/arts-venues/mulgrave-gallery/exhibitions/the-body-language-of-plants>

Claudine & Tijn will also be hosting Botany & Art Workshops, with assistance from Stuart Worboys, Botanist ATH.

<https://www.ticketlink.com.au/ticketlinkEvents/visual-arts/the-body-language-of-plants-botany-and-art-workshop>

November Meeting

What would you like to do for November?

Find somewhere airconditioned with a guest speaker?

Visit the Mulgrave Art Gallery?