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The Native Gardener

Newsletter of the
Society for Growing Australian Plants
Townsville Branch Inc.
PO Box 363, Aitkenvale, Qld. 4814.

April 2010

General Meeting 8.00pm **Wednesday** **14th April 2010**
Community Centre – Annandale Shopping Centre
Committee Meeting 7.30pm **Monday** **26th April 2010**
Tumbetin Lodge

Our speaker for this month will be

Dr. Betsy Jackes

who will talk about the Heath family, Ericaceae subfamilies Styphelioideae,
Ericoideae and Vaccinioideae
(previously known as one separate family, Epacridaceae).

No outing planned for this month.

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Reminder - SGAP Membership fees 2010

Please remember that membership fees for 2010 are now due. You can either pay cash to Keith at meetings, by cheque or money order (to SGAP) by post or at meetings or by bank transfer (see details on the last page on the form).

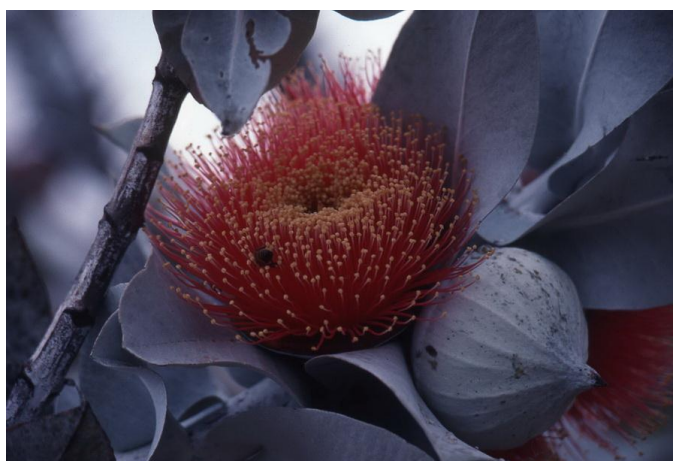
Last months talk by Keith 'Anywhere but here'

Last months talk was a very welcome reminder of the huge variety of species to be found all over this island continent of Australia. From Murchison to the Pilbarra, and from Central Qld to Victoria, Keith has travelled widely and his photo collection reflects his passion for the native flora. Photographs of Grevilleas featured prominently, which reflects the fact that this genus, at 365 species, is the third largest in the Australian flora and covers the whole continent.

We are very grateful to Keith for sharing this with us.



Grevillea juncifolia NT



Eucalyptus macrocarpa WA

In flower in March 2010

The following species were shown by our members at the March meeting:

Xanthostemon 'Fairfield Gold'

Myrtaceae

Bursaria incana

Pittosporaceae

Jane McLean

Bald Rock Outing 14/03/2010

It was a beautiful day to visit Bald Rock for last months outing, and after all the rain we have been having plants were everywhere in evidence. It will come as no surprise to hear that we only managed to travel a few hundred metres, but this was all pleasure as we examined almost every blade of grass en route.

The fact that this was so pleasurable is due in large part to the fact that Nanette Hooker accompanied us, and her expertise with grasses leaves “no stone unturned”.

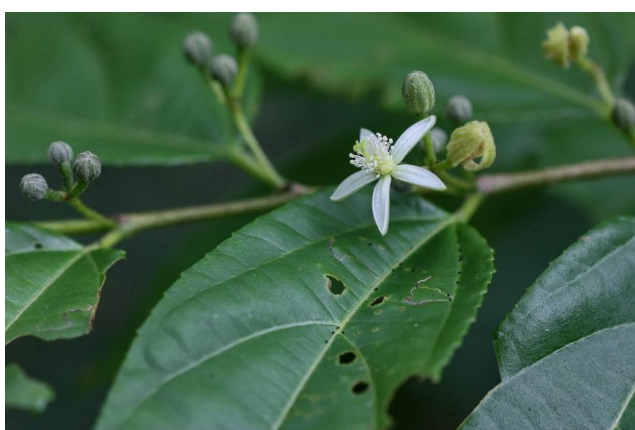
A list of new species we looked at is given below, and a reminder that Nanette’s e-books on grasses can be found here:

http://www.jcu.edu.au/mtb/staff/adjunct/JCUPRD_049769.html

Genus species	Family	Common Name
<i>Commelina diffusa</i>	Commelinaceae	Wandering Jew, Scurvy Weed
<i>Commelina ensifolia</i>	Commelinaceae	Wandering Jew, Scurvy Weed
<i>Cyanotis axillaris</i>	Commelinaceae	Blue Ears
<i>Cyperus perangustus</i>	Cyperaceae	
<i>Scleria sphacelata</i>	Cyperaceae	
<i>Aeschynomene indica</i>	Fabaceae	
<i>Desmodium filiforme</i>	Fabaceae	
<i>Alloteropsis cimicina</i>	Poaceae	
<i>Ancistrachne uncinulata</i>	Poaceae	Hooky Grass
<i>Aristida gracilipes</i>	Poaceae	
<i>Arthrargrostis deschampsoides</i>	Poaceae	
<i>Chloris lobata</i>	Poaceae	
<i>Chrysopogon fallax</i>	Poaceae	Golden Beard Grass
<i>Cymbopogon bombycinus</i>	Poaceae	Native Lemon Grass, Silky Heads
<i>Dactyloctenium radulans</i>	Poaceae	Button Grass
<i>Enneapogon lindleyanus</i>	Poaceae	Nine-awn Grass
<i>Eragrostis spartinoides</i>	Poaceae	
<i>Heteropogon contortus</i>	Poaceae	Black Spear Grass
<i>Mnesithea formosa</i>	Poaceae	
<i>Paspalidium distans</i>	Poaceae	
<i>Sarga plumosum</i>	Poaceae	Plume Sorghum
<i>Setaria australiensis</i>	Poaceae	Scrub Pigeon Grass
<i>Urochloa pubigera</i>	Poaceae	Arm Grass
<i>Themeda triandra</i>	Poaceae	Kangaroo Grass
<i>Alectryon connatus</i>	Sapindaceae	Hairy Alectryon
<i>Grewia australis</i>	Tiliaceae	Dogs Balls



Alectryon connatus, Sapindaceae, Hairy Alectryon



Grewia australis, Tiliaceae, Dogs Balls

Cyanotis axillaris presents a beautiful blue flower, distinct from the more prevalent *Commelina* species.

A common, local, small tree, *Alectryon connatus* was also viewed in flower and with immature fruit, which was a first for many of us.



Cyanotis axillaris, Commelinaceae, Blue Ears



Neptunia major, Mimosaceae

John Elliott

2010 AGM

Thanks to everyone for supporting our AGM and fulfilling our duties as an Incorporated Society. The following is a list of our office bearers for 2010-2011. As usual we would welcome any input from our members regarding our activities, particularly articles for the newsletter and ideas for speakers.

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Membership Application or Renewal Form

Membership Year is from 1st April to 31st March
(Initial half yearly membership is available for those joining around October)

Name:

Postal Address:

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Email address:

Fee: \$.....

If claiming full time student fee please quote Student No.....

Additional household members may be registered for a nominal fee
of \$2.00 per person but they will not receive newsletters or magazines.

For those who wish to pay electronically the details are

Bendigo Bank BSB 633-000 Account 113462386

Please ensure that you quote 'Membership' and your name so that we can correctly allocate the payment.

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Membership Fees

New Ordinary Member	\$40.00
New Student Member	\$30.00
Renewal Ordinary	\$35.00
Renewal Student	\$25.00
New Member (Half Year from Oct. 2010)	\$25.00
Additional Household Member	\$ 2.00
Queensland Bulletin subscription only	\$30.00

Committee Meetings 2009	General Meetings 2009
25th Jan	10th Feb
22nd Feb	10th March
29th March	7th April
26th April	12th May
31st May	9th June
28th June	14th July
26th July	11th August
23rd August	8th September
27th September	13th October
25th October	10th November

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the conservation of Australian native flora
by encouraging its introduction into gardens.

