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From the Leader...

I will be taking a break from Study Group activities from early February until late March or early April, to recuperate from a surgical procedure. For this reason, I have put together a short newsletter, with a more comprehensive one to follow in May or early June. *Peter Bostock*

PROGRAM FOR THE SYDNEY REGION

Peter Hind

THERE WILL BE NO MEETINGS IN DECEMBER 2006 and JANUARY 2007

Saturday 17th February 2007. Meet 11 am at the home of Ron and Paula Wilkins, 188b Beecroft Road, Cheltenham. Beecroft Road is extremely busy—Ron suggests parking in Cheltenham Road and walking in. Ron will be giving us more on fern spores. Phone 02 98761948

Saturday 17th March 2007. Meet after 10 am at the Wollongong Botanic Gardens. The gardens open at 10 am on weekends. If travelling from North or South, take the F6 Freeway and take the Keiraville exit, then simply follow the signs to the Botanic Gardens. Perhaps try for the Administration Centre Car Park off Murphys Avenue.

Saturday 21st April 2007. In lieu of the April meeting, we suggest attending *The Autumn on Farm Plant Sale & Native Garden Display* at the Olde's place. See advertisement on page 3 of this newsletter.

Saturday 19th May 2007. Meet about 10 am at the home of Horst and Ellen Mey, 24 Elebana Street, Colyton. Phone 02 96237228. We then plan to car pool (after a cuppa and looking at the garden and perhaps lunch) as needed to drive to the Glenbrook Reserve, on the Great Western Highway on the eastern side of Glenbrook.

PROGRAM FOR THE SOUTH-EAST QUEENSLAND REGION

Peter Bostock

No meeting in January 2007.

Sunday 4th February 2007. Meet at Peter and Pat Bostock's residence, 59 Limosa St, Bellbowrie 4070. Topic for discussion: Lycopodiaceae, particularly the tassel ferns of the genus *Huperzia*.

Sunday 4th March 2007. Excursion to Mt Mee State Forest and Forest Reserve—this time we plan to cover the full 13km of the Somerset Trail circuit. Meet near the old sawmill at the Gantry Picnic area at 9:30 am.

Sunday 1st April 2007. Meet at Claire Shackel's home, 19 Arafura St, Upper Mt Gravatt, at 9:30 am. We will discuss the progress (or lack thereof) of the sporelings potted on at the workshop in March 2006.

May 2007 long-weekend excursion. Northern New South Wales, based at Kyogle. Nine rooms have been tentatively booked at the Kyogle Motel, 295 Summerland Way for three nights, beginning Friday 4th May for departure Monday 7th. The motel is c. 1.5 km south of the Kyogle Post Office. There are apparently four places to have dinner in Kyogle, the Bowling Club, the Golf Club, the Chinese Restaurant and the Hotel. Although the motel bookings have been made on the basis of SE Qld members who indicated their interest, if interstate members wish to attend there may be some rooms still available

when you receive this (or independent arrangements can be made). Note that the motel only has nine rooms and they require confirmation (in writing) in the first week of March!

SPORE BANK

Barry White

All types of spores are welcome including fresher samples of ones already on the list. There is no necessity to separate the sporangia from the spores. The whole, or part, frond may also be sent in, all is acceptable. Please include date of collection and, if collected from the bush, the area. In the list, the month and year of collection is shown. The area of collection is available on request.

Order spore from the address shown on page 1 of the newsletter. Please include a stamped, self-addressed envelope when you request spore from the bank.

<i>Acrostichum</i> sp. 6/04	<i>Dicksonia antarctica</i> 2/04
<i>Adiantum formosum</i> 6/05	<i>Diplazium australe</i> 4/06
<i>Amphineuron opulentum</i> 2/05	<i>Diplazium dilatatum</i> 8/06
<i>Angiopteris evecta</i> 7/05	<i>Diplazium queenslandicum</i> 7/06
<i>Anogramma leptophylla</i> 12/06	<i>Doodia australis</i> 12/04
<i>Arachniodes aristata</i> 7/06	<i>Doodia dissecta</i> 6/05
<i>Asplenium aethiopicum</i> 6/05	<i>Histiopteris incisa</i> 1/07
<i>Asplenium flabellifolium</i> 11/06	<i>Hypolepis amaurorachis</i> 4/06
<i>Belvisia mucronata</i> 12/06	<i>Hypolepis glandulifera</i> 1/05
<i>Blechnum cartilagineum</i> 12/06	<i>Hypolepis rugosula</i> 12/06
<i>Blechnum chambersii</i> 4/06	<i>Lastreopsis decomposita</i> 12/06
<i>Blechnum fluviatile</i> 4/06	<i>Lastreopsis hispida</i> 11/06
<i>Blechnum minus</i> 5/05	<i>Lastreopsis marginans</i> 1/07
<i>Blechnum watsii</i> 4/06	<i>Lastreopsis microsora</i> 12/06
<i>Bolbitis quoyana</i> 7/06	<i>Lastreopsis windsorensis</i> 8/06
<i>Christella dentata</i> 3/06	<i>Platycterium hillii</i> 12/06
<i>Coveniella poecilophlebia</i> 7/06	<i>Platycterium superbum</i> 8/04
<i>Cyathea australis</i> 4/05	<i>Pneumatopteris costata</i> 7/06
<i>Cyathea baileyana</i> 8/06	<i>Pneumatopteris sogerensis</i> 7/06
<i>Cyathea brownii</i> 2/04	<i>Polystichum australiense</i> 12/06
<i>Cyathea cooperi</i> 05/06	<i>Polystichum formosum</i> 1/07
<i>Cyathea cooperi</i> (blue stipe) 12/05	<i>Polystichum proliferum</i> 4/06
<i>Cyathea cunninghamii</i> 1/07	<i>Pronophrum asperum</i> 07/06
<i>Cyathea exilis</i> 7/06	<i>Pteris tremula</i> 1/05
<i>Cyathea rebecca</i> 8/06	<i>Pteris umbrosa</i> 3/04
<i>Cyathea robertsiana</i> 8/06	<i>Pteris vittata</i> 6/05
<i>Cyathea robusta</i> 3/06	<i>Revwattsia fragile</i> 2/06
<i>Dennstaedtia davallioides</i> 2/04	<i>Rumohra adiantiformis</i> (native) 4/06

Thanks to spore donors Brenda Girdlestone, Don Fuller, Lorraine Deppeler, Nada Sankowsky, Frank Hardung and Crosby Chase

“Australian Ferns, Growing them Successfully”

Ron Wilkins

When Calder Chaffey's book was remaindered, I was lucky enough to grab several cheap copies thinking there will be new members of the fern study group in the future who will need this book. I imagine it will never be reprinted. All old members will have a copy, but if there is anyone who needs one now, please write to me [Ron Wilkins] at 188B Beecroft Road, Cheltenham, NSW 2119 or email ronwtwilkins@hotmail.com. I should be able to get a copy, brand new, to anyone in Australia for \$25 by post. My own copy was purchased years ago for \$65.

Dear fern enthusiast,

January 20, 2007

I am sending this letter in case you have not heard about the Symposium on Asian Ferns and Garden Show. The meetings will include papers, posters, shows and field trips and will be held November 12–18, 2007 in Mindanao, Philippines. This will be a great opportunity to hear about the latest fern activities in Asia, attend a fern show, and see the richness of Philippine ferns with field botanists. We expect fern people, both professional and hobbyist to be attending from various Asian countries and elsewhere and invite you to join us.

Please check out the second circular on the web site: <http://www.cmu.edu.ph/asianpteridology/> for information and the registration procedures. [PDB: this web site has been unreliable - I suggest you contact Barbara for details]

If you are interested in spending a few days (about seven) before the meetings to visit other sites in the Philippines, plans are being made to arrange for such a tour to see cultural, historical and horticultural sites. The group will leave from and return to the Los Angeles International Airport. The itinerary and cost for this pre-symposium excursion will depend upon the number of interested people. Please contact me by February 7, 2007 by letter or e-mail so I may tell the travel agent the number of people wishing to go on this pre-symposium trip. I will get back to you once the travel agent gives us an estimate and the itinerary.

We hope you will join us to see the Philippines!

Sincerely,

Barbara

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Autumn On Farm Plant Sale & Native Garden Display 2007

Silky Oaks, Oakdale, 140 Russell Lane, Oakdale

- Access M5 to Picton, turn left at Picton into Argyle St, first right into Barkers Lodge Road and Russell Lane is on the right at Oakdale (17 km from Picton)
- Train to Macarthur, bus to Camden, change bus to Russell Lane, Oakdale

Saturday 21 April 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. & Sunday 22 April 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Guest speakers on both days are **Don Burke & Angus Stewart**

Visit the extensive native show gardens where native plants are grown to perfection in a timeless open parkland setting : **Grevillea gardens * Rainforest Garden * Waratah Garden**

Workshops as well as expert garden and horticultural advice will be available from: **Merv Hodge * Cas Liber * Neil Marriott * Ray Brown * David Shiells**

Largest range of Native plants for sale in one place at the one time from \$4

Download our catalog and program from April 1 at <http://asgap.org.au/grevillea>

Entry fee \$5 per person - seniors \$2.50 per person - accompanied children under age 18 are free

Sponsored by: **The Grevillea Study Group** of the Australian Plants Society, P.O. Box 275 Penhurst N.S.W. 2222. Contact phone 02 4659 6598

Deadline for copy for the next newsletter (send to Peter Bostock by email or post): April 22nd, 2007

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Please note our Treasurer, Dan Johnston, has changed his address.