

Maroochy Wetlands Sanctuary Support Group Inc.

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September 2012 Wetland Sanctuary News



Support Group Inc.

DATES TO REMEMBER

October meeting: Thursday 11th October 2012 at 4pm.

November meeting: Thursday 8th November 2012 at 4pm

Next Bird Observers' Group Outing. 0800am start.

On Sunday 21st October we will be visiting a private property at 1 Spillers Road Moy Pocket, in the Kenilworth area. At Eumundi, take the Eumundi- Kenilworth Road [tourist drive 22] and travel 22k. Turn right into Moy Pocket Road and travel 8.5k. Turn right into Lowe Road and travel about 1.2k, passing Jones Road on right hand side twice. Immediately after the second Jones Road exit and at the top of the crest, turn right into Spillers Road. Travel down Spillers Road and park near the shed. The owners Margaret and Ian Bunce will meet us there.

Meeting Agenda October 2012

Reports

Display Trailer

Promotion/ Marketing

Froggies Award Night

Australia Day Awards, SCRC

Annual General Meeting

Vacant positions

President: DEREK FOSTER 5448 5025 mob: 0402 3520 77

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Maroochy Wetlands Sanctuary Support Group facebook.

From the President.

Hi all,

Well it's October and the Celebration Night is fast approaching. Ticket sales are going well but we would really like to see as many members as possible at the event. It should be a great night and, with significant numbers of people from the Bli Bli community attending, it is a good opportunity to share what we do and our enthusiasm for our special place. Get your tickets by phoning 54484848.

Photo competition entries have closed and with over twenty beautiful photos in the 'adults' section I am not envying the judges' (Andrew Goodall, Barry Beckham) job of selecting a winner. We also have entries in the junior sections and all winners will be announced at the Sunshine Castle on the 20th of October.

We recently moved the storage cases from the Mangrove Room to the office to create more space for displays. It is hoped that we will work on our displays to get them ready for next year's season. Ailsa has donated a couple of really great videos (one on birds of Australia and the other on mangroves), and thanks to Ailsa and Robyn we have an extra video player in the Mangrove Room. We also trialled showing films in the theatre during the last cruise event and it proved very popular so one of the ideas for next year is to try to get a more effective use of the theatre.

Robyn has organized our new computer for the office and we have been allocated a colour photocopier, so once all of the techno grumbles have been sorted we will have a pretty good system in the office. Robyn has also nearly finished the self-guiding walk and it is looking really great.

Ken facilitated the registration of the education trailer and we have put new tyres on it. Other project for next year is to get this trailer finished and working the festival and schools circuit.

We now have a dedicated web page – check it out www.maroochywetlandssupport.org.au and send any suggestions about how we might develop this further to Katie at mwssgi@gmail.com

Ok hope to see you at the next meeting – Thursday 11th of October at the Sanctuary and the **CELEBRATION NIGHT** Saturday the 20th October at the Sunshine Castle (see the ad in this newsletter).



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Derek Foster
President

Hard Quandong (Elaeocarpus obovatus)

The Hard Quandong, the beautiful large tree in the garden below the end of the Mangrove Room, has been in full blossom for the last couple of weeks. It belongs to the same genus as the Blueberry Ash (*E. reticulatus*) and the Blue Quandong (*E. grandis*), and has that tiny but magnificent “ballerina” type of flower with a strong scent.

The insects have been attracted to the tree and the blossoms have been covered with the little native Sugarbag Bees, feral bees, several types of wasps, tiny beetles, hover flies, butterflies, and various other species all gaining sustenance from the nectar and pollen. Naturally, although the flowers are too tiny to be of value as a nectar source for the birds, they are attracted by the smorgasbord of insects, and Ailsa was entertained on the cruise day whilst awaiting customers for the Mangrove Room.

The Hard Quandong is endemic from North Queensland to the central coast of NSW. In the north, it grows only as a shrub, but here and further south, it grows into quite a large tree. It has grown naturally on site and probably originated from a seed deposited by a bird. There are no other specimens nearby to my knowledge, so is unlikely to be a wind-borne dispersal.



Along the walk from Lefoes Road to Dotterell Street.



Photos: J Hewett



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Membership Application / Renewal

For Year 1st October, 2012, to 30th September, 2013

Name _____

Address _____

Telephone _____

email _____

Postal Address _____

Temporary Membership Fee: \$2.00 per outing. (Membership is for one outing only)

Annual Fees

Family or Group	\$25.00	Self-funded Retirees	\$20.00
Single	\$20.00	Pensioner or Student	\$15.00

(If joining after April, only half the Annual Fees apply.)

I also wish to make a donation of \$ _____

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:Account No: 55-201-0901, NAB BSB No 084-801

Reference: your surname

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