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APRIL 2004 NEWSLETTER

MEETINGS AND FIELD TRIPS

We meet on the third Thursday of the month at 7:30 pm. We attempt to conclude the General meeting by 8:00pm and this is followed by a Guest Speaker beginning at 8:15 pm. There is time for a cuppa inbetween the meeting and the guest speaker. The venue for our meeting is Marrara Christian School, on the corner of Amy Johnson and McMillans Drive. All welcome. Bring plants to swap, sell or have identified.

COMING EVENTS COMING EVENTS COMING EVENTS

~ NEXT MEETING THURSDAY APRIL 15TH ~

~ GUEST SPEAKER: DAVID LIDDLE ~

At our April meeting Dave will be talking on Cycads at our April meeting. Dave is well known to most TENPS members and has recently completed his PHD on cycads. His work in this area is extensive. Come along to our April meeting and find out more about Dave's work and activities that you can be involved in concerning the Cycads.

~ APRIL '04 FIELD TRIP ~

We have planned a trip to Litchfield Park over the Easter weekend. Accommodation is at Woolanning Homeland Christian College in the very picturesque surroundings of Petherick's rainforest. If you haven't been able to commit yourself to the whole weekend but would like to participate in this event in some way - maybe through a day trip - contact Russell Dempster for more details. Ph 8983 2131

PHOTOGRAPHY AND ART EXHIBITION

A photography and Art Exhibition/Competition will be held during September this year to help raise the profile of National Threatened Species Day (September 7th) within the Northern Territory. The theme is "Territory Treasures - threatened species and their habitat in the Northern Territory". People of all ages and school levels are encouraged to enter. Works can include (but not limited to) sculptures, photographs, paintings, drawings, posters and banners. Works may address threatened species, their habitat or threatening processes. Works will be on display at the Darwin Entertainment Centre Gallery and the Territory Wildlife Park.

If you have any further questions about the exhibition or about threatened species in the NT please contact Jarrad Holmes (Northern Savannas Threatened Species Network Coordinator) on 08 8941 7554 or email jholmes@wwf.org.au

2004 GARDEN SPECTACULAR

As a Society we anticipate participating in the Tropical Garden Spectacular to be held early in August at the Botanic Gardens. We encourage people to propagate native plants **now** so that by August they are a reasonable size and able to be sold at the Spectacular. This event has always been a great way to promote the use of Top End native plants in local gardens and we encourage your participation in this event.

TENPS WEBSITE

Our thanks to Mark Raines who has set up a website for TENPS at <http://tenpsnt.tripod.com> Mark would appreciate any contributions from members - photographs, planting tips, lists of bird attracting plants for home gardens - anything that members would think will enhance the website and be informative for the general public as well as members. You can email contributions directly to Mark at rain0021@optusnet.com or to the tenps email address tenps@austarnet.com.au Check out the website and see what you think!



SAYER RD WORKING BEE

A working Bee on the *Microcitrus gracilis* Conservation site, corner of Sayer Road and Stuart Highway, McMinn's Lagoon was held on Sunday 21st March. Members participated in a general clean up and clearing of weeds at this site and it now looks much better! If you are travelling down the Stuart Highway take the time to stop off and have a look! Thanks to those people who came along and assisted.

(Photo Sally Jacka)

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