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SEPTEMBER 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, 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 SEPTEMBER 16TH ~

~ GUEST SPEAKER: ~ DAVE LIDDLE

FIELD TRIP SUNDAY 19TH SEPTEMBER

At our September meeting Dave Liddle is our Guest Speaker. Dave's topic of discussion is *Ptychosperma bleeseri*. This follows our recent Field Trip in the Howard Springs/Shoal Bay areas and will be followed up by another Field Trip on Sunday 19th. If you need more details on the Field Trip, or to register your intention to attend, please phone Dave Liddle on 89994564 (business hours) or e-mail him on dave.liddle@nt.gov.au The venue for the Field trip on the 19th will again be the general rainforest areas around Howard Springs, although different locations to the last Field Trip. Meet at the Howard Springs Nature park at 9:00 am. Once again, bring a cut lunch, water bottle, hat and wear good walking shoes. It would also be a good idea to have some "mozzie" repellent with you!

TENPS CONSTITUTION:

Some of you may recall that a year or so back the Committee appointed Geoff Gaskell and Marj King as members of a subcommittee to look into the current constitution and recommend changes. After looking at the model constitution then recommended by Consumer and Business Affairs and making some changes, the modified constitution was sent out to members for comments. After looking at these, and being advised that a new Associations Act with a new model constitution would be coming out in 2004, they decided to drop the matter until then.

Now that the new, simplified model constitution is out, it is time to look at some constitutional changes again. However there is no rush (the constitution only has to meet new requirements by May 2006) so the committee will be activating the process again soon and seeking input from members at general meetings prior to a recommended constitution being in place for (hopefully) the 2005 Annual General Meeting.

TENPS PRIORITIES SURVEY:

With this newsletter you will find a survey form, prepared by Sally Jacka and approved by the Committee, that seeks members' input into the process of determining what are the activities and functions that members think are most important. This survey builds on recent discussion at general meetings and will assist the committee in setting future directions.

Please do complete and return the survey, either by folding it, putting a stamp on and posting it 'as is', or bringing it along to the next meeting you attend. This is important!

YOUR MEMBERSHIP IS DUE!

Please be reminded that subs are due again. TENPS relies on your membership fees to keep running! It helps the club if people pay their fees promptly. Our Treasurer, Jen, will be more than happy to take your money ... or if Jen hasn't fully recovered from her Athens experience, anyone on the committee can organise your subs for you.

THREATENED SPECIES IN THE NT: AUGUST MEETING REPORT

We appreciate the input Jarrad Holmes gave to TENPS about threatened species at the August meeting. Thanks Jarrad for a very informative power point presentation. Threatened species are classified as either:

☐☐☐ Extinct (EX) ☐☐

☐☐☐ Extinct in the Wild (EW)

☐☐☐ Critically Endangered (CE)

☐☐☐ Endangered (EN)

☐☐☐ Vulnerable (VU)

☐☐☐ Near Threatened (NT)

☐☐☐ Least Concern (LC)

as long as there is adequate data available. ☐☐ Other species are Data Deficient (DD) or else Not Evaluated (NE).

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Lists of plants are updated in the Territory every second year. 75 nationally listed threatened species are found in the Northern Territory, 32 of which are plants. There are two endangered N.T. species on the national list, *Bumannia* sp and *Ptychosperma bleeseri*.

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Endangered species on the Territory list include *Nervilia plicata*, *Ptychosperma bleeseri*, *Tarennoidea wallichii* and some *Typhonium* and *Utricularia* species. TENPS has been actively involved in ongoing monitoring of some of these species, including *Nervilia plicata*, *Ptychosperma bleeseri* and *Citrus gracilis*. Our September field trip again is involved in searching for more *Ptychosperma bleeseri* plants.

Ed's note: Sent as a separate attachment to the newsletter for those who receive theirs by email, are lists that Jared has compiled, detailing three different lists of threatened species under various categories.

2004 TROPICAL GARDEN SPECTACULAR REPORT

The 2004 Tropical Garden Spectacular was held at the George Brown Darwin Botanic Gardens in early August with Peter Cundall from ABC television as a guest presenter. TENPS again had a stall at the weekend event, successfully promoting and selling native plants. Thanks to everyone who contributed and helped in some way to make it worthwhile for the club, through providing plants for sale, being 'on the stand', putting the display together, setting and/or packing up, or in preparing promotional material for the Spectacular.

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We had a new banner for TENPS with our new logo emblazoned colourfully on it. This was mounted on our Shelter so that the public could identify us from a distance. Thanks Marj for organising the banner.

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Thankyou also to Sally for the work she did for the displays for the Society. They are extremely well put together and very colourful, and so attracted much interest and perusal throughout the weekend. Many people stopped to read the information contained in the eight A3-size posters. The colourful photographs showed some of the spectacular beauty of our Top End native plants.

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We also had name tags for those who volunteered on the stand, and TENPS business cards as well as an A-4 sheet of information about the activities of the Society available for people to take this year. Thanks to Raylene for the organisation of these. The business card was able to be given to the live ABC Radio Gardening Show broadcast on the Saturday morning for information to be disseminated, following a telephone call asking about the availability of native plants.

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Some Weed books were sold on consignment from The Environment Centre during the weekend, and at least one new membership was gained.

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~ GUEST SPEAKER: DAVE LIDDLE ~ ”**

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