

Demesne Farm Minor Arboretum of
Australian Plants . Home of Australia's
wondrous bottlebrush.

Demesne Farm
Coomba Park.
NSW. 2428.

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Dear Study Group Members,

1. I have formally advised Mrs Jo Walker, the Co-ordinator of A.S.G.A.P. Study Groups that it is my intention to step down from the position of Callistemon Study Group Leader with effect of 1st January 1985, and to hand over the group to a new leader.
2. My work with the following projects does not permit me to offer adequate time to study group matters and regular correspondence with members:
 - a. Continued development of Demesne Farm Minor Arboretum of Australian Plants, (which is also known as the Callistemon Study Group Collection.)
 - b. Continued compilation of the Catalogue of Callistemon (Funded by the Queensland Region, SGAP.)
 - c. Local Greening Australia activities.
 - d. Surveillance of the local Forster-Tuncurry Australian Plant Propagation Unit.
3. The change in direction is that I am convinced Greening Australia is one, if not the most, urgent environmental tasks confronting all Australians to-day and the principle ' for Growing Australian Plants ' is an integral part of that task. I see this Greening Australia to be a role in which my spare time, effort and involvement can become more productive. Since I publically signified my interest in the Greening Australia and National Tree Program initiatives, I have been approached by three schools to give student instruction and by the Red Cross, Probus, Great Lakes Native Plant Society to accept guest speaker engagements. Also a local Coomba Park Greening Australia Group is in the offering.
4. I have accepted the position of Senior Adviser to the local Forster-Tuncurry CYSS Australian Plant Propagation Unit and our aim is to produce some 10,000 tube size Australian plants, from seed and cuttings in our first year and 20,000 a year after that. These are destined to be used in local Greening Australia and National Tree Program projects in our local shire.
5. I know that a lot of the work which now forms the aims of the Callistemon Study Group will remain incomplete by 1st January 1985, but with a new leader with fresh enthusiasm and the assistance of all study group members I feel convinced that the loose ends will soon be tidied up.
6. Should anyone feel that they would like to take over the leadership of the Callistemon Study Group, may I suggest that you write to Mrs.J.Walker, Co-ordinator of SGAP Study Groups, 16 Blundell Street, Queanbeyan, NSW. 2620.

Regards for Now,

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