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Hello to all my readers,

This newsletter was going to have lots of interesting bits & pieces for you to read, but with August fast becoming history, and the need to turn my attention to other urgent demands, I will have to make this a "business" issue.

So, first of all, I will deal with the following matters.

1. Over this coming weekend, the 15th and 16th August, we have the "Native Plants Queensland" annual Flower Show and Plants Market" at the Mt. Coot-tha Botanic Garden, Brisbane. There will be a display by the Wallum Study Group, as well as many more dealing with our native plants and some of the fauna associated with them. These days I wouldn't know where to collect any Wallum flowers, and haven't the time to do so anyway, so the display will rely on my usual photographic posters and albums plus plants in pots, supplied by John Ward from the Bribie Island Community Nursery, and brought in to Mt. Coot-tha by member Allan Carr - my sincere thanks to both.

2. Right on the heels of the Flower Show, I am involved, as always, with the Sunshine Coast Wildflower Festival, happening from the 18th to the 30th of August, at various venues from Bribie Island to Noosa. There are 14 walks, plus other activities at the Arts & Ecology Centre at the Maroochy Regional Bushland Botanic Gardens, Tanawha.

My contribution this year, instead of walking, will be a static display and information "post" at the start/finish of two walks - Coolum Beach (near the school) on the 22nd, and at Currimundi Lake (Kathleen McArthur) Conservation Park on the 29th. In addition, I will join Betty Sykes and Rosa Sorensen at the south-western corner of Keith Royal Park off Taylor Place - S.C. UBD Map 59 Ref. J9, on the 21st.

I'll be at Coolum from about 9.30a.m., and Keith Royal Park probably around 9.30a.m. also. The Festival programme looks interesting, and some newsletters have one included. Unfortunately, I didn't receive the number of programmes I requested, and they were very late arriving, which is why this newsletter has been held up, waiting for them. Bookings and enquiries can be made via www.community.sunshinecoast.qld.gov.au/events and I do apologise for the short notice, but sometimes you have no control over some things. The Sunshine Coast Spring Wildflower Festival Committee has produced a self-guide walk and wildflower guide which folds to fit in your hand or bag. I have a few to spare which could be collected from me at the Flower Show.

All Festival activities are free, and walks are guided by members of local flora and fauna groups.

3. Next on the "business list" is a reminder that annual membership renewals are due, still \$5 payable by cash or cheque. Reminder notices are enclosed for those not paid up to June 2016 or beyond.

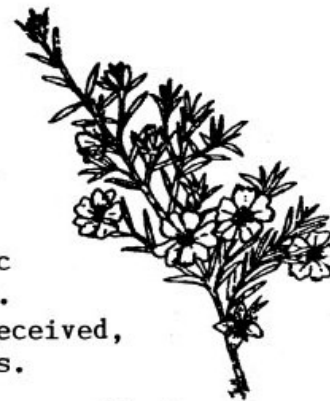
Last year newsletter production was more erratic than usual and renewal notices weren't sent out. That meant that quite a few renewals were not received, and emphasised the need for the reminder notices. I must admit that if I don't receive a renewal

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Boronia falcifolia

Guinea Flower



Hibbertia stricta

reminder, I will forget when it is due. Anyway, I hope you will all decide to stay with me and the wonderful Wallum. Amazingly, after all these years (since 1992). we still discover new plants or ones which generate a lot of discussion, out on our rambles. Some are so tiny, it is only by chance that they are seen.

I hope to include a section in the next newsletter on "Tiny Treasures of the Wallum", covering some of the smallest plants we have found.

4. Now we come to the Study Group's activities for the remainder of this year 2015. Two outings will be to places visited within the last year, one to check on post-fire results, the other on flowering at a different time of year.

SEPTEMBER Sunday 27th: Tallowood Drive off Deception Bay Road, Deception Bay, UBD Map 79 Ref. A4. Meet 9.00-9.30a.m. in the carpark of the Great Northern Garden of Remembrance, for a cuppa before looking at nearby bushland previously visited in April. We will be comparing the flowering at the different months, and Allan Carr's lovely pictures of the April flowers are included in this newsletter, for reference. Bring lunch, etc., this is a quiet place with possible company of kangaroos.

OCTOBER Sunday 25th: Mt. Mee heath which was visited in September 2014, not long after the nearby forest had been burned, leaving a couple of small patches which kept us interested until mid-afternoon. Meet by 9.30a.m. at the Gantry Picnic Area, UBD Map 44 Ref F 13. From Dayboro, follow Mt. Mee Road (turn off at swimming pool), and take a left into Sellin Road (clearly marked). Bring lunch and other excursion needs.

NOVEMBER Sunday 22nd: Our annual Bribie Island Wallum Day at the Bribie Island Community Nursery, First Avenue, just past sports fields, UBD Map 53 Ref. L 18. Meet there from 9.00a.m., the day's programme will include a possible short walk, much discussion ("Wallum Yabba") on many topics, "computer Wallum", plants in the nursery, books and photo albums to look at. Bring morning tea and lunch, hot water available. And thanks to John Ward who always enables us to enjoy these comfortable semi-social break-ups for the Christmas recess.

5. FUTURE ACTIVITIES into 2016 came into the general discussion at the Toorbul garden of Richard & Carole Green in July, when we met there in July. The main purpose of this visit was to see how things are progressing in this special garden started in February 2012 "To Create a Wallum Garden". I'll report on this and other outings in the next newsletter, but we were deciding on the activities for the remainder of 2015, and a general discussion of excursions got under way. Members from Capalaba and Mt. Cotton suggested Redlands Indigiscapes - too far for us to drive, but someone mentioned using a small bus. Caboolture Daytime SGAP. of which Allan Carr is a member, does this from time to time, so I will follow this idea up with Allan at a later date. I would like to visit the Maroochy Regional Bushland Botanic Garden at Tanawha, and other places at the southern end of the Sunshine Coast, for a change sometimes.

6. Since the 2013 ANPSA Conference on the Sunshine Coast, I've been more involved with the Sunshine Coast & Hinterland S.G.A.P., and have become a member of their branch. Their well-organised secretary, Marie Livingstone and I connect pretty often by phone, and discuss many matters concerning that region covered by their Branch, our Study Group, and to a lesser extent, the Sunshine Coast and Hinterland branch of the Wildlife Preservation Society of Qld. (Wildlife Qld.) and Caboolture Daytime SGAP.

Sunshine Coast SGAP, early in the year, decided to set up their own website, which would include a Wallum section. With that in mind, and considering the amount of "paperwork" I've accumulated over 30 years of "wallowing in the Wallum", plus all the slides I have since the mid-1980s - of the Sunshine Coast Wallum areas, Marie decided that it all needed to be committed to digital records. So back in April, a group of us met at Marie's Peachester home to discuss how to go about things.

John & Joan Dillon took away two full binders of slides, Allan Carr took charge of the Study Group newsletters and the "Heathland Rambles" I write for the Bulletin/Journal, and Marie kept the rest. So now my 30 years' work is "digitalised" or whatever.

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Boronia falcifolia

Well, that more or less deals with the main business for now, so this remaining page can be used for some more casual chit-chat. The day is fast running out for me, but still some warmth lingers from the lovely sun we had for most of the day.

Christmas Bells



Blandfordia grandiflora

Moore in winter is a chilly place place after the sun goes behind the hills in the west, and at present, around 5p.m. it is time to close the doors, and put on some extra clothing. Not long after, you'll see smoke issuing from chimneys, and about 6pm. some nights, on goes my air-conditioner. Yes, I claim to be a moderate conservationist, but I can't bear that biting chill in a house where the floor (timber with vinyl cover except for icy tiles in the "wet" rooms) can be too cold for comfort. Geoff calls the place "Frostbite Flats".

Allan Carr, with his camera and computer skills, is a wonderful asset to our Group, and has put together a tri-fold leaflet of 28 Wallum flowers, in colour, and based on Bribie Island's lovely

Wallum treasures. It can be used on the Island and adjacent areas. We are in the process of having a quantity printed, possibly shared with

Cabbolture Daytime S.G.A.P. Wallum Study Group funds are in a healthy state, the latest Bank Statement at end of June 2015 showing a balance of \$1480.63, so we can afford these leaflets, which are sure to be an asset on wildflower walks. There will be more details in the next newsletter, re costs etc.

It might be seen that the Wallum & Coastal Heathland Study Group is firmly based in south-east Queensland. I think that this can happen with any Study Group, with more members near where the leader lives. We do have a small active group of members who attend activities, and with whom I have regular contact, but I can't do much about that. Members from other States except New South Wales are nil, and only 2 in N.S.W. and one in Canberra. One of the N.S.W. members, Barry Kemp, has been with us since the very early days, and I enjoy his little notes from time to time. And that is how it is.

Here in Queensland there have been a few changes, for the better, I hope. Things were getting a bit "bogged-down", so it will be interesting to see what the changes do for Queensland. From the recent June issue of our "Journal", members will have seen the new name of "Native Plants Queensland" and the pink-mauve Cooktown Orchid which has replaced the golden Banksia spinulosa. I wondered if I was the last member to receive a Life Member badge with the Banksia emblem? I've included the little A5 colour leaflet with information about "Native Plants Queensland", in newsletters to members who might not have seen it. I have some spares if anyone wants to "spread the news".

Our new State President, Ian McMaster, is Chairman of the Sunshine Coast & Hinterland Branch, and I understand he has had extensive business skills. He doesn't waste time on unnecessary trivialities, pleasant to get along with. Trigger Flower and I've found him to be extremely ering at Samford, and had a Showgrounds! I lived at Samsonvale/ Samford where I was a founding I attended the June Daytime Gath- lovely time, after I found the My excuse - there has been a lot of the Showgrounds twice! Kobble for 25 years, and got lost at member of the branch in September 1988. development, and I'd only ever gone to

So, I'm near the end, the sun has the cold out. Could be a light frost beyond the hill to the east this before I leave for the Sunshine there. I'll be out of contact from message with Geoff on 32899272, if



Stylidium graminifolium

sunk behind the hills, and I've shut tonight, there was fog off the river morning. Although I have heaps to do Coast on the 19th, it will be warmer the 19th until the 30th, but leave a necessary.

Vanilla Lily



Sowerbaea juncea

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Some photos from our excursion in Freshwater National Park (South of Deception Bay Road) 19 April 2015



Boronia polygalifolia



Gompholobium pinnatum



Gompholobium pinnatum pods



Grevillea leiophylla



Goodenia stelligera



Thysanotus tuberosus



Mitrasacme paludosa



Velleia spathulata



Drosera peltata



Lepidosperma laterale



Tricoryne elatior



Haemodorum tenuifolium



Pimelea linifolia



Glossocardia bidens



Corymbia intermedia