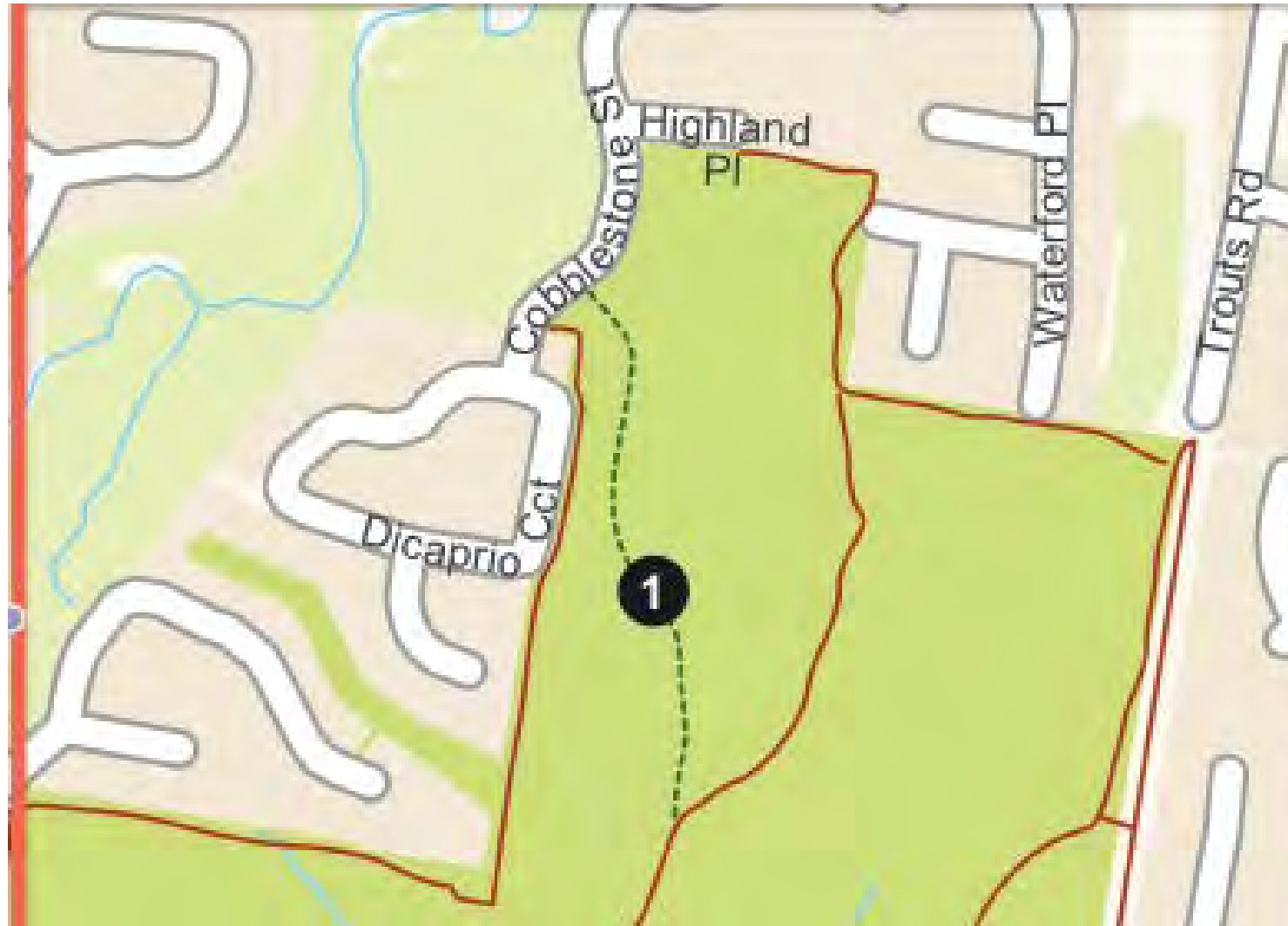


Chermside Hills Foray 2017



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Tindaliae Track 400m Chermside Hills Reserve



The background image shows a natural landscape with a prominent, light-colored rock outcrop in the center. The surrounding area is a gully with sparse vegetation, including grasses and small shrubs. The text is overlaid on this image in a bold, orange font.

The Australia Day Foray was shared with Wildlife Q. Bris. Nth Branch as the first of their Mountains to Mangrove outings for 2017. The N W portion of the Chermside Hills bushland chosen for the foray offered two attractions, the confluence of several gully systems for the fungi, as well as an undescribed geological outcrop at the head of the major gully, for general interest.

In order to avoid the stress of walking across the hills from the usual entry point in Trouts Road, an easy access was chosen from Bangalow St off Albany Creek Road which also offered shady shelter for the final debriefing.

As in previous gully forays we first examined the moister area at the confluence then up the major gully running south. The vegetation is open eucalypt forest with casuarinas and sparse understory of forbs , grasses and shrubs.

The geology of the Moreton area is very complex. All the major changes occurred in the Gondwana continent long before the fragmentation . Evidence of two significant separate events is observable in the Chermside Hills, although heavily eroded. The story has been well documented by Wilmot and Stephens in the booklets published by the Geological Soc. of Aust. Qld branch.

The foray party having thoroughly searched the gullies with some successful finds , reached the outcrop on time at 10.30 for the morning tea break and an inspection of the rock outcrop with a commentary by John Wrench. The rock appears to be a conglomerate of eroded bunya Metamorphic and Brisbane rhyolitic welded tuff material previously formed in a ponding system, with a matrix of clay and ferric oxide. Although the products of erosion are referred to in general terms, this specific series is not named or described separately.

The foray party returned to Bangalow St by a BCC walking track with a brief diversion to the bushland on the western side of the exit adjacent to Cabbage tree creek. On the evidence this site warrants a further visit. The fungi found are reported separately.





Phyloporus sp.



Pycnoporus coccinious



Phyloporus sp.







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Exhausted Forayers at morning tea in the stinking heat astride the Brisbane Tuff



