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**QMS CALENDAR**

**The Annual General Meeting and Election of Office Bearers will be held on 9 June 2008.** At the AGM all Committee positions are declared vacant and members are invited to nominate for any position. A Nomination Form is included on page 13. Only financial QMS members are eligible to vote at the election or to nominate for any position on the Committee.

**Members are reminded that 2008 subscriptions (\$20 pp) are due.** Payment can be made by cheque mailed to the Treasurer, Queensland Mycological Society Inc., PO Box 295, Indooroopilly Qld 4068 or directly to the Treasurer at the next meeting. A Membership Renewal Form is included on page 12.

**Meetings are held in the Bailey Room at the Herbarium, Mt Coot-tha, commencing at 7pm on the second Tuesday of the month, unless otherwise scheduled.**

**General Meeting: 9 June 2008.** Annual General Meeting and Election of 2008/9 Office Bearers. Address by Joan Cribb: **The Gasteromycetes.**

**Field Trip: 21 June 2008 Baroon Pocket Dam.** Leader: Patrick Leonard 5456 4135.

**General Meeting: 8 July 2008.** TBA

**Field Trip: 26 July 2008:** Reserved for a Workshop.

**General Meeting: 12 August 2008.** Address by Michael Powell: **Wood Decay Fungi.**

**Field Trip: 6 September 2008. Mt Hobwee, Lamington.** Leader Dr Tony Young.

**General Meeting: 9 September 2008.** Address by Sapphire McMullan-Fisher: **Conservation implications of macrofungal congruence with vegetation type.**

**Field Trip: 11 October 2008. Visit to a commercial mushroom farm.** Leader Jon Atkinson Ph 3861 1738.

**General Meeting: 14 October 2008.** TBA

**General Meeting: 11 November 2008.** TBA

**General Meeting: 9 December 2008.** Karalyn Hearse – **Christmas Fungal Quizzes.**

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Have you logged onto the QMS website lately? If not then it is time you did!! Many thanks to Andrew Kettle for getting the site up and running. Please provide feedback to the Committee about any ideas you may have for the site.

### MEETING SUPPER ROSTER

Supper time provides an ideal opportunity for members to socialise and chat informally about macrofungi. James Hansen has accepted responsibility for organising the supper roster and is in need of volunteers so please offer him your assistance. Two volunteers are required for each meeting – one to bring something savoury and one something sweet. James can be contacted on 3263 2254.

**June:** Sapphire McMullan-Fisher & Diana Leemon

**July:** Ray & Noreen Baxter

**August:** Kim Nguyen &

**September:**

**October:** Annitta Hearle & Megan Prance

**November:**

**December:** Party Time! Everyone brings a plate of food to share.

### QMS FIELD TRIP PROGRAMME

Jon Atkinson, mobile 0401 283148 (email [buildingbistro@hotmail.com](mailto:buildingbistro@hotmail.com)), is the QMS Committee member responsible for the Field Trip programme. All members are invited to consider leading a Field Trip or attending a Field Trip. Members wishing to attend any of the field trips contact either the trip leader or Jon Atkinson. *If you are unsure of a field trip date, or have nominated for a field trip and cannot attend please contact the field trip leader.*

**Note:** The committee has decided that future Field Trips will be held on the last Saturday of the month. The reason for the change is to give the Field Trip Leader and participants more time to

prepare the report and select the photographs to be shown at the next General Meeting. This revised timing is being introduced over the next few months and has affected some of the planned trips so please check the dates as detailed below.

**21 June 2008 Baroon Pocket Dam.** The walk is part of the Sunshine Coast Hinterland Great Walk. Leader: Patrick Leonard phone 07 5456 4135, email [patbrenda.leonard@bigpond.com](mailto:patbrenda.leonard@bigpond.com). Leader notes advise that this will be a new kind of field trip where collections will be made in the morning, followed, in the afternoon, by a 3 hour cooperative workshop, using the available literature and microscopy to identify the species. This will involve using QMS and participants' microscopes. Numbers are limited to 10-12 persons. Bring: picnic lunch, ID books, microscope if you have one, and writing materials.

Participants are to **meet at 9.30am in the Baroon Point car park** near Montville. Drive time from central Brisbane is estimated at 1½ to 2 hours. To get to the Baroon Point car park just south of Montville on the Maleny-Montville Road turn into Western Avenue, drive west until you see a sign to Baroon Point off to the left down a steep hill, Narrows Road. Go to the bottom of the hill and turn right, just before reaching the dam turn into the car park for the Sunshine Coast Great Walk. 26° 41' 89 S 152° 52' 163E. The ID session will be held at Fran Guard's house at Dilkusha off the Montville - Maleny Road.

For the first 300m or so the track is sealed and suitable for wheelchair users. The remainder is a well-formed track, which rises gently from the lake car park to the ridge. There are a couple of steeper sections near the lookout but it is unlikely, if there are fungi found, that the fungi hunt will reach the lookout.

**26 July 2008** (note new date – changed from 9<sup>th</sup> August): Reserved for a Workshop. Proposals awaited.

**6 September 2008 Mt Hobwee Lamington.** Leader Dr Tony Young. Leader's note: The single species we want to find is ONLY to be found at that time, and no more collections of it are needed, although I will probably take a reference sample if required. The idea will be to bring cameras and enjoy a day out.

It is ALL on Lamington NP trails, so it is not a bush bashing exercise. If you can walk 20km over a full day over graded paths you will be fine. It needs only comfortable foot wear, hat, shorts or slacks, light jumper and raincoat, torch, camera and lunch pack according to requirements of person. Water will have to be carried. I would expect to be out at Hobwee well and truly by about midday and even after an hour for lunch and looking at the fungi, we'd be back somewhere between three and four pm. It is a gentle slope all the way up to Hobwee, but downhill all the way back, except for about 200 metres at one point. I would expect to do a gentle amble out, but walk a bit faster on the way back. The tracks are not really very demanding, but again, it is all a matter of a person's physical fitness and only the individual can tell if they are up to the walk or not. The views of the crater rim are marvellous and you will not be disappointed. Also, Hobwee is the holotype locality for the fungus we are going to look for.

**QMS Executive comment:** The walk should only be undertaken by people with a reasonable level of fitness. The round trip is about 17 kilometres rising about 450 metres, which should take about 6-7 hours walking time (this does not account for spotting fungi along the way!). Because this is a full day walk, members should consider taking overnight accommodation in the area.

**11 October 2008 Visit to a commercial mushroom farm.** Leader Jon Atkinson Ph 0401 283148.

## FIELD TRIP REPORTS

The **5 April 2008 Field Trip to the Linda Garrett Park at Mapleton** was led by Patrick Leonard who submitted the following report and photograph.

Fifteen members of the QMS gathered in Mapleton for the field trip to the Linda Garrett Reserve, a rainforest remnant with some mature *Eucalypt* and *Allocasuarina* species. We found our first fungus, an un-described rose pink *Russula* within a few metres of the car park. This was quickly followed by a brown sepia milk cap, *Lactarius wirrabara* and a bolete, *Strobilomyces* species 4 described by Roy Watling almost 20 years ago but apparently not found since. Another bolete, *Strobilomyces velutipes* turned up later. The Fungimap target species *Anthracoerythron archeri* with its rust red gills was found in some quantities. Other interesting finds were the bright sky blue *Entoloma hochstetteri* growing on mossy fallen logs and near the base of trees. Two other species of very large white *Entolomas* were found, but neither was included amongst the recently published species from Tasmania.

The only *Amanita* to be found had a brilliant white saccate volva and is aptly named *Amanita albovolvata*.

There were three clavarioid fungi, the most spectacular of which appeared to be the Flame of the forest, the apricot red *Clavulinopsis miniata*. Two rather inconspicuous small fungi proved to be interesting. The first was growing in small troops on wood and had an umbilicus in the centre of a dark cap. It looked rather like a dark *Entoloma*, or perhaps a *Mycena*. Microscopic examination revealed that it had rather strange tough gills and may well be a *Trogia*.



Photo: *Amanita albovolvata*

The other was a small fungus growing on a rotting log which had a very distinctive dark coloured saccate volva, this proved to be *Volvariella pusilla* var *taylori* for which there is only one previous record (by Tony Young in NSW). So the field trip provided a rich mix of the colourful and the rare along with a good number of unnamed species.

The interim report on the **2 to 4 May 2008 Field Trip to Springbrook** was given by Ken Cowell. Twelve members participated in the weekend, which was led by Diana Leemon assisted by Nigel Fechner. Diana will give a detailed report at a future meeting when she will seek feedback regarding what, if any, commitment QMS members are prepared to make to the project.

Springbrook is located on the eastern side of the Border ranges. Land, previously privately owned, has been purchased by the Queensland Government for inclusion in the Springbrook National Park. The Australian Rainforest Conservation Society (ARCS) is managing the land with a view to returning it to native rainforest, this is called the "Springbrook Rescue Project".

Aila Keto, Chairperson of ARCS, spoke to the team on the Friday night providing background into her vision of what can be achieved and the proposed methodology. The project involves a lot of monitoring to determine the efficiency of the regeneration with minimal intervention, using as little replanting as possible. Some of the land has already undergone significant rainforest regeneration, some very little. The area is subject to the moist south eastern airflow, which rises as it flows over the mountains, so there is a pressure reduction with a resultant temperature drop. Depending on the

relative humidity of the incoming air, and the temperature drop, low level clouds may form. This provides ideal conditions for rainforest growth.

ARCS plan to ask as many scientific organisations as possible to assist in monitoring the “Springbrook Rescue Project”. QMS have been asked if it would be interested in participating in the project and, if so, what it would be able to contribute.

An image of the southern end of Springbrook, from Google earth, was shown to give an overall perspective of the region. The accommodation, which had a view to the Gold Coast, was previously a commercial Eco Lodge situated on a ridge on the eastern side of Repeater Station Road. On Saturday morning the typical low level cloud rolled in from the south east. The high humidity is great for rainforests but creates a mould problem for buildings. Later in the morning as the sun warmed the air the low level cloud dissipated.

Over the weekend, 4 ARCS sites were visited and 3 sampled. Saturday Sites 1 and 2, which were in close proximity to the accommodation on the western side of the road, were visited. Site 1 was about 300m north of the accommodation and Site 2 the same distance but south. These were considered as control sites because rainforest regeneration had been taking place for about 30 years. Here Nigel Fechner expected few mycorrhizal fungi on the Basalt derived soils as this soil type is considered to impede fungi fruiting.

After completing site 2 most members walked to the “Best Of All” lookout at the end of Repeater Station Road to enjoy the view to the south over the Tweed Valley and Mt Warning.

Sunday a further 2 sites were visited: “The Winery”, where a failed vineyard covered part of the property and “Warblers”. The Winery was heavily overgrown by exotic grasses and was not sampled. Warblers became QMS Site 3: here the main vegetation consisted of exotic grasses and garden weeds. The major weed was a garden escapee, an iris, which was being poisoned. Sampling was along the perimeter adjacent to native vegetation, which were mainly *Eucalyptus oreades* and an area of Leptospermum heath. This perimeter area showed signs of early natural revegetation from the adjacent bush, particularly the Leptospermum heath, although most regrowth plants were very small.

Broad Category	Site 1	Site 2	Site 3
Agaric	7	4	17
Toothed	4		
Polyporoid	1		1
Bracket	2		1
Leather	3		
Corticoid	6	1	
Jelly	2		
Coral			?1 v ancient
1 Stinkhorn	1		
6 Ascomycete	6		
1 Myxomycete	1	1	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>20</b>

The substrate of all fungi in Site 1 was wood; Site 2 all except 1 were on wood; and in Site 3 most were in soil.

Over the weekend, during discussions with Aila Keto, the possibility of QMS involvement in the monitoring process was raised. Commercial accommodation in the area is expensive. However, ARCS will provide low cost accommodation for participants on properties they manage. As the project objective is monitoring the progress of regeneration reporting survey results will be essential.

Some possible monitoring options for QMS to consider might be:

- By periodic sampling of 1 control (site 1) and 1 study (site 3). Depending on the number of participants this could be for a subset, minimum of 4 per field trip, to survey the 2 sites over 2 days.
- Sampling frequency will probably depend on the number of participants.
- The possibility of a folder using the information collected so far (photos and descriptions), to assist with identification in the field. Over time the folder would be added to as new species are found. This may make identification in the field easier as even unnamed species would be included.
- How reports should be made.

When Diana gives a full report on the “Springbrook Rescue Project” at a QMS meeting it is expected that members will be asked to consider if they want QMS to be involved in the project and, if so, to what extent. Please consider what level of commitment you would be prepared to make should members decide to be involved in monitoring the Springbrook Rescue Project.

### FIND OF THE FIELD TRIP

**March: *Microporus xanthopus*** article and photograph submitted by Nigel Fechner

The saprotrophic polypore *Microporus xanthopus* (Fr.:Fr.) Kuntze is one of the most common fungi in tropical areas from Australia through Asia to tropical and south-temperate Africa, but is reputedly not found in the American tropics. It can be found on the rotting wood of numerous tree species in wet, forested areas.



According to some research, this species has a low tolerance to salt and withstands a narrow temperature range. This behaviour with respect to salinity and temperature is in agreement with

the ecology of the species, which is usually only present in the denser part of the forest on branches fallen on the ground, where conditions are characterised by a relatively stable temperature and protection against direct insolation and seawater spray.

The pileus is usually recorded as measuring up to 100mm diam. (although 190mm has been proposed by one author). The hymenium is composed of extremely minute pores, so small that there are 8 or more per mm. The yellow stipe with its expanded basal disk, or ‘foot’, if you like, is a diagnostic characteristic of this species. (*xanthopus* = yellow foot)

Taxonomically, *Microporus xanthopus* has been variously placed in the genera *Coriolus*, *Polyporus*, *Polystictus*, and *Trametes* following its original description as *Polyporus xanthopus* by Fries in 1818.

In 1932, Corner published a paper investigating the characteristics of hyphal systems in polypores. His research focussed on what he referred to as *Polystictus xanthopus* Fr.:

*“In the jungle I had noticed that the largest fruit-bodies were to be found in places which were always damp, such as by watercourses in the deep shade. Those developed in secondary jungle, or places which were apt to dry out at frequent short intervals and which were continuously humid only for a*

month or so at a time, were always rather small.

*The fruit-bodies continue to spore for some time after they have stopped growing and after they have lost connexion with the mycelium, by drawing upon their own reserves. Two to five weeks can be taken as the reserve sporing period. One may conclude that the fruit-bodies cannot survive desiccation for more than five weeks, and even after three weeks they are somewhat enfeebled. For periods up to three weeks, however, they retain full vitality: in many cases they began to spore only 12 hours after soaking out. Once the margin has been dried up, it cannot grow again; and this inability confirms the observation that large specimens are always found where growth can proceed uninterrupted."*

### Trivia

Amongst other species collected, the tribal peoples of Madhya Pradesh in India gather *M. xanthopus* for sale to exporters. It is believed that they are exported for their aesthetic appeal in making decorations. There is apparently preference for fungi with white fruit bodies.

In Malaysia, *M. xanthopus* is reportedly used in stopping children from breast-feeding.

In Malaya it is common from sea level to mountain-tops at 6,000 ft.

**April:** *Humidicutis arcohastata* article and photograph submitted by Patrick Leonard

Bright green fungi are unusual in nature and examples tend to be restricted to a few Genera such as *Entoloma*, *Hygrocybe* and *Russula*. Towards the end of the field trip at the Linda Garrett Reserve, whilst many people were still admiring the bright blue of *Entoloma hochstetteri*, two of the group became quite excited by what they claimed was a bright green fungus. When the rest of us arrived we found a number of bright olive green fungi with conical caps about 30mms across and with purple tints at the centre. The stipe was multicoloured with green, mauve and yellow colours as one descended the stem.



At first there was speculation that this might be another *Entoloma*, but closer examination showed the gills to be waxy and a vivid yellow colour and the cap to be just slightly sticky. This pointed to the fungus being an *Hygrocybe*. No one present had seen this fungus before and we could not put a name to it in the field. A good collection was made and through Tony Young's key in his volume on the Hygrophoraceae of Australia we were able to conclude that this was *Humidicutis arcohastata*. This fungus was previously only known from the original collection site in southern Victoria, so this was only the second site for the fungus and the first time it had been found in Queensland. The fungus was growing amongst deep mulch on what appeared to be the remains of a fallen and well rotted tree trunk.

## REPORT ON PHOTOGRAPHY WORKSHOP

Submitted by Jon Atkinson

A photography workshop was held in the Bailey room at Mt. Coot-tha Herbarium on 19 February at 6:30 pm. This was to assist interested members to improve their photographic skills. There was a charge of \$10 per person for a 2.5 hour session which ten members attended. The workshop was run by Rod Buchholz, a qualified and experienced photography teacher and photographic documenter. Rod was assisted by Colin Rayfield, a photographer with a lot of experience photographing plants on bush walks. Colin can be contacted at [colinrayfield@173rdairborne.com](mailto:colinrayfield@173rdairborne.com)

The workshop began with 'image capture' and then went on to image editing. The evening was not long enough to go into image editing in any great depth, so this is a sequel workshop for the future.

Rod and Colin were full of information and tips, and the following bullet points are taken from my brief notes:

- Do not use flash as it washes out colours and does not work well at macro level.
- Reduce the range of light variation as a camera cannot compensate for contrasting light i.e. not direct sunlight, softer light is better.
- Use available light and a tripod or similar (bean bag, spike) wherever possible.
- Film speed and exposure speed are not as important as correct aperture and focus.
- Increase depth of field (reduced aperture) to cover more than the whole subject (depth of field with widest aperture is only 1.5 to 2 cm).
- At macro levels, the actual range of focus extends twice as much behind the plane of focus than in front of the plane.
- In digital cameras, good lenses are more important than more mega pixels.
- Best resolution is not at the biggest or smallest aperture, check for your own camera.
- Always important to set the white colour balance for the light conditions, especially if colour faithfulness is important. Most digital cameras can do this. Reset for clear or cloudy skies, different artificial lights or e.g. inside a forest.
- Correct light balance can be achieved by setting to an 18% light-reflecting surface. 18% grey card can be bought or made up.
- Better to under than over expose. Under exposure can be fixed on the computer, but not over exposure.

Useful reference sites are

- Good online tips at [kenrockwell.com](http://kenrockwell.com)
- Good camera reviews at [dpreview.com](http://dpreview.com)
- Good freeware viewer and basic editor is [irfanview.com](http://irfanview.com)
- Good local film developing company is Allchromes 38522099
- Good magazine 'Better Photoshop techniques' has tutorials by Philip Andrews
- Good camera and accessories shop M.S.Y. Technology, [MSY.com.au](http://MSY.com.au)
- Good tutorial web page [www.luminous-landscape.com](http://www.luminous-landscape.com)
- Rod Buchholz invited those present to contact him with any queries at [rkb@aapt.net.au](mailto:rkb@aapt.net.au)

## SUMMARY OF QMS MEETINGS

**General Meeting 8 April 2008.** As Diana Leemon, Acting President, was unable to attend this meeting was chaired by Nigel Fechner.

The main business of the night was the proposed changes to the QMS Constitution. By making a few minor changes to the Constitution it is expected QMS will qualify for "Charity" status and so be eligible to receive tax deductible donations. The meeting voted unanimously to make the necessary

amendments to the constitution and apply to ATO for recognition as a charity.

At the conclusion of general business Patrick Leonard reported on the April Field Trip to Linda Garrett Park and then continued with his photographic display of New Zealand fungi.

**General Meeting 13 May 2008.** Diana Leemon chaired the meeting and advised members of recent Committee discussions. Jon Atkinson reported on the proposed changes to the Field Trip programme. Ken Cowell reported on the Field Trip to Springbrook.

The address at the conclusion of the meeting was given by Nigel Fechner, the topic being: – “**Ramaria and other Ovine fungi**”. This presentation provided information on Ramaria in Australia as well as how to describe and report Ramaria sightings.

## ANNUAL REPORTS 2007/08

### President's Report by Diana Leemon

It is now getting close to the better part of twelve months that I have been acting President, how time has flown. I think it is time that I stop acting and let someone else step up to be a proper President and steward QMS into the next year. A timely reminder that nominations are now being sought for the annual elections which will be held at the Annual General meeting in June.

While the last year seems to have flown by, I think that QMS has continued to develop in the right direction. We had a lot of things on our wish list to achieve, and while the list has not yet been emptied, very good progress has been made.

QMS now has a robust and regular field trip programme. Initially thanks to the efforts of Ray Baxter in getting it started. Then, over the last year Jon Atkinson put in a tremendous effort to further develop the field trip programme and keep up the momentum. I think that Jon needs to be recognised for the great job he has done. In addition to the field trips we have had two field survey trips in the last few months. In late February a group travelled to Lamington to revisit the survey sites investigated as part of the IBISCA project. More recently a group of twelve spent a weekend hunting down fungi at Springbrook. The Springbrook trip and plans for future surveys will be discussed in detail at a meeting in the near future.

The QMS equipment register has started to build up thanks to last year's fundraising and grants. A new data projector, laptop and hard drive have been added to help us with managing field trip information and for workshop presentations.

The next challenges in the wish list involve getting a functional website with regular updates and a database for storing the piles of data and photos being generated through surveys and field trips. For both of these plans have been made and the momentum will pick up very soon.....so watch this space.

In all this optimism I should mention that sadly the number of current paid up financial members has decreased. This could be a problem if a few members do not renew as we need to keep a minimum number of financial members to be entered into the Register of Environmental Organisations. If you have forgotten to renew, now is the time! If you know someone who you think might enjoy the opportunity to learn about fungi, please encourage them to come along and become new members. If anyone has some ideas of how we can continue to meet our objectives, things you might like to hear in a presentation or something you would like to learn through a workshop please let me or another committee member know.

**Secretary's Report** by Ray Baxter

It was unfortunate that the secretary, Michael Powell, had to relinquish this position, in January 2008, due to his heavy workload and family commitments. However, despite his very busy schedule he was still able to find time to lodge a successful application for a financial grant, from the Volunteer Small Equipment Grants, which enabled QMS to purchase a computer and digital projector and for that we are very grateful. Also thanks to Rachel Griffiths for driving a hard bargain when purchasing the equipment. This equipment was needed by the society.

Regular general meetings were held on the second Tuesday of each month with the exception of March when it had to be cancelled at short notice due to unforeseen circumstances. At each general meeting a guest speaker or QMS member provided a very interesting presentation on a fungi related subject. The management committee held eight meetings over the same period.

**Treasurer's Report**

*Editor's note:* As Treasurer, Rachel Griffith, is on an extended holiday the following financial information has been extracted from the audited accounts.

The sound QMS financial situation reflects the work of Diana Leemon and Michael Powell in successfully lodging grant applications during 2007:

1. Diana Leemon lodged a successful grant application to SEQ Catchments with the result that QMS received \$5,000 for the purchase of microscopes and microscopic equipment. This equipment was purchased at a cost of \$4,939.55.
2. Michael Powell lodged a successful grant application with Volunteers Small Equipment for \$2,448.

On behalf of all members thank you to Diana and Michael for their work on the grant applications.

When the society books were submitted for audit assets, at 31 December 2007, were shown as:

- Cash in the Bank \$5,274.85
- Non current Assets (microscopes & equipment) \$4,939.55.

While the cash balance appears extremely healthy it includes the \$2,448 for the computer and digital projector which were purchased in 2008 and will be shown as expenditure in the 2008 financial statements. So at the 2007 close of books QMS "uncommitted" bank balance would have been \$2,826.85.

**Field Trip Co-ordinator's Annual Report** by Jon Atkinson

There are as many angles of interest in macrofungi as there are members. We each come to the society with individual and varied expectations, and our field trips should reflect that diversity. The objectives of the QMS constitution recognise not only professional but also amateur interests. I believe our field trips could do more to serve the members and achieve these objectives.

Field trips, by default, are based on the pattern of: find – record – next, sometimes with no time for much discussion. This approach is quasi-scientific if there is no defined programme and the data we collect ends up fragmented, unprocessed and unused. This default approach also neglects other areas of interest amongst the membership.

In recognition of this, leaders are now encouraged to set their own focus for the field trip, with more

personal objectives and with achievable ends.

Secondly the committee has taken steps to organise all data collected in a standard and useable format, primarily for the control and use of the members.

What other focuses can there be? An obvious one is the artistic, as opposed to scientific, interest – i.e. revolving around capturing an image or spirit. Also, fungi, perhaps more than any other visible organism, exist as an interdependent part of a biosystem and physical and seasonal environment, and most of these interdependencies are hidden – they have yet to be observed and discovered - a wide-open field of interest. One of those connections is with man – i.e. in the cultivation or identification, cooking and eating of mushrooms. Above all field trips should be fun, and they can certainly be more social, for the most important common interest we share is the sense of wonder in macrofungi.

I hope that this will result in more popular and enjoyable field trips in the future, with more to show for them, and in more varied forms.

Field trips will, in future, generally be held on the last Saturday of the month, to give more time to prepare a report at the next General meeting.

If anyone would like to lead a field trip in the next twelve months, please contact the field trip organiser to fit it into the programme and bring it to the members. Those members who have permits to collect are particularly encouraged to lead field trips.

*Editor's note:* During the year a number of members led half day field trips to a variety of places: Kalinga North, led by Ken Cowell & Floss Wainwright; Boonah, Klaus Querengasser; Maroochy Botanic Gardens, Patrick Leonard; Main Range National Park at Cunningham's Gap, Diana Leemon; Linda Garrett Park, Mapleton, which was relocated to private property in Maleny due to availability of fungi, Gretchen Evans and Lin Fairlie; Redcliffe Botanic Gardens, Jan McNicol; Chermerside Hills, John Wrench; Private property at Carindale, Jan McNicol; Linda Garrett Park Mapleton, Patrick Leonard. In addition, there were two weekend trips: Lamington Review 2008 organised by Jon Atkinson and Springbrook National Park organised by Diana Leemon and Nigel Fechner.

QMS members appreciate the time and effort that fellow members have put into organising these trips. We thank you all for making the programme so interesting and diverse.

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## Nomination Form

I nominate:.....(Full Name)

For the committee position of: President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Ordinary Committee Member, (circle position)

Proposers Signature.....Date.....

Seconders Signature.....Date.....

I accept this nomination

Signature.....Date.....

NOTE. All Signatories to this nomination must be financial members of the Queensland Mycological Society Inc.



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