

Forays & Workshops

QMS 10th

Anniversary

Celebrations

8th December 2015

Forays and Residential Workshops

- ▶ Over the past 10 years there have been many forays, all over South East Queensland, even a few in Northern NSW and Far North Qld.
- ▶ Some of the favourite sites include Linda Garrett Reserve Mapleton, Mt Cordeaux at Cunningham's Gap, Cooloola National Park on the Sunshine Coast and a couple of new locations being Bellthorpe's beautiful rainforest and paddocks and John Oxley Reserve on Brisbane's Northside beside the North Pine River.
- ▶ We also try to have at least 1 Residential foray/workshop each year. Some of the locations include Bunya Mountains, Ravensbourne, Bellthorpe and also the occasional slightly planned impromptu ones weather permitting. This years was in Warwick encompassing Stanthorpe and region thanks to Peter and Ronda Warhurst.

Foray Planning and Kits

Each Foray requires a little planning and each forayer needs to pack their kit. Now this is different for each person as we all have our specialties. Cameras, collecting baskets, paper bags, “Wayne collecting boxes” Trowels/digging tools, mirrors etc.

The smaller the Fungi
the larger the tools!



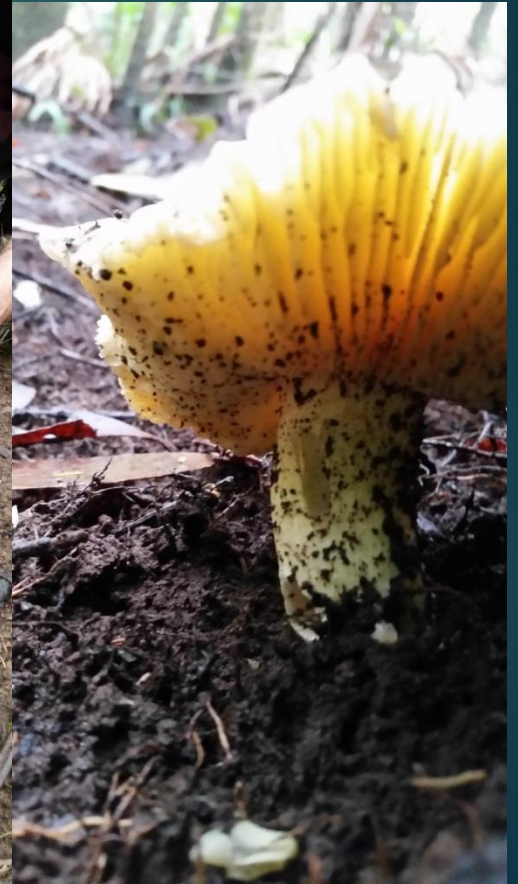
Forever morphing Foray Kits



Linda Garrett Reserve, Mapleton

- ▶ One of the most notable Foray locations has been Linda Garrett reserve in Mapleton. We always find something extraordinary, regardless of time of year and weather conditions.
- ▶ This is Patricks' favourite foray which he conducts each year. It also holds the record for the most people on a foray for QMS, 43 if memory serves me right, crazy insane day for us all. Patrick and Fran stopped along the way to give little impromptu lectures on different finds.
- ▶ It is a location where we try NOT to leave the path but that is a lost cause due to us over enthusiastic forayers!

Some of the firsts for Linda Garrett



- ▶ The keen
- ▶ Photographer
- ▶ At work in
- ▶ *Rain, hail*
- ▶ or shine.
- ▶ Whatever it
- ▶ takes to get
- ▶ the perfect
- ▶ shot.
- ▶ Hedgehogs –
- ▶ *Hydnum*
- ▶ *Repandum* @
- ▶ Linda Garrett
- ▶ Reserve



Linda Garrett craziness...
out in all conditions !



John Oxley Reserve, Murrumba Downs

- ▶ John Oxley reserve is a relatively new foray location and was brought to our attention by Bev who is a bush carer for the site.
- ▶ It has proven to be rather interesting with only 13 finds and nearly all brackets, found on our 1st foray and exactly 12 months later and better weather we found 43 different fungal species including the uncommon *Russula iterika*, which is also the only *Russula* found there so far.
- ▶ We stopped a couple of times for impromptu lectures and learned much.
- ▶ This is a good site close to Brisbane, has great facilities for families with children, and a perfect location to introduce them to the delights of the fungal foray!



Phellinus robustus

Impromptu
In-field
lecture

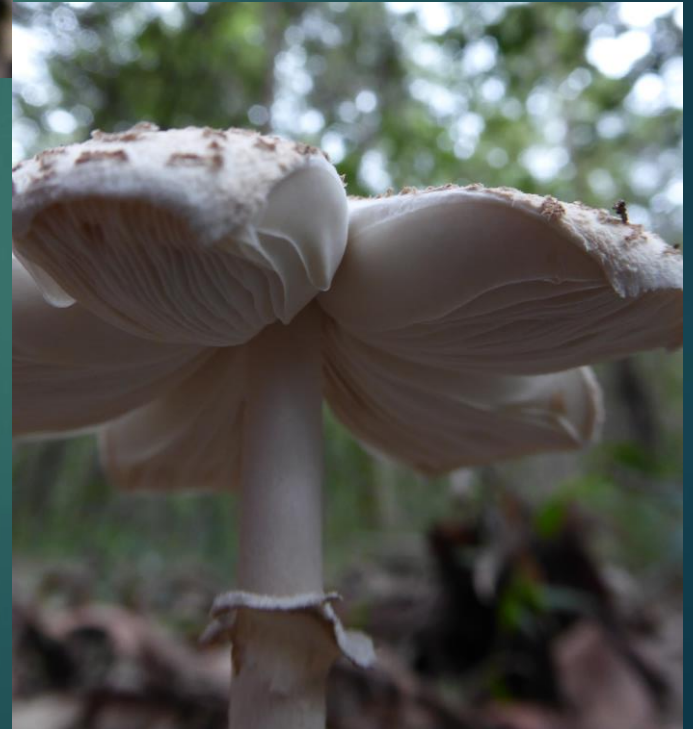


Russula iterika



Time taken to
get that perfect
shot.

*Macrolepiota
clelandii*



Cooloolo National Park

- ▶ This is Fran's favourite spot besides home (Dilkusha).
- ▶ This is a very sandy site and the finds can be very large here especially after fire has been through.



Mt. Cordeaux, Cunningham's Gap



- ▶ Mt Cordeaux at Cunningham's Gap has provided some very interesting finds, with some new to Australia.



Bunya Mountains



- ▶ My 1st weekend away was spent with 23 other QMS members at the Bunya Mountains, where I do think I (a rank newbe) must have driven Patrick and Fran mad questioning and challenging their knowledge and skills.

Personally, I would have shot me but they embraced my enthusiasm and encouraged me with further challenges and they still are.



Workshopping at the end of the day.



Sometimes there is considerable effort involved in a difficult collection!



▶ Ravensbourne Residential Foray

- ▶ Ravensbourne National Park, near Crows Nest, where we spent a weekend finding truffles, puffballs and fighting off the nocturnal locals for our food supplies.
- ▶ We benefitted greatly from having John Dearnley's knowledge and local expertise. Ravensbourne delight... Rosy truffles



Why are forays fun?

- ▶ Well, besides the great company and camaraderie the real fun and beauty of the foray is the peace... no mechanical sounds except that of the camera, the wind in the canopy, the birds calling through the vines, the Potoroo's in the undergrowth and the lizards and insects in the leaf litter. The best part really is the chatter and excitement in the forayer voices with every new find... when there is something never before seen or something very edible, like chanterelles or hedgehogs.
- ▶ Forays are organised by those of us who have a special place we like to forage. It may be close to home or it may be an escape from the daily grind. But there is something magical about fungi hunting and the variety of colours, textures, shapes, locations all contribute to this magic.
- ▶ See you all at the next one in 2016!

At the end of a long days foraying and when any ditch will do for a well earned rest.

