

Minutes of the General Meeting of the Queensland Mycological Society

Held at FM Bailey Room Queensland Herbarium

On Tuesday 10th March at 7pm

Meeting opened at 7.00 pm and Fran welcomed all present.

Announcements:-

Forays The Laidley Foray has been cancelled due to the lack of rain and the hot weather.

The Bellthorpe foray is well organised. It will be hands on for all participants.

Sign on sheets are available for Cunningham's Gap on 11/4 and Chermside Hills.

A reminder about the spore print workshop in August. Please do some. Samples were shown.

David Holdum to get chemicals for Bellthorpe.

David also needs copy for the next newsletter- articles do not need to be scientific, just write about something you have found.

Fungi Magazine from the US is available to borrow for one month.

Three new members have paid but no paperwork has been received- can they please identify themselves.

AGM is in June. Leesa is retiring from her position as Treasurer and Membership Secretary.

Next Meeting April 14th and Kym will be speaking on edible fungi.

Jutta announced an Easter Program for children age from Prep to early Primary at the Cubberla-Witton rooms.

Foray Report

Cooloola 28/2/2015 Report by Fran Guard

11 members attended, 27 species were found and 16 were new to the list. There have already been 5 visits to this area.

13 collections were made.

This area is rich in Amanitas and the specimens were shown in alphabetical order beginning with A for Amanita.

The first 3 could not be identified (using Alec Wood Key). There was the huge red staining one with the red stipe. Is this the Australian version of OZ "Blusher"? Photos were shown of this same mushroom collected on previous trips.

Next Arrhenia, a new genus for most people.

Then a kind of Omphaloma(?) with pink spores.

B for Boletus. Boletus No 16, red cap, yellow pores, pinkish red stipe, slight bluing of pores which did not last. Spores elongate and olivaceous green.

Gyroporus, brown cap, white stipe and white pores.

Austroboletus mutabilis red/yellow cap that changes with age. This was not collected which saddened Nigel. Jason has found this in Mapleton forest (Yandina side).

C for Cortinarius- roughened brown spores

Cordiceps menesteridis parasitising a cicada.

Finally an unknown Russula.

Members Contributions

Jon Atkinson showed a collection of Gymnopus which were blue and growing in leaf litter. He was out with the Kedron Brook group at Chermside. They had been freeze dried.

Wayne who had brought in a magnificent collection- specimens plus great photos- showed Agaricus augustus which grows on wood. He contacts SEQ fungi while out in the field and often gets ID straight away. This mushroom is called the "Prince" and apparently the man who runs "Selley's" is interested in it. Wayne recommended visiting Ben Bennett in Caloundra.

James Hansen showed 2 boletes but they were a bit old.

A new member introduced himself. He is a chef and worked with the top 10 chefs in London and used to forage in Belgium.

The meeting closed and all enjoyed supper.