

## MINUTES

### GENERAL MEETING QUEENSLAND MYCOLOGICAL SOCIETY

TUESDAY 8<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2016

HELD AT THE F.M. BAILEY ROOM QUEENSLAND HERBARIUM

Meeting opened 7.03pm

**Chairperson** Fran Guard

Fran welcomed all present and acknowledged the traditional owners of this land, their elders past and present and young leaders of tomorrow.

**Attendance** as per attendance book

**Apologies** Patrick Leonard, Tony Young, Diana Leemon, Jutta Godwin

#### **Announcements**

1. Fran asked if anyone is able to replace Vanessa as website manager. Vanessa has offered to train anyone willing to take on the manager's role.
2. Roy Halling will be visiting Australia next year. He will run a workshop on Boletes at the University of Newcastle from March 3-6, 2017. Please indicate your interest in attending on the list.
3. The Field Guide to Tasmanian Fungi has been reprinted with 50 new species added. Those interested in purchasing a copy please write your name on the list and it may be possible for the society to obtain a bulk order.
4. Hand lenses with a magnification of 45X and a light are available for purchase at \$4 each.
5. QMS has applied to the Brisbane City Council for a grant to study the fungi of the Western Suburbs. If the grant is successful it is anticipated that there will be two forays and also mentoring sessions to identify the specimens in the early part of 2017.
6. The Sunshine Coast Fungal Brochures are at the proof reading stage and should be printed by early December. The two brochures include 180 species with a named photo substrate and trophic role of each.
7. The cyanide project run by Tony Young is underway and those who have volunteered to be involved are to meet after the formal proceedings tonight to collect the kits.
8. The newsletter editor has requested articles for the next newsletter. Please submit material as soon as possible.
9. The Fungi Magazines and library books are available for borrowing. Please write details of any items borrowed in the book.

10. Members are asked for input into the program for 2017. Ideas for guest speakers or volunteers to lead forays would be welcome.

11. The next meeting will be the Christmas party. Fran will give a short presentation on the fungi of Alaska. Members are asked to bring along any new photos for display.

12. The Bio-survey of Fraser Island will be attended by 4 of our members.

### **Guest Speaker**

Fran introduced Dr Paul Dennis who spoke on **The Microbiota including Fungi in Maritime Regions of Antarctica** – a survey conducted on the Antarctic Peninsula with New generation sequencing of soil Samples. These were taken at different sites over 12 degrees range of Latitude, which equates to 12 degrees Celsius range of Mean Surface Air Temperatures. These data can be extrapolated to predict changes in numbers and diversity of the microbes with global warming.

Fran thanked Paul for a most interesting insight into his work and for a journey to the beauty of Antarctica.

### **Workshop Report**

Fran reviewed the **Collection and Description Workshop** held at Maleny on 29<sup>th</sup> October.

### **Fungi Festival**

Megan reported on the very successful **Fungi Festival** held at Cubberla/Witton Catchment Network headquarters on 16<sup>th</sup> Oct.

Meeting closed 8.18pm

**Next Meeting** December 13<sup>th</sup> 2016