

MINUTES

GENERAL MEETING QUEENSLAND MYCOLOGICAL SOCIETY

TUESDAY 11TH OCTOBER 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.

Announcements

1. Fungi Festival to be held on Sunday 16th October at the Cubberla-Whitton Network Rooms, Chapel Hill from 10am-2pm. The program is available from Jutta tonight.

2. Workshop on Collecting and Describing Fungi to be held at Maleny on 29th October. All places are now filled.

3. Tony Young demonstrated the method for testing of mushrooms for cyanide production using the testing tape. Volunteers wishing to be involved in the project need to photograph and describe the fungus thoroughly, obtain spores, dry the specimen and submit it to Tony for accurate identification, together with the results of the cyanide test.

Volunteers are to give Tony their details and he will prepare test kits to be available at the next meeting.

Guest Speaker

Fran invited Donna Davis to give her talk on "The Ipswich Fungi Project".

Donna has conducted surveys on a weekly basis for a year in Purga Nature Reserve, Ipswich. She discovered 71 species, including almost 30 mycorrhizal fungi. Purga protects the endangered species *Melaleuca irbyana*.

Donna explored the connections she has made between art and science in this project and her talk was enjoyed by all present.

Fran thanked Donna for her presentation.

Foray Report

Susie Webster reported on the truffle foray to Ravensbourne.

Fran thanked Susie for her report.

The meeting closed at 8.20pm for supper.