



July Newsletter

Australian Plants Society - Cardinia Region Group

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A Visit to Far North Queensland in June 2022

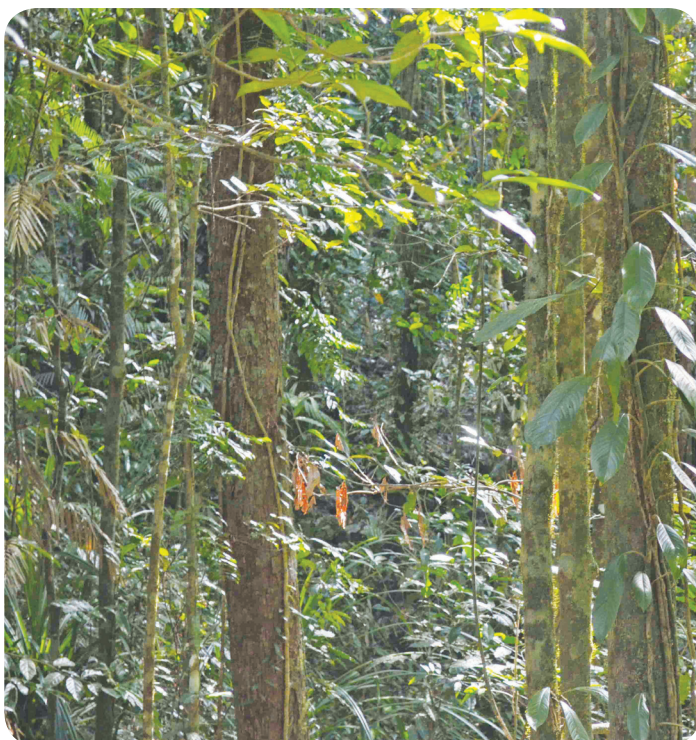
The wet tropical Rainforests from Cairns to Cooktown are recognised with World Heritage status. The Daintree Rainforest is the oldest surviving in the world, yes, older than the Amazon and is the only rainforest which goes right down to the sea. The forests can be incredibly dense as in Mossman Gorge Down to the sea. (The Daintree Discovery Centre has an elevated walkway through the trees so we could obtain views of epiphytic plants growing on the trees. shows a Tassel Fern hanging below a Birdsnest Fern).

Tassel Ferns are said to be among the first vascular plants having tissues capable of conducting water and minerals throughout the plant.

The only orchids we found in the forests were near Lake Eacham, battling for space on a tree trunk.

We joined Friends from Cranbourne Gardens for a ferry trip down the Daintree River. The tide was low and the Saltwater Crocodiles were warming themselves on mudbanks. A spectacular sight was Jabirus building a stick nest right on top of a tall rainforest tree beside the river. My camera couldn't really do them justice.

— Alex and Wendy Smart



Daintree Rainforest



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Mosman Gorge



Jabirus building a Nest



Tassel fern hanging below the Birds Nest fern.



A Saltwater Crocodile were warming themselves on mudbanks

**THANK YOU TO FACEY'S WHOLESALE NURSERY
FOR THEIR DONATION OF PLANTS
FOR OUR RAFFLE EACH MONTH**

TO PRUNE OR NOT TO PRUNE?

Is that a 'Perplexing Question' for you?

The presentation will cover many aspects of pruning including derivations of 'What is Pruning', selecting the right plant for specific situations which can often overcome the need for pruning. Selection of pruning tools and their maintenance is important.

Of course pruning can mean a different thing to different people! The presentation will cover the various reasons for pruning and will even delve into some of the myths related to pruning. The aims of good pruning will be discussed and information on when to prune and how to deal with plants that flower on the 'old wood' against flowering on new growth.

Some of the other topics covered include:

Root pruning of root-bound pot plants

Tip pruning

Where to cut and size of cuts

Branch removal

Pruning of climbers

Pruning ground covers

How to rejuvenate plants with pruning

Pruning unstable plants

Coppicing, Hedging, Topiary,

And much more!

The benefits of judicious and responsible pruning can be exciting and wonderfully rewarding. Come along to the meeting loaded with questions and even your experiences which can be shared with the group.



Callistemon resprouting after very hard pruning



Grevillea 'Peaches and Cream' respond and benefit from regular pruning

Speakers for 2022



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| TUES: JULY 12 | 7.30pm | Ross Shepherd 'Banksias at Seaford' |
| TUES: AUG 9 | 7.30pm | AGM + Rodger Elliot 'To Prune or Not to Prune Australian Plants?' |
| SAT: SEPT 3 | 8.00am | Annual Plant Sale to be confirmed |
| TUES: SEPT 13 | 7.30pm | Murray Harding 'Australian Epiphytic Orchids' |
| TUES: OCT 11 | 7.30pm | Linda Moon 'Grey-headed Flying Foxes' |
| SAT: OCT 15 | TBA | Linda Moon-Guided Walk through GHFF Colony on Dandenong Creek Heatherton |
| TUES: NOV 8 | 7.30pm | Dr Sapphire McMullan-Fisher, Fungi Ecologist speaking on Tea-Tree Fingers French Is NP, Lang Lang, Gurdies, Grantville |
| TUES DEC 13 | TBA | Annual Breakup Dinner. |

A resume about our speaker tonight

Ross Shepherd has had a long term interest in Australian plants. Since he retired his interest in growing Banksias has been rekindled. Having found a suitable plot of crown land in Seaford Ross has persuaded authorities to permit his group of volunteers to plant what will become a Banksia Arboretum. In his presentation to APS-Cardinia Region Ross will cover the exciting progress to date.

This will be a great opportunity to learn about growing Banksias around Melbourne and wider areas.

We invite everybody interested in Australian Plants to come along.

More photos on To Prune or Not to Prune Australian plants



Acacia fimbriata Dwarf



This Callistemon is reshooting after very hard pruning