

Frogsheet Summer 1998

Presidents Report

As I sit writing this report a series of storms are releasing much needed rain over the Brisbane area.

Nights have been unreasonably cool for November, but now as we move into Summer, things are decidedly warming up.

The workshop, superbly organised for September, by Phil Bird looked at many interesting issues.

A most exciting issue canvassed will now be put into action. A frog symposium suggested by Ric Natrass will go full steam ahead under his very capable and professional direction.

The symposium is to take place at the Queensland Museum on 13th and 14th February 1999.

Costs are expected to be \$20 per day for QFS members and \$25 for others.

QFS members have supported many community groups to hold succesful frog information activities.

What are your thoughts about sick and injured frogs? I have been undertaking some very interesting work for some time now with a local vet, to care for injured frogs. This is teaching me a lot about frog care and behaviour.

Good frogging and best Christmas wishes to all QFS members and friends.

Ruth Wait

Contacts

Trip Report - Goomburra State Forest, World Heritage Site.

Internet Links

Frog Symphony

"The frog chorus is the sweetest sound this side of extinction"

Frog Symphony is a new environmental education package which aims to motivate and engage 10 -

14 year olds in the study of natural habitats and explore ways of reducing environmental pollution.

This project is being funded through a Science and Technology Awareness Project grant from the Dept. of Industry, Science and Tourism.

The Murray-Darling Basin Commission is providing support by sponsoring the production of a kit for every school in Australia.

Students will be recording calls from their areas and a selection of these calls will be used by Sirocco, a leading environmental music group, to produce a frog chorus for the Frog Symphony composition.

Pat Comben officially launched the Queensland end which was held at the Gap High School on the 16th October. Other speakers were Ric Natrass, Gordon Frost and Pearl Symonds.

Unfortunately, Glen Ingram had to decline at the last moment due to private reasons, but Ric spoke very well in his place. Ruth Wait, Gordon and I were there to represent the QFSI.

Cathy Wilson and I have put the stories and poems from The Gap Primary State School into a small booklet because we did not want to lose the enthusiasm shown by the students.

We will offer the children an opportunity to buy this booklet as well as having some on sale through the society - only \$1.50.

If you would like one, please ring Jenny on 07 3366 1806.

The Frog Symphony website is <http://www.csn.act.edu.au/frogs/>

Jenny Holdway

Around the Ridges

- Ashgrove
- Chermside
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- Redlands

In Brief

QFS Guide for Frog Pond Plants

The QFS has tracked down a number of plants that you may find suitable for your frog pond.

These plants should be available in most well stocked nurseries. After some considerable discussion with **Frogsheet** production staff here are just a few frog friendly plants that we have identified so far;

- *Alpina caerulea*, Native Ginger
- *Banksia robur*, Swamp Banksia
- *Crinum pedunculatum*, Brisbane Lily
- *Dianella caerulea*, Blue Flax Lily
- *Gahnia sieberiana*, Saw-leafed sedge
- *Geitonoplesium cymosum*, Scrambling Lily
- *Lomandra longifolia*, Long-leaf Mat Rush
- *Lomandra hystrix*, Mat Rush
- *Lygodium micropylum*, Climbing Maiden Hair
- *Melastoma affine*, Blue tongue or Native Lasiandra
- *Themeda triandra*, Kangaroo Grass
- *Viola hederacea*, Native Violet

Some of our members have had Nardoo in their ponds and done quite well with it. If you have plants you could recommend, drop us a line, or email us.

Anoor State Forest Report

QFS Workshop Report

QFS Nursery Guide for Frog Friendly Plants

The QFS has taken the worry out of where to find frog friendly plants. We have also secured a number of valuable discounts for our members. If you are still in doubt, call Jenny Holdway for some friendly expert advice

Barb's Trees

Ph. 3355 1149, Fax 3355 1138 for plant list.
Local plants for revegetation.
Frog friendly varieties. Large quantities available.
Prices start from \$1 for tubes.

Bolly Gum Nursery

David Somerville.
Ph 3300 2691.
By appointment.
Specialists in rainforest and bog species.

Greening Australia Nursery

57 Paten Rd. The Gap.

Ph 3300 6304 for plant list.

Open Tue Wed Thur 9-3, Sat 9-1.

Wide range natives of SE. Qld. Prices from \$1.50.

10% MEMBER DISCOUNT

Bush Nuts Native Nursery

64 Syndicate Rd. Tallebudgera Valley.

Ph/Fax 07 5546 2317 for species list.

Wholesale to Public. Wide range of natives.

Quantity from a few to thousands.

Jacob's Well Environmental Field Study Centre

Cnr Pimpana Jacob's Well Rd and Behms Rd.

Ph/Fax 07 5546 2317 for species list.

8:30 - 4:00 Mon - Fri.

Local endemic species. Rare, threatened species, bushtucker and rainforest species.

Please phone prior. Prices \$1 to \$2.

MEMBER DISCOUNT

Fairhill Native Plants & Botanic Gardens

Fairhill Rd. Yandina.

Ph 07 5446 7088, Fax 07 5446 8131

Full range of frog friendly plants. Water plants, grasses and sedges.

5% MEMBER DISCOUNT

Rainforest World

76 Bridges Rd. Morayfield.

Ph/Fax 07 5498 5689

Mon - Sat, 8:30 - 4:30. Sun 8:30 - 12:00.

Pesticide free nursery full of frogs. Frog lovers assured of best attention.

Plant list available on request.

Orana Rainforest Nursery

359 Worongarry Rd. Tallai.

Ph/Fax 07 5530 2191.

Good selection rainforest trees, shrubs and understory plants.

Free price list.

10% MEMBER DISCOUNT

Sue's Tree Nursery

98 Hope Crescent Ave. Hope Island.

Ph/Fax 07 5530 8672

Wide range of frog friendly plants. No sprays or chemicals.

Wholesale prices.

Toona Rainforest Garden

12 Pharlap Ave. Mudgeeraba.

Ph/Fax 07 5530 5299 for list.

Open Tue, Thurs and Sat, or phone for an appointment.

Wide range of native plants. Edge and near edge plants.

Prices from 60c.

10% MEMBER DISCOUNT.

Amethyst Nurseries

74 Ishmael Rd. Camira.

Open 6 days - closed Thurs.

Plants suitable for frogscapeing. 150 Litre half wine barrels with water plants in near future.

10% MEMBER DISCOUNT

Terania Rainforest Nursery

299 Main Arm Rd. Mullumbimby. 2482.

Ph 02 6684 3100

Mon - Fri 8:00 - 4:00.

All stock 75mm tubes, plants from \$1.00.

Wishart Nursery

533 Mt Gravatt Rd. Wishart.

Ph/Fax 3349 5426

Good economically priced frog ponds.

QFS Frog Diary Dates

The Brisbane Frog Survey

Biggest Frog Competition

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