

# **FNQ Wildlife Rescue Assoc. Inc.**

(Established 1994)



Caring for the region's native wildlife. Wildlife carers are all volunteers. Tax deductible donations appreciated. New members welcome.





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## Fungi Ecology: Workshop & Walk

One of a team of visiting Fungi Experts, Dr.Sapphire McMullan Fischer, presented a fascinating session on the role fungi have in our Ecosystem, types of fungi and how very little studied this vast kingdom is. The signs we see of fungi are just the fruiting bodies but there is a hidden vast system of "roots" which spread through the soil. It's "jungle warfare". As Sapphire mentioned - if the ecosystem was a business with such a large part unstudied, how could we even suggest that we know how this ecosystem business works.

The walk at Wright's Lookout brought the discovery of at least one fungus "unknown to science" and another was seen that had only been read about in books. This was a highlight for the fungi experts who came up from Victoria to share their valuable knowledge. New fungi reference books are available for loan from the Envirocare library.

ADVICE from the Experts: Many Australian fungi look like their edible European counterparts - they are not the same. Most are poisonous. If you don't know, don't eat and if you must then leave some aside so the experts can determine what it was that killed you!

Below L to R: Phallus industiatus, Green cap, Chartreuse type







### Frog Identification Workshop

Frogs are exceptional indicators of the health of our environment. Rainforest frogs were the focus of our workshop and we now know that without mature and regenerating rainforest

and clean flowing streams, rainforest frogs cannot survive. Sylvia presented a slide show from Dr. Conrad Hoskins, our partner in the frog monitoring project. After a very interesting presentation we played 'Guess the Frog Call' game, learnt over 18 local frog calls and quite a few participants identified 100% correctly. After supper we headed out to Warril creek but unfortunately extreme flooding meant the frogs were not calling. We were however rewarded by luminescent fungi on the roadside banks, shades of Avatar!



The frog monitoring project is made possible by funding from the philanthropic Mohammed Bin Zayed foundation and with

community awareness funding from the Federal Government Caring for our Country Federal program, we are able to put on this series of community workshops.

### Plant of the Month

#### Melicope rubra (formerly Evodiella muelleri)

is generally a small shrub or small tree to about 6 metres. Clusters of bright pink flowers occur along the branches during summer and these are followed by green, citrus-like fruits which grow to about 30-40mm in length and breadth. Birds are attracted to this plant and it's one of the food trees for the Ulysses butterfly. A must for your house garden, preferring sun to shade. Enriching the soil with organic material is beneficial. Its larger cousin, Melicope elleryana, is a much larger tree and also hosts the Ulysses butterfly.



### **Date Claimers**

Saturday 28 February: Community Tree Planting Event, 500 holes already dug at Owens Creek. Meet at nursery 7:30am

Sunday 8 March: 'Rainforest Plant Identification' Workshop with Dr Bruce Wannan at Old School Precinct, end of Arara St, Kuranda, bookings via Sylvia 0409 647 714 Regular Tree Plantings: Every Sat, 7:30 am at KEC nursery, Myola Road

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