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December Break-up

Our December break-up was eventually held on Saturday 9th December after the December 2nd date was cancelled due to inclement weather. Thirty members gathered at John and Barb Bell's wonderful property near Torquay for a very convivial barbeque and picnic lunch. This was followed by a stroll around the property which was looking beautiful. Thanks to Barb and John for their hospitality.

February Meeting - February 24th BBQ

Our first meeting for the year reverts to our traditional afternoon/evening BBQ gathering at Arthur and Linda Pape's property at Wirrawilla, 40 Lovely Banks Rd., Lovely Banks. It is a 'bring your own everything' event, and we would ask that you bring a salad or dessert to share with other members. Please arrive for 4.00 pm and bring your bathers if the weather is suitable.

ARCKARINGA DAISY

An article appeared on the ABC North and West News website earlier this month, written by Gary-Jon Lysaght. Here is a précis.

One of the outback's rarest plants, previously thought to be isolated to a small area in the South Australian outback north of Coober Pedy, is being discovered in new areas. First found in 2000, the purple-flowering Arckaringa daisy, *Olearia arckaringensis* has since been found on two neighbouring properties. And a new survey conducted late last year discovered up to 2,000 more plants.

South Australian Arid Lands Region community ecologist Catherine Lynch said the survey had helped gain a better understanding of the plant's distribution and status.



Arckaringa daisy, Photo: Catherine Lynch

"We found a number of new populations and managed to extend its known range by about 10 kilometres," she said. "It shows that it is quite a restricted species.

"The information that we've collected has allowed us to learn a bit more about the species itself, and potential threats to the populations by things like pastoral grazing."

Despite discovering more populations of the daisy, Ms Lynch said the flower was still a rare and endangered species. Seeds were gathered during the 2017 survey which will be stored against the possibility of some future disaster. Plants will also be grown from these seeds to ensure the future of the Arckaringa daisy.

MAGAZINE ARTICLES

Roger Wileman has sent me an article on *Grevillea scapigera* which will appear in the next newsletter. I urge you all to consider a small article for inclusion in future editions. ☺

COMPUTERS! This month's edition is small and may appear a little different as I have had a dreaded computer crash and most of my precious data are lost. I hope the boffins are able to retrieve them.

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