



# SANFA

## NEWSLETTER No 41

### FEBRUARY 2011

#### ***Main items:***

- \* Next members' meeting 7.15 pm, Wed 23<sup>rd</sup> February, Kurna Living Cultural Centre, Warriparinga
- \* Footside Farm on Radio Adelaide
- \* Controlling quandong moth: a request for help
- \* Myrtle rust: a threat to native vegetation arrives in the Eastern states
- \* Caper butterfly
- \* SANFA Calendar for 2011

#### ***Next SANFA members' meeting***

**7.15 - 9.30 pm, Wed 23<sup>rd</sup> February  
Kurna Living Cultural Centre, Warriparinga**

*Members, visitors and future members are most welcome!*

**Where?** Kurna Living Cultural Centre, Warriparinga, Marion

Turn off Sturt Road, Marion, into Warriparinga Way

Meet at the Kurna Living Cultural Centre

**SEE MAP** (take "Public Road" marked on map)

#### **What's on?**

- A talk by Patricia Fuentes-Cross (University of Adelaide) about her quandong population and distribution study
- Tastings of Illawarra Plum and Riberry products
- "Is there a place for Apple Mint (*Pterocaulin sphacelatum*) in Australian native food dishes?" (Neville Bonney)
- Discussion about training in plant propagation for SANFA members (Jodie Bambridge)
- Report on New Rural Industries Australia conference and ANFIL AGM (Maarten Ryder)

\*\* Tea and coffee will be provided: a time to chat & socialise



### ***Radio Adelaide: Native foods on the menu***

On Australia Day, Linda Hoffmann (our SANFA secretary, from Footside Farm) was interviewed by Bruce Guerin on the Gastronomer program on Radio Adelaide. The idea was to promote the use of native food ingredients, especially on Australia Day. Thanks Linda.

### ***Controlling quandong moth: a request for help***

From our members Steve and Tina Vlassopoulos:

“We are endeavouring to find a user friendly chemical to control the quandong moth that will have no impact on other beneficial insects.

There is a variety of products out there but none are registered to be used on quandongs. I do not know what other growers use. Have any quandong growers had any experience on this at all?

There is a product called ALTACOR which we would like to trial and get it registered. Would anyone in the group have the knowledge as to where and how to go to achieve this?

Can anyone help?”

Contact Steve:

Ph 8270 5235 / Mob 0418 803 509 Email: [astech@astech.com.au](mailto:astech@astech.com.au)

(slightly edited by MR)

## ***Myrtle rust: a threat to native vegetation arrives in the Eastern states***

The disease myrtle rust, which is new to Australia and affects many of the members of the Myrtaceae family of plants, has been reported along the NSW and SE Queensland coast.

Apart from the potential impact on our native vegetation generally, several native food species are known to be affected: these are lemon myrtle, aniseed myrtle and riberry.

It is probably just a matter of time before this disease spreads more widely within Australia. Muntries are possibly also a host for this disease – we don't know yet.

In the past two months, the strategy in NSW has changed from “attempt to eradicate the disease” to “manage and live with the disease”. Quite a lot of activity and energy is being put into developing the management strategy.

Some issues: quarantine, hygiene, severity of impact, possible control measures.

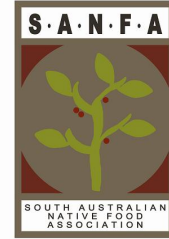
For more information: [www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/biosecurity/plant/myrtle-rust](http://www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/biosecurity/plant/myrtle-rust)

You can subscribe to regular myrtle rust updates by email from the NSW Government at the same website.





## Calendar 2011



10 am Wed February 2	Committee meeting*
7.15 pm Wed February 23	Members' meeting at Kaurna Living Cultural Centre (Warriparinga, Marion)
10 am Wed March 23	Committee meeting*
7.15 pm Wed May 4	Members' meeting
10 am Wed May 25	Committee meeting*
7.15 pm Wed June 29	Members' meeting
7.15 pm Wed July 27	Committee meeting**
7.15 pm Wed August 31	Members' meeting
10 am Wed September 28	Committee meeting*
October (possibly 15 <sup>th</sup> /16 <sup>th</sup> ?)	Field trip to KI or Southeast / AGM
Wed November 23	Committee meeting (5 pm) & Members' meeting (7.15 pm)

\* Daytime Committee meetings at Lirra Lirra, Waite Road Urrbrae, 10am

\* Evening Committee meeting at time and venue to be determined

Members' meetings are usually held at:

The Skill Centre,  
Urrbrae Agricultural High School, Urrbrae, 7.15 pm  
unless advised otherwise

Ideas for 2011: an information day, a research forum or a business development day at Urrbrae on a Saturday.

Possible visits to regional centres: Murray Bridge, Clare

Member feedback & suggestions for the program are welcome.

School Holidays 2011: 16/4 – 1/5; 9/7 – 24/7; 1/10 – 16/10, Easter 22-25 April

## **REMINDER!**

MEMBERSHIPS ARE DUE: PLEASE FORWARD ANNUAL  
MEMBERSHIP FEES OF \$50 TO BEN LETHBRIDGE.

TELEPHONE BEN ON 8383 6181 FOR PAYMENT DETAILS.

### **Your SANFA Committee:**

Ben Lethbridge, Greg Noel, Maarten Ryder, Lesley Wells, Jodie Bambridge, Linda Hoffman,  
Neville Bonney, Barbara Carroll, Glen Dennis, Paul Tardieu, Steve Talbot

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