

**S.G.A.P. ACACIA STUDY GROUP**  
**NEWSLETTER**  
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Our membership at this time is as follows:

Mr R Scott-Young	Palmerston, Cressy, Tasmania
Mr I G Holliday	29 Tennyson Ave, Tranmere, SA
Mr H Boyd	9 Fairlight Cres, Fairlight, NSW
Mr W H Payne	250 Picnic Point Rd, Picnic Point
Brigadier Officer	Ridge Rd, Mt Dandenong, Vic
Mr R D Croll	15 Marylands Av, North Balwyn, Vic

Brigadier Officer is at present out of the State but I know he will join. He has a fine Australian bush garden on the top of the Dandenongs with many full grown acacias. He is, incidentally, the President of the Bird Watchers' Society of Vic.

Mr Croll I have only met recently. He is an Agricultural Scientist intensely interested in the acacias and is now cataloguing and properly naming the different species. He has 1,100 names given to acacias in Australia where it seems to be accepted that only about 600 species exist. Mr Croll is sorting these out and will be a great acquisition to our group.

Many people have told me of their difficulties in growing *Ac. drummondii*. I have lost three. Some time ago Mr Payne suggested we do some work on this lovely little shrub. Could I suggest that each member obtains a fresh specimen and experiments for himself in its growing. (Planting of course cannot take place until the spring).

I would be glad to receive reports each year if you approve of this idea.

Incidentally, further suggestions for work to be done would be very much appreciated.