

Queensland Bushfood Association

Report, *AGM of Australian Native Food Industry Ltd*
Thursday 15 November 2007 at 3.30pm, at Nimbin NSW

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The first AGM of ANFIL went very smoothly and dealt mostly with

1. the approval of the payment of Accounts, and
2. the announcement of the new Directors, as ANFIL Members were required to send their votes in early.

The Director responsible for Queensland is Ms Sabine Wienand who owns and operates Basically Wild Edible Art. www.wild-foods.com
I know Sabine very well and I will contact her with an offer of support from QBA.

I regard the most valuable part of meetings as the networking and information sharing and gathering. This networking started early in the morning, accompanied by breakfast, and continued through to the evening. There were people from almost all of the states of Australia, as well as Alison Saunders from RIRDC.

Then Sibylla Hess-Bushman gave a very in-depth talk of the work she is doing regarding the restrictions that the European Union (under the auspices of World Health Org) has taken for their food imports with the Codex Alimentary. Her full report, when finished, will be published on the RIRDC website.

Next, each person present was given a little time to give information about themselves and their interest in bushfoods. There was a very wide spectrum of personalities, all very much interested in providing a high quality product promoting the Australian native foods.

After lunch we were taken for a walk to see the finger lime plantation and some other bushfood trees, including Davidsonia. We were told of the improvement in the soil from when it was a dairy farm on the verge of exhaustion. This farm is organic and the plants are irrigated and fertilized.

The whole day was a very important step for the bushfood industry and looked positively to the future.

I do have more notes, so anyone wanting more comments please contact me direct.