

MAKING A GARDEN ON TAMBORINE MOUNTAIN

LOOKING FABULOUS ON THE MOUNTAIN THIS MONTH



Sasanqua Camellias not only their vibrant pink or white petals and their glossy foliage but a beautiful coloured carpet underneath.

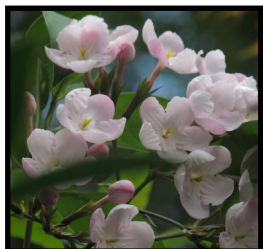
This one is in Central Avenue Eagle Heights and there is also a great display on the bottom section of Wongawallan Road.

Nyssa Sylvatica—"Autumn Cascades" always reliable for early Autumn Colour. Bilbie's garden.



Tibouchina still looking spectacular everywhere. Some of the newer cultivars are also worth a try. Look out for "Peace Baby", "Groovy Baby", "Jazzy", "Cool Baby" and the original purple is "Alstonville"

Luculia Gratissima can be a little tricky to grow but worth it for the pretty flowers and spectacular fragrance.



WHAT'S GROWING IN YOUR GARDEN?

Apologies to Elwyn that her article on the Judging of the Floral Competition was not included in last months newsletter. Many of her pointers are relevant for our competition table so I have included it this month.

Recently, Marj. Simonsen and I judged the flowers at the Tamborine Mtn. Show. We have done it for a number of years and always look forward to seeing what the Mountain Gardeners have produced in the last year.

Every year brings its lovely surprises but we do find that very few people stop to read the schedule rules. Many a flower has been set aside because it isn't fresh. Freshness is top of the list. If you also include the leaves, they also should be clean and fresh. Good form and colour follow on from freshness.

It's a big temptation to give a high score to some "look at me," brightly coloured specimens. Spend a little time looking at the smaller flowers which might be just as worthy as some of the big flowers, or consider the degree of difficulty in producing a certain flower. These simple rules might also be kept in mind when we vote at garden club.

Please give consideration to entering something into the competition table at the Club Meeting. We all enjoy lining up to vote and it's a thrill to win with something from your garden.



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NEWSLETTER

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TWO BIG EVENTS TO SUPPORT THIS MONTH.



TODAY. Australia's Biggest Morning Tea.— 25 years old

Australia's Biggest Morning Tea is Cancer Council's most popular fundraising event and the largest, most successful event of its kind in Australia. The idea is simple, just get your friends, colleagues or community together over some tea and treats, and help to raise vital money for people affected by cancer. All of the donations made across the country go towards helping your local Cancer Council achieve it's mission of a cancer free future.

Last year, with your help we raised an amazing \$11.9 million

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SUNDAY 27TH MAY BOTANIC GARDENS OPEN DAY—This year over 75 gardens have signed up for the Open Day. Every state and territory in Australia will be represented, and gardens on both North and South Island in New Zealand will be taking part.



The Volunteers at Tamborine Mountain Botanic Gardens are inviting residents and visitors to make a special trip to the gardens on Sunday. A range of events have been organised for visitors to the Open Day from 9am to 2pm

Volunteers will fire up the barbecue for a sausage sizzle, and the Coffee Van will be there. The Potty Potters will have a wide range of plants for sale and the Botanical Artists will be giving demonstrations. The Sooty Owl Trail is certain to be a major attraction for the young and young-at-heart with special activities. Bunnings' activity representative will have pot painting and planting for the children. Chain Saw artist Matt Bird is always popular. He will demonstrate his craft in the gardens, Matt carved and built many items throughout the gardens. The team at Tamborine Mountain Botanic Gardens is proud that it is the Number One visitor attraction on the Mountain according to Trip Advisor. The Gardens are open and free to all visitors every day of the year, from sunrise to sunset.



Today's Speaker-Phil Dudman
Back by popular demand.
'Controlling garden pests without Nasty poisons'



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JUNE MEETING

Tuesday June 12th at 9.30 am
Vonda Youngman Community Centre
Main Street, North Tamborine

Guest Speaker—

Ian Wintle—Sub Tropical Gardening



Many of you would have visited Ian's "Giving Garden" at Birkdale.

COMPETITION TABLE

- A flowering native
- An exotic tree or shrub
- A flowering Bulb or Corm
- A Vegetable/fruit
- A Camellia Flower
- A Perfumed Flower

Specimen Table

Bring along a specimen; unusual, interesting, beautiful, unknown

Include a question if you like.

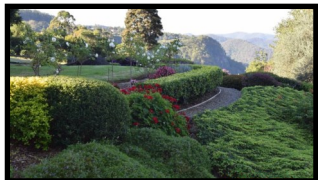
Question and answer segment. Get the answers you need for your gardening questions, Use your experience to help someone else.

June Morning Tea Roster:

Hazel Baxter and
Glenda Clark.

May Garden Visit: Tuesday 15th May

Kerry and Anne Jones
"Montecatini" 22 Eagles Close
Eagle Heights



PRESIDENTS REPORT: Leonie Rowe

I do hope everyone had a very happy and healthy Easter. The year is flying by and your committee has been hard at work to put together a Calendar of Events for 2018. We hope that you will find it interesting, informative and most of all FUN.

After our long hot summer we are enjoying cooler days now that autumn is definitely here. The trees are starting to change colour and it is lovely to drive around the mountain watching the change in the landscape with the beauty of the tibouchinas that are now flowering. I just can't wait for the weather to get a little colder so that I can snuggle up in front of the fire with a wonderful book borrowed from our club's extensive library.

Today we have come together to host The Biggest Morning Tea in aid of the Cancer Council. I am sure that all of us have had a dear friend, family member or neighbour battle this uncompromising foe. This disease is no respecter of age, race, or creed. We are all in this fight together and together we have to beat it. So I would ask you to give generously today for this most worthy cause.
Thank You

Leonie and Jon Rowe opened their garden for the May garden visit. Everyone enjoyed their large garden and seeing Jon's shed and vintage collections How many of us can boast of a Steam Engine in the back yard. Morning Tea on the back deck was enjoyed by all.



Duck heaven on the lake.

COMING EVENTS FOR YOUR DIARY

National Volunteers Week Morning Tea	Zamia Theatre Main Street, North Tamborine	Tuesday 17th May 11am—12pm
Tamborine Mountain Botanic Gardens Open Day	Forsythia Drive Tamborine Mountain	Sunday 27th May 9am-2pm
Brisbane Plant Collectors Fair	Mt Coot-tha Botanic Gardens Auditorium	Saturday 26th May 8.30am—4 pm Sunday 27th May 8.30am—3 pm
Maleny "Gardening on the Edge" 6 open gardens	Maleny Showgrounds Maleny-Stanley River Road Maleny	Saturday 9th June 9am—4 pm Sunday 10th June 9am —4pm
Cacti and Succulent Society Annual Show	Mt Coot-tha Botanic Gardens Auditorium	Saturday 9th June 9am-3.30pm Sunday 10th June 9am-3.00pm

You may have seen the building of a plant tepee on "Gardening Australia" recently

What a great idea for your grandchildren to enjoy in your vegie patch.

Plant with Beans, Snow Peas. and Zucchini's. Nasturtiums and Sweet Peas will add colour and fragrance.



These photos are from Spectrum Plant Nursery. Currey Road Wongawallan who is a supporter of the Botanic Gardens.

You can find lots of info on how to build one of these on You tube. Google search 'How to build a plant tepee'

