

Your Garden Club Needs You

Volunteering is the backbone of any club, and this garden club is no exception. This club would not be the success it is without a dedicated team of volunteers. We need capable members to contribute in a great variety of ways in order to be able to continue to function. This spirit of volunteering was certainly on display during the recent Springtime on the Mountain festival.

At one of the first meetings I attended I heard the announcement that someone was needed to take care of the newsletter. I had the skills needed and I wanted to become an active member in the club so I volunteered. After one year I was to participate on the committee and I thought that this would help me with the preparation of the newsletter so I said yes. One more year passed and I said yes when the secretary's position became vacant. None of these roles take up too much of my time and I enjoy being actively involved in such a great club. It has been great fun really getting to know other members.

Volunteering offers many benefits, including opportunities for volunteers to:

- make new friends.
- enjoy a sense of achievement and fulfilment.
- develop personally and boost self esteem.
- enjoy better physical and mental health.
- connect to and better understand your community.

This piece is, of course, leading up to asking those of you who have the time to really consider become more actively involved in the garden club. In 2017 we will have the need for members

to serve on the committee and take up a variety of official positions. If you have some skill and enthusiasm we need you. I acknowledge the many members of the club have previously served in positions and contributed to the club.

If we are to continue to be the kind of club we are currently are then we need more help. If you can help out please talk to our president Di Howard or anyone on the committee.



Elywn will be back next month.



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NEWSLETTER

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From The President



Our successful Springtime festival was an event to be very proud of. The sun shone and the gardens all looked wonderful. To each and every one who helped in the lead up, over the weekend and with the clean – pat yourselves on the back. You have done a fabulous job and helped make the weekend the success that it was. Without you we would not be able to continue to hold this event. There are too many people to name and it would be remiss of me to exclude anyone. We have a unique club and should all be very proud of our achievements.



As I sat on the gate in Ben Nevis St at Harmony Garden it was very rewarding to hear the positive comments. Many visitors expressed their thanks to the garden owners who generously opened their gardens and personal space. A large percentage of those attending had been numerous times before and commented that "they came every year and would not miss it". I took the opportunity to visit every garden and it was wonderful to observe the happy faces enjoying the festival. I equate it with the saying that Disneyland is the "happiest place in the Kingdom". Our festival certainly has a high profile and the gardens are of an extremely high standard.

To Margaret Pile, the convenor for the past two years, a huge thank you. You have done an outstanding job. I am sure you must be exhausted. However, you can surely feel proud of the work you have done. It is a challenging role but you have accomplished it with panache. Our thanks must also go to Denby who supported Margaret and helped with all the publicity. We hope you enjoy a well-earned rest.

After it was all over and everything was cleaned and packed away I started to hear comments about what we could do next year. How special is this group of people. The exhaustion was forgotten and they were moving forward. I dip my hat to you all.



We can now look forward to Michael's bus trip to the Blue Mountains in October, the fashion parade on the 15th November and our Christmas Party on the 13th December. Di Howard

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 Convener - Margaret Pile - 5545 0869 | Patrons - Mary Wallace, Margaret and Roger Bell

November meeting**Tuesday October 8th at 9:30 AM**

Vonda Youngman Community Centre Main
Street, North Tamborine

Guest Speaker: The Bilbie's Great
Gardening Quiz.

November Competition table

- A flowering native
- An exotic tree or shrub
- A flowering bulb or corm
- A vegetable / fruit
- A daylily flower
- Three different roses
- A succulent or cactus in a pot.

November Morning Tea

Robyn Morphet and Sue Austin

Tamborine Mountain Garden Club

Fashion Parade

At the home of the President

Di Howard

28 Ben Nevis St

Tamborine Mountain

15 November 2016

\$8 pp—for a delicious morning tea

Fashions by Whispers Boutique

**October Garden Visit**

Tuesday 18 October

10am

BYO morning tea

Sue & Bob Stewart

45 Southport Avenue

Eagle Heights



Tamborine Mountain Garden Club

Christmas Luncheon

At

Mt Tamborine Vineyards & Winery

128 Long Rd

Gallery Walk

Angle parking at the rear

with convenient parking on the
left and side for the less able bodied

Tuesday 13 th December

Arrival 11.30 Luncheon 12.30

\$45 pp

Tickets available at Oct & Nov meetings

Payments can also be made via the website using

PayPal

Contact Secretary Bernadette Stacey 0409759838

Orchid Species Society is holding its annual show on 22 & 23 October 2016 in the Mt Coot-tha Botanic Gardens Auditorium

Springtime on the Mountain 2016

Springtime brings an amazing atmosphere to our Club and Tamborine Mountain every year. I came to the mountain a little less than four years ago and this is my fourth Springtime. The first two I spent as treasurer and still remember being absolutely stunned at the funds this "little local event" raises every year for our Botanic Gardens and for this club.

Much more important, though, is the camaraderie the club generates. Without the personal bonds and the commitment of so many people to Springtime and the club, we could not succeed. So a great big thank you to everyone who pitched in to make this year's event so successful.

Every year the committee and the convenor face a blank sheet of paper - which gardens will be available, will there be enough volunteers? Thankfully every year they emerge. I do so appreciate the efforts of who helped out in the planning, set up, the event and the clean up.

I visited every garden more than once during the weekend. Not only was the weather just wonderful, but the gardens were looking fabulous and the garden owners seemed to be enjoying themselves. The visitors to were very complementary about the beauty of the wide variety of open gardens.

The move to the Vonda Youngman Community Centre was a challenge but we made it work. The teams who decorated the centre did a totally amazing job. Faith, Bernadette, Mary, Bev and their willing helpers did an extraordinary job in decorating the stage, the entry foyer with the Japanese theme and I hope everyone appreciated their efforts.

I also want to say a great thank you to Suzi Leahy and her amazing team of cooks, sandwich makers and cafe servers. Every year you produce an amazing menu of foods and you take on some mighty challenges - such as morning tea for one bus group of 70 at 9.15 on Friday morning!

To the Potty Potters, you rose to the occasion once again. I know there were a few challenges in preparing stock this year but none of the visitors noticed and we saw loads of plants being taken out even as the doors opened for the first time.

To the garden owners goes the greatest thank you. They work so hard in the months before Springtime and I know they worry that their gardens won't be ready in time. But they always are, and they are always brilliant. Without these selfless people, there would be no Springtime. Thank you so much, from me personally and from the entire Garden Club. - Margaret Pile

