

TAMBORINE MOUNTAIN



BOTANIC GARDENS

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2017 band of sisters and brothers



They work hard every week to keep the gardens looking wonderful and pristine. But attempting to get everyone in one place is a bit difficult. So this photo is

not quite our complete team. We are sure the few absentees won't mind as we thank everyone for their untiring efforts throughout each year.

Great support from the garden-loving community

The gardens are generating wonderful income to support all the work we are doing and the plans we have.

The Potty Potters are stars and our Gold Coin donation boxes continue to provide a steady stream. Weddings and functions are also contributing.

Well done to every single volunteer for working so hard to make all this happen.





Someone has moved into our Sooty Owl Trail

The summer months have seen a construction boom throughout the Sooty Owl Trail area.

First came the B&B. We're not sure who is running it, but it has certainly added an element of fascination and colour to an area of our Gardens that continues to delight visitors of all ages.

Thanks again to the team from the Men's Shed for their contribution to this lovely little house.

Of course, you can't have a home, let alone a B&B, without running water. Our irrigation expert **Rob Howard** helped build and test a traditional pump. Rob says it will also help young people to learn more about how water was retrieved in generations past.

Along with all of the other construction, a glittering stage is at the end of the trail. It has been named the Sooty Owl Little Theatre, a nod to our local thespian group. (Inset—**Michael Hiew** and **Brian Davison** building the stage)





Festival shed upgrade is ready to go—just waiting on Council

The paperwork is complete, retaining walls are in place and filled. Our team has even laid a slab for the extended Festival shed, ready for the builders to begin work.

We simply await sign-off from Council. The new shed will contain all of the material the Springtime on the Mountain team needs for another successful event.

An artistic flair has run rings around the blue garden

Chris Davison again displays her artistic flair by creating three stunning ceramic rings that now adorn the Blue Garden next to the blue bridge. Chris made the rings on a base of concrete tree surrounds that were stored at the Gardens. She then arranged broken pieces of blue and white china to form a mosaic and cemented them into place. We are blessed to have so many talented people in our volunteer group!



Thank you Jerry Hodges

Long-time stalwart of the volunteer group, **Jerry Hodges**, has finally retired from duty at the Gardens.

Jerry was an invaluable member of the team, repairing, building, painting and restoring so many of the items around the Gardens. Roger Lenehan thanked him and offered a small gift of appreciation. He will be missed.

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New volunteers, father and daughter **Sharon Vallance** (left) and **Mal Longton** are shown the ropes by gardens volunteer **Suzi Leahy**.



The Botanic Gardens volunteers Christmas Party was a great success, with a large and delicious ham lovingly baked by **Margaret Bell**. Thanks to everyone who contributed to a great event.