

**VOLUNTEER  
SNAPSHOTS**

*Robyn Vuori*



*Marilyn Hargreaves*



**A BIG WELCOME TO ALL  
OUR NEW VOLUNTEERS.**



*Rob Howard*



*Poppy Andrews*



**TAMBORINE MOUNTAIN  
BOTANIC GARDENS  
NEWSLETTER**

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**TAMBORINE MOUNTAIN BOTANIC GARDENS VOLUNTEERS—2016**

What an amazing group and nearly a full house photo. Steered by Manager Roger Lenehan and his Committee, these wonderful mountain residents do an amazing job of maintaining and developing our Botanic Gardens, .



**2016 SCENIC RIM AUSTRALIA DAY AWARDS**

Springtime on the Mountain, the longest running annual garden event of its kind in S.E. Qld., received the Community Event of the Year award for 2015.

This fundraising event is run by the Tamborine Mountain Garden Club and monies raised go into the improvement and maintenance of our Botanic Gardens.

Congratulations to all involved and special thanks to 2015 convener Margaret Pile (left) pictured with Geoff Hurling and Di Howard (Garden Club Vice-President).



### AROUND THE GARDENS

Sadly, vandalism has once again touched our Gardens. The artisan carved Owl Seat which graced the entrance to the Sooty Owl Trail, was damaged and one of the owls stolen. The crime has been reported and the community asked to be vigilant.

The photo at right was taken when the seat was being installed.



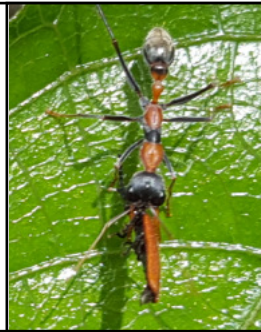
### FOR YOUR DIARY

#### Springtime on the Mountain

Friday 23rd, Saturday 24th  
and Sunday 25th September  
2016

### *INTERESTING.....*

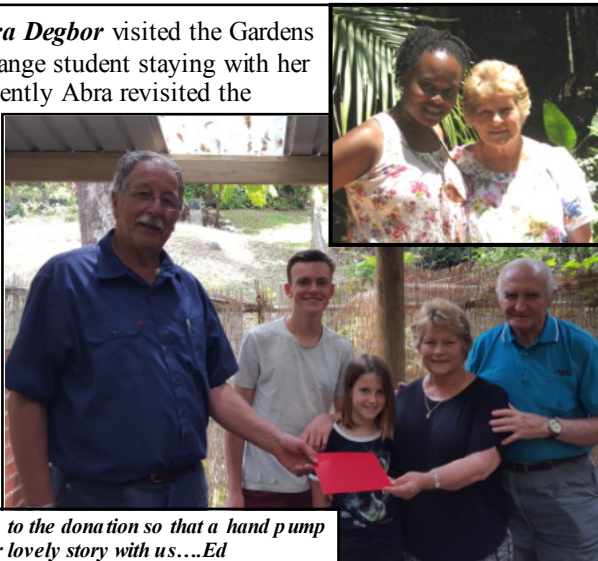
*that jumping ants found in our Gardens on the Birdwing Butterfly Vine (Pararistolochia praevanosa), were noticed using the eggs from the Richmond Birdwing Butterfly as a food source.*



**A SPECIAL DONATION** *Abra Degbor* visited the Gardens back in 1988 whilst a young exchange student staying with her local host family the Whears. Recently Abra revisited the mountain to reunite with her host families. A return visit to the Gardens and Abra was amazed at the transformation. The Sooty Owl Trail held a special place for her and inspired her to donate money to use in the Trail.

Pictured at right is ***Faith and Col Whear*** and their grandchildren, presenting a cheque from Abra for \$150 to Manager ***Roger Lenehan***.

*Thank you Col and Faith for adding \$50 to the donation so that a hand pump could be purchased and for sharing your lovely story with us....Ed*



### SOOTY OWL TRAIL UPDATE

The end is in sight. Having almost completed the thong-organ bridge, we are now doing the planning, purchasing materials and placing foundations for the exciting last bridge—a suspended structure which allows minimal movement as visitors walk across it. After that a ‘circular return-path’ will join to the junction onto the existing rainforest walk and allow access along the full length of the Sooty Owl Trail.

Then we ‘backtrack’ and ‘fill in’ all the secondary features including a small stage where youngsters can entertain their grandparents!

**Brian Davison**



### POTTY POTTERS JANUARY PLANT SALE

Congratulations to the Potty Potters who raised \$2,620 from their plant sale held in the Bobby White Pavilion at the rear of our Botanic Gardens. This is always a popular community event, made extra special by the venue and the shuttle service offered for purchases (thanks Roger and Eddie).

