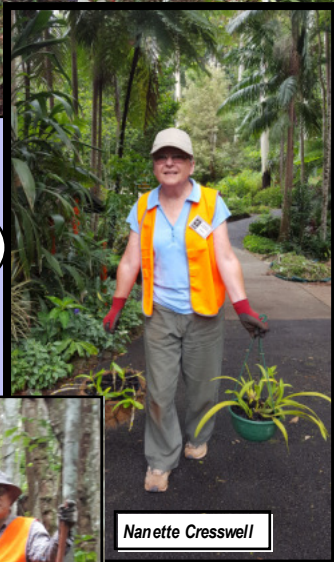




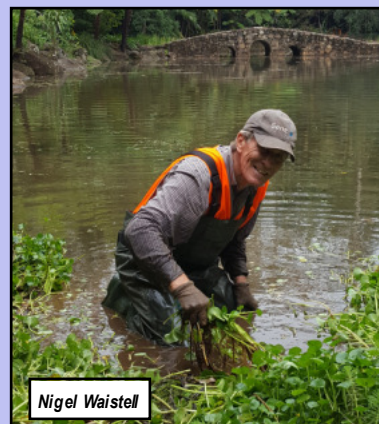
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VOLUNTEER SNAPSHOTS

Every picture tells a story



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WELCOME TO 2018 - Our 'colourful' volunteers The volunteers have embraced the new look and are now a colourful sight around the Gardens on Wednesday and Thursday mornings. Sporting new vests, they are hard to miss .. a great safety addition in keeping with modern expectations of outdoor workers. What an amazing group of people that we are all so lucky to work with. An 'older age group' (we would like some more youngies though), full of motivation and energy and loving what they do! *I could go on and on about them...Ed*



MAINTAINING THE LEGACY OF LEN EDIE

Thank you to **Ashley Anderssen from the Men's Shed** (pictured below), for restoring the Dove Cote from the Perennial Garden.

A great job!



FUNGI AT THE GARDENS

It is always a delight to come across the wide variety of fungi that appear at the Gardens, over our wet summer months. Vitally important for the ecosystem of a botanic gardens, the fungi join with bacteria to break down dead organic material into soluble nutrients for plants.



FAREWELL TO SONIA

Sad to say good bye to our friend **Sonia Wagstaff** who has left the Mountain. Sonia has been working in the Orchid House for the past 5 years and we are going to miss her. All the best Sonia and a big thank you for your input. Sonia is pictured below at her farewell morning tea with **Brian Davison**.



ANNUAL SUMMER PLANT SALE

Our potters do a great job of raising extra revenue to maintain our Gardens and this recent rainy Saturday morning was no exception.

Well done Potty Potters!



GARDENS UPDATE.....from our Works Manager, Eddie Fenton.

During the last period from September at the Gardens, things have been full on due to dry periods, leaves falling, and the yearly event of the bark coming off the flooded gums. Luckily we have the bore, which is wonderful. We could not operate without it. The system will only take water to a limited number of stations at a time. Most stations now have timers on them and come on during the night and early morning. The grass areas have been watered this year, plus seed and fertiliser put on and it is responding to this treatment, providing we do not cut it too short. The Hydrangeas and Roses have once again looked wonderful, due to care and attention from the volunteers attending them. The Azaleas were all cut back and are coming on with great vigour. After the dry period we have had a very wet period, which has made everything grow like crazy. To combat the work load, we are tending to make groups up and concentrate on one area, which has proved to be very successful.

During the last few months all our main signs have been renewed at the entrance etc, and which look wonderful and very professional. All the information is on one sign for example, instead of a lot of little signs everywhere.

The Sooty Owl Trail is going well, having now been completed. Paths through, now have bitumen on them, which is saving a lot of work taking woodchips to it and spreading them. The bridges are in good repair at the time of writing!! All organ pipes are completed and working well, as is the water pump. We are slowly getting everything public proof.

It is now over four years since we had a fire up the back in the big shed and the Salah was burnt out. We have now arrived at the point where, after working every week, the machinery is needing attention. Maintenance continues every week on all parts of areas, from seats to bridges and footpaths, plus all the maintenance that is done to the gardens. We are at present beginning to cement two storage bunkers in the service area as they have become too wet and mucky. Hopefully in the next week or two they will be done.

All the ladies at the Gardens do a great job, including all the Potty Potters who sell plants every week and have a stall in the eating area and have day sales from time to time which brings in an income. The sales trolley in the Pavilion has been trashed twice—but the ladies fight on.

Considering how much work is involved, and the number of people we have to get through this work, it is really and truly fantastic.

One thing that pleases the volunteers is when visitors give the whole team a pat on the back for making the gardens an enjoyable time. — This is what it is all about!!!

Eddie Fenton



Eddie



Rob and Eddie