



## TAMBORINE MOUNTAIN BOTANIC GARDENS NEWSLETTER

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### Fond farewell to Kay and Geoff Ilett

The Botanic Gardens volunteers said a sad farewell to stalwarts Kay and Geoff Ilett during a brief presentation in August. Manager Roger Lenehan spoke briefly about their time and achievements during 21 years as volunteers—nearly as long as the couple had lived on the Mountain.

On behalf of all the volunteers, past and present, he presented them with a lovely flowering orchid.

Kay and Geoff have moved to Brisbane to be closer to family and are already sadly missed.



The Garden Club held its August meeting at the Botanic Gardens. **Eddie Fenton** and **Rob Howard** took the opportunity to refine their barbecue skills in preparation for Springtime on the Mountain.





## The Orchid House takes shape

The orchid house has been a centre of activity over the past few months.

Above — **Roger Lenehan** and Council staff **Bryce** and **Glenn** fitted the final section of roof.

Above left — **Nanette Creswell** and **Roger Lenehan** thank **Faith Whear** who kindly donated a wonderful orchid growing on a tree large stump.

Left — A second massive stump was donated by Spice Of Life owner **Heike Edrich**. **Roger**, **Michael Hiew**, **Geoff Hurling** and Council staff **Glenn** and **Bryce** take a well earned rest after lifting it into place.



## Barbara Beale memorial tree

Volunteers at the Botanic Gardens planted a Japanese maple in memory of **Barbara Beale**, a long-time Botanic Gardens volunteer and an active member of the Garden Club. Barbara spent four years as Treasurer of the Club from 2000 to 2003.

Sadly, she passed away earlier this year.





## More improvements to Sooty Owl Walk

A new concrete base to replace the bare patch near the entry to the Sooty Owl Walk, a new stage at the other end where kids can perform, and a mysterious new house have all appeared over the past month. Bob and Sue Stewart (above) try out the clean new concrete surface while Michael Hiew and Brian Davison (above right) are hard at work putting the finishing touches to the stage.

Volunteers from the Men's Shed Peter and Ashley (right) worked with Brian Davison to build the entry to the mysterious little house that will live among the trees of the Walk. I wonder who will live there?



## Festival shed grant

Our local Federal MP **Scott Buchholz** visited the Botanic Gardens in August to present a grant cheque to help us extend the Festival shed above the car park. The shed houses the materials used during the Springtime on the Mountain festival. **Roger Lenehan** accepted the cheque, supported by Club Patron **Margaret Bell** (left) and Springtime convenor **Margaret Pile**



**VOLUNTEER  
SNAPSHOTS**



**Dawn Hooper** works tirelessly in the magnificent rose garden.



**Nanette Creswell** has made the orchid house into one of the stand-out sections of the Botanic Gardens



**Deborah Reich** joined us in August — all the way from France via the Northern Territory where she worked with indigenous families in Arnhem Land.



Our newest — and youngest — volunteer, **Oliver**, lives next door to the Gardens. He LOVES the Sooty Owl Walk.