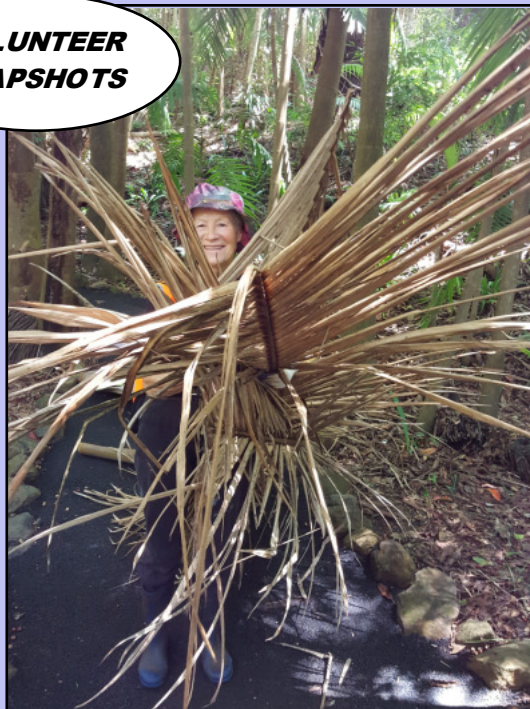




**VOLUNTEER
SNAPSHOTS**



Robyn Egan pictured above has joined our Volunteers. **Welcome Robyn. We all look forward to working with you.**

A rare species of owl, *Sandus Domesticus*, was spotted in the Sooty Owl Trail recently. **Sandy Silabon** that is a lot of palm fronds!



Man Lin Hiew is passionate about keeping the Japanese Garden in top shape and does an excellent job. Man Lin is pictured beside the tranquil stream that she tends.



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NEW WATER FEATURE AT THE GARDENS.....Le Egg



Volunteers and visitors to the gardens are loving this new water feature. Plantings of white *Spathiphyllums* will surround the feature and should look stunning when in flower.

Thanks go to **Wesley the owner of Spectrum Plants at Wongawallan**, for his very generous donation of over \$200 worth of the *Spathiphyllums*, which is a huge savings to our Gardens and greatly appreciated. Pictured at right is Wesley handing over the plants to our Volunteers Geoff and Apryl Hurling.

Says Geoff, if you haven't been to the Nursery, then it is worth a visit at 69 Curry Road, Wongawallan. Take the grandchildren when you visit—they have petting animals!!



AROUND THE GARDENS:

*Rotunda repairs and upgrade underway—**Mal Longton**

*Irrigation. New system up and running.

*Visitor Guide brochure. Reprint received—**Sandy Silabon**

*Gum in Pavilion needs protection around the trunk to stop name-carving—**Brian Davison**

*Rotunda Walk. Ground prepared for three new *Largestroemia* ordered.

*Cascade walk improved with road base.

*First Aid Kit upgraded—**Di Howard**

*Bromeliad Garden—volunteer needed to tend this area.

*Succulent Garden revamp — **Sue Stewart** pictured below, will take on this project.



Slippin' and Slidin' —A REMINDER

It's that time of the year again when the high humidity and regular rainfall means that everything on the ground is saturated. It is also the time when we need to take extra special care when clambering around the Gardens.

There are a few things that are fairly safe to walk on in dry weather that are treacherous at the moment. Some are not obvious until you start slipping and then it's too late. Avoid walking on any timber edging, especially if it is on a slope. Rounded rocks are particularly dangerous as their pores have filled with moss etc to make the perfect slippery dip. Watch out if you are working on the edge of the lake or in a creek bed.

Strangely, wet sugar cane mulch is an accident waiting to happen. If it is on a slope you are guaranteed to speed down hill on your backside. It slips on itself and on the wet mud below it.

It is also important to wear appropriate shoes or boots. And even though they tend to be warm to wear at the moment, it is important that we put on those orange vests so we can quickly see where we all are.

*Take that extra care.
B.D.*

BGANZ — Botanic Gardens Day Sunday 27th May 2018

This is an annual event showcasing the Botanic Gardens of Australia and New Zealand. Our Gardens will be having a sausage sizzle, Potty Potter plant sale, activities for children in the Sooty Owl Walk, botanic artists and various other activities as yet unconfirmed.



The Camellia Garden

CAMELLIA — “grown for their exquisite beauty and elegance”. Flowers can be any size from corsage-sized miniatures to almost dinner plate size, from single to doubles, ruffled or formal, pink, red or white or combining two or three colours in each flower.

Visitors to the Gardens will delight in the vast range of Camellias which grace our Gardens, from the hedging sasanquas at the entrance, to the vast collection of over 65 different types of Camellias in the area below the Rotunda.

Many of the Camellias were donated by the **Camellia Society** who, in the early days, visited the Gardens and advised on suitable areas for planting.

We are lucky to have volunteer **Jan Collis** (pictured at right) working in our Camellia Garden. Always a friendly, vibrant, willing worker, her vast horticultural knowledge is a real asset to our Gardens.

A dedicated Potty Potter as well. Thank you Jan, for all you do!.....Ed.

How Interesting!

Camellia japonica is almost always lacquer red in the wild, and this is how you usually see it depicted in old Chinese and Japanese paintings, red being the colour of good fortune. It is said that the first-ever white one was presented to the Japanese Emperor Temmu in 675AD, and that from its marriage to the original red all our pink camellias descend.

‘Your Garden’ July ‘01.



That wasn't meant to happen!!A recycled branch from a Queensland Box tree, set in concrete and holding a Sooty Owl sign has sprouted leaves multiple times along the branch.

How Interesting!

AT THE GARDENS — 10 years ago

*26 Volunteers were pictured in our group photo. The same number as today.

*Roger Bell was the Manager.

*Work on the Torii Gate in the Japanese Garden had just begun.

*Work on the holding bays in the service area had begun.

*The reflection pool under the Japanese Bridge was created.