

VOLUNTEER SNAPSHOTS



Our Potty Potters and their annual lunch. This year the group had lunch at the *Fox and Hound* and posed for a photo with a couple of strangers that wandered in—and they had their dogs with them. ‘She’ seemed a little aloof but ‘He’ was more than happy to stand in the back with the microphone cover on his head while the dogs had smiles all over their faces when they saw the happy group of gardeners.... **Geoff Hurling**

Love this photo. Our potters have loads of fun...Ed



Volunteers Bus Trip to Roma Street Parklands

Date: 06 May 2015

Departure: Vonda Youngman Centre 8.30am

RSVP: Friday 24th April 2015 to
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or

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Includes morning tea (bring your own drinks) and also includes a light lunch at a nursery (TBA).

Roger Lenehan and crew are pictured above working on the new succulent garden.

Looking good Roger!...Ed

Interesting!

Average age of volunteers at last count stands at 72.34 years.



TAMBORINE MOUNTAIN BOTANIC GARDENS NEWSLETTER

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A SPECIAL VISITOR TO OUR GARDENS—Lawrence Smith AM, Landscape Architect.

It never ceases to amaze me each time I read your Newsletter (and thank you for sending it to me) how it seems that the whole community is getting involved in developing and nurturing this amazing and important Botanic Garden. Everyone involved is so enthusiastic and obviously all share a common vision of excellence. There are very few if any other gardens where this shines through so vividly. My immediate reaction is to come up to the mountain and get involved! I know that the strength of your endeavours lies in the sensitive way you have progressively developed the site in, what I refer to as, a series of rooms each with its own plant palette and character. Particularly impressive are the various Contemplative sites so expertly secreted away and designed to encourage visitors (and probably volunteers too!) to pause and ‘smell the roses’ or the magnolias or listen to the sounds of the cascade waterway.

So it was with a great deal of pleasure that Carmel and I were able to enjoy the hospitality of the members of the Tamborine Mountain Garden Club and members of the Botanic Gardens as we spent two days with you. My presentation to the Garden Club meeting allowed me to discuss the role and benefits of Botanic Gardens and show some images of a number of Queensland’s regional Botanic Gardens, as well as reviving some horticultural memories of World Expo 88. Walking around the Gardens site with the group, I listened to your ideas and visions for special gardens and collections you have yet to create and was pleased to add some ideas that may be of assistance. You have certainly had your fair share of problems in recent times but these events have not constrained your enthusiasm and in many ways the Gardens have become even stronger as a result.

The one outstanding imaginative, educational and aesthetically exciting project that is under construction is the Sooty Owl Trail which once completed will become a major ‘must see’ garden for children of all ages. This is a most inspirational way to introduce the beauties of nature and the environment through a subtle and enjoyable experience—it will remind us all of the ways we, of the older generation, used to spend our days after school in nature’s playground.

Congratulations to everyone involved. Your efforts are appreciated by so many people and I am sure that, through this continuing major community effort, Tamborine Mountain Botanic Gardens will continue to set the example for many other communities to follow. I’ll be back soon!!

Cheers
Lawrie

A walk-through at our Gardens-- Lawrie Smith (second from left)



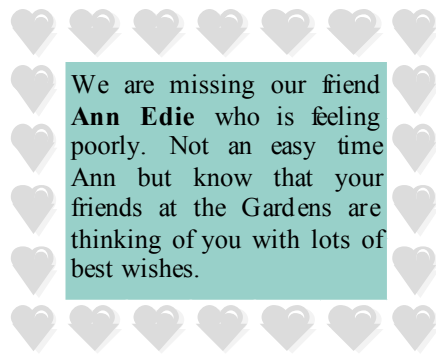
AROUND THE GARDENS:

- *Succulent garden under way—**Roger**.
- *Rainforest walk has been closed while under refurbishment—**Eddie and Brian**.
- *Water filter from bore still causing problems and under further investigation—**Brian**.
- *Irrigation system has been fully restored with all pipes having been checked and if required, replaced. New sprays have been attached and, with the exception of the Azalea Garden, all old piping has been removed.
- *Asphalting upgrade of Gardens paths in the system awaiting quotes—**Roger**.
- *New lakeside seating (pictured at right)—**Roger**.



SOOTY OWL TRAIL - Update

Progressing steadily with our regular volunteer help and also the help of Woofers. Much excitement with the delivery and assembly of the water wheel. The paved path has been completed thanks to contractor **Mark Smith** (pictured below) and plantings of rain forest plants thanks to **Sandy Silabon**.



We are missing our friend **Ann Edie** who is feeling poorly. Not an easy time Ann but know that your friends at the Gardens are thinking of you with lots of best wishes.

WEBSITE UPGRADE

A big thankyou to **Lorraine Bilbie** and **Margaret Pile** (pictured below) for their amazing contribution to the upgrade of the Botanic Gardens/Garden Club website. Many hours of work went into this project. Check it out at:

www.tmbotanicgardens.org.au



A TRIBUTE

It was with sadness that we learned of the sudden death of **Gordon Haldane** from C.V. Pumps. Gordon was a great support to our Gardens and always on hand in emergencies and to give advice on all matters of irrigation and water quality.

Sadly missed by us all at the Gardens.

THE CREW STEERING THE SHIP Pictured below are our Botanic Gardens Volunteers who are currently on the Committee to run the Botanic Gardens. From left are **Eddie Fenton** (Works Manager), **Brian Davison**, **Roger Lenehan** (Manager), **Margaret Bell** (Garden Club President), **Jan Collis** and **Geoff Hurling**. Absent is **Gill Whyman**.



OUTSOURCING — The Men's Shed

Thanks go to the **Tamborine Mountain Men's Shed** for constructing the Water Wheel which is now completed and assembled in the Sooty Owl Trail.

Pictured below are—**Brian Davison** (Botanic Gardens), **Peter Whitelock** (craftsman), **Allan Meyers** (Men's Shed President) and **Ashley Anderssen** (project coordinator).

Well done gentlemen! A big thank you from us all....Ed



CONGRATULATIONS

to Botanic Gardens volunteer **Dawn Hooper**, our 'Rose Lady', on receiving the Garden Club **Ron Miller Award** for 2015.

Well deserved Dawn!

