

Mike & Geoff



**VOLUNTEER  
SNAPSHOTS**

Joan, Margaret and Sandy



*The morning tea break is over and it's back to work for our volunteers!*

Eddie



**NEW VOLUNTEERS**



*Paul and Debi Marshall hail from Victoria and are part time Gold Coast residents. They love to volunteer at our Gardens when "in town"... A very big welcome!*

*Michelle Thompson has recently moved to the Mountain and joined the Volunteers. Welcome Michelle!*



**TAMBORINE MOUNTAIN  
BOTANIC GARDENS  
NEWSLETTER**



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**BGANZ OPEN DAY 2018**

On the last Sunday in May, Botanic Gardens in Australia and New Zealand encourage people to visit them. Once again we did this and what a lovely day was had by visitors and volunteers alike. The weather was a perfect autumn day with lots of colourful foliage still on the deciduous trees.

There was tea, coffee and a sausage sizzle to sustain visitors, Botanic Art to delight the eye and music from the buskers added to the happy relaxed atmosphere. For children there were activities in the Sooty Owl Walk and the opportunity to pot up flowers or herbs to take home.

Of course it wouldn't be an event at the Botanic Gardens without the Potty Potters plants for sale and gardening books to tell you the best way to look after plants. As well as everyone having a great day we raised over \$1,300 to go towards the upkeep of the gardens.

That this beautiful place is maintained and managed by volunteers always evokes great admiration.

And so if you missed the Open Day this year we invite you to come and join us in 2019.

**Sandy Silabon**

*(Thank you to Sandy for organising this event..ed.)*



### Beautiful Begonias

Begonias have been described as plants with two faces, one is colourful flowers and the other is the beautiful patterned leaves with intense colours. There are flowering begonias and leaf begonias (Rex).

In 1690, Charles Plumier a French botanist and monk, named the Begonia after his patron, Michel Bégon, who was a French botanist and diplomat in the 17th Century.

Flowering Begonias have flowers in red, pink, orange, white and yellow or multi-coloured. The Begonia Rex only produces leaves that are velvety. These velvety leaves have leaf patterns in silver, pink, burgundy red or various shades of green. When the light shines from different angles you will see a completely new side to the furry leaves.

The Begonia originated in the warm, humid, forest areas of New Guinea, southern Africa and the Andes. They make great house plants and some varieties can be grown on your patio.

**Geoff Hurling**

*(A large selection of Begonias can be found in our Gardens in the vicinity of the Japanese Garden.)*

### INTERESTING!!

Volunteers in their 80's — 5

70's — 21

60's — 13

50's — 1

Average of volunteers = 69 years

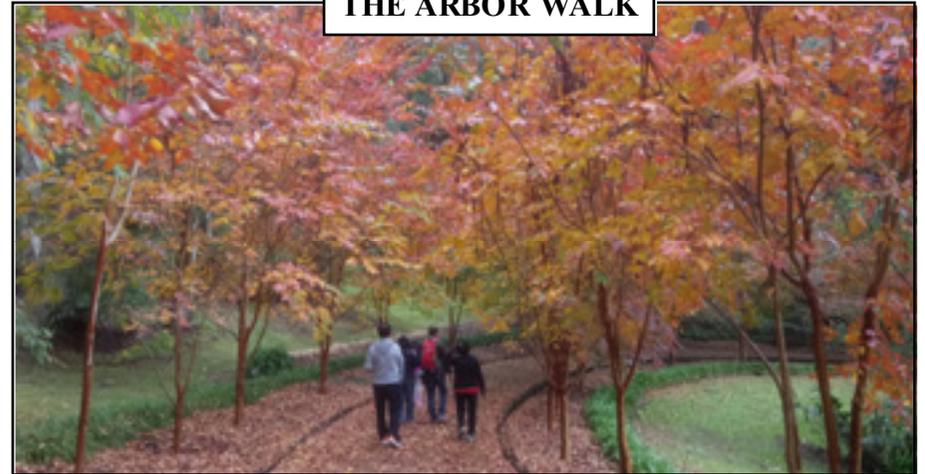


We are grateful for the ongoing support of the **Scenic Rim Regional Council** both in funding and Thursday morning council man-power. **Karl Millington** is pictured doing an expert job of maintaining the hedging at the Gardens.



*A happy-snap of volunteers enjoying a day out to the Toowoomba Japanese Gardens.*

### THE ARBOR WALK



This Botanic Gardens feature has seen some changes since it began as a Cherry Tree Walk in 2002. Unfortunately the Cherry Trees, which were a gift from the Gifu prefecture in Japan suffered badly from our sub tropical climate, borers and fungus and were not the success hoped for. Several years ago it was decided to inter-plant with a white flowering "India Summer" Crepe myrtle, *Lagerstroemia natchez*. They powered ahead and are magnificent. They are now a feature both during their flowering period and in late autumn and winter when they colour up in all their glory. These months are a special time for visitors who flock to our Gardens to see autumn colour, not usually common in South East Queensland. With the beautiful herringbone patterned pavers laid 8 years ago, the newly tiled Rotunda and the magnificent Crepe myrtle avenue, the Volunteers can be well pleased.



*A picture-perfect setting for one of the four new picnic settings purchased from grant funding.*