

OUR OCTOBER SOCIAL MEETING AT THE REOPENED BOTANIC GARDENS

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NEWSLETTER

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From the President -

Hello all,

Your committee is finishing the year off with a flurry of activity. We are busy reviewing the last Springtime Open Garden Trail looking for ways to make it even better, as well as looking for potential gardens for next year.

We also would like to know of community projects or local organisations that need some financial help. Suggestions from members would be appreciated. The speaker list for next year is looking good and the bus trips will be bigger and better.

It has been a busy time, particularly after the successful Springtime Garden trail recently, and we look forward to a joyous Christmas function.

So please join us at Mason Wines on Tuesday, 10th December. It should be a lovely way to celebrate our successful year.

Take care,
Alex

@ GARDEN CLUB TODAY
Commencing at 9.30am

GUEST SPEAKER: Jenny Kenneally
 Jenny graduated from the Victorian College of Pharmacy in 1979 and worked in hospital and community Pharmacy. In 1995 Jenny graduated from the Naturopath College and moved from Melbourne to Alstonville and opened her Naturopathic Clinic. Jenny then moved her clinic to the Kyogle Hospital before relocating to Tamborine Mt. in 2023.



TOPIC: Herbs and their medicinal uses

DISPLAY TABLE
THEME:
Summer Colours



OTHER ACTIVITIES:
Morning Tea
General Meeting
Library
Raffles
Potty Potters Plant Sales
Share Table

NEXT TM GARDEN CLUB SOCIAL MEETING...

TMGC Christmas celebration dinner

Tuesday 10 December 4.00pm—7.30pm at



32 Hartley Road, Tamborine Mountain

Final function for 2024 instead of the normal meeting at
Vonda Youngman.

\$30 for members / \$50 for guests

To secure place, payment is required by November 26th.



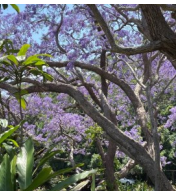
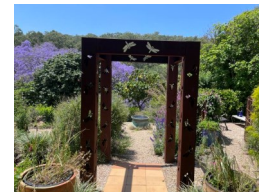
Tamborine Mountain Garden Club Bus Trip - 24th October 2024

It was an early start on a beautiful sunny morning as we made our way down the Mountain to Eden Indoor Nursery in Kriedeman Road. What an amazing nursery, full of not only indoor plants, but a large variety of shade-loving plants and interesting giftware. Purchases were made and we were off to Kingsholme.

Kerkin Garden is nestled in a lovely valley inland from Ormeau. Some of us had no idea this lovely area existed but others have visited previously. We were greeted by the owner John, with apologies from his wife Carol, who was in hospital. We all wished her well and signed the Visitors Book so John could show her our comments. The morning tea was fabulous and much appreciated. John then told us a bit about the story of how the garden began on land that had been part of his family farm. The garden is spectacular, and I personally was lost for words. It is quite a steep block, and the diversity and variety of plants is amazing. The weather was perfect, and we enjoyed a guided tour of the garden and John was able to explain the plantings and areas to us.

From Kerkin Garden we made our way to the Gold Coast Regional Botanic Gardens and it was surprising how many of us had never visited this fantastic garden. The garden volunteers had prepared tables and chairs under the shady trees for us to enjoy our picnic lunch, provided by Spice of Life. Kate explained the history of how the Gardens came about through the Rosser family and then took us on a guided tour around the original house. It was a fascinating story and gave us some background. We were then able to wander around the lake to see turtles, eels and water birds in abundance.

It was altogether another great bus trip, and our thanks must go to Gill Violett who is the Bus Trip organiser. *Cheryl Wistow*



November Garden Walk Tuesday 19th

10am @ Lina Roth's garden 36 Bartle Road, not far from the Showgrounds roundabout

November is Jacaranda time, so our garden visit this month is to see these beautiful trees in Lina's garden. The trees are at the entrance to a rainforest walk, so make sure that you wear suitable shoes.

Remember to bring your own morning tea which we will have on the terrace overlooking the view. This is our last visit of the year, so see you there.

Suggest street parking on nature strip opposite or in Normandie Court at the Showgrounds back entrance.

Friends may accompany a member. *Ann Zaremba*



November in the Garden - a Snapshot

It's November and the jacarandas, agapanthus, hydrangeas, bougainvillea, flame trees and silky oaks are putting on an amazing display! The air is filled with the heavenly scents of jasmine, lavender and of course roses. Although we've had rain recently, the forecast is for a dry summer so November is all about being water wise and getting your garden ready to withstand the hotter, drier days.

What to plant in November

In the veggie patch sow or plant seedlings of Asian greens, basil, beans (French, climbing & snake), beetroot, cabbage, capsicum, carrots, chillies, chives, choko, cucumber, eggplant, ginger, kale, kohlrabi, leek, lettuce, melons, okra, parsnips, peas, potato, pumpkin, radish, rosella, silver beet, spring onion, squash, sweet corn, sweet potato, tomatoes and zucchini. For some colour sow or plant seedlings of alyssum, amaranthus, begonias, Billy buttons, Californian poppy, carnation, celosia, coleus, dahlias, dianthus, everlasting daisy, gerbera, globe amaranth, impatiens, kangaroo paw, marigold, petunia, phlox, portulaca, salvia, sunflower, torenia, verbena and zinnia.

Jobs to do in the lead up to summer include:

- Continue keeping the water up, apply liquid fertiliser, spray foliage with a seaweed emulsion and compost and mulch garden beds, veggie patches and under fruit trees and shrubs to maintain soil moisture.
- Get creative with some garden stakes/star pickets and shade cloth to make shade sails to maintain moisture for less heat tolerant plants when really hot.
- Move pot plants and containers into a shady place on really hot days and don't forget to water anything planted under your eaves.
- Leave some water out for birds, butterflies, lizards and of course pets.
- Keep the water up to hydrangeas, gardenias and azaleas. Pluck off and bag shriveled azalea flowers to break the cycle of petal blight.
- Sprinkle a small amount of potash around tomatoes and strawberries and water in to give them a potassium boost.
- Give formal hedges such as buxus and murraya a light trim, always ensuring the base is slightly broader than the top, and give lavender a trim by 1/3rd.
- If you haven't already done so trim camellias and shape if necessary, and remember the golden rule - never trim after Christmas to ensure the arrival of next year's blooms.
- Give bottle brushes a good prune when they have finished flowering so they keep their shape and don't become leggy.

Happy gardening everyone. *Kaylene Power*

Sources: *The Tamborine Mountain Gardener; Gardening Australia Magazine, Organic Gardener Magazine and Organic Gardening (Annette McFarlane)*

OCTOBER 15 GARDEN WALK REPORT

Many members of the garden club waited in anticipation at the gate of Diane and Greg Muscat's cottage garden on a lovely mountain morning. Diane warmly greeted us and shared with us a brief history of their beautiful blue Queenslander house and how they had undertaken the huge task to restore both it and the garden. What a result!

As we walked into the garden the scent of a star jasmine espaliered on a crisscross lattice assaulted our senses. Then a *Bergenia* lined path took us down to a back garden laid out in a parterre design with plant beds edged with clipped hedging and pathways. Each bed was filled with many spring flowering plants - foxgloves, roses, lavender, cornflowers and many others. The borders of the garden were full of vegetables and herbs so neatly and invitingly laid out. At the back of the garden was a cute cottage garden shed and a chook pen with five lovely ISA brown hens that supplied their family with many eggs.

I thought the hens were very fortunate to have found such a lovely garden to share with Diane and Greg. Thank you for sharing it with the garden club members as well. *Ann Zaremba*



Pics by Irene Ingold & Ann Zaremba



From the Treasurer

The **Springtime on the Mountain** event was successful, with strong support from all Garden Club members.

Total funds raised: after all expenses were paid, the club achieved a net profit of \$11,230. This surplus has been deposited in the club's bank account.

Upcoming Event: Garden Club Christmas Social

The next significant event for the Tamborine Mountain Garden Club is the **Christmas Social Meeting and dinner**. Here's what members can expect:

Date & Location: Tuesday 10th December at Mason Winery.

Meal: This year, the event will feature a three-course meal, now including a dessert, which was added due to popular demand.

Cost: Members \$30 per person Non-members \$50 per person
Drinks: Upon arrival, members will receive a complimentary glass of sparkling wine ("bubbles"). For those who prefer other options, soft drinks, beers and wines will be available for purchase from the bar.

Payment Options

For convenience, the club offers multiple payment methods:

1. Direct Debit

Bank: Suncorp

BSB: 484-799

Account Number: 481195514

Account Name: Tamborine Mountain Garden Club Inc

Instructions: When making a direct debit payment, members should include their **name in the payer reference field**. This ensures that payments are correctly matched to each member.

2. Credit Card Payment:

Members who prefer paying by credit card can call **the Treasurer, which is me, directly at 0488 770 791**. I am happy to process credit card payments over the phone.

This report underscores the club's financial health and upcoming social plans, inviting members to participate and enjoy the festive celebration at a discounted rate.

Best regards, *Richard Wistow TMGC Treasurer*

Welcome

NEW GARDEN CLUB MEMBERS

Adrian Mann

Yvonne Reznik

UPCOMING GARDEN EVENTS FOR PLANNERS

Tropical Foliage Festival 23 Nov 2024 @ Belmont Shooting Complex 1485 Old Cleveland Rd, Belmont

cordyline.org

IndigiScapes Eco Market 7 Dec 2024 @Capalaba

Website: indigiscapes.redland.qld.gov.au/info/2/things_to_do/17/eco_markets



Member Pam Hawthorne's award winners at the Qld Rose Society Spring Show

"When the world wearies and society fails to satisfy, there is always the garden."

—Minnie Aumonier

Bus trip pics by Irene Ingold & Gill Violet

