

# NEWSLETTER

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## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Friends,  
Well, spring is now officially here, and what a start to the season that it was!

I was fortunate enough to be at Torquay, when the weather turned from a bleak end of winter to a glorious beginning to spring. It was so nice to be walking the beach kicking the water away from me almost as a cheeky symbolic kicking away winter's ills and woes and its cold, bleak weather.

Home again, it was a pleasure to get out into the garden, shed my sweater, and mow the lawn, edge and tidy up. Then, to scrub down the picnic table, drag out the chair cushions from the garage and share a picnic lunch out in the garden with my granddaughter. The blossom of spring is fading, and the trees are gradually turning green again. It is marvellous how the warmth in the air makes you itch (no, I was not referring to hay fever) to get outside again and get potting and planting in readiness for our spring show.

This is a great time of year for gardeners, and a very busy one. There are so many things to see and do.

Go on! Get out there and enjoy **Spring**.

Bill.

## SPRING SHOW 2011

**October 22nd:** Spring Garden Show – Preston City Hall.  
Entries close: 9.00pm October 20th. Enquiries: 9478 0269.

Set-up on Friday the 21st from 9am at Preston City Hall, if you spare a couple of hours in the morning would be a great help.

Show day always looking for helpers throughout the day. We are looking for people to be Stewards and Card Writers, Devonshire Teas, Stall, and Raffle. If you can assist just ask or Bill for more details. With members help it will be smooth running show.

Now is the time to think of what you will enter in the show. Prepare your pot plants, clean the pots and remove dead, damaged leaves. Maybe practise a Floral Arrangement?

Any cooks out there, we would appreciate Scones for our Devonshire tea on show day.

Note; we have made some changes to this Spring show.

Closing time is now **7pm** not 8pm. Presentations will start around 6pm

**Prize money** is only as marked in the Schedule. In every section only major items will have prize money, in most cases this has increased.

We are trialling these changes, we would appreciate any feedback, whether you feel the changes are good or bad.

## BUS TRIP

We have our bus trip looming on Sunday Oct 2<sup>nd</sup>. John Mathie has put a lot of work into making this a "trip not to be missed".

There will be entertainment on the coach; morning tea at the Gisborne Market, and we will dine on our BYO picnic lunch in the luxurious surrounds of a garden atop Mt. Macedon. Later a stop at Dicksonia Rare Plants Nursery.

Due to some cancellations there are still a few seats left. Phone John on 9458-1632. ASAP. Cost \$25.00.

## CHRISTMAS HAMPER.

Our Christmas raffle is a great fund-raiser towards paying for our party food and a lot of fun. Many members in the past have donated goods towards our Christmas hamper, but most prefer to bring something on the night of the break-up.

We are starting to collect from the October meeting, Show day and of course November Break-up night.

If you can bring something, please ensure that the use-by date of perishable goods will still be current for Christmas. Christmas cards, candles, soaps etc. are more than welcome.

### **SICK LIST**

We have a few people on the sick list. We hope they have a quick recovery and hope to see them all at the Spring show.

Get well soon to:

Jean Thomas, Desiree Mathie, David & Joan McNair, Edna Edwards and Frank Turton

### **COMING EVENTS**

#### **October 8th & 9th**

11th Annual Gippsland's Baw Baw Garden & Home Expo. Open 9am-4pm. Adults \$6 children under 16 free. Lardner Park, Field Days Site, via Warrigal.

Enquiries: (03)5625 4589

#### **October 29th & 30th**

St James Glen Iris Garden Club Spring Festival of Flowers & Plants. Sat 2pm-5pm, Sun 11am-4.30pm. St James Anglican Church Hall, Cnr Bourke Road & High Street, Glen Iris - Free entry  
Enquiries: 9753 5500/98852839

#### **October 30th**

Iris Show, Victorian Iris Society Inc. Open 11am-4pm, Mt Waverley Community Centre, 47 Miller Crescent, Opp. Mt Waverley Station, Mt Waverley (Mel 70 E1)  
Entry \$6 Children free.  
Enquiries: 9570 1488

### **MONTHLY COMPETITION**

**October 26<sup>th</sup>**: One Iris

### **MONTHLY MEETING**

**October 26<sup>th</sup>**: Chelsea Flower Show 2010 DVD

### **ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTIONS**

Still a couple of members have not paid their annual subscription fees. Please pay at next meeting or on show day. Fees still remain at:

Single: \$15.00 Family: \$25.00

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