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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Friends,
By golly it seems a long time since I saw many of you!

Even though we had a wonderful time on our bus trip mid-April, we missed our normal April meeting due to the ANZAC Day holiday, which created a longer break than usual between gatherings.

I attended the ANZAC Day march in Surfer's Paradise this year, using that unusually long break to visit friends on the Gold Coast. It also allowed me to extend the summer season by going to the beach, body surfing most days. The water temperature was 24C, which suited me fine.

This break also gave me the opportunity to visit my brother, Robert, in Brisbane to check out what was his newly planted garden when I was last there twelve months ago. What a difference an all year round warm climate and lots of rain make! This time it was not a garden, but a jungle. I did not come across any of the big cats in his jungle, but we did have to move on a bush turkey, which wanted to build its nest in a corner of the back yard.

Looking forward to seeing you on Wednesday.

Bill.



BACK YARD BRISBANE STYLE

Naturally, many of the plants used in a Brisbane garden are quite different from those used in our gardens down south.

In my brother's garden two enormous old mango trees, resplendent in lush new growth after heavy pruning last year, and a large spreading Jacaranda (*Jacaranda mimosifolia*), with its dainty fern-like foliage and dressed in vivid purple flowers, create the upper storey of his jungle along with a Eucalyt, complete with a possum box in which, believe it or not, a pair of kookaburras nested and raised their young last year.

Various palms of different growth habits and shapes, some of them already waving their heads in the breeze above the roof of the house give the garden character, while a wall of clumping bamboo obliterates any clue that there is

another house somewhere up at the rear of the steeply sloping block. Apart from the largest "elephants ears" that I have ever seen, down at my level the garden hung with bromeliads, lobster claw Heliconias with their brilliant red, yellow and green flowers and was dotted with the colour of the last of the ginger varieties to flower. The shell variety was the most dominant at this time.

It was so relaxing to lay back on the couch with a book in the Balinese style summer house and watch the raindrops fall onto the jungle floor, where creepers and dozens of ferns held their fronds high as if worshipping the rain god.

And rain it did!!! All the time I was in Brisbane.

Cheers, Bill.

SPRING BUS TRIP

An early warning for our Spring Bus Trip. We are planning to go to Mornington market & Mornington Rose Garden on 11th November. The cost is \$25. More details as we get closer.

MONTHLY COMPETITION

May 23rd: Bowl of Floating Flowers. No More Than 6 Blooms.

MONTHLY MEETING

May 23rd: DVD on Chelsea Flower Show 2011.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of Preston Garden Club Inc. will be held at 8.00pm, on July 25th, 2012, in Preston Shire Hall, corner of High & Gower Streets, Preston.

The Business of the Annual General Meeting will be:

To confirm the minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting

To receive the report of the Committee and the statement of Accounts for the year, 30th June, preceding.

To set the fees for the ensuing year. Election of Committee.

***Financial members at each Annual General Meeting shall elect a President, two Vice Presidents, Secretary, Treasurer and five members to form a Committee of Management for the Club.

**Every candidate for office shall be nominated and seconded by financial members of the Club, and such nominations shall be lodged with the Secretary of the Club at least seven days prior to the Annual General Meeting.

To transact any business requested in writing and received by the Secretary at or before the July Committee Meeting, to be held on July 17th.

N.B. All members who have paid their 2011 – 2012 membership subscriptions are financial at the Annual General Meeting, and are entitled to nominate and to vote on any matter. Each member shall be entitled to appoint another member as proxy, provided that notice is given to the Secretary 24 hours before the meeting for which the proxy is appointed. Notice of proxy

shall be given on the enclosed form.

***Please consider standing for a position on committee to help run your club. Nomination forms are included with this newsletter.

***Your attendance is needed at the Annual General Meeting in order to make a quorum to deal with the necessary items required of us by the rules of incorporation.

ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTIONS

Annual subscription fees are due on July 1st. Fees remain at:
Single: \$15.00 Family: \$25.00

Cheques or money orders can be addressed to: Preston Garden Club Inc. P.O. Box 1004, Preston, 3072, or payment made direct to the treasurer at meetings. Please pay promptly as we need an accurate record of financial members to submit to the RHSV for insurance purposes.

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ANNUAL ELECTIONS

NOMINATION FORM

RULE 14.4

Every candidate for office shall be nominated and seconded by financial members of the Club, and such nomination must be lodged with the Secretary of the Club at least seven days prior to the Annual General Meeting.

I hereby nominate _____ to serve on the Preston Garden Club Inc.
COMMITTEE

*** If you wish to further nominate your candidate for one of the following executive positions, place a cross in the appropriate square.

PRESIDENT

VICE PRESIDENT

SECRETARY

TREASURER

Proposed by _____ Seconded by _____

I accept the above nomination _____
(Candidates signature)

Date _____

Secretary _____

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PROXY FORM

RULE 13.5

Each member shall be entitled to appoint another member as proxy, provided that notice is given to the Secretary 24 hours before the meeting for which the proxy is appointed. Notice of proxy shall be given on the appropriate form.

I/We....., being a financial member/s of Preston Garden Club Inc., hereby appoint.....as my/our proxy, to vote for me/us on my/our behalf at the Annual General Meeting to be held on the 25th July 2012.

.....
Signature of member

Date.....

I, the said.....hereby consent to the within proxy appointment

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RENEWAL FORM

The Annual Subscription is due on 1st July each year.

Annual Subscription: \$15 per person, Family \$25

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