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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Friends,

Well, 1st June each year marks the official coming of winter, the wet and windy season.

1st June is also my daughter Tara's birthday and I decided to go to Torquay, where she and her family live, to help to blow out the candles on her cake, and then the next day on to Warrnambool to visit my cousin Kerry and her husband Richard.

Oh boy! Right on cue, winter it was!!! The wind stirred up, the clouds rolled in. A limb from the gum tree next door took a dive into Tara's drive (fortunately no cars were below it); drenching rain blew sideways, the sea boiled with rage and smashed into the seawalls with such a temper that it sent its froth spilling onto the grass and roads beyond.

When I reached the property on the edge of Warrnambool I was greeted by a rather disillusioned Richard, dressed somewhat like a lighthouse keeper on a stormy night, dripping wet with mud up to the top of his gumboots. He had hired a posthole digger for the weekend to do some fencing, but with the holes filling with water as quickly as they were dug he had given it up as a bad joke.

Whilst Richard took a warm shower, Kerry invited us in

to share the open fire with the cat and we talked as we sipped on coffee and nibbled on scones. Richard appeared again looking somewhat warmer and more respectable, but still not in the best of moods and armed with a broom; their six peacocks had got into the front yard and taken refuge under the front veranda dropping little calling cards everywhere – Richard was not impressed.

Although winter may not be the ideal season for sitting in the garden admiring the blooms and sniffing the roses it does have a beauty of its own to enjoy. It can also be a busy season to prune plant and make and improve beds for spring, paving and even digging post holes on a good day. On bad days you can sit back by the fire with a coffee and read those gardening books, which you buy, but don't have time to read because you are too busy in the garden. It is a time to study, plan and implement for the sunny seasons.

Bill



KEEPING UP WITH FRIENDS

I recently caught up Hazel McGlone, Neil Lenne (both life members) and Lynn Lenne in their lovely home at San Remo overlooking the water of Westernport Bay.

Hazel asked after our older members and wishes to be remembered to them. Hazel, now 85 (I hope that was not a secret Hazel!) looks ten years younger and is still as active as ever. She belongs to San Remo Garden Club, and other local clubs, and is always on the go. She had driven to Cowes and back before I arrived there for lunch. Bill.

I am glad to report that Cheryl, our secretary is home from hospital and recovering steadily. Bill.

Happy Birthday to:

Melva John, who turned a spritely 98 on 3rd June. Melva said that her broken wrist has healed well and that she is able to use it a lot more now.

Gavin, our Treasurer, who turned 70 on 11th June.

Pat Kilpatrick, who turned 7++++ on 11th June.

And to any others who we do not know about.

MONTHLY COMPETITION

July 25th: Three Camellia Blooms, S.S. (Shown Separately), N.N.D. (Not Necessary Distinct).

MONTHLY MEETING

July 25th: Annual General Meeting.

Followed by a slide show of China – featuring Chrysanthemums by the thousands, presented by Robert Strugnell.

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 the next meeting.

COMING EVENTS

Maryibyrnong Orchid Society
2012 Orchid Shows, open 9am to 4pm.

Winter Show 14/15 July.

Spring Show 8/9 September.

Sarcochilus Festival 10/11

November.

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Randall Street, Maribyrnong.

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