NEWSLETTER

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PRESIDENT: **BILL SAUNDERS**

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT riends,

Last month's A.G.M. gave me the opportunity to formally say thank you to you all for your selfless efforts in volunteering your services in so many ways to keep our club achieving so many positive outcomes for the benefit of all.

It is with great satisfaction that I can now report to you that your contributions to the achievements to our club, with its flow- on benefits to the community in general have been recognised right up to the highest office in our community.

I accepted an invitation to represent our club at "The Mayor's Event" at Northcote Town Hall on 2^{nd} August. This "Event" replaced what traditionally used to be the mayoral ball, and representatives of various groups run by volunteers were treated to drinks, nibbles and music in an open setting to enable representatives to meet and liaise, and for the mayor and other councillors and city officials, to meet, to give thanks, and to recognise the volunteers/groups in the community.

It gave me great pride to be called upon as your president, to accept a certificate of appreciation on your behalf from Mayor, Cr. Steven Tsitas to Preston Garden Club Inc. which reads "Your contribution to volunteering in your local community is highly valued. We thank you for your commitment and dedication."

As I was able to report at the A.G.M. this recognition has been backed up by the City of Darebin, through its community grants scheme, granting us free use of the Shire and City Halls in order to continue our projects. We are exceptionally grateful for this generosity.

Well done all.

Cheers. Bill.



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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.

BUS TRIP

The latest news is 43 people have put their names down for the bus trip on November 11th. Only a few seats left.

The next step is to pay the \$25 to confirm your booking. A 5\$ nonrefundable deposit is included if you cancel your booking.

To make a booking, see John at the next meeting. If you are unable to attend the meeting phone John Mathie to reserve your seat.

Home phone 9458 1632 or mobile 0402633739.

OPEN GARDENS

August 26th, Cruden Farm. Open 10am-4.30pm. Cranhaven Road Langwarrin. Most famous garden of Dame Elisabeth Murdock. Entry \$12 U18 Free. No booking required.



September 26th:

One container mixed cut flowers – At least three kinds.

MONTHLY MEETING

September 26th:

Roses - All sorts, drought roses and history – Margaret McGregor



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COMING EVENTS

Saturday 8th September, 1.30pm-5pm. Sunday 9th September, 10am-4pm. Box Hill Horticultural Society Floral Art Group. Spring Blooms Floral Art Exhibition. Entry \$5. Box Hill Town Hall. Whitehorse Road, Box Hill. Enquiries: 98743143 or 98086080

September 15th-16th 10am-4pm. Mt Macedon Plant Lovers Market. Mt Macedon Horticultural Society Hall. 583 Mt Macedon Road. Mt Macedon. Enquiries: 03 5426 3866 Entry \$5. **September 8-9th.** 10am - 4pm. Australian Plants Society Yarra Yarra Inc. Australian Plants Expo 2012. Eltham Community & Reception Centre. 801 Main Road Eltham (Mel 21 J6) Adults \$5, Conc. \$4 Children free. Enquiries 9439 7228

September Fri 24th, Sat 25th 9am-5pm, Sun 26th 9am-4pm. Melbourne Orchid Spectacular and Victorian International Orchid Fair. Springers Leisure Centre, 400 Cheltenham Road Keysborough. Entry \$6, Seniors conc. \$4. Enquiries: Steven Early 9786 1938.