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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Friends,
Have you noticed?

Half the year has almost gone already! In just a few days autumn will be over and winter sets in. You would not know it though with the beautiful unseasonal warm weather that we have been having lately. I have found it most rewarding to be able to work in and then sit back and enjoy the garden on these beautiful days.

I made the most of the weather last week and spent a three day break up along the Murray River. The days were warm and sunny and after strolling about Echuca and Moama for a couple of days I moved on to Tocumwal, where on Sunday I completely relaxed by spreading my travelling rug on the sandy town beach by the river and had a snooze in the sunshine. I was not the only one enjoying a snooze in the sunshine, because as I strolled slowly along a sandy track by the river I came across a very large black and brown striped tiger snake doing a similar thing. Fortunately it was too warm and relaxed to move, so I took a wide berth around it and it did not even move. By golly, I did though.

It is amazing how many different types of birds live by that river. It is not until you just sit quietly and

watch and listen that you realise just how many there are.

Your committee met today (Thursday 22nd May) and although it is a time of year when things quieten down a little after the rush of trips and shows and other events, the committee is very busy organising the next season of events.

Our Community Grants application has been presented to council and now we are waiting on the outcome to ensure that we have a meeting/show venue for the next financial year.

John Mathie presented his report and figures for the next bus trip, which has been approved. Keep November 23rd free; more about that later.

We are preparing the forms and gathering information to prepare the reports for the A.G.M. in July. It is getting exciting now as preparations are coming together for our 80th Birthday celebrations on August 27th. Among other things Cheryl has been working on the invitations which will go out next month.

On top of all that we need to get going on preparing the schedule for our Spring Show in October. It never stops, does it?

With that I must stop, because our editor (Robert Strugnell) in China has given me an ultimatum. He needs my report today.

Cheers, Bill.

80th ANNIVERSARY DINNER

Wednesday 27th August 2014 at 6.00pm.

This is the night of our 80th birthday celebrations, planning is underway. An evening of dinner and lots of fun.

Closer to the event you will receive your invitations so STAY TUNED!!!!

MEMBERS NEWS



Birthday Greetings for May.

Jack Edgar

Cheryl Warner

Geoff May

Sharon Pollard

Jean Thomas

Happy birthday we hope you enjoy your day!

MAY IN THE GARDEN

After all the wonderful Autumn colours of our deciduous trees it is now time to clean up and compost all those wonderful leaves. We have a glory vine and the red leaves have been a picture this year and now they are falling they make ideal compost material or mulch for the garden beds.

A good layer of mulch from the local council has been used to spread over some vacant garden beds to suppress Winter weed growth which can be used later to top up other areas and the cleared beds returned to production with Spring plantings.

While the soil is still warm there is still time to get some flower seedlings planted for a spring show. Poppies, pansies, primula, calendula, polyanthus & anemone can all be planted in a sunny situation.

Pruning is another job that can be started now and if cuttings of deciduous plants are required they can go into a damp spot with at least half of their length in the soil. Roses strike very easily if planted in early Winter and although the new plants take longer to establish than bought grafted bushes there is no problem with unwanted suckers from the home grown product. Don't be tempted to try to strike chrysanthemums from cuttings now; the safest way is to wait till Spring and plant cuttings from the fresh suckers. I will be planting a second patch of broad beans soon and also the seed of onions.

Don't forget to help the growing crop along with a little liquid manure as it is a good stimulant for Winter growth.

Keep warm & busy in the garden.
Geoff May

GARDENERS DAY OUT

Royal Horticultural Society of Victoria – Gardeners Day Out - 14 Jun 2014.

Venue: Mt Waverley Community Centre, 47 Miller Crescent Mount Waverley VIC (MW 70 E1).

Start Time: 09:00 am End Time: 04:00 pm.

A great day for all with wonderful presenters, special vendors and great company from fellow society members. Featured Speakers for the day will be:

Jane Edmanson -RHSV Patron and everything else horticulture.

Prof Tim Entwistle, Director of the Royal Botanic Gardens Melbourne
Ralf Pfleiderer, Water Sensitive Urban Design Co-ordinator, Urban Landscapes Branch, Melbourne City Council.

They will provide a diverse and interesting day.

Contact Jennifer on 03 53676363 or at secretary@rhsv.org.au

COMING EVENTS

June 7th 9am to 4.30pm, 8th 12pm to 4.30pm. Melbourne Eastern Orchid Society World of Orchids Winter Show. Burwood Heights Uniting Church Hall, Cnr Burwood Highway & Blackburn Road (MW61K7). Entry: \$5.00 Conc. \$3.00. Enquiries: 9807 6206.

June 12th & 13th - 9am to 4pm. Maribyrnong Orchid Society Winter Show. Maribyrnong Community Center, Randall Street Maribyrnong. Enquiries: 5283 1364.

June 14th - 9am to 4pm. RHSV Gardener's Day Out. A great day for all with great presenters, special vendors and great company from fellow society members. Enquiries: Jennifer 03 53676363.

GARDEN OF GOLD

I walk through the garden,
On this warm summer's day,
To smell the flowers,
That grandma raised.

In the middle,
Of this garden of gold,
Stood this one,
Single red stem rose,
The rose means so many things,
From the ones you receive on your wedding day,
To the one you get on Valentine's Day,
But this single rose standing here today,
Represents the love grandma gave.

From the love she gave,
When she planted it that day,
To the love she gave us,
Each and every day,
So when you pass this garden of gold,
Remember the love that this rose holds.

HOMEMADE WEED KILLER

Ingredients
4.5 lts of white vinegar
½ cup salt
Liquid dish soap
Empty spray bottle

Put salt in the empty spray bottle and fill it the rest of the way up with white vinegar. Add a squirt of liquid dish soap.

This solution works best if you use it on a hot day. Spray it on the weeds in the morning and as it heats up it will do its work.

MONTHLY COMPETITION

June 25th: One Own Photograph of Horticultural Interest

MONTHLY MEETING

June 25th: The Lost Gardens of Heligan - Robyn Coates

AUTUMN GARDEN SHOW MARCH 2014

Major Section Winners

SECTION	CLASS	PRIZE/SECTION	NAME	ITEM	PTS
R.H.S.V. S.S. McKay Medallion	OPEN	MOST SUCCESS SHOW EXHIBITOR	Geoff & Hilary May		65
PRESIDENTS TROPHY	NOVICE	MOST SUCCESS SHOW EXHIBITOR	Dorothy Petersen		7
DAHLIAS					
NDS BRONZE MEDALLION		BEST EXHIBIT DAHLIA SECTION	Dwight King		
GOLD RIBBON		PRESTON DAHLIA CHAMPIONSHIP	A & J McKay	2	
BLUE RIBBON		BEST DAHLIA OVER 160MM	A & J McKay	2	
BLUE RIBBON		BEST VASE UNDER 160MM	Les Lawson		
TROPHY		6 DAHLIA BLOOMS UNDER 160MM	Dwight King	14	
CUT FLOWERS					
BLUE RIBBON		BEST CONTAINER CUT FLOWERS	Geoff & Hilary May	34	
CERTIFICATE	NOVICE	BEST EXHIBIT CUT FLOWERS	NA		
TROPHY		MOST SUCC EXHIB CUT FLOWER SEC.	J & D Mathie		16
CONTAINER GROWN PLANTS					
GOLD RIBBON		CONTAINER GROWN PLANT SEC.	Gerrard Schoofs	56	
BLUE RIBBON		BEST EXHIBIT CONT. GROWN PLANT	Gerrard Schoofs	56	
BLUE RIBBON		BEST EXHIBIT HANGING BASKET	J & D Mathie	68	
CERTIFICATE	NOVICE	BEST EXHIBIT POT PLANT SECTION	Sue Stanecki	64	
TROPHY		MOST SUCCESS EXHIB POT PLANT SEC.	Wayne Hurley		13
ROSES					
BLUE RIBBON	OPEN	BEST EXHIBIT ROSE SECTION	Rosalie Parsons	79	
CERTIFICATE	NOVICE	BEST EXHIBIT ROSE SECTION	NA		
TROPHY		MINIATURE ROSES			
FLORAL ART					
GOLD RIBBON		PRESTON FLORAL ART CHAMPIONSHIP	Sue Stanecki	94	
BLUE RIBBON	OPEN	BEST EXHIBIT FLORAL ART SECTION	Sue Stanecki	99	
CERTIFICATE	NOVICE	BEST EXHIBIT FLORAL ART SECTION	NA		
TROPHY		MOST SUCCESS EXHIBIT F/A SECTION	Angelina Francione		9
VEGETABLES					
GOLD RIBBON	OPEN	BEST EXHIBIT VEGETABLES SEC.	Sharon Pollard	114	
CERTIFICATE	NOVICE	BEST EXHIBIT VEGETABLES SEC.	Dorothy Petersen	139	
TROPHY		MOST SUCCESS EXHIBIT VEGETABLE SEC	Geoff & Hilary May		50
COOKING					
GOLD RIBBON		PRESTON COOKING CHAMPIONSHIP	Pat Kilpatrick	149	
TROPHY		AS ABOVE			
BLUE RIBBON		BEST EXHIBIT COOKING SECTION	Pat Kilpatrick	156	
TROPHY		AS ABOVE			
PRESTON AUTUMN CHAMPIONSHIP					
GOLD RIBBON		1st Winner	J & D Mathie	1	
		2nd Winner	Angelina Francione	1	



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