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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Friends,

Recently, Pat Kilpatrick, Margaret Trewella, Weng Lim and I attended the Royal Horticultural Society of Victoria's Gardeners' Day Out, at Mount Waverley.

We made an early start with the first speaker, Ralf Pfleiderer from the City of Melbourne speaking on huge storm-water capture and reuse projects going on in the middle of Melbourne. He gave special attention to the large project presently underway in the Fitzroy Gardens where water run-off from the gardens and the small creek is to be stored under what was the old garden's work depot, and recycled for use in the gardens.

After a short break for a "cuppa" Prof Tim Entwistle, Director of the Royal Botanic Gardens, Melbourne spoke on the development of the Cranbourne Gardens, which we visited recently, highlighted by a photographic presentation.

Lunch was supplied for those who had ordered it in advance, followed by the presentation of awards to the winners of the MIFGS Hanging Basket Competition. We were very vocal, when our friend from Broadmeadows Garden Club, Angelina Francione, who always exhibits at our shows, was called up to receive her prize.

The key note speaker for the afternoon was Jane Edmanson, who, as usual gave a very relaxed and amusing presentation, as only she can do, about gardening in general. Jane also took gardening questions at the end of her talk, but refused to answer questions about her fellow presenter on Gardening Australia, Costa Georgiadis's beard, or what might be hiding in it.

There were also a number of specialist plant sellers with a big selection plants present, and we were all presented with a sample bag of goodies as we left.

I must congratulate the president and secretary of the RHSV, Don and Jennifer Rickerby and their team of volunteers on an event, which was well organized and interesting.

Bill

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.

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 23rd, 2014, 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 15th.

N.B. All members who have paid their 2013 – 2014 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 form in May's newsletter.

***Please consider standing for a position on committee to help run your club. Nomination form was included in May's newsletter.

MEMBERS NEWS



Happy Birthday Greetings to our members for June

Pat Kilpatrick

Gavin Warner

JUNE JOTTINGS

Now that active growth has ceased in trees and shrubs it is a good time to select and plant any new specimens. The earlier the planting the better chance they have of settling in before active growth starts in the Spring. Providing the soil is well drained and a stake is used most shrubs will respond well to this treatment. There is no need for fertilizer now but in the Spring a dressing of complete fertilizer will not go astray. Put the mulch on later and look forward to your new plantings making real progress.

Rather than take cuttings I like to split up any salvia plants over 3 years old as left unattended for years they can become too big and scraggly. The last fruits of the

season have just been harvested; the persimmons are now in boxes waiting to become soft and juicy. They make a tasty dessert with some yoghurt and a little cinnamon.

Gall Wasp is taking a real hold on our lemon tree but the fruit is unaffected and the tree looks healthy so why take drastic measures and cut back harshly and have no lemons for a year or two. I regard the Wasp as unsightly but not enough to justify a huge cutback.

Most deciduous trees have lost their leaves and the best place for them is in the compost or as a mulch if you prefer that slower method of decomposition.

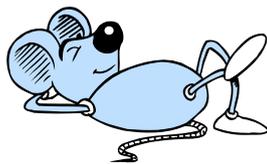
Don't forget to cut down the old asparagus foliage and give the bed some fertilizer as a good bed of these plants should last at least ten years.

Geoff May

WORK ETHICS

A frustrated factory manager struggling to meet a production deadline looked around the factory floor and asked me, "Have you ever noticed how so many people, once having found a job, give up looking for work?"

Think about it!!!!



COMING EVENTS

July 12th & 13th, 9-4pm.
Maribyrnong Orchid Society - Winter Show, Maribyrnong Community Centre. Randall Street Maribyrnong.
Enquiries: 5283 1364

August 16th 1pm - 5pm, 17th 10am- - 4.30pm.

Camellias Victoria & Waverley Garden Club. Victorian Camellia Championships. Mt Waverley Community Centre, 47 Miller Crescent Mt Waverley MW 70E1
Enquiries: Shirley 9802 3771

MONTHLY COMPETITION

July 23rd: Three Camellia Blooms, Shown Separately, N.N.D.

MONTHLY MEETING

July 23rd: China - Robert Strugnell

STAMPS

Looking for more stamps.

Some members have been collecting stamps for Robert to take back to China. He will be at the July and August meetings so if you can bring those stamps along. Otherwise give them to Bill anytime.

BROMELIAD

Hi everybody,
I have the pleasure of visiting a Bromeliad member's garden recently, at Dandenong North.

Robert the grower has a massive collection of bromeliads and he is now offering them for sale to reduce numbers.

His number to contact is 9795-3854 or visit the web site.

<http://www.bromeliadsales.com/>

Weng