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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Friends,
Our 80th year **spring gardening carnival** is still in full swing as we head for our end of year celebration with our social night approaching fast.

Since our 80th birthday party we have presented two informative gardening lectures.

The first, in September, Peter Grenfell, from the Darebin Creek Management Committee gave an interesting talk about the work involved in keeping our local Darebin Creek and its parklands in a healthy condition. He showed slides of the flora and fauna of the area and of many of the problems faced by the committee in keeping the area clear of rubbish dumped into the catchment area further upstream.

In October, Wayne Long came all the way from St. Leonards on the Bellarine Peninsular to talk to us about planting native plants, which bring native birds into the garden and how they can assist in keeping our gardens free from many unwanted pests.

Of course, the fourth Saturday in October always brings with it the biggest day of our spring calendar, being our Spring Show. This year, with 230 entries, the hall was alive

with colour and perfume from the very good quality entries. As usual, the judges were impressed with the quality, and the rose judge commented that some of the roses staged by members were well up to the standard of those shown at the Rose Show and was hoping that she would indeed see some at their show the next weekend.

Well done to all for your part in running or exhibiting in our show.

At the time of writing this report, we still have two special events to look forward to:

Firstly, our bus trip to Mont De Lancey, Kookaberry Strawberry Farm & Montrose Nursery on 23rd November – these trips are a wonderful social day out and lots of fun.

Secondly, our end of year social night, where entertainment will be supplied from The Heidelberg All Stars – a night of food, fun and laughter.

It has been a pleasure working with you all to produce a great packed calendar of events in our 80th year. I thank the committee, in particular for the work involved in making sure that it was packed with successful events and look forward to doing it all again in 2015. It is pleasing to see so many new members come on board to enjoy

our club's events with us and to add new vigour and ideas to our agenda.

I wish you all a Merry Christmas and a safe and prosperous New Year in 2015.

Cheers, Bill.

CHRISTMAS BREAK – UP

Our Christmas party and last meeting for the year will be the November meeting.

The entertainers has been booked for this evening of fun and celebration, the Heidelberg All Stars Choir. This is not to be missed.

Bring a plate of something to place on the buffet table for all to share and together with the hot finger food supplied by the club we will have a sumptuous supper.

Donations for the Christmas Hampers, something to place in the raffle hampers would also be appreciated to make for a fantastic raffle.

There will be no formal meeting or competition table at the break-up; we are there to have fun, relax and enjoy each other's company.

**RAFFLE WINNERS AT THE
SPRING SHOW**

1st Prize - Basket of goodies for garden, donated by Multicrop.
Ticket Red C07 - Daksha Singh

2nd Prize - Potted Plant donated by Broadmeadows Garden Club.
Ticket Purple F52 - Bill Saunders

3rd Prize - - Tray of fresh Vegetables.
Ticket Red E60 - P. Twigg

4th Prize - Multicrop Garden Products.
Ticket Green D93 - Val Stafford

5th Prize - Set of 3 Meerkats donated, by Noelene & Lindsay Park.
Ticket Blue F48 - Heather A





NOVEMBER IN THE GARDEN

Now that all the wonderful Spring Shows are over for another year it is a time to plan ahead for the Summer crops and take stock of what we could have done in the Spring. This season has been kind to rhubarb for me and I have had some of the best and most prolific crops I have ever grown. Rhubarb needs plenty of room and a generous supply of manure and water. If you don't have quality crowns to start with no matter how much water and fertilizer you give the plants the end results will be disappointing so always start from quality roots.

I have just started to thin carrots that were sown in August-September and the task is tedious and time consuming if they come up thickly. Unfortunately if thinning is not done you will have lots of tiny worthless carrots. Allow 2-4cm between plants and you will be well rewarded. Those tomatoes can be planted out now as well as sweet corn, pumpkins, zucchini and french beans. With the warmer weather there will be no stopping of growth with cold



snaps as can often happen with earlier sown crops.

Keep up with the watering and mulching and watch your plants produce wonderful crops over summer.

Happy gardening
Geoff May

MEMBERS NEWS



HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU

November/December Birthdays

Happy birthday to you!! Happy birthday to you!!

Wayne Hurley, David McNair, Margaret Wilson

We hope you have a wonderful day.

MONTHLY COMPETITION

November 26th : No Competition – Presentation of Awards

MONTHLY MEETING

November 26th: Christmas Breakup Party.

PGC SPRING GARDEN SHOW OCTOBER 2014

SECTION	CLASS	PRIZE/SECTION	NAME	ITEM	PTS
<u>CUT FLOWERS</u>					
GOLD RIBBON		CHAMPIONSHIP - CF/T & SHRBS - BILL LOWE MEMORIAL- Donated G&C Warner	Rosalie Parsons	1	
BLUE RIBBON		BEST EXHIBIT CUT FLOWERS/TREES & SHRUB - NORTHCOTE G. C. MEMORIAL	Rosalie Parsons	11	
CERTIFICATE	NOVICE	BEST EXHIBIT CUT FLOWERS/TREES & SHRUB	Janet Hay	7	
TROPHY	OPEN	ONE CONTAINER OF TREE, SHRUB OR CREEPER, IN BLOOM, ONE KIND.	Noelene Park	22	
<u>ROSES</u>					
MEDAL		BEST ROSE IN SHOW - ROSE SOCIETY OF VICTORIA INC. BRONZE MEDALLION	Rosalie Parsons	37	
BLUE RIBBON	OPEN	BEST EXHIBIT ROSE - Donated G & C Warner	Rosalie Parsons	37	
CERTIFICATE	NOVICE	BEST EXHIBIT ROSE	Daksha Singh	49	
<u>CONTAINER GROWN PLANTS</u>					
GOLD RIBBON		CHAMPIONSHIP - C G Plants - JOHN MCGLONE MEMORIAL. Donated Neil Lenne	Wayne Hurley	82	
BLUE RIBBON		BEST EXHIBIT CONTAINER GROWN PLANTS -	Wayne Hurley	69	
BLUE RIBBON		BEST EXHIBIT HANGING BASKET - Donated Bill Saunders	Wayne Hurley	82	
BLUE RIBBON		BEST EXHIBIT PELARGONIUM - Donated Norma Thomas	Wayne Hurley	94	
CERTIFICATE	NOVICE	BEST EXHIBIT CONTAINER GROWN PLANT	NA		
TROPHY		MOST SUCCESS EXHIB CONTAINER GROWN PLANT	J & D Mathie		15
<u>FLORAL ART</u>					
GOLD RIBBON		CHAMPIONSHIP - FLORAL ART - Donated Neil Lenne	Jenny Peiper	99	
BLUE RIBBON	OPEN	BEST EXHIBIT FLORAL ART (ITEMS 100 - 108)	NA		
CERTIFICATE	NOVICE	BEST EXHIBIT FLORAL ART	NA		
TROPHY		MOST SUCCESS EXHIBITOR FLORAL ART	Val Stafford		4
TROPHY		"MEMBERS ONLY" FLORAL ART - Donated Jean Thomas	Weng Lim	100	
<u>CHILDREN</u>					
TROPHY		BEST EXHIBIT UNDER 16 YEARS			
TROPHY		BEST EXHIBIT UNDER 12 YEARS			
<u>FRUIT and VEGETABLES</u>					
BLUE RIBBON	OPEN	BEST EXHIBIT FRUIT & VEGETABLES-Donated Wayne Hurley	Geoff & Hilary May	112	
CERTIFICATE	NOVICE	BEST EXHIBIT VEGETABLES/NOVICE	Joy Raftopoulos	128	
CERTIFICATE	OPEN	BEST EXHIBIT VEGETABLES/TROPHY	NA		
TROPHY		MOST SUCCESSFUL EXHIBIT VEGETABLE	Geoff & Hilary May		25
<u>COOKING</u>					
GOLD RIBBON		CHAMPIONSHIP - COOKING Donated Bill Saunders	Pat Kilpatrick	134	
BLUE RIBBON		BEST EXHIBIT COOKING (EXCLUDING ITEM 134)	Pat Kilpatrick	141	
TROPHY		COOKING CHAMPIONSHIP - Donated Noelene & Lindsay Park	Pat Kilpatrick	134	
TROPHY		BEST EXHIBIT COOKING (ITEMS 134 - 154) - Donated Noelene & Lindsay Park	Pat Kilpatrick	141	
TROPHY	NOVICE	MOST SUCCESSFUL EXHIBITOR	Daksha Singh		11