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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

F President on Holidays.

ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTIONS

Annual subscription fees are due on July 1st.

Fees remain at: Single: \$15.00
Family: \$25.00.

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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 22nd, 2015, 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 2014 – 2015 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 this newsletter.

***Please consider standing for a position on committee to help run your club. Nomination form enclosed.

SPRING BUS TRIP

SUNDAY 8TH NOVEMBER
Cost - \$30.00 Includes Coach & Entrance fee to Gardens.
Morning Tea & Coffee Supplied.
BYO Lunch.

Coach leaving Preston Town Hall Gower St 9.00 am Sharp.
3 OR 4 GAMES OF FREE BINGO

MORNING TEA at Rose Vista Garden Pakenham.

ROSE VISTA - PAKENHAM.
History from owners Keith & Meryl Waterhouse. The garden was commenced in 1995. We had lot of rain that year and it was a mud heap. Our Son Brad, who is Landscape Gardner, formed the beds using a bobcat. He then planted out the Native Garden at the front of the house and many Eucalypts. A large area of the Native garden was destroyed by a stray herd of cattle in 1998 and we removed some large native plants from the front of the house as they posed a fire risk. We then replanted with shrubs.

To the rear of the house are Cottage and Rose Gardens, which Meryl planted and tends. Near the house are mainly Hybrid Tea Roses and the circular area at the rear is planted with Heritage, English (David Austin) and the old world roses which are now favourites. The circular area, Maypole and

Climbers along the north boundary were planted in spring 1999. We also have a love of Clematis & Salvias. We are fortunate in having water from a dam, mains and a tank so the garden is watered heavily once a week.

Our soil is heavy with just a few inches of topsoil under this is clay and rock. The garden is fertilised with whatever we can lay our hands on, mainly horse poo or dynamic lifter, blood & bone, seasoil and powerfeed are also used. We mulch heavily with roadside pruning's, straw, and sugarcane.

The idea when we moved here was to only have a small garden but we have since moved fences 4 times. Our most recent addition is the Woodlands plantation at the back of the garden.

MORWELL CENTENARY ROSE GARDEN-Enjoy your stroll around Victoria's finest public rose garden which forms the entrance to the township of Morwell. There are four acres of garden, landscaped with manicured lawns and over 116 beds which are planted some 3000 roses drawn from a professional selection of 400 varieties of recent hybrids and traditional favourites. Among these varieties are species, heritage, floribunda, tea roses, miniatures, and rambler and pillar roses. There is also a cascading rockery of David Austin modern. The garden features a number of significant structures that enhance and complement the roses. A central gazebo summer house supports several fine examples of Pierre De Ronsard under planted with iceberg shrubs. The Gazebo is surrounded by beds containing mass plantings several of which have central towers, upon these are trained such roses as Princess Margaret, Jean Galbraith and Handel. There are also tall decorative climbing frames, a pergola, several tunnel archways and dry wells containing well

maintained tall standards weeping Crepuscules. Gravelled pathways meander throughout leading to magnificent tubular arbour set within a sensory garden of perfumed Delbard shrub and climbing roses. Adjacent roadway median strips and traffic roundabouts contain mass planting of Tequila Sunrise, Rosy Carpet and Flower Carpet Gold. To provide additional colour and interest in the garden throughout the year, plantings of spring bulbs, Camellias, azaleas, annuals and perennials have been made within a park setting of established exotic and native trees.

Board Coach at 4.00 pm and settle back for your relaxing journey home.

WINTER WORKS IN THE GARDEN

Now that the "watering" season in the garden is over for some time, we hope, my other Winter chore is weeding and replacing old overgrown clumps of perennials, herbs, etc. If old plants are replaced by subdividing and choosing a fresh spot for the new plants you will be surprised by the new vigorous plants when spring arrives. Many herbs such as mint can really become invasive and are probably better confined to a pot than the open garden.

All those silver beet, broccoli, celery, red beet and cabbages that were planted out in late February and early March should be starting to produce their harvest now so the occasional liquid manure application will help them to keep providing Winter produce.

It is still too early to start planting potatoes and onions but the beds can be dug over in readiness for August sowing.

If Lilliums have been grown in the same spot for several years it is a good time to lift and replant but

unlike other bulbs they are best replanted straight away as they dislike being out of the ground for any period of time.

Keep busy in Winter and you will reap the harvest in the coming Spring.

Good gardening
Geoff May

MEMBERS NEWS



HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU

Pat Kilpatrick & Gavin Warner

We hope you enjoyed your day.
Best wishes from all of us.

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.

MONTHLY COMPETITION

July 22nd: China - Robert Strugnell

MONTHLY MEETING

July 22nd: Floral Art Arrangement in a Novelty Container

PEONIES IN CHINA

China does not have a national flower, some suggest the Peony should be. Each year from mid-April to mid-May, the Peonies are in full bloom. In the city of Luoyang is the National Peony Garden, with over 1 million Peony plants of 1,200 different kinds. On the next page are some photos from that garden. At the July meeting Robert will give a slide show talk on the Peony plus other places in China.



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ANNUAL ELECTIONS

NOMINATION FORM

RULE 14.4

Every candidate for office shall be nominated and seconded by financial members of the Club, and such nomination must be lodged with the Secretary of the Club at least seven days prior to the Annual General Meeting.

I hereby nominate _____ to serve on the Preston Garden Club Inc.
COMMITTEE

*** If you wish to further nominate your candidate for one of the following executive positions, place a cross in the appropriate square.

PRESIDENT

VICE PRESIDENT

SECRETARY

TREASURER

Proposed by _____ Seconded by _____

I accept the above nomination _____
(Candidates signature)

Date _____

Secretary _____

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PROXY FORM

RULE 13.5

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 appropriate form.

I/We....., being a financial member/s of Preston Garden Club Inc., hereby
appoint.....as my/our proxy, to vote for me/us on my/our behalf at the Annual
General Meeting to be held on the 22nd July 2015.

.....
Signature of member

Date.....

I, the said.....hereby consent to the within proxy appointment

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ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION 2015 to 2016

RENEWAL FORM

The Annual Subscription is due on 1st July each year.

Annual Subscription: \$15 per person, Family \$25

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