

# NEWSLETTER

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## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Hello Members,  
Another very successful year is coming to a close, with our membership increased, we welcome sixteen new members.

On the 27th August 2014 Preston Garden Club proudly celebrated our 80th Anniversary Party with a sit-down meal in the Preston Shire hall with 100 members and guests. Our guests included City of Darebin Mayor Gaetano Greco and partner, Don and Jennifer Rickerby, President and Secretary of the Royal Horticultural Society Victoria, representatives from Ivanhoe, Mill Park, Doncaster, Broadmeadows and Williamstown Garden Clubs. Candles on our birthday cake were blown out and cut by Life Member Hazel McGlone who has been involved with the club for its entire eighty years. Highlight of the night was the presentation of the John Pascoe Fawkner Gold medal by Don Rickerby to Life Member Robert Strugnell and Life Membership to Norma Thomas for more than twenty years' service to the club. All members and guests received a Preston Garden Club 80th Anniversary wine glass. Thank you to the Sub Committee, Cheryl Warner, Bill Saunders, John Mathie, Shanti Kandiah, and Margaret Trewella for a great effort.

Our spring and Autumn Shows were again a great success and I must thank our Show Manager Bill Saunders, our vice President Robert Strugnell, Neil Lenne, Cheryl & Gavin Warner and all committee members and exhibitors for assisting to create two great shows.

Our two bus trips had great attendances with full coaches on both trips. Thank you to members, and friends.

The Spring November 2014 trip was to Mont De Lancey Homestead and machinery Festival in Wandin. After morning tea members enjoyed the morning roaming around the lovely garden and the old homestead and exploring all the old machinery. After lunch we boarded the coach on our way to the Kookaberry Berry Farm where members enjoyed tasting and purchasing delicious fresh strawberries and of course buying jars of tasty jams. Our next stop was Mt Evelyn garden Centre. All on coach were given a small plant.

Our Autumn April 2015 trip was to Woodend where we stopped for morning tea and a visit to Burkie's Bakery enjoying fresh sausage rolls and yummy vanilla slices and then on to Frogmore garden and Nursery in Newbury, where members enjoyed a stroll around

the beautifully landscaped garden. After lunch we boarded the coach on our way to Blackwood Ridge Garden and Nursery a fairly new garden and nursery which was still in construction of further landscaping. On leaving we were given four plants for our raffle. Thank you James for your kind donation.

I must say a very great thank you to our Secretary Cheryl Warner for all the hard work she puts in each month to keep our club running, especially all her help and advice given to me over the last three months while our President Bill Saunders has been away overseas.

To Gavin Warner our Treasurer thank you for all the financial records you prepare for our July AGM and detailed statements each month for the committee meeting. Also for being our club's professional photographer.

Our monthly meetings for 2014/2015 were well attended, with speakers on a varied range of interesting topics. Thank you Margaret Trewella and helpers for our supper.

The monthly competition table was again well supported with many entries in all items and I must thank Noelene Park, Weng Lim and Wayne Hurley for their professional judging of exhibits.

Monthly trading table and raffle is always an asset towards club income, thank you to Pat Kilpatrick Wayne Hurley and Jean Thomas for good results each month.

Our Christmas party as always was a great night of entertainment. Thank you to Margaret Trewella, Pat Kilpatrick, Joy Snell, Pat Mather, Cathie McMahon and helpers for arranging our Christmas feast which included finger food drinks and nibbles, also members for bringing a plate of delicious foods and items for our hamper which we raffled.

To Sharon Pollard we do appreciate all you do as Judge's assistant and for printing our monthly newsletter.

Thank you all once again for being a part of the Preston Garden Club. See you all at the July meeting.

John Mathie  
Vice President

### ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTIONS

Annual subscription fees are due on July 1<sup>st</sup>.

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.

### 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 Eucalyptus. 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.

**John is now taking bookings for the trip. Once you have paid the full amount, you have a seat on the bus. All members, family and friends are welcome on our trip.**

## MEMBERS NEWS



Happy Birthday to you! Happy Birthday to you!

Ken Beer, Shanthi Kandiah, Weng Lim, Val Stafford & Des Westhead.

Best wishes from all of us, enjoy your day!

## THE HAPPIEST JOBS

Gardeners and florists are the happiest of all the professions and nearly twice as happy as people in more prestigious and better paid jobs, says a new book by a UK economist and behavioural scientist Professor Paul Dolan. A new book by Professor Paul Dolan might make you want to quit your job.

Nearly nine out of 10 florists and gardeners say they are happy, he writes in his book, *Happiness by Design*, which has been described by some as one that may make you quit your job.

The next happiest of the professions are those who spend their time making others more beautiful. Hairdressers and beauticians are happy 79 per cent of the time. In contrast, only 44 per cent of bankers said they were happy.

Professor Dolan of the London School of Economics and Political Science said more research was needed to find out why some professions were happier or unhappier than others.

Often people may choose jobs that they think will provide happiness because they have status or are well paid, only to discover that these things aren't what makes them happy.

"Remember that future happiness cannot really compensate for misery now: Lost happiness is lost forever." "So you need to be pretty confident that any current sacrifices of happiness you make in order to fulfil some ambition or other will actually be worth it in the long run."

"We do know people are happier with their lives over time if they are satisfied with aspects of their jobs like their boss, pay and daily tasks, which suggests it is most important that the job is a good fit for the individual type rather than the type of job perse," he writes.

"This might explain why the happiest workers in the UK are florists and the least happy are bankers."

Of course, he points out, florists could have started out happier than the bankers before they started work. With happy people choosing that profession, rather than the profession making them happy.

Even without additional research, Professor Dolan said he was willing to bet that his children would be happier as builders as bankers as "they would more directly see their tangible fruits of their labour."

"I would much rather that they be builders than bankers," he said. He added that banking could become a happier profession if it was redesigned.

"If you are a florist, you have social interaction, you are seeing the fruits of your labour, and getting it quickly. That's in contrast to banking and lawyers, where it is unclear where you can get that feedback, and people are not probably very thankful for what you do."

Only 48 per cent of IT and telecom workers say they are happy (must

be all those people who don't know how to find the "on" switch,) while only 54 per cent of HR and personnel staff.

The happiest workers are:  
Florists and gardeners, 87 per cent  
say they are happy  
Hairdressers and beauticians, 79  
Plumbers, 76  
Marketers and PR people, 75  
Scientists and researchers, 69  
Leisure and tourism workers, 67  
Construction workers, 66  
Doctors and dentists, 65  
Lawyers, 64  
Nurses, 62  
Architects, 62  
Child care and youth workers, 60  
Teachers, 59  
Accountants, 58  
Car workers and mechanics, 57  
Electricians, 55  
Caterers, 55  
HR and personnel staff, 54  
IT and telecommunications workers, 48  
Bankers, 44.

## EL NIÑO MORE LIKELY

The 2015 El Niño continues to develop, according to the Bureau of Meteorology. Of the five international models that provide outlooks, two suggest a positive Indian Ocean Dipole (IOD) is likely later in 2015, with a third model just shy of thresholds. A positive IOD is typically associated with reduced winter and spring rainfall over parts of southern and central Australia. International climate models surveyed by the Bureau of Meteorology suggest further warming of the tropical Pacific is likely, with sea surface temperatures forecast to remain above El Niño thresholds for the remainder of the year. The Southern Oscillation Index is currently rising and in the past three months has averaged 0.7, exceeding El Niño thresholds.

## LASTEST NEWS FROM BILL

July 4th

I just got on to the train at Bristol Temple Mead headed for London. I should be there in a couple of hours. I have already had a return train trip this morning, having left my iPad in Dave's car at Yate I had to train it back there to get it. Dave & Sandra met me at the station and I was able to catch the return train to Bristol, which left me 20 minutes to run back to my hotel, collect my luggage and get back onto the station to catch the 11.00 am London train. I did it with 4 minutes to spare.

Wednesday I finally got to visit Prince Charles' garden at Highgrove. It was well worth the visit - a very interesting garden, or series of garden rooms skilfully joined as one very private, relaxing garden. Unfortunately I was not allowed to take in a camera, iPad or mobile phone Therefore I did not get any pictures. I did have to show my passport to security at the lane way entrance, but saw no other visible security. Wendy, my friend who works at Highgrove in the souvenir shop as a volunteer, and who accompanied me, told me that I would probably not get into the inner, hedged garden immediately surrounding the house for security reasons, but Charles was in London and I was taken on a walk right around the house and even placed my hand on the front door. No, I wasn't game enough to ring the doorbell!

I am going to try to work the trains, swapping from line to line to visit both Pinner, where my Nan's mother's family came from (the Livys) and St. Albans, where the Puddephatts came from. You never know, with the luck that I have had with trains lately I may end up in Scotland!

I will see you soon as I only have a couple of days in London before

heading to Dubai for a few days, then it is home sweet home.

Cheers, Bill

## MORNING MUSIC

Darebin Art & Entertainment Centre, Cnr Bell St & St Georges Rd Preston. Friday 11th September 2015 at 11am.  
Ticket Single \$20.00, Groups of 10+ \$16.00.

Athol Guy, the Seekers Story. A personal journey through the life and music of one of the founders of Australia's most celebrated musical group, The Seekers with live performances of the hit songs of the Seekers.

If any members are interested, please see John at meeting, or phone 94581632.

John M

## 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 meeting, so if you can bring those stamps along. Otherwise give them to Bill anytime.

## COMING EVENTS

**August 8th-9th**, Sat 10am-4.30pm; Sun 10am - 4pm. Waverley Bonsai Show, Mt Waverley Community Centre, 47 Miller Crescent, Mount Waverley (MW 70 E1) Enquiries: Bruce 9802 8529

**August 15th-16th** Sat 1pm - 5pm; Sun 10am - 4.30pm. Waverley Garden Club & Camellias Victoria, Camellia & Garden Show. Mt Waverley Community Centre, 47 Miller Crescent, Mount Waverley (MW 70 E1). Entry: \$5 Adults, Children Free. Enquiries: Linda 0412 914 368

**September 5th-6th** Sat 12pm - 4pm; Sun 10am - 4pm. Ferny Creek Horticultural Society Spring Show. Ferny Creek Horticultural Society Hall & Gardens. 100 Hilton Road, Ferny Creek (MW 66 E12). Entry: \$5 Enquiries: Secretary 9755 1882.

**September 11th-13th.** Australian National Daffodil Championships. Leongatha Memorial Hall, McCartin Street, Leongatha. Top growers, both local & interstate, show latest trend in daffodil breeding. Enquiries: Sue 5668 6334

## MONTHLY COMPETITION

August 26th - Three Camellia Blooms, S.S., N.N.D.

## MONTHLY MEETING

August 26th - Camellias, all aspects - Camellia Society.

## PRUNUS ELVINS



Named after a Miss Myrtle Elvins from a chance hybrid which first appeared as a seedling in the Elvin's garden in Linda Crescent, Hawthorn in 1926. The tree is believed to be a cross between *Prunus cerasifera*, Cherry Plum and *Prunus salicina*, Japanese Plum. It is most attractive in spring as it flowers prolifically.

Is any member growing this tree? I am looking for hardwood cuttings. Last seasons growth about 30cm long would be idea. Bring them to the July meeting.  
Robert Strugnell