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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Friends,
Is Bill back from Queensland yet?

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.

SPRING SHOW

Our Spring Show is on Saturday 24th October in Preston City Hall. Read your schedule carefully, if you have any questions, speak to Bill our Show Manager or Phone 9478 0269.

Make sure that you phone your entries in by 9pm on Thursday 22nd October, do not leave it to the last moment to phone. We hope to be in the hall Friday to set up, from 9am. If you can spare some time to help, the more hands the better.

On show day we need volunteers throughout the day, all assistance is appreciated. If you would like to help and can spare a hour or so just see Bill, he will point you to somewhere to help out.

We are looking for home made cakes for the cake stall and scones for the afternoon teas. If you can help out either on the Friday or on show day, let the Bill know. Every little bit helps.

SPRING GARDENING

If your soil is heavy and wet it might pay to delay a lot of spring plantings for another week or two. I don't have a problem with wet and clayey soil; in fact my soil can be dry and dusty in summer and can blow about in windy weather. In clay soil when planting trees and shrubs it is a good idea to find a pocket of loamy soil or add potting mix so as the roots of plants can become established before extending into the clay soil.

Some trees that like clay are some varieties of Japanese Maple, Silver Birch, Liquidambar, Crabapples and Rowan and the list of perennials can include Fuchsia, Hydrangea, Japonica, Spirea and Weigela. Daffodils and Roses like clay soil which holds its nutrients better than sandy soils.

Don't forget to finish the last of the pruning and trimming back of plants which is a lot easier than when they are in full leaf.

In the meantime enjoy the Spring flowers and blossoms and get ready for the Spring growth which tells

us that warmer weather is not far away.

Geoff May

SPRING BUS TRIP

Update

John has 40 names on his list, only 18 has paid the full amount. Still seats available, so contact John ASAP. Full payment is required by show day. Phone 94581632.

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, seasoal 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.

MEMBERS NEWS



**Happy birthday to you!
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Neil Lenne, Pat Mather & Jessie Velis

We hope you all have an enjoyable day.

CHRISTMAS BREAK – UP

Our Christmas party and last meeting for the year will be the November 25th meeting, one month before Xmas.

Planning is already underway. We are looking for donations for the

Christmas Hampers. For example tin food, biscuits or Xmas treats.

You can bring your donation along to the next meeting or on show day, give them to Cheryl.

COMING EVENTS

October 3rd-4th Sat - 9am-4pm, Sun - 9am-3pm. Ringwood Orchid Show, Melba Secondary College, Community Hall Brentnall Road, Croydon MW50E3.

October 9th – 11th. Horticultural and Garden Festival, Melbourne Showgrounds. Three days of innovation in cooking, growing & gardening. Enquiries: RHSV 035367 6363.

October 13th - 8pm. Victorian Iris Show. Jean McKendry Neighbourhood, Centre Melrose Street Nth Melbourne. MW 2A E4.

October 17th - 9.30am - 4pm. Australasian Native Orchid Society Melbourne Suburbs Group, Montrose Town Centre. 935 Mt Dandenong Tourist Road, Montrose MW52D7. ENTRY: \$2.00. Eq: Julie 0430 276 005.

October 17th-18th - Sat - 9am-5pm, Sun - 10am-4pm Yarra Valley Orchid Society - Spring Show. Seville Public Hall, Warbuton Highway, Seville MW 119J11. ENTRY: \$5 Adults \$3 Conc. Enquiries: Frankie 9802 9929

October 24th - 2pm - 6pm. Preston Garden Club Spring Show. Preston City Hall, cnr. Gower & High Streets, Preston. ENTRY: Free. Enquiries: Bill 9478 0269

MONTHLY COMPETITION

October 28th - One Iris.

MONTHLY MEETING

October 28th - Clivias, all aspects - Erika Spruy.