

# NEWSLETTER

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## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

**F**riends,  
At the end of the financial year comes the time to look back over our year; to add up the figures and to analyse the success of our activities during that time, and to decide if we can, or need to do things better. Our committee is always open and ready to listen to new ideas to keep our meetings relevant and to deliver what you are seeking from your club.

**Overview:** Our eleven monthly meetings have all delivered knowledgeable and interesting speakers on a wide variety of subjects and have all been well attended by you, the members.

The monthly competition benches have been well supported and given everybody the opportunity to learn from the constructive criticism from our own AHJA accredited judge, Noelene Park and others.

Our two shows have given the exhibitors, both members and from the wider horticultural community, the opportunity to display their prized exhibits and to have them assessed, with the opportunity to take home an award. They have also opened a window for us to share our exhibits and knowledge in order to educate the visiting public.

Thanks to John Mathie our bus trips have had overwhelming support and have not only delivered on places of interest to visit, but have been a bonus for social inclusion as well.

We have welcomed a number of new members to the club, proving that our garden club is still viable and needed as a community recreational club in the City of Darebin. Unfortunately we have had to say goodbye to one or two long standing and supportive older members as well.

We have had recognition of our service to our community by the City of Darebin by their continued support by means of venue assistance for our activities, and by being nominated for Community Group of the year.

We have achieved all of our objectives for 2015 – 2016 and remain financially stable.

**Appreciation:** Congratulations to all for making us the club that we are;

The dedicated committee, all of whom put so much effort and time into planning and organising the things which need to 'happen' to run a successful club.

The members, without whose support, donations in so many

ways and willingness to bog in and help to 'get the job done', it would not 'happen'.

**Conclusion:** In my opinion, and I hope in yours too, all of this goes to show that we have achieved our aims to be a friendly, educational and successful Preston Garden Club.

Your President, Bill Saunders.

## 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.

## JULY IN THE WINTER GARDEN

Although some days of late have been a bit bleak to spend in the garden other days have been ideal to have a good 'tidy up' and a replanting of perennial plants. Most perennial plants thrive if they are carefully broken up and given a new spot in the garden. Even lavender is improved by finding a new place to perfume the Spring borders.

I have recently lifted my rhubarb (1 plant) to a different part of the garden after over 10 years in a fairly open position. The new spot gets a lot more shade as I am hoping to avoid a lot of sunburn that really stresses the plants on a 40 degree day.

Asparagus is another perennial that doesn't mind a little shade in the summer. I have only had asparagus in 3 different positions in nearly 50 years, although for the 10 to 15 years in one spot the plants tend to creep into neighbouring beds.

It is still a good time to plant peas and broad beans especially if the Spring weather is at all normal this year. Towards the end of the month early potatoes can be planted in a sheltered spot and onion seedlings can also be transplanted. I plant the white 'salad' onions first followed by the red variety in September and lastly the keepers in October.

Don't forget to keep on top of the weeding as it is better to remove them before they set seed later on.

Good gardening  
Geoff May

### Heritage & Rare Fruit Grafting & Tree Sales Days

Come along and have heritage varieties of apples, pears, plums, cherries etc. grafted so you can take home trees to plant in your garden.

Learn how to graft

Find out how the right choice of a rootstock can help you get much better results. Plan for fruit that ripens over the greatest part of the season.

Varieties that may be available on the day:

Perhaps 200+ apple varieties, 50+ pear varieties 80+ plums, 20+ cherries, some quinces, grapes and fig cuttings and a lot more.

**August 7th Sunday:** Templestowe, Run by the Heritage Fruits Society. Location: Petty's Orchard. Time: 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM. Homestead Rd, Templestowe, Melway 22 A11

**August 13th Saturday:** Brunswick East, The Heritage Fruits Society is holding a Grafting Day at CERES in Brunswick. Cnr Roberts & Stewart Sts, Brunswick East.

### MEMBERS NEWS



Happy birthday to you!!!  
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Ken Beer, Shanthi Kandaih, Weng Lim, Val Stafford, Des Westhead

**Jack Wilson**

8th Aug 1930 - 1st July 2016



Our sincere condolences to Mrs Margaret Wilson and family on the passing of Jack. Jack has been a member of the club for many years.

### FOUND

Please contact me asap if you have had a camera lost or stolen. SD cards have been found by a person

who has contacted me and some photos on the cards are of our garden shows.

Cheryl Warner 9467 3078

### COMING EVENTS

**Saturday August 13th 10am - 4.30pm. Sunday August 14th 10am - 4pm.** Waverley Bonsai Group Annual Show. Mt. Waverley Community Centre. 47 Miller Crescent, Mt Waverley. ENTRY: \$5 Adults Children U16 Free. Displays, trading table, sale of members and commercial Bonsai, demonstrations & advise. Enquiries: Bruce Wensor 0431 773 446

**Saturday August 20th 1pm - 5pm Sunday August 21st 10am - 4.30pm.** Camellia Victoria Inc. & Waverley Garden Club Inc. Present the Camellia & Garden Show 2016. Mt. Waverley Community Centre. 47 Miller Crescent, Mt Waverley. ENTRY: \$5 Adults Children Free. Camellias for sale, Devonshire Teas, Floral Art - Victorian Camellia Championships plus other exhibits. Enquiries: Nola 0417 194 844

### STAMPS

Looking for more stamps.

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

### MONTHLY COMPETITION

**August 24th:** Three Camellia Blooms, Shown Separately, N.N.D.

### MONTHLY MEETING

**August 24th:** Fiskars Tools uses & maintenance - Mat Tankey