

# NEWSLETTER

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## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

**F**riends,  
As usual, this last financial year has been a busy one packed with interesting speakers, two good shows, two excellent bus trips, and a great end of year party; a busy trading table and profitable and entertaining raffles.

Above all we have shared great companionship with fellow members.

All of this, of course, does not happen without a willing committee and dedicated club members. Your elected committee has volunteered their time and energy and worked to organize and make everything happen so smoothly, and I thank them very sincerely for this. Many times these tasks could not happen without the contribution given by you, the volunteers, who dig in and assist, and I thank you too.

It is great to have a club built on friendship and a willingness to share the load to get the job done.

I believe that it is known as teamwork.

At this point I must set aside and mention one of the team, who is not standing for re-election this year, John Mathie. John suffered a heart attack a short time ago and

has been told that he must slow down. John has served five years on committee as Vice President, taking on two of the more difficult jobs, bus trips and organising the speakers amongst other things. John is a perfectionist, and you know that if he is involved with a task, that it will be done to the highest degree. He sets a standard that it is hard to match, close enough is not good enough for John, and he turned our bus trips from a struggling adventure into an overwhelming success. John, your shoes will be hard to fill and we thank you for your enthusiasm in all that you have been involved with and your contribution.

Keep up the good work, my friends, we have something special going here. Above all enjoy your gardening.

Your president,  
Bill Saunders.

## ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTIONS

Annual subscription fees are due on July 1<sup>st</sup> every year. **Next meeting bring some extra cash to pay your yearly subscription.**

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.

## PLANT STALL

The plant stall will be on again at our Spring show, also it has now been extended to our monthly meetings. It means that you can sell some of your plants. As everyone pays for their plants, pots, soil, fertilizer, water, propagating time, seeds etc. You can end up with more plants than you need. Here is an opportunity to sell off those plants to a new home. Bring them along to one of the monthly meetings. Or start growing and preparing plants now, as we need them for the Plant Stall at our Spring show in October.

Requirements:

- Plants must be potted
- Plants must be in good condition
- Plants must have a name tag
- Plants must have the price that you want
- Plants to be registered with Des Westhead.
- NO CUTTINGS.
- At the end of the night, you need to collect all unsold plants and cash.
- Commission charge of 20% to go to the Preston Garden Club.

NOTE: We also welcome plant donations, especially for the Spring show.

## POTTED WALL GARDEN



Just need a wall, pots and a long ladder! Watering each pot, could be a problem!

## MEMBERS NEWS



**Happy birthday to you!**  
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Ken Beer, Adam Jaskulowski, Weng Lim, Val Stafford & Des Westhead.

Wishing you all an enjoyable day.

## COMING EVENTS

5 August Sat - 9.00am - 4.30pm. & 6 August Sun - 9.30am - 4.00pm. Warringal Orchid Society, Winter Show. St. Sava Community Centre, 121 Diamond Creek Road, Greensborough, 3088 Enquiries: 0411 372 537

12 August Sat - 10am - 4:30pm & 13 August Sun - 10am - 4pm. Waverley Bonsai Group - Bonsai Show 2017. Mt Waverley Community Centre, 47 Miller Crescent Mt Waverley (MW 70 E1). Entry fee: Adults \$5, Children U/16 years FREE. Continuous

demonstrations, meet and talk with top bonsai exponents. An excellent display of mature bonsai. A well stocked trading area with semi-trained & fully trained Bonsai trees. Credit card facilities available. Enquiries: Bruce Wensor 0431773446 or e-mail brucewensor@outlook.com.

19 August Sat - 1pm - 5pm & 20 August Sun - 10am - 4:30pm. The Camellia & Garden Show. Presented by Camellias Victoria Inc. & Waverley Garden Club Inc. Mt Waverley Community Centre, 47 Miller Crescent\, Mt Waverley. Entry fee Adults \$5, Children FREE. Victorian Camellia Championships. Floral Art Winter Championships, Children's Competition Fruit, Vegetable, Cut Flowers, & Bonsai Exhibits Trading Table Devonshire Teas.

19 August Sat - 29 August Tues. Camellias Victoria and Waverley Garden Club. Camellia & Garden Show 2017. Mt Waverley Community Centre, 47 Miller Crescent\, Mt Waverley. Entry fee: \$5 Adults, Children FREE. Iconic Camellia & Garden Show. Largest Camellia Show in Victoria and is a highlight of the Victorian Winter Horticulture calendar. Camellia is hailed as queen of the winter flowers. Enjoy 100's of varieties of Camellias, receive expert advice on growing them and purchase plants for the home garden. Featuring the Victorian Camellia Championships & Floral Art Winter and General Garden exhibits championships. Enquiries: Linda 0412914388 or Sandra 9893 3247.

25, 26 & 27 August - 9.00am - 4.00pm. The Orchid Societies Council of Victoria, 24th Annual Melbourne Orchid Spectacular. KCC Park, Skye (Melways 128 J12). ENTRY: Adults \$10, Children U15 Free. Enquiries: 0413 599 368

31 August Mon - 10 September Sun. Kyneton Daffodil & Arts Festival. Enquiries: 03 5422 2282.

## 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.

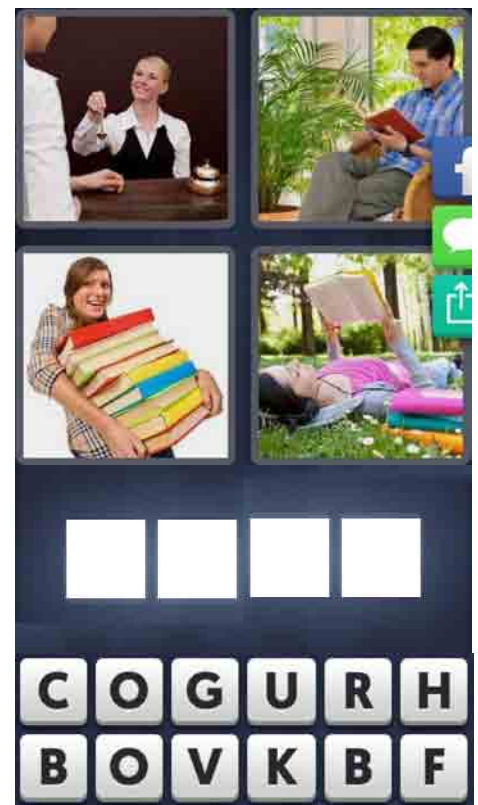
## FIND THE WORD

Well, how did you go with finding the word last month? The word is –

## **OIL**

Again you have 12 letters to choose from. The word this month has 4 letters. What could it be?

Look at the four pictures for the clue. Answer next month.



## MONTHLY COMPETITION

**August 23rd:** Three Camellia Blooms, S.S., N.N.D.

## MONTHLY MEETING

**August 23rd:** All Aspects of Bulbs, Growing Rare Bulbs - Greg Boldiston