

NEWSLETTER

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Friends,

Have you enjoyed pottering in your garden over the past month, with the lovely calm autumn days and sunny afternoons? It has been an exceptionally dry autumn though and I am sure that you were all pleased to finally have some rain last week. It is amazing how quickly plants respond to a good soaking. One day I had a few dusty bare patches in the garden, and then almost overnight those patches were filled with fresh, green, foliage of emerging spring bulbs, and former drooping plants had their heads held high.

Autumn is a beautiful time of year and I took advantage of the fine weather to travel into the Victorian

countryside for a few days. I headed to Beechworth/Yackandandah an area, where I knew I would see all sorts of deciduous trees resplendent in all their autumn glory. I was not disappointed. I highly recommend a couple of days in this area at the moment, but don't dally, the colour won't last long. And that reminds me – do make the most of the leaves falling in your garden at the moment. Try turning them into compost – your garden will appreciate it. Try not to put them into green waste – they are too precious for that!

My journey took me through Chiltern, where I dropped in on Barbara Randall, long time former member of Preston Garden Club, who moved to the country a few years back to be near her family. Barbara was down on her knees planting some bulbs, when I surprised her – where else would a keen gardener be!!!! Barbara keeps up with the news of our club through her very good friend, Joy Snell, and sends her regards to all who remember her.

Plant Stall. Whilst doing some tidying up in the garden, I have used some of the prunings to pot up and strike for our spring garden show stall, while the weather is still warm enough to get them started.

Why don't you give this a go? It doesn't take much effort to find some small pots and to strike things, like succulents, for instance. Visitors to the show are always looking for a bargain plant and every cent made helps cover our show costs.

Our **Community Grants** application has been lodged with Darebin Council and we are waiting on the outcome to ensure that we have a meeting/show venue for the next financial year.

Enjoy your garden.
Cheers, Bill.

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 25th, 2018, 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 17th.

N.B. All members who have paid their 2017 – 2018 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 enclosed form.

***Please consider standing for a position on committee to help run your club. Nomination forms are included with this newsletter.

***Your attendance is needed at the Annual General Meeting in order to make a quorum to deal with the necessary items required of us by the rules of incorporation.

WANTED SECRETARY

After 6 months in the position of Secretary of our Club, Des Westhead has decided to resign from the role and will not stand for re-election at our AGM in July. We are looking for a member to take over this role. The job involves

attending both monthly general and committee meetings, keeping accurate minutes, dealing with some correspondence, mailing out newsletters. Also from time to time following up on any matters that might arise from the meeting.

We need to fill the position in July, so think about if you can help the Club more. If you like to find out more information, have a talk with our President Bill at the next meeting or phone 9478 0269.

A club is only as good as its committee, a small group of members who are more actively involved in the behind the scenes of managing the club, organising speakers, bus trips, events, shows, newsletters etc. Unfortunately we have not been getting new blood on our committee. It's getting to much work for the committee members now to do most of the work. After 82 years the Autumn show was dropped last year. This Spring show will be our last. We are not out there gaining new members. We need new committee members this July AGM to add new life into our Club.

HAWKESTOWE PARK



What a great day!!!!

Our usual April meeting date fell on ANZAC Day, so it was suggested that we do something different in April. A week earlier, the date, Wednesday April 18th was set; Hawkestone Park in

Mernda, the venue. A lunch time BBQ – Picnic lunch.



The aim was to gather socially and informally; to get to know each other better. To further expand this relationship of friends with an interest in gardening it was decided to invite any of our fellow gardeners from other local garden clubs to join us.

Weather wise, the day was one out of the box and the venue picture perfect.



Mill Park Garden Club members created and maintain the heritage garden around the Le Paige Homestead, situated in the park and it is a credit to them. Not only is the cottage garden around the homestead planted with old fashioned and new roses and a large collection of perennials to care for, but they also have created an orchard and vegetable garden further afield.

Each year Mill Park Garden Club, with the assistance of members of the Rose Society of Victoria, hold a rose pruning demonstration in this cottage garden. Members of our club are always invited and to bring their secateurs and gloves and enjoy hands on guidance from rose professionals.



Mill Park secretary, Chris Hide, always cheerful and helpful, took the trouble to arrange to have the homestead kitchen facilities open for our use, acted as guide to help explore the club garden; arranged for Ross Mac, the park ranger/caretaker to have the BBQ clean and ready to cook AND give us a very interesting talk on the history of the property, backed up by a photographic display of the property through its 160 year history. ALSO, Chris greeted us all personally with a smile and a chocolate. You are an angel Chris.



As I say, it was a great day, with a group of about 20 gardeners from Preston, Ivanhoe and Mill Park Garden Clubs enjoying each other's company in a lovely surrounding.



There was only one thing missing. It is the first time that I have been there and not seen a kangaroo. But, you could see where they had been in the vegie garden!!!!

Bill.



BRING A CUP

On 26 February 2018 City of Darebin endorsed a new single-use plastic free events policy to eliminate single-use plastic products at events run by Council and events held on Council land. The policy extends to all council owned buildings, venues and roads and aims to reduce the harm caused by single-use plastic products.



As you know when you have your cup of hot coffee or tea after our

monthly meetings we supply a polystyrene cup for your drink. Now we have to follow Council policy.

For future meetings, no more polystyrene cups will be supplied, **every member will need to bring their own cup.** Still have that hot drink after the meeting and chat but from now on it will be your cup.

MEMBERS NEWS



HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU

May – Jack Edgar, Barbara Jaskulowski, Geoff May, Sharon Pollard, Maria Spagnolo, Jean Thomas, Sibel Toremis and Cheryl Warner.

We wish you all a wonderful celebration.

FIND THE WORD

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

SQUARE

The word this month has 5 letters.

What could it be?

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



MONTHLY COMPETITION

June 27th: Container Grown – Fern

MONTHLY MEETING

June 27th: Save Our Citrus - Kay Roberts Palmer.

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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 25th July 2018.

.....
Signature of member

Date.....

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