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WANTED SECRETARY

As you will see above in the list of committee, for Secretary "Vacant". This position is still vacant, which means other committee members have to take on extra work. We need a club 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. If

you feel you can help or would like to find out more information, have a talk with our President Bill at the next meeting or phone 9478 0269.

AUTUMN BUS TRIP

Sunday 7th APRIL

COST- \$35.00 includes Coach & entrance fee to 2 Gardens, full payment must be made by March Meeting. BYO Lunch & Folding Chair or Stool.

COACH LEAVING PRESTON TOWN HALL-GOWER STREET 9.00AM SHARP.

On way 2 or 3 games of free bingo (prizes to winners). Free Lucky Ticket Prizes.

1. GISBORNE OLD TIME MARKET.



Enjoy a relaxing shopping experience at the Old Time Market, over 300 stalls which include local produce, wine, cheese, olives, fruit & vegetables, quality hand made

products, trash and treasure and many plant stalls.

2. CASTLEMAINE - THE GARDEN OF LIXOURI BARKERS CREEK.



History of Garden. Lixouri is reminiscent of a rural property in Greece or Italy. The house and garden look out onto rolling hills and the long established olive grove. The garden is terraced with beautiful stone walls, steps and gravel paths overlooking a tranquil dam fringed with water iris, willow birch and white gums. In front the mud brick house established wisteria, roses and grapevine provide deep shade from the summer sun and an adobe wall with a superb wrought iron gate by Trefor Prest joins the house to the outbuildings. A wonderful mixture of softly flowering plants and beautiful formal shapes together with skilful blending of exotic Mediterranean and native species compliment the formal structure of the garden. Lixouri is a must visit garden.

3 CASTLEMAINE - HEDGEHOGS GARDEN BARKERS CREEK.



'Hedgehogs' is a 3 acre garden. The garden comprises many diverse areas, from a Mediterranean style walled garden surrounding a pond with Medlar, Robina, Salvias, Phlomis, Roses, Abutilon, Exocordia to a native stone garden with granite boulders and native plants and grasses. One of the features is a wonderful granite pond built by Gordon Ford which is a melody of frogs for many months of the year. One can amble along the gravel path, take in the sculptures, look at the ponds, the stone walls or the small dam or just sit on the rocks or seats placed within the garden.

There is a "Secret Garden" surrounding an old Malus Purpurea, many wonderful sculptures within the garden. Also one finds a considerable use of metal works built by the owners, such as gates tables, seating, arbours and archways. For the rose lover there are old climbing roses as well as a picking bed and corner plantings in the vegetable area.

Within the garden there is a wood-fire pizza oven besides an eating area situated just above a new in-ground fenced spa. One section of the garden is devoted to food growing including a large enclosed prolific orchard, an enclosed berry house, a grape and iris walkway, a vegetable area, a walled citrus area

with eggplants and peppers, a fig tree and potting shed. Other features in this designed garden include a Sedum and Cordyline bed, besides all this the beautiful stone walls, the many birds give a sense of the beauty of nature.

Visit a nursery in Woodend on the way home, depending on time.

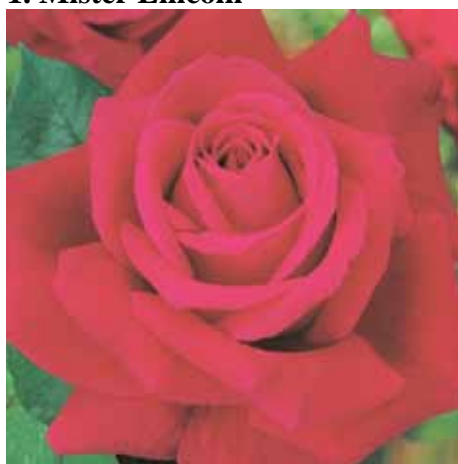
For more info contact John, phone 94581632 or 0402 633 739.

5 FRAGRANT ROSES

Roses are a timeless classic. Having withstood the test of time, roses are a garden addition you will never regret. Their blooms feature heavily in artworks and motifs dating back hundreds of years, and to this day nothing says 'I love you' or 'I'm sorry' like a gorgeous bouquet of roses. But there's something else about roses that keeps the masses enchanted, their heavenly scent.

If you're looking for a plant that can simultaneously add colour, class and delicious smells to your garden, look no further than these five varieties.

1. Mister Lincoln



A classic hybrid tea rose bred in the USA by Swim and Weeks in 1964, these crimson-coloured beauties produce a strong damask scent and are ideal for flower arrangements.

2. Madame Anisette



This glorious grandiflora variety of rose presents as a large apricot cream bloom and has an unusual anise fragrance that will remind you of liquorice and spice.

3. Boscobel



Bred by David Austin, this English rose has coral-pink rosettes with numerous small petals and produces a scent reminiscent of myrrh, elderflower and pear.

4. Soeur (Sister) Emmanuelle



This old-world rose has a double-cupped bloom and parisian pink petals that give off a fragrance that begins as lavender and rose, only to develop into spicier tones such as basil, aniseed and fennel.

5. Perfume Passion



A hybrid tea bush rose, the Perfume Passion emits an intense yet fresh, soft fruity fragrance with notes of lychee, white pear and peony.

STAMPS

I am back again collecting postage stamps. Looking for more stamps. Save them and bring along to the next meeting. Thanks in advance.
Robert

PHOTOS from 2018

Just a few photos from our events in 2018.

April - Picnic at Hawkstowe Park.



September - Bus trip to Dandenong Ranges.



October - Spring Show



November - Visit to Richard's garden in Northcote.



November - Xmas breakup meeting.



JACARANDAS



Apparently you can't overdose on Jacarandas. This is an aerial view of Jacarandas growing in Johannesburg South Africa just might prove it.

BOTTLE RECYCLING



ANYONE KNOW WHAT KIND OF PLANT THIS IS.



Definitely not a collie flower.
 It's a puppy plant.
 Rare spotted rover plant.
 Looks like a dogwood
 It's a diggy plant.
 That is a "bad dog" plant!
 Caninus introubleous
 That's a Pupperino Flower
 A hairy caninus-cacti.
 Border Collie Digger plant.
 It's a PETunia.

MEMBERS NEWS



Happy birthday to you!
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January: Glenda Edgar, Lorena Felicetti, Barbara Lee, Desiree Mathie, Val Newland, Noelene Park and Dawn Walsh.



COMING EVENTS

February 23rd Saturday - Sunday, 24th. Melbourne Begonia Society - Show & Sales. Times Sat 10am-4pm, Sun 10am - 3pm. Entry Adults \$5, Concession \$3, Children free. Visa & Mastercard available. Byo bags. Contact Janeen 0404 817 449 or Marilyn 03 9758 6842. Location Moorabbin Senior Citizens Hall, 964 Nepean Hwy, MOORABBIN (Mel 7706)

FIND THE WORD

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

SELECT

The word this month has 5 letters. What could it be?

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



MONTHLY COMPETITION

January 23rd: Three Tomatoes, Shown with Stalks.

February 27th: One Container Marigold, One Variety, C.V.A. (cut flowers).

MONTHLY MEETING

January 23rd: Plant/flower ID quiz.

February 27th: Maria from Ivanhoe Garden Club - Flower arranging.