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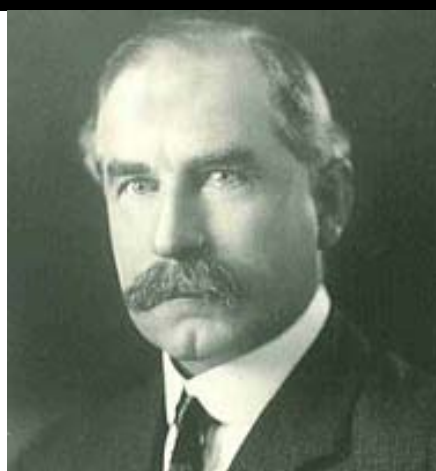
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1934 – 2019 85 YEARS

1934 Committee of Preston Horticultural Society.

Henry P Zwar - Tanner
Ernest Warner - Driver
Charles A Hardy - Book Keeper
James Railton - Seedsman
Edward A Eagles - Curator
Samuel J Brown - Engineer
William Brace - Gardener
William C Millar - Engineer
Arthur L Harry - Cabinetmaker
Ernest Binns - Packer
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Henry P Zwar, first President.

Minutes of Public meeting held on 27 – 8 – 34 in the Supper Room of Preston Town Hall.

Cr H. P. ZWAR M.L.A. in the chair There were over 40 people present.

Cr Zwar explained the object of the meeting was formation of a Horticultural Society in Preston.

Moved by Mr Brown Seconded by Mr Richmond that a Society be formed Carried.

Moved by Mr Hardy Seconded by Mr McIntyre that the Society be named Preston Horticultural Society Carried.

BIRTHDAY LUNCHEON

On Sunday 25th August, 43 people gathered at the Darebin RSL to enjoy a luncheon to celebrate the Club's 85th birthday.



On our August meeting night. Our own 85th birthday cake was enjoyed by all at supper time. See you for the 100th!!!



GARDEN SHOW

Our Spring Garden Show is on Saturday October 26th in Preston City Hall, Gower street, Preston.

Phone your entries in on Thursday night the 24th, we will be taking them up to 9pm. Or write the schedule numbers with your name and hand it to Bill at the October meeting.

Setting up is on Friday from 9am, so if you have a couple of hours to spare, we could do with your help. The work is not hard. We need your help to set up the tables, marking out, card writing and assemble the hanging basket stand. All you need to do is turn up on Friday morning and we give you a job, the more people that help, the quicker we can finish.

On show day, if you have entries to stage, don't leave everything to the last minute and rush. Clean up those pots, make sure you remove weeds, dead leaves and flowers. If you are entering a foliage plant and it has one flower, remove it, otherwise it will be judged N.A.S. (Not According to Schedule).

So read your schedule carefully, if you have any questions, ask our show manager Bill Saunders.

PROPAGATE BROMELIADS

Bromeliads are satisfying plants to grow at home partly because they're so easy to propagate. Over a few years, one bromeliad can turn into a whole garden of bromeliads. Most people get bromeliads as gift plants, when their colourful bracts are shooting up from the central plant cup. These bracts, which actually contain the bromeliads small flowers, last for a long time, sometimes months, before slowly fading and dying. After the bract is dead, the "mother" plant will send out a series of offsets, or pups, from the base of the plant. They'll look like tiny versions of the mother plant emerging from between the mother plants bigger leaves. These pups can be used to propagate your bromeliad.



To take an offset, use a sharp shovel, long knife or saw. Cut the pup as far down as you can, even below the surface of the soil. Don't worry if the pup hasn't developed roots yet—bromeliads are epiphytes, which means their roots are only for holding and securing the plant. They get their water and nutrition from their central cups. However, you want to get as much plant material as possible to help the young bromeliad stay firmly positioned in its new home.

After you've removed the pup, you can either place it into a new pot with new potting media, or you can tie the pup to a branch or cork board for its new home. The young pups will begin to grow almost immediately, but don't overwater

them at first. Keep their central cups full, or keep the potting soil barely (but continuously) moist. A young bromeliad should flower within 2–3 years, depending on the species. A healthy mother plant will generally produce multiple pups, sometimes as many as three or four, before the plant completely fails.

THE CHURCHILL ARMS

Vertical gardens are very trendy at the moment. Here is a pub in London that has their own version of a vertical garden or is it just hanging baskets and potted colour?



Built in 1750, this Kensington Irish pub was once frequented by Winston Churchill's grandparents. The façade is covered in masses of flowers. The decoration is a medley of wicker baskets, chamber pots, Churchill and US presidential memorabilia and flags. If you in London pay a visit to The Churchill Arms - 119 Kensington Church Street, London.

“When weeding, the best way to make sure you are removing a weed and not a valuable plant is to pull on it. If it comes out of the ground easily, it is a valuable plant.”

MEMBERS NEWS



HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU
September: Neil Lenne, Rob Walsh and Kay Wawn.

We wish you all a wonderful celebration.

NEW MEMBERS

We welcome two new members Elisabeth Mercuri and Frank Mason to our Club.

COMING EVENTS

September 14th – October 13. Tesselaar - Tulip Festival. Glorious display of Tulips with many activities, changing daily. A bonanza of Millions of Flowers and special things to do that will make your day a special experience. Info and program see at www.tulipfestival.com.au for a complete listing of what you can see. Open 10am - 5pm daily. Go to the web site for entry costs, children u16 free!! Location Tesselaar Flower Farm, 357-359 Monbulk Rd, Silvan (MW 123 B5) Contact Phone 03 9737 7722.

September 28th & 29th Maroondah Orchid Society Spring Show. Open 9-5 Sat & 9-4 Sunday. Admission Adults \$5 Children under 12 Free. Potting Demonstrations, Plant Sales, Potting media, & Accessories Floral Art and Refreshments. Contact Barry at 03 9801 1628 or barrymarg@lizzy.com.au

October 5th & 6th. Pomonal Native Flower Show is presented by the Australian Plants Society

Grampians Group. Saturday 5th 9am to 5pm, Sunday 6th 9am to 4pm. Entry Adults: \$5 Children: Free. The show is held over two days, with flowers picked from private local gardens. Many beautiful native flowers will be on display. There will also be lots of native plants as well as botany, gardening and natural history books for sale and refreshments available. Flowers Galore Refreshments Plant Sales Information Advice. Location Pomonal Hall Pomonal.

October 12th & 13th. Bonsai Society of Victoria - Bonsai Exhibition. Sat 9am-4pm, Sun 10am-4pm. Entry \$5 Children U15 Free. Showcases a broad range of traditional Japanese styles as well as contemporary approaches to bonsai art. Sales of bonsai, plants, imported & local bonsai pots, tools, wire & all bonsai accessories. Demonstrations. Location Box Hill Town Hall, 1022 Whitehorse Rd Box Hill. Contact Facebook at Bonsai Society of Victoria

October 19th & 20th. Broadmeadows & District Garden Club "Spring Show". Saturday 19 12.00-4.00 Sunday 20 10.00-3.00. Plant sales, Stalls, Raffles, Light refreshments available. Location Wiseman House, cnr Widford Street & Melbourne Ave, Glenroy. Contact Entries welcomed, Phone Darlene 0449 132 623 for information.

October 19th & 20th. Melbourne Friends of Royal Botanic Gardens, Victoria, Growing Friends Spring Plant Sale. Times: Saturday from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm; Sunday from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm. Entry is free. For further information phone, 96506398 or email, friends@frbgmelb.org.au. Location RBG, Enter the Gardens through Gate E on Birdwood Ave.

October 26th. Preston Garden Club Inc. Spring Garden Show. Open Times 2pm - 6pm, Entry Free. Location – Preston City Hall, Cnr Gower and High St Preston. (Entrance Gower St).

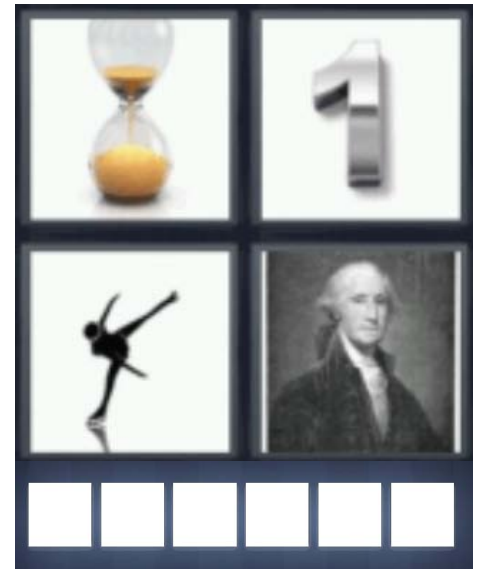
FIND THE WORD

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

TANDEM

The word this month has 6 letters. What could it be?

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



MONTHLY COMPETITION

September 25th: One Container Mixed Cut Flowers – At Least Three Kinds.

October 23rd: One Stem Iris.

MONTHLY MEETING

September 25th: Kirsten Macleod from Compost Depot - Compost.

October 23rd: Angelo from Deep Green Permaculture. Managing your garden naturally, Pest and weed control, Companion planting, Safe Garden Procedures.