

# NEWSLETTER

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## BRING A CUP

Just a reminder members, if you would like a hot cup of coffee or tea at the end of the monthly meeting, you must bring along your own cup.



## 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 27th, 2022, 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 19th.

N.B. All members who have paid their 2021 – 2022 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.

## KABLOOM



Tesselaar Kabloom - Festival Of Flowers, held on April 2nd to 25th. Now in its 5th year, beginning in 2018.

Work starts in December (early Summer) for soil preparation. Tesselaar has designed a special roller that attaches to the back of a tractor that marks the seedling holes for planting. Makes a hole slightly bigger than the plug. Seedlings are raised in plug trays in the nursery. In January a small team hand plant over 300,000 plants across 200 flower beds. When it's all over the plants are ploughed back into the ground, which adds organic matter to the soil. The main flowers this year are Marigold, Celosia, Snapdragon, Cleome, Dianthus, Sunflower, Salvia, Calibrachoa and Bidens.





Snapdragon 'Sonnet Series'



Marigold 'Durango Gold'



Left to Right  
Red - Celosia 'Dragons Breath'  
Purple - Gomphrena 'Ping Pong'  
Gold - Marigold 'Durango Gold'



Left to Right  
Marigold 'Durango Gold'  
Salvia 'Victoria Blue'  
Marigold 'Durango Tangerine'



Dianthus varieties



Snapdragon 'Sonnet Series'



Sunflower 'Classic Gold'



Cleome 'Sparkler Series'



Calibrachoa 'Skittles Pink'  
Bidens 'Namid Yellow'

First one is of course Baking Soda. Mind you its baking soda and not baking powder. You should know the difference between baking soda and baking powder. Baking soda is pure sodium bicarbonate. It should not be confused with either baking powder or even washing soda. Washing soda is sodium carbonate and baking powder contains only 30% baking soda along with other ingredients. Some think baking soda is a chemical.

Step 1: Fill a container with 1lt of water.

Step 2: Add 2 teaspoons of Baking Soda.

Step 3: Add 1 teaspoon of Neen Oil.

Step 4: Add 10 drops of organic liquid soap.

Step 5: Thoroughly mix and stir.

Finally: Fill your spray bottle to treat your problem pest/disease.

Before you spray on your entire plant, please perform a patch test on a leaf and leave it for an hour or two to see the potency. If the leaf wilts, you will need to dilute it further.

### ORGANIC PESTICIDE

Show you the formula to prepare 100% organic pesticide by mixing baking soda and two other ingredients to treat almost every pest in your garden. A pesticide and fungicide solution to treat almost all types of pests in your garden like the aphids, mealybugs, thrips, mites, white flies, caterpillars, soil fungus, plant fungus like powdery mildew, black spot rose disease, leaf rust, leaf miners etc. You can try this on almost any pest on your affected plant.

### PERSIMMON CAKE

2 cups of persimmon pulp.

1½ cups of caster sugar.

1 cup of vegetable oil.

4 eggs.

Beat all together.

1 tsp of allspice.

1 tsp of cinnamon.

1 tsp of bi-carb soda.

2 tsp baking powder.

2½ cups of S/R flour.

Sift all together, fold into persimmon mixture.

Trays – I use 2 log trays 9cm x 32cm. Cook at 180c for approx 40 to 45 mins. Line tray with baking paper.

Val Coco



## MAY CLUB OUTING

Ziebell's Farmhouse Museum and Heritage Garden. Sunday May 29th, arrive by 1pm, make your own way there.



Ziebell's original farmhouse, barn and other buildings have been lovingly restored by the City of Whittlesea. They represent the heart of Ziebell's original 102 acre farm, named The Pines, the largest at Westgarthtown. Built between 1851 and 1856, with 61 cm thick stone walls, the house is a typical German farmhouse design. Along with the other surviving buildings - the bath house, smoke house and cart shed - the house represents a German family's hope of a new life. Remaining much as they have been for the past 150 years and the beautifully maintained gardens.

Location: 100 Gardenia Road, Thomastown. (Melway 8 H5).

Admission charge: Adults \$3.00, Children 50c.

## JUNE CLUB OUTING

Visit to Conservatory in Fitzroy Gardens. Time to see the tropical display. It's warm inside.

When: Thursday June 16th, 11am, meet at the side of the Conservatory building. BYO lunch or have a meal or coffee at the Café next to Cooks Cottage. If coming by car, Clarendon St, might find more parking spaces.

## BANANA!!

How quickly my Banana tree has sprouted fruit! Out of the top of the main trunk, came this fruiting stem. Over a few weeks it grew so fast.



March 15th



March 19th



March 26th

## BIRTHDAY NEWS



HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU

**May:** Jack Edgar, Geoff May, Sharon Pollard, Maria Spagnolo and Jean Thomas.

We wish you all a wonderful celebration.

## MEMBERS NEWS

Welcome to our newest member Bill from Preston. Hope we see you each month at our monthly meetings.

## 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 6 letters. What could it be?

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



## MONTHLY COMPETITION

**May 25th:** Bowl of Floating Flowers. No More Than 6 Blooms.

**June 22nd:** One Pot/Container Fern.

## MONTHLY MEETING

**May 25th:** Kathleen Tant - Propagation.

**June 22nd:** Val from Northern Suburbs Bonsai Club.

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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.

<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
PRESIDENT	VICE PRESIDENT	SECRETARY	TREASURER

Proposed by \_\_\_\_\_ Seconded by \_\_\_\_\_

I accept the above nomination \_\_\_\_\_  
(Candidates signature)

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Secretary \_\_\_\_\_

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**ANNUAL ELECTIONS**

**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 27<sup>th</sup> July 2022.

.....  
Signature of member

Date.....

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