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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of Preston Garden Club Inc. will be held at 7.30pm, on July 24th, 2024, 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 2023 – 2024 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.

MEETING TIME CHANGE

NOTICE: As from Wednesday May 22nd meeting. The meeting start time will change.

Doors will open at **7pm**, meeting will start at **7.30pm**. Half an hour earlier!

If you are running late, don't worry, just come in and take a seat.

IVANHOE BUS TRIP

On Sunday April 21st was the Ivanhoe bus trip. About 20 Preston members joined the day out. The day started cloudy and cool but by noon clear blue sky and sunshine.



Yarra Valley Plant Fair



Helen Salisbury, Bill Saunders, Elsie Carter at Yarra Valley Plant Fair at Wandin.



Tuberous Begonias



Callisia 'Pink Panther'



Daksha Singh searching for a bargain at plant Fair.



Dahlia Flowers



Dead plants are depressing and uninviting, and are bad feng shui, whereas a thriving green garden is welcoming and relaxing.

Gardens are a natural environment for many organisms and will attract beautiful creatures such as butterflies and birds.

Green grass is softer and more resilient than brown grass which is better for children to play and fall on, picnics and for lying back to enjoy watching the cloud formations.

Gardens form part of our entertaining areas where we get the opportunity to be outside with friends and family.

BENEFITS OF A GARDEN

Watering gardens can be a significant use of household water and this is usually the first area of usage affected by water restrictions. As a drought progresses, you can see gardens withering away and becoming smaller as people try to protect precious plants and leave the others to fend for themselves.

This raises the question of why we have gardens and try to maintain them even when there is little water to be had. When considering if it is worth finding a way to water your garden during water restrictions, consider the following benefits to having gardens.

Green is a restful, peaceful colour whereas brown is drab and boring. So having green gardens around us can bring us pleasure, reduce stress and provide some relief after a busy day.

Maintaining a garden has many benefits including being out in the fresh air, feeling a connection with nature and being able to see tangible results for our labours.

By choosing the plants in your garden, you can also save money by growing herbs, fruit and vegetables, bringing in cut flowers and creating shade to protect your house from the summer sun.

Maintaining the value of your property, look at the value of houses with a lovely garden compared to a similar property without a garden and you'll quickly see the perception of a house is affected by its surrounding environment.

CHRYSANTHEMUM OWL



ROAST POTATOES



Ingredients:

5 Medium size potatoes (Maris Piper, Yukon Gold, Russet).

100g / 3½oz Beef Dripping or Lard.

Coarse sea salt and black pepper to taste.

Method:

Peel, chop, and wash the potatoes into desired pieces.

Get the washed potatoes into a pan add ½tsp salt and place it on a high heat, bring the water to a boil then turn the heat to medium and set your timer for 6 minutes.

While the potatoes are boiling, add 100g / 3.5oz of Beef Dripping or Lard or Vegetable oil, in a roasting pan and place the roasting pan in the preheated oven to get the fat good and hot, this should take approx 5 minutes.

Once the 6 minutes are up carefully drain the potatoes into a colander in your sink, once completely drained give them a gentle shake to rough up the edges of the par boiled potatoes.

Take the hot pan out of the oven and place it on the top of your stove and very carefully add the potatoes to the hot fat, turn each potato with a couple of forks to completely coat them in the fat, sprinkle with coarse sea salt and freshly ground black pepper, Get them into the hot oven and set the timer for 45 minutes. Give the potatoes a quick turn halfway through.

When the time is up get these beautiful crispy roast potatoes onto

a plate lined with kitchen paper to drain any excess fat, sprinkle with a little more salt and pepper, serve while still hot and crispy.



Enjoy



NEW MEMBER

Welcome to new member, Jane from Mordialloc, joined at the last meeting.

MEMBERS NEWS



HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU

May: Jack Edgar, Geoff May, Sharon Pollard, Jean Thomas and Jadzia Bondrou.

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 –

POPPY

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

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



MONTHLY COMPETITION

May 22nd: Bowl of Floating Flowers. No More Than 6 Blooms.

June 26th: One Pot/Container Fern

MONTHLY MEETING

7.30pm start (New Start Time)

May 22nd: Wayne Hurley - Bonsai Basics.

June 26th: Claire Weekley - Friends of Merri Creek.

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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 24th July 2024.

.....
Signature of member

Date.....

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