



NEWSLETTER



Clivia Miniata
Snow White

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QUEENSLAND COUNCIL OF GARDEN CLUBS INC

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OBJECTS

- (a) To broaden the scope of member clubs in their activities by combining together as a Council.
- (b) To promote the development of horticultural knowledge and interests among member clubs and the wider community.
- (c) To promote the enjoyment of gardening and friendship among member clubs.
- (d) To encourage an understanding of conservation of our national and natural heritage.
- (e) To participate in community events and projects that contribute to the beautification of our natural and built environment through enhancements to public parks, gardens, and like facilities.

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President's Report

Phil Adam

Since my last report the new committee has settled into its' work for the current year. The Presidents' Morning Tea was well attended. Guests were treated to an entertaining and interesting talk from Michael Connolly on issues of management in Not For Profit organisations (who would have thought?) His talk included a number of points which could be considered by clubs in relation to how they go about their business. While it is true to say that in many small organisations it is difficult if not impossible to separate the functions of decision making and implementation in the way suggested, it is still worthwhile to focus on the way in which we conduct our activities so that members can gain maximum benefit without going around in endless circles of *administrivia*. The size and functions of management committees need to be streamlined in order to be able to spend more time and effort on the core activities of the club. A separate summary of Michael's talk should accompany this newsletter and I urge all clubs to give some thought to the ideas presented. If you have questions concerning the article please feel free to contact the QCGC committee and we will do our best to answer them.

In April we conducted the annual A Garden A-Fair. This offered an opportunity for clubs and members to participate by entering plants on the competition benches in nearly 60 categories and for clubs to participate in the competition for the best club display related to the theme of the event. There were more than 300 entries on the benches with some spectacular specimens. The dahlias in particular were magnificent. Unfortunately, this year's event clashed with a number of other events on the same weekend. The result was a reduced number of competition entries and a greatly reduced attendance. I admit to being disappointed with the lack of participation by our member clubs. This was evident in the competition displays, the bench entries and attendance. The event is staged to allow clubs and members to come together in the spirit of friendly competition. It needs support from the clubs to be truly successful. I would really like to get some considered feedback from our member clubs about this event.

Members of the committee also manned the plant minding crèche at the Pine Rivers Garden Fair at the Lawnton Showgrounds.

I would like to draw your attention to our upcoming events. Our Friendship Day will be held on Wednesday 19th June at the Auditorium of the Brisbane Botanic Gardens, Mt Coot-tha. **This is an event for everyone.** There is no restriction on the numbers of attendees from any club. As well as a guest speaker there will be the opportunity to take part in a fun quiz competition for the Wendy Wragge Trophy. Clubs typically organise a team to compete in this, mostly garden themed, competition. It really is a fun morning with friends.

On Wednesday 28th August we will be again be holding the Fashion Parade with fashions provided by Portofino. There will be a guest speaker and the opportunity to purchase garments for those who wish to do so. Once more, there is no restriction on the number of attendees.

Finally, I would like to address the issue of communication between QCGC and member clubs. There is some, admittedly sketchy, anecdotal evidence that some clubs do not promote the QCGC amongst their membership. If true, it is quite disappointing. QCGC belongs to the member clubs and societies. We need to establish or re-invigorate two-way communication. Any suggestions as to how this could be done would be most welcome. In the meantime I have a few suggestions that I would like clubs to consider.

- Send a delegate to the monthly delegates' meeting usually held on the first Monday of the month. It is not a huge commitment of time. As well as finding out what is happening around the ridges it is an opportunity to promote your own club's activities. Unfortunately there have been a couple of date changes this year due to public holiday clashes.
- Include a short segment for QCGC news at your regular meetings. Bring the Newsletter and other items to the attention of your members.
- Invite a representative of QCGC to one of your meetings. Many clubs do invite a representative to their Friendship Day but other occasions would be suitable as well. Clearly it may not always be possible to attend such invitations but it would be nice to be invited.
- If you do invite a representative to your meeting, offer them an opportunity to meet and talk with your members.
- If you have questions, suggestions, or requests and cannot send a delegate to the meetings, then use the phone or email etc. It really is hard to respond to members' issues if we don't know about them.

At long last we have had some rain in the South East and our gardens have responded. Let us hope that we can come through the winter in good condition and that spring this year brings more favourable conditions than last year. Do take care with your gardening activities because, as I can personally attest to, injuries that restrict your movement can be extremely frustrating, especially when you can see jobs in the garden that must be done.

Happy gardening.

Information Update

- PLEASE NOTE THE POSTAL AND EMAILING ADDRESS ON THE BACK PAGE
- Welcome to Sunshine Coast Fern and Foliage Society
- Bank details for direct deposit are printed on page 18

Guest Speakers & Excursions

In an effort to increase the options for guest speakers especially, please forward a list of the speakers your club had last year to the Secretary with subject and contact details. This is particularly important for those clubs that meet outside the south east corner of Qld. where options are more limited.

Additionally send in details of any excursion destinations and guest speakers to be added or deleted. This is the best way to keep the lists as up to date as possible. Lets try to get a better selection than we have currently.

The booklets will be forwarded to member clubs with the September Newsletter to assist you in organising speakers and excursions for next year. Clubs wishing to get an electronic version may contact the Secretary and request a copy to be emailed to them.

GUEST SPEAKERS

Add

Herbs, hedges, flowers - Peter & Romaine Undery, Kingaroy 07 4162 5196

EXCURSIONS

Add

Aspley	Boxy's Pots & More	0408 856 822
Mt Mee	Tourist Drive and Dahmongah Lookout	
Willawong	Plant Outlet Factory 40 King Ave	3879 0222
Maleny	Forest Heart Native Plant Nursery	5435 2193
Rosalie	Rosalie Village Garden Centre	3369 2141
Toogoolawah	Jackpot Nursery	5423 0169

Remove

Wickes Garden Buderim

Publicity

Club and Society Brochures and Show Flyers wanted for **Queensland Garden Expo.** where they will be prominently displayed. They are invaluable for visitors looking for a garden club close to them or a plant society of interest to them.

Please contact Elizabeth Parkinson to check the numbers of brochures from your club that are currently held in stock.

Environment Report

Peter Clare

QCGC Meeting 13th May 2019 A new solution to an old problem.

Rangers involved in a massive population survey of endangered turtles are trialling drones to help them locate vulnerable nests faster to ensure their protection from predators. A stretch of coastline along Queensland's remote Cape York Peninsula is home to Australia's largest nesting population of flatback turtles and home to the rare hawksbill turtle.

Each year the Western Cape Turtle Threat Abatement Alliance works with local Indigenous rangers who trek about 250km around some of the country's most remote and inaccessible coastline to carry out a giant turtle head count. This year the conservation group has teamed up with a local drone company to help in the effort to improve turtle protection measures.

Program coordinator Kerri Woodcock said rangers could now use images from the drones to get a bird's eye view of the search areas, and more quickly identify the level of activity by counting turtle tracks. "Rangers use the different turtle track characteristics left in the sand to determine species and numbers of marine turtle nesting sites," she said. "They also monitor and record nest predation and hatching events."

Pilot Tom Watson, from Cairns-based company, Droner, said the images and information gathered by the drones gave rangers the tools they needed to more effectively target their time and resources during the survey. "Once the images are captured they can identify the turtle tracks and the species of turtles that are nesting there," he said. "We basically make a polygon around certain beach areas." "The rangers were able to help work out the pre-programmed flight paths before the drones are deployed into the air, and then the software runs itself." Drone pictures of crocodiles on a north QLD beach.

Programme coordinator, Ms Woodcock said with that information, rangers could ensure more resources were put into protecting nests from feral pigs a major threat to turtle populations on the beaches. "The main focus of rangers on the western cape is monitoring predation rates on those nests," she said. "It means we would only need to launch onto the beach if we needed to protect a particular nest and came across predator tracks." "The drones can also help monitor feral pig tracks and the information can be used in our culling programs."

Ms Woodcock said it was not uncommon for rangers to encounter large crocodiles inhabiting the areas of coastline where they worked. This meant the drones were also an important tool for improving ranger safety, because they were able to check for threats to greatly reduce the chance of face-to-face encounters.

Source: ABC News

Brisbane Botanic Gardens

Dale Arvidsson

Rediscover your Botanic Gardens!

Brisbane Botanic Gardens and the Volunteer Guides invite QCGC members to 'rediscover' the botanic gardens. Did you know that the QCGC members have funded several important and well-loved facilities at Brisbane Botanic Gardens Mt Coot-tha – including the Fern House, Cacti House, Rainforest Shelter and the tour minibus? Many of you visit the Gardens and Auditorium throughout the year – but when was the last time you enjoyed a stroll through the rest of the gardens with like-minded people on a tour? Join the botanic gardens for them to say 'thank-you' on a free tour for your club.

The Volunteer Guides are celebrating 30 years of guided walks in 2019 so join with them to rediscover some of the Garden's classic attractions and the facilities that you have helped fundraise towards, as well as discovering some of the newest gardens and plants on display. Walks can occur for groups large or small and you may consider combining your tour with a picnic lunch or a visit to the recently reopened Botanic Gardens Café to make a day of it.

Walks can also be offered at the beautiful City Botanic Gardens from Monday to Saturday to see the huge changes and improvements currently underway to return this historic icon to horticulture back to its former glory. Or you may like to consider 'discovering' Sherwood Arboretum – now a part of the botanic gardens 'three treasures'. Contact the botanic gardens to find out more.

To enquire – contact Botanic Gardens Administration via email botanicgardens@brisbane.qld.gov.au or phone 3403 2535. The Garden's friendly staff will then put you through to the Volunteer Guides booked walks officers to coordinate your visit.

Maryborough Open Gardens

Sunday 22 September 9am– 4pm

This event, which is coordinated by Joy Duke, President of Maryborough Horticultural Society, is in its 5th year and growing. In 2018 there were 16 very diverse gardens on show with around 650 visitors. Open Houses on the Saturday and the Open Gardens on the Sunday. A very interesting and fun-filled weekend in Maryborough.

Entry to all homes, buildings and gardens is free as it is sponsored by the Fraser Coast Regional Council.

From mid-August a comprehensive list and map of gardens can be viewed on the Council website maryboroughopenhouse.com.au

Diggers Garden Group Inc.



ENTRY BY BOOKINGS ONLY

Winter Workshop

July 10th

QCWT

Caves Rd Stanthorpe

Guest Speaker :

Jo Neville

'Creative Paper Art'

For further information, please phone :Jan Moore 07 46811350 or
Noela Dodd 07 46813585 Or email Noela at: doddnb@gmail.com

IPSWICH HOME GARDENER'S EXPO 2019

Saturday 31st August — 8.30am to 3.00pm

Cnr: Green Street & Glebe Road — Booval

Admission: \$5.00 per person

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Kate Wall

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BUDERIM GARDEN FESTIVAL

18th, 19th and 20th October 2019

Buderim War Memorial Hall (corner of Main and Church Streets, Buderim)

** Spring Flower Show

** Photography Exhibition

** Quality Plant Market

** Exclusive Open Gardens

An inclusive weekend Festival ticket for the above is \$15.00, or \$2 entry to the Spring Flower Show in the main hall and Photography exhibition in the hall foyer only.

Buderim Garden Club Inc. ph: 0448 714 561

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QCGC Presidents' Morning Tea



Another fabulous Morning Tea enjoyed by about 100 Guests, including Lesley Fydlar and President Monica Ross from Twin Towns and District Garden Club.

It was wonderful to see so many Presidents come from so far away to enjoy a very informative and interesting talk by Michael Connolly.

All his information is included with this Newsletter by our President Phil Adam. President Phil is pictured with Michael thanking him on behalf of us all.

From Caboolture Garden Club, past Ambassador Trish and McMorris and



Secretary Ruby Peddell enjoyed the Morning Tea along with raffle prize winners Dell Underwood and Lorrie Maher who were very excited to accept their beautiful Plants.

All guests enjoyed a delicious morning tea and chatting with old and new friends.



Photos by Elizabeth Parkinson

QCGC A Garden A-Fair



Our Biggest event of the year.

A Garden A-Fair was a wonderful occasion as usual and the hall looked a picture with so many beautiful flowers on display. The Dahlias were looking superb.

The Clubs that set up stalls did a fantastic job, including the ladies from Greenpark Garden Club and Greg and Alice Daniels with their stall of cacti and succulents.



The Club Competition title was 'From Chaos to Simplicity' and was won by Northern Districts Horticultural Society. (picture 4 on back cover). Second Prize went to Forest Lake Area Garden Group (picture 3 on back cover).

Prizes for Floral Art Best Exhibit and Most Points in the Advanced category went to Heather Prior.

For the Cut Flowers and Foliage Section, the Best Exhibit went to Marjorie Armstrong (picture 1 on back cover) and the Best Rose to David Stephenson, pictured with President Phil Adam and the Noela Abeya Perpetual Trophy.



In Section 3 the Best Exhibit in Container Plants belonged to Dorothy Tyrrell. The Best Fern or Fern Ally was won by Antonia Scheiwe from Northern Districts Horticultural Society pictured with President Phil Adam presenting her with the Turner Perpetual Trophy.



The Best Exhibit in Section 4 for Home Grown Produce was Lesley Chmiel from The Gap Garden Club. The Gap was also the Club gaining The Most Points in Home Grown Produce. Unfortunately, they were not at the Presentation .

The Society Displays were also to be admired with the First Prize awarded to Toowoomba Floral Art Group.



The Club gaining the Most Points Overall was Northern Districts Horticultural Society.

The Exhibitor gaining the Most Points was Stephen Wedd from the Queensland Dahlia Society (picture 2 on back cover).



Over the weekend there were talks given by President Phil on the care of begonias and Heather Prior from The Floral Art Society of Queensland who oversaw contestants creating floral arrangements in 'Ready, Steady, Snip'.

The Ladies in the Kitchen from Aspley Garden Club kept us all well nourished with their tasty food.

It was a Wonderful Weekend.



Photos by Elizabeth Parkinson

A Garden A-Fair is the show organised by your Council to provide the venue for members of your clubs to exhibit their floral art, cuts, container plants and home grown produce. 37 people from 17 clubs entered over 300 exhibits on the competition bench, two clubs entered the Club Competition and 6 Societies set up a display showcasing their specialty. These numbers are lower than previous years but the quality was high as commented on the judges from The Floral Art Society of Queensland and Australian Horticultural Judges Association.

Particular mention and bouquets to those clubs that made a donation for a prize on the competition bench which meant all first and second place getters received something.

Mr Noel Hill from Inala, a very happy patron of this year's Queensland Council of Garden Clubs event, A Garden A-Fair at Mt. Coot-Tha, won first prize in the monster raffle. It took three trips to take the prizes to his car and he was smiling all the way. Noel has been the Honorary Archivist at the Botanic Gardens for many years and is an avid gardener who will make very good use of his winnings. Second prize went to Bernadette Knight from Clayfield Ascot Garden Club and third prize was won by Trish McMorrine from Caboolture Garden Club.



Congratulations to all the lucky winners.

Photo by Delwyn Hallett

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Toowoomba Clivia Society

Gary Conquest

Released in March 2019, a Reference Book on growing Clivias for Beginners was made available, free of charge, by downloading the 188 page Book (12MB) from the Facebook Page “*Growing Clivias for Beginners*” and from my website www.growingclivias.com.

The Reference Book is a collection of articles from around the Clivia world who have a love of the South African Bush Lily, *Clivia miniata* and it's 5 other species. The Book was a 6-month work of art as those who are involved in breeding and growing Clivias know, there is a severe lack of reference material on the Clivia available. This Reference Book hopefully will give the Clivia Beginner a step in the right direction to begin their love affair with the Clivia genera.

The Toowoomba Clivia Society Inc began in the early 2000's in Toowoomba providing new members with knowledge and experience on Clivias from world renowned Clivia expert, Kevin Walters. Kevin (a Toowoomba Pharmacist) was made a Life Member of the Clivia Society of South Africa for his great knowledge on Clivias. He was a specialist in the breeding of Clivia and its hybrids having many of his breeding creations registered in the World Clivia Register.

The Toowoomba Clivia Society Inc (www.toowoombacliviasociety.com.au) holds a 6-day Annual Clivia Show in conjunction with the Toowoomba Garden Festival, the Carnival of Flowers in September each year. Visitors, Australia and overseas wide, visit the Clivia Show each year enhancing their knowledge and love of all Clivias. The 2019 Annual Clivia Show occurs from 20/25 September at the TAFE Horticultural Pavilion in Toowoomba.

Twin Towns & District Garden Club

Gwen Barnes

Mystery bus trip

First stop was Brunswick Heads for morning tea. We then travelled to North Beach at Byron Bay and boarded the train to Byron. On return we enjoyed lunch at The Sun Bistro in North Beach. Full of food and feeling good we travelled to Billinudgel to the Flo Gardens where we were introduced to hydroponic veggie growing and the opportunity to have one installed at home. We were also introduced to a collection of very nice looking plants, wow they were environmental weeds which need removing. Then of course we went on to visit Kingscliff Garden Centre where the members bought up big with what funds they had left from the day out.

On 14th March 2019 'Tambourine Mountain Volunteers' choose the beautiful

Tweed Shire for their Annual Bus Trip given to them for all their hard work by 'Tambourine Mountain Botanical Gardens. They enjoyed visiting the gardens of two garden club members, Christine Hassall and Joan Young then lunch and finally took a trip to Kingscliff Garden Centre in order to fill up the bus with goodies.

The volunteers enjoyed the gardens before enjoying a sumptuous morning tea laid on by Twin Towns & District Garden Club committee.



Ormeau & District Garden Club

Elizabeth Parkinson

Ormeau Friendship Day on the 11th May was held at the home of Coral and Ron Powell on over 10 acres of beautiful undulating land. Coral is pictured on the right, with President Jill Dokter on the left.

The Members went to an enormous amount of effort providing delicious morning tea, lunch and hundreds of plants for sale on a beautiful sunny day.

There was a great talk on Tillandsias by Neville Ryan and there were some fabulous plants on show and for sale. Neville has been growing Tillandsias for over 40 years.



Redlands Horticultural Society

Joan Lacoste

At the Friendship Day in April, members and guests of the Redlands Horticultural Society celebrated its 70th Anniversary with representatives from many clubs. Everyone enjoyed the presentation by Tanya from Cool Companions with a wandering wombat, python, echidna, bat, kangaroo and lizards. Many plants from the large selection for sale and items on the white elephant stall were snapped up by eager collectors. The day finished with a multi-draw raffle and lunch with a celebratory cake.

The Society was formed in 1949 by interested members of the farming community to promote and encourage horticulture in all its

forms. 70 years later we continue to hold monthly meetings and outings for members to enjoy their passion of gardening.

The formation of the Society was inspired by a very successful flower show held in 1949 to raise funds for the Redlands Ambulance in the hall of the School of Arts building in Cleveland (then located opposite the Grandview Hotel). The show was so successful that Fred Bray and Bert Blake (both early presidents) were able to commence forming the Society. The first meeting was held on 27th September 1949 with 25 people attending. Over the past 70 years meetings have been held in various halls, rooms and homes within the district. The Society found its permanent home at the Thornlands Dance Palais in February 2009. In 1949 Redland City was a very different place to today. It consisted mainly of small fruit, vegetable and flower farms and was known as the salad bowl of Brisbane. Guest speakers and judges came from Brisbane and had to travel on dirt roads and transport was not good. Often the speaker or judge did not arrive. At the first meeting in 1949, it was decided to affiliate with the Royal Horticultural Society of Queensland. The Society was a keen supporter of the Redland's Strawberry Festival which raised



Janet Richter with Doreen & Charlie Taylor

funds for the Redlands Ambulance. The Society was closely associated with the Redlands Show and in 1980 was asked to take over the running of the flower section.

For many years the Society successfully competed in the Royal National Agricultural (the Ekka) and won several prizes for our exhibits. In the earlier days, members were keenly interested in competing in flower and produce shows. It was this interest that maintained the growth and activity of the Society. In 1982, the Society held its own show which was open to the public. President Sel Collins said at the time "The Society had a constant flow of visitors to the show with particular interest shown in floral art and the dahlia sections. Sadly Floral Art is no longer a part of the Society and we pay tribute to those champions who are no longer with us. The Hibiscus Society of Qld presented the Society with a new hybrid hibiscus named "Golden Anniversary" for our 50th year and the Council erected a plaque in Norfolk Park.

Since the beginning, the Society has helped with many community projects over the years, assisting with the Junior Farmer's candidates for Strawberry Queen; donated books to the then Greenslopes repatriation hospital; making floral tributes and providing sheafs for the Anzac ceremony. In 2009, we commenced a programme of giving rosemary to the Cleveland RSL. Some members visited the Nandeebie Retirement and Nursing Home to help in the occupational therapy of their residents. Each year a substantial donation is still given to some cause, over the last few years to needs of the farming community through drought and flood.

Caloundra Garden Club

Elizabeth Parkinson

Caloundra Celebrated their 35th Friendship Day on the 7th May. It was a great day with a beautiful Birthday Cake and many friends came to enjoy the celebrations.



President Kath Morris was joined by the ladies from All Things Garden who gave a very informative talk.

All Things Garden have a wonderful website for those who have limited time. Check it out.

DATE CLAIMERS

QCGC EVENTS

March	27	Wednesday	Presidents' Morning Tea
April	6-7	Sat & Sun	A Garden A-Fair
June	19	Wednesday	Friendship Day
August	28	Wednesday	Fashion Parade
November	27	Wednesday	Christmas Party

SHOWS AND EVENTS by member societies

June

- 8-9 Cactus and Succulent Society of Qld *BBG
- 12-13 Leafmore Winter Garden School - Toowoomba Golf Club
- 15 Esk Garden & Lifestyle Fair - Old Esk Railway Station

July

- 13-14 John Oxley District Orchid Society *BBG
- 28 Qld Camellia Society *BBG

August

- 16-18 North Brisbane Orchid Society *BBG
- 24-25 Sogetsu Ikebana Qld *BBG
- 31 Ipswich Home Gardeners Expo (see page 7)

September

- 07-08 Native Plants Qld *BBG
- 12 - 14 Laidley Spring Festival
- 14-15 West Brisbane Orchid Society *BBG
- 21-22 Floral Art Society of Qld *BBG
- 22 Sun Maryborough Open Gardens (see page 7)
- 28-29 Geranium & Pelargonium Society of Brisbane *BBG

October

- 18-20 Buderim Garden Festival (see page 7)

Venue

**BBG The Auditorium, Brisbane Botanic Gardens Mt Coot-tha*

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Meetings are held on the first Monday of the month - February to November. If the first Monday happens to be a public holiday, then the meeting is held on the second Monday.

Meetings are held in the Seminar Room, Administration Centre of the Brisbane Botanic Gardens, Mt Coot-tha. Each member club is entitled to have two delegates attend.

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