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NEWSLETTER

NOVEMBER 2022

Next Meeting:

Date: Sat. 12th Nov. 2022

Time: 9:30 am Set up

Place: Rotary Park Shed,
Cnr McKenzie & Wattle Sts.,
Blackwater

Bring: Morning Tea to
Share, Raffle Money

Special Plant Section:**BROMELIADS****Postal Address:**

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*** What's On ***

(Subject to Change)

REMEMBER, label all plants with name of plant and member number.
Plants are to be tabled before 10 am.

November 2022

06 Dingo Markets 8:30 am - details Page 3

12 Monthly Meeting 9:30 am Rotary Park Shed, Blackwater
Special Plant Section: Bromeliads

LAST DAY FOR PLANT COMPETITION**December 2022**

10 Christmas Break-up. 11:30 am. Comet Hotel. Details Page 3.

**February 2023**

11 FIRST MEETING FOR THE NEW YEAR

GENERAL MEETINGS – 2ND SATURDAY OF MONTH 9:30 AM

COMMITTEE MEETINGS – Dates To Be Advised

MEMBERSHIPS - \$20 Single; \$30 Family

CUT OFF TIME FOR ARTICLES IN THE NEWSLETTER IS: 25TH OF EACH MONTH

Please send all correspondence, articles, photos etc. to our email address.
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Get Well Wishes to those members who are not feeling so well at the moment.

Sending our love and best wishes your way.

We hope Tricia is mending well after her knee surgery and that John Engwicht is doing better

Birthday Wishes

We wish a very Happy Birthday to Members who are having a birthday. Hope you have a lovely day.

Karen Long



Plant Competition Results 8th October 2022

Section	Place	Plant Description	Name
Flowering	1 st	Hippeastrum	Rosemary
	2 nd	Cut Flowers	Rhonda
	3 rd	Roses	Sharon
Ferns	1 st	Birds Nest	Sue
	2 nd	Fern	Rosemary
	3 rd	Asplenium	Tricia
Foliage	1 st	Syngonium	Rosemary
	1 st	Aglaonema	Tricia
	2 nd	Aspidistra	Rosemary
	2 nd	Aroid	Sue
Orchids	1 st	Dendrobium	Tricia
	1 st	Golden Sunset Brownly	Sue
	2 nd	Moth Orchid	Helen
	2 nd	Phalaenopsis	Sharon
Cacti/Succulent	1 st	Cactus	Sharon
	2 nd	Cactus	Tricia
	3 rd	Bromeliad	Rosemary
Special	1 st	Bromeliad	Sharon
	1 st	Variegated Foliage Plant	Sue
	2 nd	Hypoestes	Rosemary
	3 rd	Caladium	Tricia



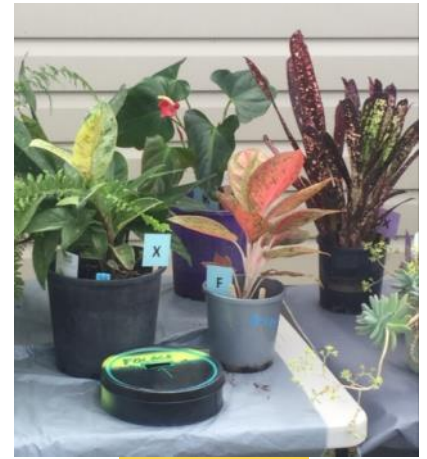
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Flowering



Ferns



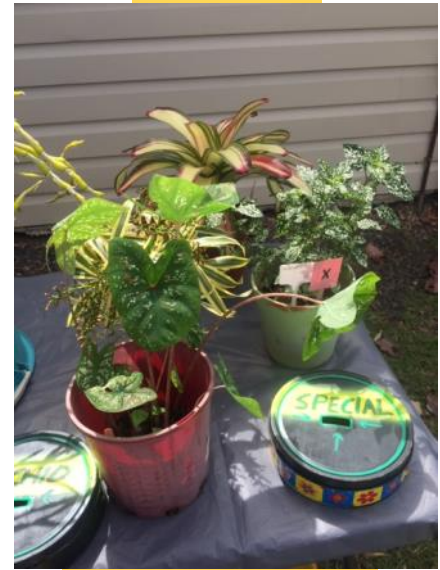
Foliage



Cacti/Succulent



Orchids

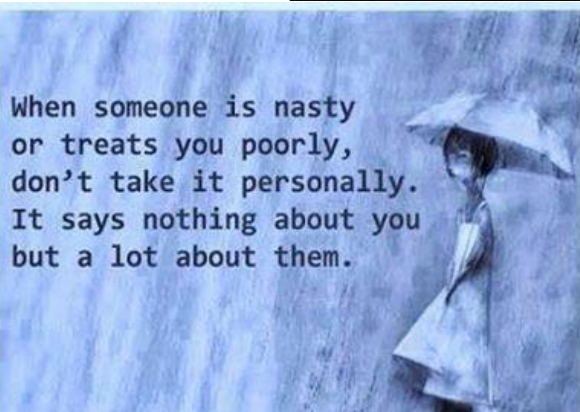


Special Section -
Variegated Foliage Plant



Dingo Markets Sunday 6th November 2022 - The Club has decided to have a plant sale at the Dingo Markets. Meet at the Dingo Town Hall at 8:30 am. Conditions will be the same as our May Day plant sale. Bring a chair. As this market day is to raise funds for Beyond Blue, the club has unanimously agreed to donate 50% of the proceeds to this worthy cause.

Christmas Break-up Saturday 10th December 2022 - 11:30 am for a 12:00 pm start. We will be going to **The Comet Hotel** this year. Cost of luncheon is **\$25** per head to be paid directly to the venue. You have to pay for your own drinks. **RSVP to Helen, 4982 6859 or email, by 26th November 2022.** Please advise any special diet requirements. Club members will provide desserts. As we do each year, please bring along at least three items for our progressive raffle.



When someone is nasty or treats you poorly, don't take it personally. It says nothing about you but a lot about them.

Royal Horticultural Society of Victoria



THE ROYAL HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY OF VICTORIA INC

NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The 2022 Annual General Meeting of the Royal Horticultural Society of Victoria Inc. will be held on **SUNDAY the 13th NOVEMBER 2022**. It will be held as a zoom meeting, commencing at 2pm for the purpose of receiving reports and electing an Executive. If you are attending, please let the Secretary know by the 4th NOVEMBER 2022. The zoom meeting details will be advised at this time. plantzia@bigpond.com or to 133 Underbank Boulevard BACCHUS MARSH VIC. 3340. If wanting Proxy Forms, please see Helen for details. Proxy forms to be received no later than 12pm on 12th November 2022.

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How Does Your Garden Grow



Rosemary's beautiful blood red *October Lily* or *Hippeastrum*. Unfortunately, the photo doesn't show the true colour.

Thank you, Rosemary

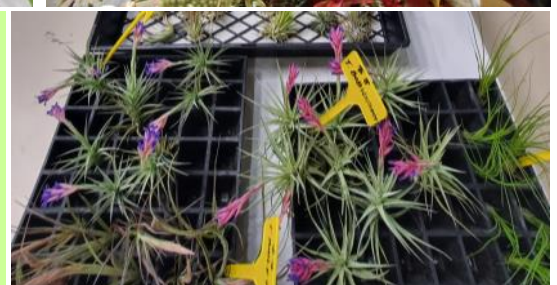


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ROCKY BROMELIAD SHOW

Thank you to Sharon and Rayleen for taking these photos at the Rocky Bromeliad Show so we could put them in our newsletter for all of us to see and enjoy. Well done, ladies.



“Pour out your hearts to Him, for God is our refuge.”
Psalm 62:8 NIV

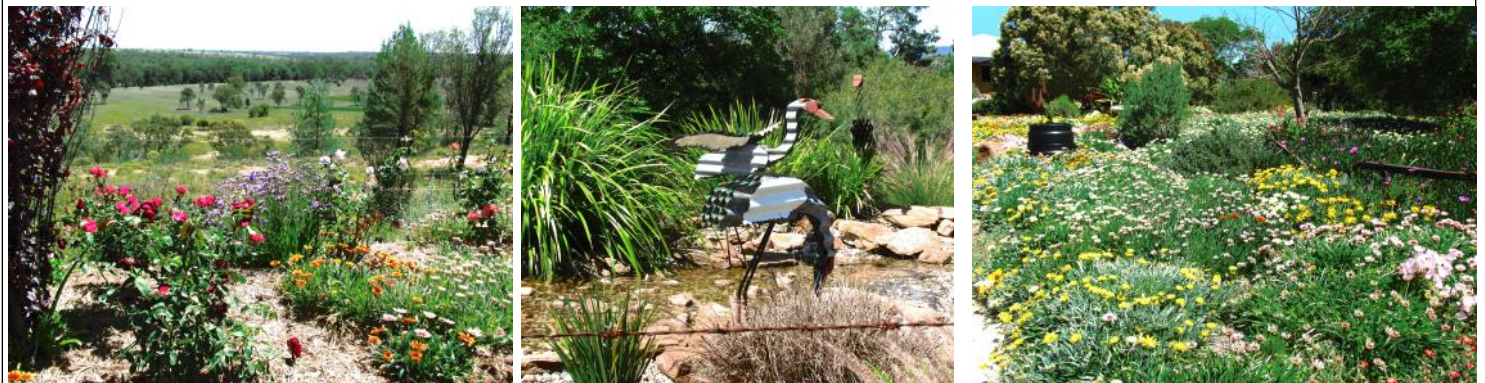
TRIP TO ROMA, 15TH & 16TH OCTOBER 2022.

The rain held off over the weekend so we could enjoy a wonderful time of visiting gardens, meeting fellow gardeners and enjoying each other's company. It was quite warm both days but pleasant in the evening. As we were making our way home on Sunday afternoon, we went through a couple of showers. We were glad that it didn't happen while we were making our way around the gardens. Sue left a jar of home-made Mango Chutney as a Thank You gift at every garden we visited just to say how much we appreciated their kindness in allowing us to visit their gardens. Thank you, Sue. That was a lovely idea and very thoughtful of you to do that.

Up bright and early on **Saturday** morning to get a good start for the trip to Roma, Sue, Sandra, Doug and myself made our way to Injune where we had smoko at the lovely little café there. Continuing on for about 45 minutes, we turned off onto the Taroom Road to visit our first garden, **Mark & Annette Huntley's "Mooga"**. As Mark & Annette were away, we were met by their caretaker, Michael, who showed us around. Before starting our garden walk, Michael introduced us to their pet galah who could talk and easily held a conversation with us. As there was a lot of walking to be done, and Doug was using a walking stick, Michael offered to drive Doug around in a buggy, or side-by-side as some call it. They seemed to be having a good old chit chat while the ladies tottered around the very spacious garden surroundings. Michael had done a wonderful job of maintaining the gardens and grassed areas. Lots of garden ornaments caught our attention and we marvelled at the imagination of the 'artist' who made them. A sheep dog guarding sheep and fairy gardens hidden amongst the shrubs. Some special little feature gardens were made closer to the main house which we assumed were for the grandchildren.



After leaving "Mooga", we back-tracked about a kilometre to visit the garden of **Jenny and Shane Ferry's "Wataview"**. Jenny is Annette's sister and you could see they shared a similar interest by the theme in their gardens. Jenny and Shane were away as well, and we were met by caretakers, Kerry and Darrin, along with some very friendly miniature dachshunds. We could see why it was called "Wataview". There was a large vegetable garden closer to the house and a large bird aviary not far from there. As we walked around the property, we were amused by the many garden ornaments made out of old bits of tools & roof iron and a little creek running through the side garden with a family of brogias (ornaments) keeping watch over the pond. Lots of flowers were out in bloom, some we knew the names of and others we recognised but couldn't remember what they were. Hippias were flowering, including a dark red one, gazanias in all colours sprawled through the many gardens along with statice in varying shades.



Bidding farewell to Kerry and Darrin, we made our way into Roma where we picked up Sandra's aunt Shirley, Joyce's sister, who had arranged to meet up with us for the rest of the weekend. Enjoying lunch at Subway, we then headed out of town to visit Helen and Peter Well's garden out near the saleyards. Helen took us on a guided tour of her property, telling us the story of how she and her husband designed and built the gardens and answering any questions that we had about a particular plant or piece of garden ornament of which there were many different pieces. A large display of bougainvillea graced the side patio as well as throughout the sprawling spaces of the garden. A lovely specimen of a white bougainvillea caught our interest. Helen had large pots of bougainvillea at the front of a granny flat which was set aside from the main house. Hanging pots of colour contrasted with the white colour of the dwelling which added to the niceness of the setting.

TRIP TO ROMA, 15TH & 16TH OCTOBER 2022 Continued



Scattered throughout the garden settings were pieces of old containers such as tool boxes, cream cans, old buckets and farm implements and machinery. Nearly all the containers had beautiful colourful displays of flowers. Whatever could hold dirt or potting mix was filled with all varieties of plants. I think that most of the garden ladies in Roma must have frequented all the clearing sales around the district and visited the dumps in the region to gather their treasures. The imagination was endless with some of the displays. There was an old cream shed that had been carted in two trips from Wallumbilla. It now stands proudly at the top of the garden and houses a collection of memorabilia, including a chopping block, sharpening stone and other butcher's items providing a testimony to Peter's previous life as a butcher. Other buildings that have been transported to the property include an outhouse, a building that has Helen's collection of memorabilia in it as well as serving as her potting area and an old railway station. A resident possum shares the potting shed and

Helen has to put wire mesh over the begonia plants to keep them from becoming a meal. A horse sulky and cart, a horse float, a row boat and various other items of yesteryear all peaked the imagination and brought lots of conversations about remembering when we were kids. Helen even found an old umpire's tower from a tennis court along with the stone roller, line marker and a net to add to the uniqueness of her vast garden. It seems there is no limit to this lady's imagination and creativeness. Away from the main garden area is a section where her husband has claimed as his spot to display heritage pieces.




"The Cream Shed"

Our second garden building was the "Cream Shed" - We purchased this from a property in Wallumbilla which may previously have had a few lives as a cream shed / workers accommodation / meat house. Now however we needed to transport it to Roma to give it another life!!!! With great determination Peter removed the roof and transported it on a car trailer in the early hours of the morning to avoid traffic and repeated this the next day to transport the body of the building.

The stumps went in and so began the work of putting it back together and replacing missing and damaged pieces. At its forever home at the top of our garden - this is now able to house some of our memorabilia included in this is a Chopping Block, Butchers Apron, Steel, Knives, Cleavers and sharpening stone, a testimony to Peter's previous working life as a Butcher.




Walking through Helen & Peter Wells' property is an adventure. Transported into another era or marvelling at the many displays of plants, one cannot help but be impressed by the amount of effort and imagination that has gone into the creation of this wonderful property.

Our journey continues next issue with lots more photos and stories about the other places we visited.

Recounted by Helen.

...><(((o) " ... if you judge a fish by its ability to climb a tree, it will spend its whole life believing it is stupid." Albert Einstein

BIRDS IN OUR BACKYARD



Excerpt from article *Birds In Our World* by Keith Ireland.

In Australia we have three different types of Frogmouth, so named because of their bills which could be compared to that of a frog. The Tawny Frogmouth is the one that is most widespread being found all over the continent. Large numbers live in Central Queensland and may be spotted sitting quietly in a tree, usually fairly high up.

The Marbled Frogmouth is quite rare, being mainly found only in far north Cape York. The Papuan Frogmouth has been only recorded in Cape York.

I have been fortunate in being able to photograph the Tawny variety on a number of occasions. One of the most interesting was when one had a nest only a few metres from the verandah of a friend's home. After the two babies had hatched and had some plumage, I sat on their verandah with my camera on the tripod waiting for them all to open their eyes. One would open its eyes but the others didn't.

It wasn't until a vehicle pulled up down below and the curiosity of the whole three birds was too much for them. All three had to look down which was when I took the attached photo. The results were worth the effort.

Rocky Orchid Show -

Thank you to Rayleen for taking the photos
More photos included in next issue



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