



OUR BADGE FLOWER –

Eucalyptus curtisii or Plunket Mallee

EMBLEM FOR IPSWICH

On Saturday 3rd December we held our **Christmas Break-up Party**. Due to the hot conditions not all Members ventured out to attend the Function. A Musical Programme by “Living with Harmony”, the popular Group from Boonah, was enjoyed by all.



Our Special Guests and Speakers for the Afternoon were – Mayor Paul Pisasale, Shane Newman MP, Jennifer Howard MP, Cr Andrew Antonioli, Cr Kerry Silver – Cr Kylie Stoneman sent apologies.

On completion of the Afternoon Programme **President Peter** invited Guests to choose a Plant from the Table as a Christmas Gift. There were lots of different plants to choose from - some

being the Yellow Ixora Plant, Cordylines, Spathiphyllum (Peace Lilly), Passion Fruit, and Crotons.



We also had Lucky Door Prizes – Garden Hoses, Secateurs, Garden Spray and Plants.

Our **Plant Stall** was set up at the entrance to the Hall and Sales were good. On sale were Cliveas,



Hoyas, and numerous other plants from the Greenhouse. We also sold Gerberas and Roses for Paul Smith.



Des and Dave with Gerberas for sale.

FOR ROSE GROWERS – in 2017 a Rose is being released to commemorate the **50th Year of the Queensland Council of Garden Clubs**. This Golden Anniversary Rose “**Queensland Gold**” is bred by Paul Hains well known Grower in Queensland.



“Queensland Gold”

will be released in mid-2017, so remember to watch this space.

Congratulations to QCGC on this great achievement

Birthday Wishes – Happy Birthday to all Members who had Birthdays in December and January, we hope you enjoyed your Celebration –



Christmas Flowers for **December**. Poinsettias meaning Celebration, Success,

Reassurance and Good Cheer.



Flowers for **January** are the Carnations – Carnations stand for Beauty,

Fascination, Love and Distinction.

Get Well Wishes – to all Members who have been on the sick list, we trust you have made a speedy recovery back to Good Health and hope 2017 will be a great year for you all.

In the Garden - Storm rains have been beneficial for most gardens, but unfortunately a number of places have had wild storms causing lots of damage.



Tree damage at Murphy's Garden.



What has happened to my Tree?



Lots of trees were up-rooted in the storm.

Do hope all Members who had storm damage have had the repairs done and all back to normal now. Some Gardens will get a makeover maybe!

Also **Snakes** seem to be appearing in Suburbia with lots of snake stories appearing in the media. I have a Snake story too! A Carpet Snake came to visit us and wrapped himself around my Chairlift. He stayed there all day and we finally got a Snake Catcher to come and take him away to a place more suitable.

Needless to say I did not use my Chairlift that day!



Carpet Snake curled up in Chairlift

If you have a story to tell why not submit it to the Newsletter? See Del for details.

Flowering in Gardens now -



Night Blooming Cactus flowering in John and Del's garden. Lovely flowers would like them to last longer than one night!



Hydrangeas in many colours all flowering well at present.

The beautiful BREYNIA nivosa rosea is a fantastic tropical shrub with beautiful multi-coloured foliage that ranges from green to pink, giving it the nick-name "Snow Bush". It forms a dense hedge and is highly decorative, making it a



popular ornamental plant. Breynia Nivosa is perfect for a small garden or those wanting something a little bit out of the

ordinary, and also works well in a pot.

Genus: Breynia **Species:** nivosa rosea

Growing: A hardy evergreen shrub, Breynia nivosa tolerates hot and moist areas and is fantastic in a wide range of garden types. It does best when planted in a warm position with full sun, but can tolerate partial shade.

Soil: This Breynia is perfect for a wide variety of well-drained soils.

Water: Give a medium amount of water when establishing and throughout the life of the plant.

Origin: South Pacific

Uses: The striking appearance of this shrub makes Breynia nivosa rosea a perfect contrast plant, looking fantastic when paired with more conventional green foliage plants. If you want to make a big statement, put a line of these multi-coloured stunners in a mass planting. It can be placed in a pot and used as a feature plant with its eye-catching foliage.

Maintenance: Breynia nivosa is a low maintenance plant, some minimal trimming in winter will promote bushy growth and create a rounded shape.

Height: 1.5m – Width 2m in a sunny position.

Some up-coming Events

Ipswich Garden & Plant Expo

Saturday 11th and Sunday 12th March 2017

8am – 4pm Saturday

8am – 3pm Sunday

Admission \$10.00

Children under 15 free

IPSWICH TURF CLUB, BUNDAMBA

We will again be operating the Plant Crèche at this event. Members who would like to help please see John to put your name on the Roster for a time that suits you.

Speakers at this Event will be –

Paul Plant, Don Bourke, Arno King, Claire Bickle, Noel Burdette, Annette Irish, Phil Dudman and Green Dean.



Members working at the Crèche last year, which was a successful event for all. Hard work though when time to pack up and the rain came pouring down!

There will be Native Plants available as well as all other plant varieties.

Entertainment for Adults and Children.

Variety of Food Stalls.

Free Parking.

The Tropical Fair – International Cordyline Soc.



Sat & Sun 4/5
February 2017
Brisbane Botanic
Gardens Mt Cootha

Cost \$3.00

Children free

Aspley Orchid Society -



Sat & Sun 11 & 12
February 2017
Brisbane Botanic
Gardens Mt Cootha
Cost \$4.00
Children under 16
free

Open Garden – Joncia Gardens



Sat & Sun
18 & 19
February
2017 -
Open 9am
to 4pm

“Joncia”

Gardens, 39-63 Derby Road, Logan Reserve –
Cost \$8 Adults, Pensioners and Concession
Holders \$6, Under 18 free.

Brisbane Plant Collectors Fair



Sat & Sun May 20 & 21 2017 – 8.30 am to 4 pm.

Brisbane Botanic Gardens Mt Cootha

Cost \$5.00 - Children under 15 free