

# Glebe Garden Club (Ipswich)

## July – August 2015 Newsletter



### July Meeting

Another great turn out this month for our July meeting, featuring our guest speaker Heather Knowles and her fantastic presentation on Australian natives in SE QLD. Heather showed us a lot of examples of great aussie natives for every aspect of your garden, from ground covers to water plants, small shrubs to large trees, and good specimens for sun or shade. Thank you Heather, for a most informative and enjoyable talk and for bringing in a selection of your plants for sale.

As is normal for all our meetings, we began with highlighting some of the upcoming community gardening events, friendship days and shows. Just a quick reminder that these can be found on our website in addition to our club noticeboard.

We would also like to wish all of our July Birthday Club members a very Happy Birthday.

### August Meeting

Our key speaker this month is Leyland Minter who was involved in research of the first bio-insecticides. Three years ago, Leyland started to research and develop the first two bio-

fertilisers that cause plants to grow and control insects and fungal diseases at the same time. These products are extracted from sea water off the north coast of NSW. Tests reveal plants grow much faster and healthier without any diseases or insect problems – no need to use poisonous chemicals. Leyland will be talking about these discoveries and showing samples. We look forward to seeing you at our August meeting! (01/08/2015).



*Leyland Minter, with the results of his super sea minerals*

### Friendship Days

Each year we receive numerous “Friendship Day” invitations from Garden Clubs and associations. A committee member usually represents our club and we attend as many of these events as

possible. However; our club members can also attend these invitations, should they wish to do so.

David Murphy would be pleased to hear from any club member wishing to attend some of these club functions. This would take a lot of pressure off committee members trying to ensure that the Glebe Garden Club is represented at these “Friendship Days”. They are very interesting, well organised, have good speakers and in most cases, lunch is also part of the Agenda.

Recently, David and Desleigh Murphy attended three Friendship Days in the same week, hosted by Jimboomba, Beenleigh and QCGC. The QCGC Friendship Day was also attended by Del Harle and our President, Peter Arnett.

#### **Jimboomba Garden Club**

David and Desleigh have attended this club’s Friendship Day a few times before and it was great catching up with some Garden Club members again. They always have a good program and their lunch is always scrumptious. Clair Levander was the special guest speaker and, as always, well worth listening to. The highlight of this event was this year’s theme which focused on “Craft within their Club Members”. All the craft in the picture below have been made by



their own members. Mavis would have been in her glory. This was a topped off with a beautiful lunch.



*A sample of the crafts made by members of the Jimboomba Garden Club*



*Clair Levander, David Murphy and "Robbie Mac"*



*Some of the great plants for sale*

### Beenleigh Garden Club

This is the first time that David and Desleigh have attended this Garden Club and were amazed at the number of people there. They took up the entire function room in the Civic Centre. Again; this was an excellent and well organised function, with a beautiful lunch. However; the big surprise was their guest speaker, Kevin Willcock, who is a florist. He

arrived dressed as Santa Clause using the theme of "Christmas in July". Kevin was absolutely fantastic and created some stunning floral displays, making it look ever so easy to do. The Logan City Mayor also called in and went around all the tables to speak with everyone.



*Kevin Willcock demonstrating a floral display*



*A sample of the floral displays on show*

### Queensland Council of Garden Clubs (QCGC)

The QCGC friendship day is always a good function to attend. They not only have a special guest speaker, but they also have a very intense gardening competition in the form of a question and answer test. The winner of this competition also wins the "Wendy Wragg" Trophy. The Glebe Garden Club won this trophy many years ago. While the guest speaker was from Qld Institute of Medical Research (QIMR), her talk was not focused on gardening. She stated that

recently, some special seed from within the rain forests had been discovered and early signs indicate that this may be a cure for many cancers. What she said sounded very promising. When it came to the gardening competition, there were no friends among the various Garden Clubs present. This was serious stuff!! May I say that the Glebe Garden Club did very well with 10 out of 20. The winner got 13 out of 20, and a University Degree would have been very helpful. However; Peter is a horticulturalist and his input was most welcome. Thanks Peter. The QCGC created a quilt some years ago that includes a patch from all associated Garden Clubs. The Glebe Garden Club patch was made by Mavis Wakefield. The Brisbane City Council recently built, and donated, a stand on which to display the quilt at functions, as per the photos below. There was a beautiful spread of food for lunch which finalised a great function.



*The QCGC quilt*



*The Glebe Garden Club (Ipswich) patch, made by Mavis Wakefield*





## Ipswich Home Gardeners Expo®

**Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> August  
8:30am to 3:00pm.**

Our annual expo is now only weeks away and final preparations are being made. We are excited to say that we shall have very full grounds with over 70 stalls, food, refreshments, entertainment, dignitaries and some excellent guest speakers attending the event.

The program for the day is:

- 8:30 Gates open
- 9:00 Opening - Ipswich Mayor Cr Paul Pissale
- 9:30 Alan Singleton – The art of wick gardening
- 10:20 Noel Burdette – More flowering plants for gardens
- 11:10 Jerry Coleby-Williams – 21<sup>st</sup> Century cottage gardens
- 12:10 Shirley Dance - Growing and caring of roses
- 13:10 Le-Anne Whittred – Cooking with Herbs Demonstration

We have thousands of people who attend our expo each year, so we are looking forward to yet another successful day in which local charities and causes within our community benefit from this expo.



Our annual expo is almost here.

Save the date!

Saturday  
29<sup>th</sup> AUG  
8:30am  
To  
3:00pm



Great Bargains

Food & Drink

Guest Speakers

Entertainment

[www.expo.glebegardenclubipswich.com.au](http://www.expo.glebegardenclubipswich.com.au)

## Can you help?

During our July meeting, Mavis gave us an introduction to the roster for the expo, with a kind request for assistance. The roster is such that we just need a few hours from each who can assist, so you can enjoy the rest of the expo at your leisure.

We need volunteers to:

- Help set up exhibitor tables (direct Queens Park Boy Scouts/Rangers, who will be helping with the manual labour)
- Man the entrance ticket gates
- Assist in the kitchen and with serving the public from our cold drinks and food stalls
- Help man our club plant stall
- Supply baked goods, sandwiches and other goodies for sale in the food court.
- Assist in the clean up afterwards

If you are able to donate a few hours of your time to help out on the day, please put your name down on our roster during our August meeting, with our gratitude and thanks.





## Did you know?

The world record for the heaviest tomato is 3.51kg – about the same weight as an average new born child.

Some of your favourite fruits are actually in the rose (rosaceae) family: Apples, pears, peaches, cherries, raspberries, strawberries and more

## Committee members

If you have any ideas that may be beneficial to our club functions and/or activities, our committee members would love to hear from you. Perhaps you have some club news or gardening advice you would like to share in our newsletter. Feel free to contact us by phone, by person or via email.

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### Committee Members

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## About our club

The Glebe Garden Club (Ipswich) was formed in November 1999. While it is an outreach ministry of the Glebe Road Uniting Church, its primary role is that of a garden club servicing the community and open for anyone in the community to join and become a member. The club operates in a relaxed and friendly atmosphere,

is multifunctional in its activities and does not specialise in any particular area or plant species. It is a general garden club!

The Glebe Garden Club conducts its club functions on the first Saturday of every month (except January) commencing at 1.30 pm. We meet in the big hall of the Glebe Road Uniting Church, cnr Glebe Rd and Green Street, Booval.

While the program for each club function varies, the format revolves around a guest speaker, helpful hints, gardening news, question time, birthday club, lucky door prizes, and afternoon tea. The cost of each club function is \$2.00 per person. Members can also become financial members at a cost of \$10.00 each year, or \$15.00 per couple.

Club activities have not been limited to in-doors, but also outdoor activities, some being bus trips, visiting personal gardens and parks, and presenting horticultural displays at various shows. The club has also taken on a project, in conjunction with the Ipswich City Council, to re-furbish and re-open Queen's Park Glass House to the public.

The focus of the club has, and will always be, people. Because the club involves members from many walks of life, it is totally focused towards the sensitivity of its members. It is often in sharing and working alongside others that the greatest bonds of friendship are built, and meaningful dialogue takes place. You are most welcome at the Glebe Garden Club!

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Until next time...  
Happy Gardening! 😊  
(Editor)

