



**OUR BADGE FLOWER –**

**Eucalyptus curtisii or Plunket Mallee**

**EMBLEM FOR IPSWICH**

Our November Meeting was held on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> and we were especially pleased to welcome **President Peter** back after a long absence due to his foot injury. We were so pleased to hear his latest Medical Report and hope he receives a wonderful Christmas Present in the form of being able to remove his Moon Boot and Crutches and get back into shoes.

**GUEST SPEAKER** – We were pleased to welcome back **Carol Kerkin** who gave an informative speech on the plants she grows in her wonderful garden. She and John had an array of plants for sale, all in flower, which Members were able to purchase.



Carol giving her talk and her Plants for sale on the day.

**GET WELL WISHES** – To all Members still on the sick list our Best Wishes go out to you for a return to Good Health.



**BIRTHDAY WISHES** – Happy Birthday to all our Members having a birthday this month. Flowers for you are Chrysanthemums for Cheerfulness and Love.



**PLANTS FOR SALE** – On our Stall we had a number of Cliveas for sale kindly donated by **John & Gail Craigie**, as well as our usual plants from the Greenhouse.





**GLASS HOUSE QUEENS PARK** – Mavis spoke about the forthcoming Celebration for the Glass House 10-Year Anniversary. She handed out Invitations to Members to attend and then passed a List around for Members to add their name if they intended going for Catering purposes. A great morning is assured.

**SHOW AND TELL** – A talk by John about our recent Rose Tour highlighting the events of the day – visiting the Rose Gardens and Nurseries. He recommended Members visit Barton’s Rose Farm at Kalbar and Montview Rose Garden at Killarney as the Roses were magnificent at both places. The Nurseries we visited were all very good with different items in each. We bought an



Insect House and the Insects have taken up home in some of the tubes already. We hope this means our Wind Chimes won’t be their home anymore!

John’s talk was followed by a Slideshow by David, which highlighted all the different Roses there are – Bush, Climbers and Rambling Briar. The bees were very busy on the Briar Roses as they are an open flower and plenty of pollen. Which is easy to get for them.



**Resting place amongst the Bush Roses at “Montview Rose Garden”, Killarney.**



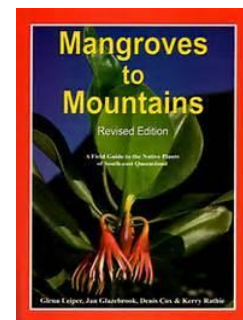
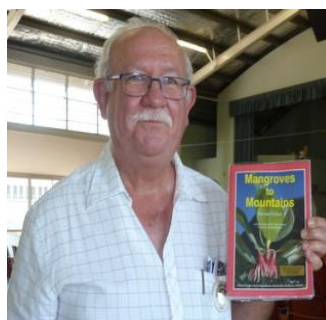
**Briar Roses which the Bees love.**



**Climbing Roses**

The three Nurseries we visited were also a must visit if you are in the Warwick area – Baringa Nursery, Southern Downs Nursery and The Enchanted Garden Nursery.

**LIBRARY** – As Desleigh was absent doing another important job – scoring for “Men’s Soft Ball Masters” – David mentioned the new book in our Library “Mangroves to Mountains” available to Members to read.



Ian was our first Member to borrow the book. Should be a good read – lots of information in it. As our next Meeting will be our Christmas Party there will be no Library on that day, but we will accept returns.



**RARE PLANTS**

**WRIGHTIA SPECIES**

Wrightia “Coral Swirl” and **Wrightia religiosa** are vibrant, lush shrubs that both produce masses of stunning white flowers. “Coral Swift” displays wonderful five-petalled blooms, while Wrightia religiosa’s flowers have a hanging, pendulous form. These Plants are perfect for brightening up



any garden with eye-catching white flowers!

**Genus:** Wrightia

**Species:** spp.

**Growing:** These plants prefer well drained soil that is rich in organic matter.

**Water:** Wrightia like to be well watered, with increased watering when flowering.

**Origin:** South East Asia.

**Uses:** Perfect for tropical gardens, these lush plants look fantastic in pots or kept well-trimmed as border plants.

**Maintenance:** Prune each year after flowering to keep a tidy shape. Fertilise with slow release fertiliser. **Height: 2m - Width: 1m**

**Plant in a sunny position**

**Water:** Medium



**GLASS HOUSE CELEBRATIONS** - on the 19<sup>th</sup> November Members and Friends attended the 10-year Celebration of the Re-opening of the Glass House in Queens Park.



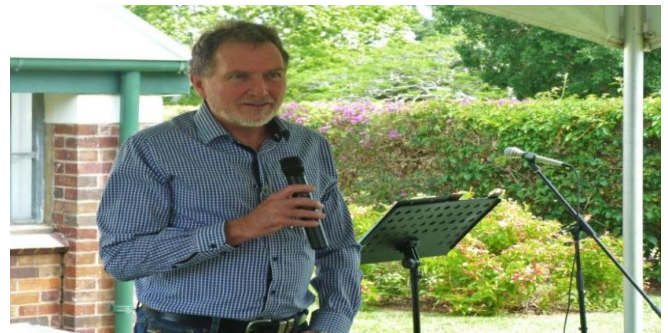
**In 2006 when the Glass House was re-opened.**

Members who keep the Glass House in pristine condition.



Special Guests at our Celebration were –  
**Mayor Paul Pisasale Cr David Morrison**  
**Cr Andrew Antoniulli Shayne Neumann MP**  
**Jennifer Howard MP**

**Cr David Morrison** chaired the Event -



The **Mayor Paul Pisasale** presented us with a Certificate – **President Peter** receiving it -





Mavis, Co-ordinator, giving her report on the history of the Glass House.

The Elite Brass Ensemble Band played during the Event -

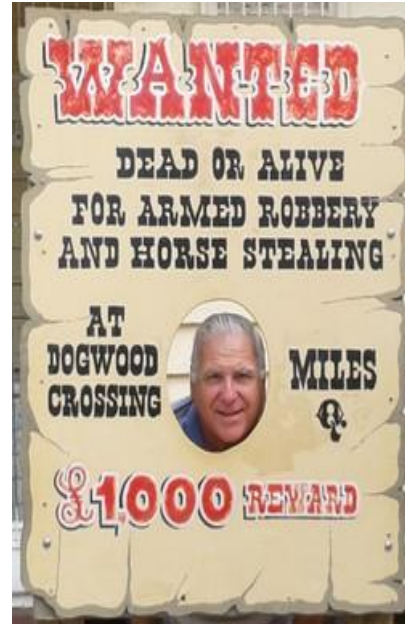


Guest Speaker was **Mr Dale Arvidsson**, Curator of Brisbane Botanical Gardens, who gave an interesting talk on the history of Glass Houses and how they were first created.



As 2016 draws to a close we remember all the Highlights and what the Club has achieved throughout the year. We thank all our willing Workers for helping at the various functions – **Club Meetings, Plant Crèche at Paul’s Expo, catering at Noel’s Rare Plants Fair and especially our own Expo with the Catering, Plant Stall, and all the work in preparing for the day to make it the great success it has become.** To our hard working **Secretary** who was almost captured out

west! We are glad the Law didn’t catch up with him and he returned to our midst!



Special thanks to **David** for his duties as **Acting President** throughout the year in President Peter’s absence – a job well done. To **President Peter** we wish you a **Healthy and Happy 2017.**

## MERRY CHRISTMAS



As we celebrate the end of a wonderful year with our Christmas Party Function to-day, we would like to wish all Members a Joyous Christmas Season and a Happy New Year and we will welcome you all back at our -

**FIRST GARDEN CLUB MEETING of the NEW YEAR**

**SATURDAY 4<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY, 2017**

