

GLEBE GARDEN CLUB IPSWICH – NEWSLETTER SEPTEMBER 2016



OUR BADGE FLOWER –

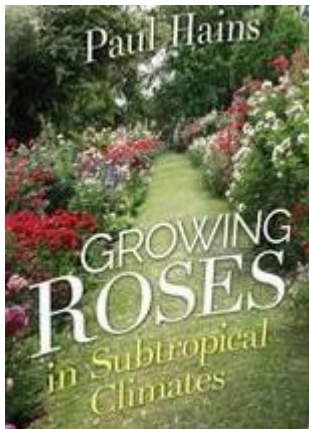
Eucalyptus curtisii or Plunket mallee

Emblem for Ipswich

At our **Garden Club Function** in September we welcomed Visitors attending for the first time and hope they enjoyed the day. **Our Guest Speaker was Paul Hains**, who spoke on all things Roses. As Shirley Dance was to be our Speaker and was unable to attend it was great that she chose Paul to take her place. Paul has written a magnificent book “Growing Roses in Sub Tropical Climates”.



Paul in the Heritage Garden



Paul is Vice -President of World Federation of Rose Societies, President National Rose Society of Australia 2015 and the President of the Queensland Rose Society, and his informative speech of advice on the finer

points of growing roses was well received by Members and Visitors. He also breeds Roses and recently his “Royal Queensland Show Rose” was planted in the Heritage Garden of the Old Queensland Museum at the recent Ekka.



GET WELL WISHES – To all Members absent because of illness we send our Best Wishes.



PLANTS FOR SALE – We had our usual Plant Stall and Fertiliser and Honey for sale.



Our Fertiliser sells for \$2.50 a tub.



Our Honey is \$4.00 a bottle.

SHOW AND TELL – Doreen brought along her beautiful Cymbidium Orchid and spoke on how easy it is to grow them. She invited everyone to try and grow one.

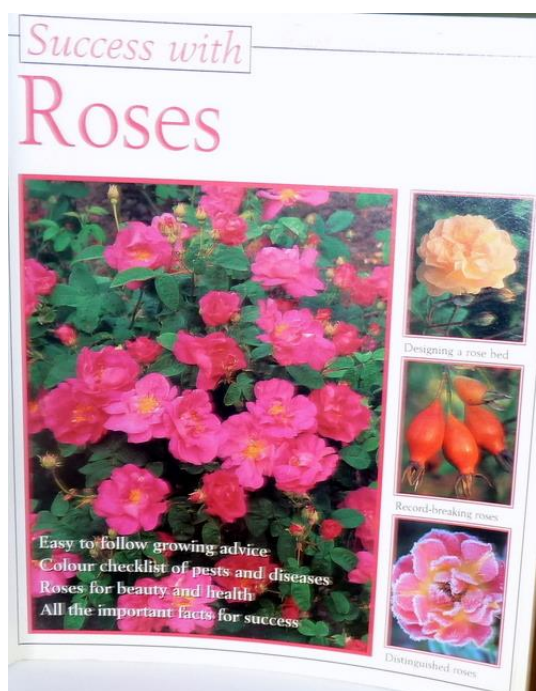


Doreen also answered questions on how to care for them.

BIRTHDAY WISHES – We wish all our Members having a Birthday this month a Happy Day. The Flowers for you are Asters, meaning Love, Faith and Wisdom and welcoming in Spring.



LIBRARY – This month the talk was on Roses. We have lots of Books and Magazines for you to read on Growing Roses, including Paul’s Book as mentioned on page one of this Newsletter.



BUS TOUR – Our Rose Tour is almost here, so we hope you have your seat booked, as it will be an interesting day. All particulars are in last month’s Newsletter (August).



We will travel with Doyle’s Coaches. **Departure time is 8.00 am from the Green Street Entrance, Booval.** Bring Morning Tea to share.

DOOR PRIZES –



Lucky Door Prizes were won by several Members. **Paul** brought three

Orchids for us to sell and David auctioned them off and keen bidding resulted with three lucky people adding Cymbidium Orchids to their collection. Thank you Paul.



Three different Orchids that were auctioned off.

FRIENDSHIP DAYS - Alan, Mavis and Tom represented our Club by attending the 30th Anniversary of the Boonah Garden club, which was held at the Lavender Farm on 28th September. Congratulations to Boonah.



FLOWERING IN GARDENS NOW - **AZALEAS** are flowering in our Gardens now and sometimes get a bad name as being a challenging plant to grow. But with a little care and extra attention while plants are young, azaleas will thrive to become a hardy and very rewarding addition to any garden.

Hints from Australian Plants online –

1. Gently tease the root ball before planting – this allows for better uptake of nutrients and moisture helping plants establish more quickly.

2. Water regularly during the first 12 weeks – Azaleas have a very fine and shallow root system making it difficult to compete with larger plants nearby so water 2-3 times a week in summer and weekly in winter.

3. Apply liquid fertiliser – use one such as eco-seaweed when planting and weekly during the cooler months.

4. Mulch – Add a good layer of mulch taking care not to place it too close to the stem.

5. Tip Prune - Tip pruning young plants encourages dense growth which in turn creates a mass of flowering colour each season.



PLACES TO VISIT – If you have a spare hour or two a visit to the **Roma Street Parklands** is a must. It is looking spectacular at present with all the flowers in bloom.



The Brisbane International Garden Show is on from 6th to 9th October this year at Strathpine. Highway Coaches are running a Coach to the venue from Ipswich on **Saturday, 8th October – for further particulars and to make a booking ring - 0419 777 375**

Some of the **Garden Experts** who will be at the Show - **Graham Ross, Annette Mcfarlane, Claire Bickle, Costa Georgiadis, Phil Dudman, Noel Burdette, Arno King and Matthew Carroll.**

GLASS HOUSE IN QUEENS PARK - It is 10 years since we took on the job of re-opening and caring for the Glass House in Queens Park, Ipswich. On **19th November** we will celebrate this Anniversary and further particulars will be in next month's Newsletter. Congratulations to all the dedicated Members who work on this project to keep it looking magnificent for the public to see.



EXTENSIONS TO OUR OWN GREENHOUSE – Just recently we have had the Greenhouse extended to accommodate more plants. The extension was able to be added on as there was vacant land there which wasn't being used for any purpose.

BOTTLE TREES – ROMA – David and Desleigh recently took a few days' holiday to Miles and did a day trip to Roma and took a keen interest in the numerous Bottle Trees in and around this locality. Roma is justly proud of its Bottle Trees, however, one issue exists that even locals sometimes need to be corrected on their identification.

It should be pointed out that their trees **ARE NOT Boabs (or Baobabs)**. There is indeed an **Indigenous Australian species of Boab**, which grows uniquely in **Western Australia**. Six other species of Boabs grow in Madagascar, and another species grows on the African mainland. **None of the Boabs are related to the true Australian Bottle Tree** – any resemblance is superficial. The tree commonly associated with **Roma is the Narrow-leaved Bottle Tree**.



Roma happens to have a lot of Bottle Trees, largely through the fact that the town boasts a heritage listed avenue of the trees. The Trees in this avenue are dedicated to locals who fell in World War 1 and have become synonymous with Roma.



The Bottle Trees are naturally found in scrub country, often Brigalow Scrub. In that environment, the trees tend to grow tall, to reach the light. However, those in the open country either transplanted naturally or otherwise, often tend to become more like squat bottles. Bottle Trees are normally hollow. They have cavities filled with water; the same as any species of tree might develop a hollow and contain free water. The term “Bottle” refers only to the general shape of the tree. The Bottle Tree’s timber is quite fibrous, and very moist; consequently, the trees are sometimes felled for stock fodder. Importantly from Roma’s viewpoint, mature trees can be successfully transplanted with little trouble, and for that reason they were introduced

to the streetscape. They naturally live for many years, certainly over 200 years. **In fact, very large trees that were described on Mount Abundance by Sir Thomas Mitchell in 1846 are still growing there.** They can die prematurely from a root fungus, and will not tolerate poor soil drainage.



This Tree was transplanted in 1927 as an adult tree. And while it is still thriving to-day, it is more than 100 years old. It is staggering to know that it took Desleigh 20 paces to walk around the circumference of this tree.

MILES HISTORICAL VILLAGE -



While our stay in Miles was interesting, it must be said that this town has one of the best Historical Museums we have ever visited. The price is very reasonable and takes at least 3 hours to walk through it, taking in the history and the relics on display. Having just talked about the Bottle Trees in Roma, we were taken a-back by a new genus of Bottle Tree below that we saw growing at the Museum.

