



OUR BADGE FLOWER –

Eucalyptus curtisii or Plunket Mallee

EMBLEM FOR IPSWICH

**April was our Annual General Meeting** when all positions became vacant. **David** presented the previous Annual General Meeting Minutes and **President Peter** gave a comprehensive Report on the year's activities. **Faye** presented the Treasurer's Report. President Peter then vacated the Chair for the Election of Office Bearers and **Ross Pedley**, our Guest Speaker for the day, took this position. All Members elected for the ensuring year are: -

**President: Rev. Peter Arnett**

**Vice President: David Murphy**

**Secretary: David Murphy**

**Assistant Secretary: Faye Wright**

**Treasurer: Faye Wright**

**Committee Members: Alan Addison, Ron Chand, John Harle, Del Harle, Judy McLaughlin, Mavis Wakefield**

**Chairman Ross** then handed the Meeting back to **President Peter**, who congratulated the New Committee on being elected and opened the Meeting up for **General Business –**

**PROPAGATION OF PLANTS** – President Peter advised us that now is a good time to commence propagation of plants for our own Expo coming up in August. Plants can be donated to **Desleigh** prior to the event and will be kept in the Bush-house.

Also, on propagation, **Dale Arvidsson, Curator of the Brisbane Botanical Gardens**, has asked for cuttings or Plants of **Coleus** as he plans to plant them in the Brisbane Botanical Gardens. He would especially like the older varieties. Donations of Coleus can be brought to the

Garden Club Meeting and arrangements will be made to deliver them to Dale.

**REACHING OUT TO THE YOUNGER GENERATION**

President Peter explained about Garden Projects our Club could be associated with Silkstone State School and the Ipswich Special School and asked for a show of hands. None were forthcoming, but Alan said he would be available for the Ipswich Special School. This Project was then referred to Committee to discuss at their next Meeting.

**THANK YOU** – The Present thanked all Club Members for their continued help in cleaning up at the end of Functions, which is a great help to the Committee. He trusts this help will continue as it is a benefit to the Club too.

President Peter also stated he wanted to thank **Keith Denman**, who makes himself and his **Ute** available to the Club every year. He transports all the tables and equipment to the Ipswich Racecourse for the Club to operate the Plant Crèche. He then returns when the function is over to take all the equipment back to the Church. A letter of thanks will be forwarded to Keith for all his work in helping us.

With no further business **President Peter** then closed the Annual General Meeting 1t 2.05pm and commenced the Monthly Club Function Activities.

**GUEST SPEAKER** – We then welcomed back **Ross Pedley**, renowned Horticulturalist, to speak on the Growing of Hoyas, which he specialises in. Ross spoke at length on the care of Hoyas,

collecting the seeds and the propagation of them. He advised us on the right potting mix to use and when to fertilise. We thank Ross for all this valuable information.



Ross had a large variety of Hoyas for us to purchase –



**OUR PLANT STALL** – Plants from the Bush-house were available to purchase also.



**GET WELL WISHES** –



To all Members and Friends who are not so well, we wish you a speedy Recovery back to Good Health. Our Special Wishes to Barbara, whom we welcomed back after her long recovery from Knee surgery.

**BIRTHDAY WISHES** – Happy Birthday to all who had a Birthday in April.

*April - Sweet Pea*



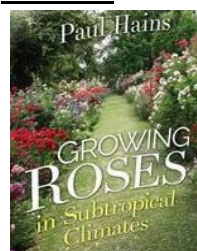
Innocence, Modesty and Simplicity

**COACH TOUR – 27<sup>TH</sup> MAY – TO BRIBIE ISLAND AND SURROUNDS – COST \$35.00 INCLUSIVE -**

**Desleigh** confirmed all the Venues we will be visiting as stated in the April Newsletter. There are still seats available, so book with **Faye** if you would like to travel on this Tour.



**LIBRARY** – There were no Books to record.



The Book on Roses (Growing Roses in Subtropical Climates by Paul Hains) is still out on loan and we ask Members to have a look to see if they have missed returning it to our Library, as we have a waiting list of Members wishing to read it.

**SHOW AND TELL** – **Alan** brought along his pet **Blue Tongue Lizard** and gave a short talk on how they are beneficial to the garden. They come in a variety of colours, but all have the distinctive blue tongue. They are the biggest members of the **Skink Family** known as **Tiliqua**. They can grow up to 60 cm. They are slow and long lived – they can live for 12 -15 years or maybe longer. They feed on snails, slugs, fruit, berries and flowers. Do not put Snail Bait out as that will kill them – let them do the job for you! Blue Tongue Lizards like to bask in the sun and shelter under fallen timber, ground debris, and hollows.





**UPDATE – John** spoke on the success of the Plant Crèche we manned at the **Ipswich Plant & Garden Show** at the Showgrounds on 11/12 March. He thanked all who helped on the days and spoke on meeting up with the various Stall Holders with the view if we have any vacancies for our own Expo we would have several names to contact. He also mentioned if Members had anyone in mind to fill vacancies to make it known to Committee. John also mentioned that the Library has Books on Vegetables, Flowers and Natives as well as many Magazines for all to borrow and read at their leisure.



**LUCKY DOOR PRIZES –** We had some lovely Plants for the Door Prizes, as well as Products donated to us by Rocky Point Mulching.



**PALM SUNDAY – 9<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2017 –** On Palm Sunday our Palm Trees from the Green-house were displayed in the Church.



**A GARDEN AFFAIR – 8/9 APRIL – QCGC -**

David and Desleigh reported on attending this Event and said the Display of Plants for Judging and the Stalls were very good. They met up with many of our previous Guest Speakers and Stall Holders. Paul Hains is looking forward to returning to talk to us in August and Desleigh purchased another copy of his Rose Book – signed by Paul – for the Club Library.

**Some photos of the QCGC Event –**





## JIMBOOMBA FRIENDSHIP DAY – 22 APRIL 2017

John and Del reported attending this Friendship Day. The Day began with a Sing Along to a song written by one of their Members on Gardening, which was enjoyed by all. The Guest Speaker was Megg Miller, Publisher of the Magazine "Grass Roots". She spoke on "Breeding Chooks" and gave an interesting talk on all the ins and outs of breeding chickens and caring for them.



### Megg with one of her Chooks!

Megg is a leading Poultry Expert and Judge. She recently judged at the Sydney Royal Show.

The stage was all set up with a Country Scene – you could just imagine the chickens roaming free there. Members showed us Flood Photos and it is so hard to imagine the water could come up so high when in fine weather there is nothing to see!

## UP COMING EVENTS –

**"Bellis" Jerry Colby-Williams's Open Garden – 13/14 May, 50 Daisy Street, Wynnum. Entrance Fee - \$10.00.**



Also, same week-end 13/14 May – Qld. Rose Society Autumn Show, Auditorium, Botanical Gardens, Mt Cootha. Crafts, Potted Roses,

Demonstrations, Refreshments and Raffles. Opening Times – Saturday 11.30am – 4pm - Sunday 9am – 3pm.

*Roses...*

FOR MOTHER'S DAY .....



To be held at the **Mt Cootha Auditorium** on **20/21 May**. Some unusual Plants will be on display for anyone who would like something different for their garden. **Adults \$5.00 – Children under 15 free.**



**Brisbane City Botanical Gardens** will take part in this Event. Why not plan to take a stroll through the Gardens on this day to see what is new.

## HERB AWARENESS DAY



Also on 28<sup>th</sup> May the Qld. Herb Society Inc. will hold their Herb awareness Day at 102 McDonald Street, Windsor. Open 9am to 4pm and Entry is Free.

## LINDMAR GARDEN

### *Open Garden & Plant Lovers Fair*

This Event is on 3-4 June at 130 Blewers Road, Morayfield and Entry is \$7.00 (Children under 18 free). Open 9.30am to 4pm.

Light Refreshments, Sausage Sizzle, Plants for sale, Expert Garden Talks.