

## MARCH NEWS – 2015

The year is moving along very quickly as Easter is right on our doorstep. Already this year we have had some wonderful speakers at our February and March functions. A speakers' program for the entire year has been posted out to all members, and it goes without saying that we have a wonderful program of events lined up for you this year. If you have not received a copy of our speakers' program, go to the "Club Events" page of this web site and you can download the program.

Our June function will involve the ever popular "Gardening Panel" comprising of expert horticulturists giving expert advice on questions raised by club members. The Gardening Panel has certainly proved to be a popular event each year, and this year we have another panel consisting of expert horticulturists. This function was not only entertaining, but also educational for all those present; for any home gardener.

With Easter coming early this year, the club's April monthly function will be moved forward a week to the 28th March 2015. At this function, the AGM will be held, whereby a new committee will be elected. While a large number of the existing committee has opted to re-nominate, there will be vacancies for new committee members fill. This is a good opportunity for new blood to be part of the committee and to understand the "behind the scenes" running of your club. Please give this careful thought as the club requires a committee for the club to operate. I would like to thank all the committee members for the excellent contribution they have made to the club this year. After the AGM on the 28th March, information on the new committee members can be obtained if you access the club's website under the page "Contact Us".

As a reminder, this year's Glebe Garden Club's membership fees are now due, with effect of our first club function held in February 2015. The Glebe Garden Club fees are as follows:

\$10.00.....Single

\$15.00.....Couple

Cost of monthly club functions is \$2.00

Additionally; financial members automatically become a member of the "Birthday Club" and will receive a small birthday gift at a club function. In addition to the birthday gift, a gift voucher from "Trevallan Lifestyle Centre" and "Plants Plus" are also issued. The Glebe Garden Club thanks "Trevallan Lifestyle Centre" and "Plants Plus Ipswich" for these most welcome birthday gift vouchers.

Additionally; the committee has been designing a new club badge which involves the Ipswich floral emblem – Eucalyptus Curtisi. These badges are for those members who have paid their annual subscription and it will be launched at the April club function being held on the 28th March.....due to Easter.

The Glebe Garden Club had a most interesting and trying Saturday on the 7th March. Not only was it the scheduled club function for March, the club was also conducting the "Plant Crèche" stall at the Ipswich Plant Expo. Saturday morning at the Ipswich Plant Expo proved extremely chaotic, even with 6 members operating the stall. Fortunately; we were able to acquire the assistance of church members in the afternoon to operate the stall. This enabled all club members to be able to attend our club function in the afternoon. Desleigh volunteered to "oversee" those members and remained at the Expo the entire day. Thank you Desleigh for

that huge sacrifice.....I know she was suffering at the end of the day. Thank you to those church members for working the afternoon at the Expo. Your involvement was a blessing for our club members' being able to attend their monthly function. A big thank you is extended to Keith Denman who used his flat top truck for the club to get the tables to the Expo on the Friday afternoon and to return them after the event on Sunday afternoon. For all the club members who helped with operating the stall over the 2 day event, a big thank you to you as well. After an enormous amount of work, the weekend proved very successful for the club.

Most members would not have known the Ipswich Garden Expo was happening at the same time as our club function as it operated so efficiently without any major problems. It turned out to be a wonderful afternoon with our President, Peter Arnett, and his family, giving an excellent presentation on chooks. Thank you Peter for that excellent presentation.

Mavis and Faye are currently organising our next bus trip to the Sunshine Coast Hinterland. While I do not have the information at this time, more will be said at our next club function. Until more information is forth coming, if you are wishing to be on this bus trip, then you need to submit your name to Mavis Wakefield on 32810665 or our club Treasurer, Faye Wright on 32888420 ASAP.

For all club members, especially new members, the Glebe Garden Club operates a very extensive free library which is controlled by Desleigh Murphy. In addition to quite a number of hardcover books, the Glebe Garden Club subscribes to various gardening magazines. An index of hardcover magazines can be found on the club's website under the page "Library". Magazines that the club subscribes to are Gardening Australia, subTropical Gardening and Organic Gardener. Please avail yourself to this service, which is free for all club members.

Our Garden Expo is fast approaching and will be held on Saturday 29th August 2015. A copy of the "Flyer" can be downloaded from this web site on the "Club Events" page. Amongst other speakers, the committee has secured 2 very renowned speakers in Noel Burdette and Jerry Colbey-Williams who are both hosts on the Radio 4BC Gardening program.

The committee is always appreciative of member's help and participation, and again asks if members could begin to focus on potting plants for the club's plant stall for this event. Anybody requiring assistance or information relating to this event, you can contact David Murphy on 32888467. Additionally; the committee is desirous of any help possible from its club members to help in any way they can during this event, especially by putting their names on the roster. This is your event; it is well-known in the wider community and one that is regarded as extremely friendly and well organised. I know your continued help again this year; will not only be welcome, but very much appreciated.

Don't forget to continually check out the pages on the club's website, such as "Club Events" and "Community Events" which are now up-to-date.

Finally; if members have any ideas that may be beneficial to the club's functions and/or activities, I and the rest of the committee will be only too glad to speak with you. Failing that, put it on paper, pass it to me personally, or send me an Email. The committee values your support and ideas.

Enjoy your club and I urge you to get involved in any way you possibly can. To operate efficiently, we need your assistance. I hope you enjoy everything the committee has planned for you throughout the 2015 season.

David Murphy