



Glebe Garden Club (Ipswich)

Proud presenters of the Ipswich Home Gardener's Expo

An activity of the Ipswich Uniting Church – Glebe Road



2024 Club Function Program

IUC Activities Hall 1:30 PM - First Saturday of each month
98/104 Glebe Road, Booval Entry - \$2.00 Financial - \$4.00 Unfinancial members

Speaker for 4th May 2024

Kevin Keidge is an avid lover of Desert Roses and has been involved with them for many years. Plant lovers are always looking for easy to grow, unique plants with a fun aspect. Adenium Desert Roses are perfect specimens for the intrepid or novice gardener. Desert Roses are very exotic, and flower in spring once they come out of their winter dormancy. Spring is their peak flowering period, but they will keep flowering most the year, except for winter. Kevin has conducted a Desert Rose stall for many years at our Garden Expo, and he is here today to speak about "Growing and Caring of Desert Rose Plants".

Speaker for 1st June 2024

Soil is so much more than "dirt" – soil is alive! Every teaspoon of soil is home to billions of microorganisms – bacteria, fungi, nematodes, and more – as well as larger organisms like insects and earthworms. All of these organisms have a role to play in the soil ecosystem. A healthy soil ecosystem provides plants with easy access to air, water, and nutrients. Bruce Ham is a contract organic gardener with qualifications in horticulture, engineering, geology, and health science. He has served as president of Brisbane Organic Growers, made presentations to garden clubs, the Queensland Herb Society, and the National Landcare Australia Conference. Today, Bruce will speak on "Plant Nutrition and Soil Health".

Speaker for 6th July 2024

Due to popular demand, this meeting will consist of a Gardening Panel of expert horticulturalists. The panel will be here to answer your many questions about your garden, plants, soils, weeds, and pests etc. This year the club has another expert panel consisting of Brian Heath, Jason Hauser, and Chelsea Allan. You can be assured the panel will answer any questions you have in relation to gardening, plants, pests, and soils. In recent years, this has proved a very popular information filled meeting, so bring along plant and weed samples, and questions about your garden that you would like the panel to answer.

Lucky door prizes, plant stall, birthday club, library, afternoon tea, new plant releases, special guest speakers and more.

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Speaker for 3rd August 2024

Rocky Point is committed to making the earth better! Everything they do is aimed to make the earth we live on, and the earth we cultivate, better for this, and future generations. Since their humble beginnings as sugar cane farmers in 1949, their brand has grown with five separate divisions across multiple growth industries, including home gardening. Rocky Point's primary purpose is very clear. As passionate growers, they are very committed to making the best garden products and growing media even better. Today, Varnia McNabb is representing Rocky Point to speak on "Organic Health Produce". Do not miss this talk!!

Speaker for 7th September 2024

Fifty five years ago, Bernard Yorke made an important decision about his work/life balance. He developed a passion for begonias and the continuous improvement of rhizomatous begonias. In the process he became one of the foremost breeders of our time. Bernard Yorke is a lawyer and cultivating begonias balanced his life, which brings him endless joy. This century, Begonias have been described as the most rapidly growing genus on Earth. There are now 2,000 described species found worldwide in subtropical and tropical climates. Many of Bernard's begonias are prized in the USA, one recent garden show comprised entirely of hybrids he has produced. We welcome Bernard today as he speaks on Begonias.

Speaker for 5th October 2024

Joy and Greg Patch reside at Brooklands near Nanango. Their garden is predominately daylilies and other cottage garden plants. Joy's daylily journey started after winning a raffle at her first Nanango Garden Club meeting. It took her a couple of years to begin crossbreeding, taking off when she moved to Victoria. Breeding is a fascinating process with the excitement of seeing a new cross that can be so different from the parent plants. While Joy and Greg have been attending Garden Fairs and Expos for the last 2 years selling Daylily plants, Joy is enjoying her new role of guest speaker and will speak on daylilies.

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