



FRIENDS OF MYALL PARK BOTANIC GARDEN NEWSLETTER

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Spring Day 2016

For Spring Day 2016, we were blessed with a coolish but sunny day and a reasonable roll-up of visitors, considering the prior week of very wet weather and the fact that Cobblegun Creek on the way in had been impassable almost all week.

While no formal theme was adopted this year, the visitors, some who had not been for many years, enjoyed garden touring, a photography workshop run by Sean Grams, plant buying, and just a good catch-up with friends. One delight was seeing, and meeting, 4 generations of the family of director, Penny Grams, including the new Hugh.

We were pleased to see five of the original Directors of Myall Park Botanic Garden Ltd return ñ Dorinda and Joan Schwennesen, Carol McCormack, Jane Bridle and Rob Lethbridge ñ along with past caretakers Dave and Lorraine Cameron.

Our thanks go to Michael and Lynda von Pein for manning the BBQ lunch, Noel Standfast and his team for preparations, Lorraine for being in the Gallery shop, and Dave for lots of behind the scene jobs.

Carole Bristow returned to present to Directors an original Dorothy Gordon watercolour of Boreen Point, given to her mother by Dorothy, and which now will now be displayed in the Gallery. Many thanks to Carole for this generous gift.



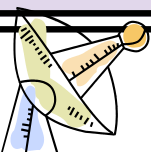
From left to right

Noel Standfast Carole Bristow and Marie Hollingworth Betty Salter and Carole Bristow

Michael von Pein and daughter

DATES for your DIARY: - Annual General Meeting December 4, 2016 9am
Garden re opens January 20, 2017

Thanks to the St. George office of Ann Leahy, MP, Member for Warrego, for her support for our newsletter.



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*Joan & Dorinda Schwennesen, Carol McCormack and Jane Bridle.
 Four of our original Directors enjoying the Spring Day 2016.*



*Betty Salter and
 Carole Bristow*



*Penny Grams with the
 children at the
 Thongaphone*

Nita's Corner

May I thank you all for your support over the many years. The Garden is still open and the Directors are working hard.

I wish to commend to you our new Chairman Mrs Penny Grams. Penny will be taking over at the Annual Meeting 2016. Looking forward to working along with Penny over the next few years.

Best wishes everyone for a joyous Festive Season and a most successful 2017.

Nita



Painting fun. Spring Day 2016

The important Native Passionflower



We became very excited when looking from the verandah of Avochie Cottage to see the vine *Passionflower Aurantea* (*Red Passion Flower*) which we had watered on a previous visit during the dry, to be in full bloom and as the vine is a host plant for the Glasswing butterfly, they were depositing their eggs as we watched. Not only the Glasswings appreciate this vine but look at the turquoise beetle that enjoyed this plant.

We thought a photo was worth sharing.

Richard and Carole Green.



Myall Park Botanic Garden Impressions 2016

Ross and Margie Easton

So many years, 15 in fact, had passed since our first visit to this ever so special place. With Birdlife Australia running a national Regent Honeyeater and Swift Parrot count we made a spur of the moment decision to visit the park on our way home from Carnarvon NP. in May this year. Thank goodness for that decision, for it was love at second sight.

It has been our privilege to have travelled much of Australia in the last few years, developing along the way a huge respect and love for our native plants, their intrinsic beauty, their ability to survive extraordinary climatic and soil conditions from the Simpson Desert to the Daintree.

Myall Park Botanic Garden is a treasure trove of these native plants, most specifically representing the drier inland areas and more specifically the grevilleas. How wonderful is the quartet of Gordon Grevilleas. The creators of this garden, Mr David Gordon and Mrs Dorothy Gordon deserve our gratitude for the unbelievable amount of research and effort they contributed generously to preserve and propagate these amazing plants.

This perchance visit impressed us so much, the garden itself, the gallery displaying Dorothy's paintings, the amazing history of the garden, the very friendly and informative reception and the very apparent hard work of the Committee, volunteers and friends of the Garden. We had the good fortune to meet Peter and Lyn Reilly at this time, these wonderful people introduced us to many aspects of this garden, including the bird hide. We are bird tragics so this was a splendid find.



Ross kitted up and ready for action !



*Ross and Margie visiting
Myall Park Botanic Garden, July, 2016*

BUT those wretched Mother of Millions were in abundance. Almost on the spot we decided we would endeavour to eliminate them in consultation with the committee.

Returning in July the elimination of the MOMs commenced, laborious work indeed, but satisfying and worthwhile. The garden had received lots of rain and was looking very well. Preparation was in full swing for the 'Offshoots' exhibition and opening night. The new caretaker, Scott, was busy assisting in all directions. We had an enjoyable couple of days discovering more of the park and its' birdlife before we departed, planning to return in October.

October impressions:- The Park is looking grand owing to the good season and Scott's management, the MOMs have been greatly reduced, in the first spraying area, any surviving have been zapped again and work on a new area has commenced. Visitors here at the same time, have been so very impressed and plan to pass on information to friends. Many plants are in flower with some stunning bottlebrushes strutting their brilliant scarlet flowers. The birdlife is relatively quiet but we love every sight and sound.

We will be returning in 2017 as these MOMs are of a resilient and rampant nature.

Margie Easton

Caretakers' Corner

Well, it has been nearly six months on site at Myall Park Botanic Garden and the Garden continues to amaze me on a daily basis. No two days are the same. In June/July we had sub zero temperatures with much Winter rain highlighting the many water features here. Waking up one morning to the roar of water was not dissimilar to awakening at a beachside location listening to waves crashing onto the beach. This was, of course, the water spilling over the road at the entry to the park and cascading down the rock wall on the other side. I was able to watch this spectacle for much of the week as the causeway was also some 2.5 metres over the road. I was fortunate enough to have the pleasure of some company in the park to share this sight as Ian Roberts (life member) and his wife Robyn had snuck across Cobblegun Creek the day before at .5m and were quite prepared to stay the week.

Ben Robinson (our neighbour at Myall Park Station) was stranded in town but returned home in rock star style the following day by chopper, courtesy of Scott Bridle, Lochadair, Glenmorgan. Another great sight to see was Scott landing his R22 next to the house.

The rain continued through Winter filling our own dam to capacity which will prove invaluable as the hot Summer approaches. Some of my favourite flowers during this period were the native fuchsia, the twin leaf emu bush and the Melaleuca Fulcra. Fauna too has been in abundance with all our local critters greeting me daily. The yakka skink is building a healthy family with many young in tow and the swamp wallabies still amaze me with their incredible camouflage. They often make me jump as they take off with a bound when I approach without being aware of them.

Over the Winter months we have been fortunate to have had many volunteer groups large and small from Oxley Creek and Maroochy Regional Botanic Garden. Their efforts were outstanding with the Garden coming to life each day in response to the army of enthusiastic workers. Some of the achievements were the Gallery entry receiving a make-over, the old Saw Mill receiving a sand based floor, the Mallee Walk track being completely covered in white gravel,

the old tank stand has been restored and painted and an old tank stand near the Western Walk has been transformed into a shed for storage of the ride on mower and tools whilst working in the western areas. The hot house and seed shed has also had a make-over and the hot house proved to be an ideal location to hang the laundry during the wet periods (probably not Dave Gordon's vision for this space!)

Ross and Margaret Easton have also been busy spraying much of the Gardens for Mother of Millions on two extended stays and also helping with the Gallery launching of the 'Offshoots' exhibition. With help from Dave Cameron and Peter Kerr the solar pump system has had a major overhaul at Russell and Sons in Toowoomba and is now working well.

Janine and I have also hosted many visitors to the park both new and return visitors with two coach groups from Chinchilla and Dalby and also a family reunion with guests travelling from far afield. Many campers have found peace whilst camping here, as they have, in most cases extended their stay after finding that 1 day is not enough to explore the Garden in full. They also love the idea of waking to the bird songs as opposed to the B-Doubles air brakes at the free camps along the route.



Visiting Volunteers from Chinchilla, Dalby and Miles enjoying their lunch.

Summer is now in full swing with temps rising to as high as 37.9 (no doubt higher as the weeks roll on) and the Garden in taking on a whole new look with the Gums now taking centre stage as they transform their trunks and expose the many colours that they have had hidden during the Winter months.

I look forward to the New Year and welcoming more enthusiasts to the Garden.

Kind Regards,
Scott Coleman



*Above and right :
The Old Mill with its new sand floor. Rosa Jenner, Noel Standfast and Bob Vincent at the tank stand*



**We welcome the following
new Members
of Friends of MPBG Ltd**

**Life Membership
Bindy Warby, Teelba**

**Honorary life memberships to
Dave & Lorraine Cameron, Kallangur**

**New Friend
Steve Roberts, Gold Coast**



**Generous
donations have
been received from
many
visitors Including
Richard and Carole
Green
Steve Roberts
Donna Nugent**

**Wishing all our Friends a very happy and merry Christmas. May you enjoy
great adventures, safe travels and keep well and happy. See you in 2017.
Thank you for all the support you give very generously.**

NEW COMMITTEE MEMBERS

**Committee members are sought to assist with planning and decision making in the
areas of:**

Accommodation

Living Collection

Retail

**Please contact our Administration Officer, Janine Pechey, on Tel: 0746656705 or
Email: myallparkbotanic@bigpond.com for more details.**

Your articles, photographs, advertisements etc are welcome for inclusion in this newsletter.

**Contact the Administration Officer
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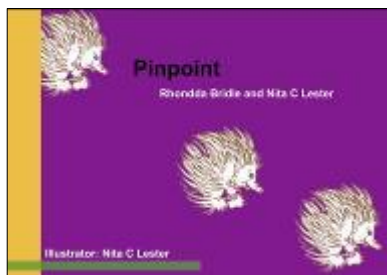
helping to cut down the amount of paper we pay to transport it all over the country and the time taken by our volunteers to fold, staple and post each one.

Please send Betty (see page 9) your email address which we will use in confidence only for this purpose.

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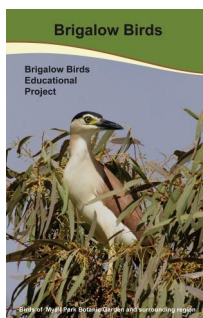
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Cheques payable to Myall Park Botanic Garden Gift Fund.

Post to:

Nita C. Lester, PO Box 465 Mapleton, Qld 4560

**We really appreciate your Friends
Membership.**

**If you need to renew, please fill in the
form below, and we will update
your record**

Current Directors Myall Park Botanic Garden Ltd

DIRECTORS

Chairman Nita C Lester

Vice-Chairman Penny Grams

Secretary Sue Akeroyd

Treasurer Betty Salter
Peter Kerr

Managers

Business Management: Betty Salter

Garden Experience: Penny Grams

Horticulture, Conservation and Research:
Peter Kerr

Company correspondence to:

The Secretary,

8 Palm Ave, Holland Park West. Qld. 4121

We welcome new members.
Why not introduce a friend or give a gift membership



Don't let us lose you—Renew or join here

I / We wish to remain / become a Friend of Myall Park Botanic Garden

Subscriptions and Renewals to 30 September 2017

- ☐ **Individual: \$15** ☐ **Single Life Membership: \$300** ☐ **Community Group: \$35**
☐ **Business: \$100 (with link to webpage)** ☐ **Business Life Membership: \$1000 (with link to webpage)** Please print:

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Account name: Myall Park Botanic Garden Ltd.

Reference: (please include your name and that it is for a subscription)

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☐ Promotion and Marketing
☐ Living Collection
☐ Retail
☐ Other (please indicate your interests)
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INFORMATION PAGE

Garden closed for maintenance 20 Decò 20 Jan each year
VISITORS WELCOME AT ALL OTHER TIMES

MYALL PARK BOTANIC GARDEN FEES 2016

A - GARDEN ENTRANCE FEES

Garden and Gallery \$5.00 per person
FRIENDS and under 14 **FREE**
School children under 14 on excursion \$2
Official Guide \$50 plus Garden entry fees
Coach tours \$5.00 pp, driver and tour operator free
MPBG Friends Group Membership—each visit, one free entry, other members visiting at the same time 10% discount
Organised working parties—Free (by prior arrangement only)

B - ACCOMMODATION (Garden entry included)

For bookings, contact **Caretakers Ph 07 4665 6855**
(May—October, advance bookings advisable)

Friends Members 10% discount.

Tour organisers Free

Children under 14 half price, under 6 free.

Linen (if required) \$5 per person (bed linen, towels)

Avochie Cottage:

1 night - 1-2 people \$80 - each extra person \$20/ night

3 nights - 1-2 people \$220 - each extra person \$20 /night

1 week - 1-2 people \$480 - each extra person \$20/night

For above packages, a cleaning fee of \$20 will be added if necessary

Cleaning included for 5 nights or longer.

The Quarters: Rooms 1—4

(guests share kitchen and bathroom facilities)

per person: 1 night \$30 3 nights \$80 1 week \$180

Room 5 : 1-2 person 1 night \$50 -3 nights \$130-Extra person \$10pp p night

Cleaning NOT included in The Quarters packages,
\$20 fee added if necessary.

Sole Use of The Quarters—p.o.a.

C - TENTS and VANS (Garden entry included)

FREE POWER

All sites: \$25 per site per night for 1-2 people. Extra person \$5.50

D - CATERING

Meals available Bottle Tree Inn, Glenmorgan ph 07 4665 6727
and General Store, Glenmorgan ph 074665 6886

E - GALLERY HIRE

Includes use of furniture, urn, power-points for equipment, fridge and Garden entry. Tea and coffee not provided.

\$100 first day, \$25 each extra day (includes cleaning)

\$10 per day for local non-profit community groups—please leave clean or pay \$20 cleaning fee.

Please discuss all arrangements when you book tours or accommodation.

On arrival, see Information in log box at Visitor Centre, or on-site caretaker.

Glenmorgan has basic provisions including diesel and unleaded fuel. Diesel and unleaded fuel are also available at **Surat** with card (PIN) and **The Gums**. Fuel sales at **Meandarra** are credit card (PIN) only.

ABOUT OUR ACCOMMODATION:

(Linen is not included. Ask about our linen service when you book.)

Avochie Cottage - (Right)

Renovated 3 bedroom cottage with 1 double and 2 twin rooms. Bath/shower and toilet. Electric hot water system. Open fireplace in sitting room. New electric stove, microwave oven, crockery, cutlery, electric jug, fridge, frypan and toaster. Washing up and cleaning utensils supplied. Fans, air cooler, heater, basic furnishings.



The Quarters: (Right)

Renovated inside and out. Two verandahs, 4 small bedrooms (6 single beds) 1 large bedroom (1 double bed + 2 singles). 2 bathrooms each with bath / shower, 2 toilets. Electric hot water. New electric stove, microwave oven, crockery and cutlery, fridge, electric jug, frypan and toaster. Washing up and cleaning utensils supplied. Fans, heater, basic furnishings. Open fireplace in living area.



Caravans/Tents: Connect to the power on-site and use toilet / shower facilities at the Gallery complex. Unpowered sites available.



FREE POWER

For all bookings, phone caretakers on 07 4665 6855 or email.

We ask you to leave the accommodation clean when you depart and to take all rubbish with you. (No collection here.)

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