



FRIENDS OF MYALL PARK BOTANIC GARDEN NEWSLETTER

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Ross and Margaret Easton

Myall Park has some wonderful Friends. In fact, all of the Friends are wonderful, but let me tell you about two fairly new, but very dedicated Friends. Ross and Margie Easton have a very comfortable caravan and they spend a lot of time travelling to their favourite spots to view the birds and enjoy the ambience of wild places. One day they visited Myall Park to camp for a few days to enjoy the birds. On their travels around The Garden, they saw lots of Mother of Millions weed and were concerned about its spread so they asked if they would be permitted to spray it.

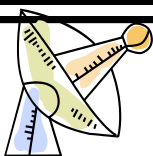
Since that day, they have been returning again and again to spray and re-spray. They began in the areas that contained outliers, not a carpet as seen below, just a scattering of the pest and they worked towards the highest concentrations. Last year Ross sprayed on 24 days (that I know of) and has walked the entire area many times. Margie searches in areas that have not been sprayed for awhile and she ties red tape wherever she sees a plant or two. Ross follows with the spray unit on his back and this way he can find the red tape and thus the hidden plants. (Continued on P2)



Ross very excited to be using the new spray unit.



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



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Caretakers Corner

The year started off very dry and hot here but we have been blessed with some rain more recently. We had a great downpour earlier this month that resulted in us getting flooded in for two days with both creek and the lagoon flowing over the causeway.

The Garden is starting to green up nicely and some of the beautiful plants are coming out in flower. The weather is starting to cool down which makes the days absolutely perfect.

We hope you all have a wonderful Easter and you all stay safe. We hope you can come and visit us at the Gardens this year.



The herbicide is very effective and the plants die quickly but their seeds/segmented leaves ensure that more pest weeds are waiting for the Easton's when they return.

We are very fortunate that both Ross and Margie are stubborn, persistent and determined. They do not intend to stop this work until they have won the battle and it is for this reason that the Board of Directors decided that we must purchase a spray tank with boomjet and 200 metre hose so that Ross does not need to carry the heavy back pack tank.

I think some of you have seen this story but the good news is that we have purchased the spray unit and Peter collected it from Too-woomba and delivered it to Myall Park on 9th March.

When next you visit the Garden you will probably see a caravan set up in the camping area. This will probably be the Easton's as they are now more determined than ever to rid the Garden of MOMs (mother of millions). What inspiring dedication they show. A heartfelt thank you to them from all of us.



Labels, Labels, Labels

It is always frustrating when walking through a garden, seeing a beautiful plant growing in an interesting way or flowering spectacularly or one that strikes you for some other reason, and not being able to identify it by name. Plant labelling is a big part of all public gardens. The label must be easily read and sturdy but not too expensive as there are so many required. Other considerations.....

Should the common name be listed first, or not at all?

Should the label be low to the ground or closer to eye height?

How much information or how little should be on the label?

At Myall Park we have a fairly unique disadvantage with the local kangaroos finding our labels are good scratching posts, or perhaps they just don't notice them when lying down for a rest in the shade. The signs are sometimes broken off in one corner. Perhaps the rare hail storms also contribute to breakages. Termites build new mounds very efficiently and sometimes build over our signs. At least that stops them from fading! Sometimes the plant grows too enthusiastically and again the signs become invisible, but we don't mind that problem!

In April/May this year we are planning to replace quite a few old or missing signs. The label making machine which engraves onto a white plastic sign to show the contrast colour beneath works well and can be brought out if there is someone who would prefer to engrave labels some of the time. It requires real concentration and attention to detail. One sign takes 15 or 20 minutes to engrave but when several of the same plant family are required some time is saved. (Please email Sue if this appeals to you akeroyd.sue@gmail.com)

Hi, due to the sad loss of Janine I have been asked to fill in her role as the administration officer here at Myall Park Gardens. I previously filled in now and then for Janine in the past while she was away at different times. Myself (Cassie), my husband Ben and our little boy William have lived on the property at Myall Park for two years where my husband manages the property for the Phelps. Me being able to work here at the gardens is the perfect opportunity for both me and the Gardens as I am close by and can keep an eye out if Scott is away. I look forward to continuing my work here at the Gardens. William and I look forward getting to know you all as you come and stay here.

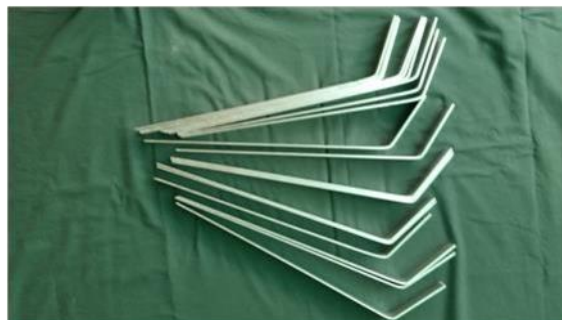
When the label is ready it will be glued onto an aluminium backing plate and then glued onto the aluminium post.

Aurthur Gorrie Correctional Centre which is the remand prison at Wacol, has offered to cut the aluminium strips into the posts and the plates we will be using at the April/May Working Bee. They are also bending the posts.

Myall Park appreciates this contribution to the presentation of our Living Collection. This work by Aurthur Gorrie substantially lowers the cost of the signs we are placing throughout the Garden.

We have a small auger and bit to drill a hole in the hard earth for the stake. Putting loose dirt and water into the hole with the sign should have it set hard and hold the sign in place. How many such signs can we place?

Sue Akeroyd





Janine Cecily Pechey 1962-2018

Janine will be remembered for her love of and her beautiful attitude towards life. Janine was such a positive person and a well loved lady.

Below is a poem that Janine loved, and which was read out at her funeral.

ATTITUDE

‘The longer I live, the more I realize the impact of attitude on life.

Attitude, to me, is more important than facts. It is more important than the past, than education, than money, than circumstances, than failures, than successes, than what other people think or say or do.

It is more important than appearance, giftedness, or skill.

It will make or break a company ... a church ... a home. The remarkable thing is we have a choice every day regarding the attitude we will embrace for that day.

We cannot change the inevitable. The only thing we can do is play on the one string we have, and that is our attitude ...

I am convinced that life is 10% what happens to me, and 90% how I react to it.

And so it is with you ...
we are in charge of our Attitudes.’

By Charles Swindoll

It is with great sadness that we farewelled Janine Pechey on the 9th of March at her funeral in Toowoomba after a long battle with cancer.

Janine had been the administration officer at Myall Park Botanic Garden for 13 years and has provided far more than simply office work. Her friendly demeanour, positive attitude and willingness to help in any way has proved to be so valuable to us throughout the years.

Janine was the ‘face’ of Myall Park to many people and she provided a consistency to an organisation that was ever-changing. It is a credit to her bravery and strength that she continued working, travelling, and living life to the full right up until January this year.

We offer our sincere condolences to Janine’s husband, Richard, and their three daughters, Gabi, Alex and Erin.

We plan to create an area of The Garden dedicated to Janine in thanks for her many years of service.

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Weed Control and Irrigation

Myall Park Botanic Garden recently took delivery of a new Tractor mounted sprayer to help keep better control of the Mother of Millions weed infestation. Thanks to Ross and Margie Easton for their research on the sprayer and the new unit was brought out to the Garden and attached to the tractor. Ross reports that that the unit works very well and makes for much faster application of herbicide. The ease of use and capacity to apply large volumes without the uncomfortable use of backpack sprayers will enable the entire Garden to be treated in much less time.

Ross and Margie have devoted a great deal of time to helping with the control of the weeds and have pledged even more time now that this valuable new piece of equipment is up and running.

Many thanks to Ross and Margie for their continuing generous volunteering in helping us keep on top of the MOMs!

During the same weekend of the sprayer delivery, Peter Kerr brought out a work colleague, Matt Caruso, who works as an irrigation specialist to look at the system at the Garden. The irrigation at Myall park works surprisingly well considering its age, but there are many leaks and blowouts in what is a very old system. Much of the poly lines are weakened and split easily which makes repairs difficult. The main purpose of the visit was to get some advice on how we might be able to improve the system rather than just replacing the existing old line with new.

Due to changes in plantings over the years the system is a bit of a mess of interlocking lines, often where there are no plants and with so many joins and branches that it does not function well in places, especially where air gets into the lines. Matt has made some suggestions on how the delivery to the main areas could be improved to create a stronger simpler system that is easier to track and maintain. Matt will provide a report to the Directors

And it is hoped that this may provide us with a plan to help renovate the system over time with a goal of greater reliability whilst keeping costs down.

Working Bee—Just a reminder that we have a two week working bee commencing 21st April where anyone can come to help out for a much or as little time as you have free. There is no need to come when others are here if you would prefer to keep your working party small—every little bit will help and there is no shortage of work to do. The weeds have gone crazy with the rain and we have a special focus on the Divisions N and N1 to work on. Unfortunately we have not had any luck tracking down nearby affordable mulch, so anyone who would like to bring a ute load or trailer of cheap forest mulch would be most welcome.

Peter Kerr



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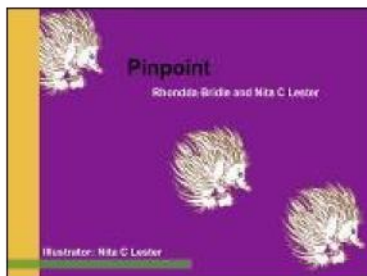
helping to cut down the amount of paper we pay to transport it all over the country and the time taken by our volunteers to fold, staple and post each one.

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

Alternatively, newsletters may be downloaded directly from our website www.myallparkbotanicgarden.com

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Postcards
\$1.50 each



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With the aid of Brigalow Birds, you will be able to identify over 250 Australian bird species, many occurring throughout Australia.

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DONATIONS

All donations of money and goods with a value of \$2 and over are tax-deductible.

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
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Current Directors Myall Park Botanic Garden Ltd

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Secretary	Sue Akeroyd
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Garden Experience: Penny Grams

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Manager:** Peter Kerr

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Qld. 4121

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



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

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- ☐ **Individual: \$15** ☐ **Single Life Membership: \$300** ☐ **Community Group: \$35**
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I wish to receive my newsletters by email..... Yes / No (please circle)

Total Payment enclosed \$.....

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1) **either** directly into our bank account:

Commonwealth Bank, Dalby. BSB 064-412 Account No. 1000 1195

Account name: Myall Park Botanic Garden Ltd.

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

2) **or by** cheque payable to 'Myall Park Botanic Garden Ltd.'

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☐ Working bees
☐ Herbarium (helping with specimens, records etc)
☐ Promotion and Marketing
☐ Living Collection
☐ Retail
☐ Other (please indicate your interests)
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INFORMATION PAGE

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

MYALL PARK BOTANIC GARDEN FEES 2019

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: \$20 per site for first 2 nights \$10 per night after for 1-2 people. Extra person \$5.50 per night

D - CATERING

Meals available Bottle Tree Inn, Glenmorgan ph 07 4665 6727
And General Store, Glenmorgan ph 07 4665 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

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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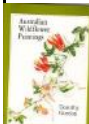
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