



FRIENDS OF MYALL PARK BOTANIC GARDEN NEWSLETTER

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What a difference a month can make!

Myall Park Botanic Garden at Glenmorgan was looking more like a plant graveyard than a botanic garden in January but now that the life giving rains have arrived, all looks quite different. There is a green blanket over the ground and beneath the trees. The plants that were struggling now have lots of fresh new growth and some dead sticks have decided to give life another chance and now wear brave new shoots of green.

Now is the time to take note of the plants which survived the drought as they are ideal specimens to plant in new gardens. The *Eremophila latrobei* were flowering madly, as were *Grevillea petrophiloides* and *Petalostylis labicheoides* was just beginning to show off the bright yellow flowers which look like butterflies and give it the common name of Butterfly Bush. In late February when these flowers were seen, they were being visited by many many butterflies. The magnificent photo below was taken by a volunteer who spent a week at the Garden weeding, planting and doing various other tasks while also enjoying the wild-life. Many thanks to Ann Croot.



DATES for your DIARY: -

Unfortunately we have had to close the Garden for the time being due to the virus.

Directors Meeting, if travel is possible: Saturday July 4th at Myall Park Botanic Garden

Spring Day if possible: Sunday August 23rd

Thanks to the Dalby Electorate Office of Ann Leahy MP, Member for Warrego for her support for our newsletter.



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Caretakers Corner

After a year of very dry conditions here at the Garden, we were beginning to think we would not ever see it green. The rain showers in the district missed the Garden by a kilometre or more. However, at last the rain arrived, 222 mm in February alone and what a change!

It is great to see the Garden in a new light and we are enjoying seeing the new growth and the flowers on all the plants.

The skinks are happier too and we watch out for them every evening, they do not mind our company either.

The one thing we didn't quite expect, with the rains came myriads of mosquitoes, flies, midges and even biting flies. Gail was bitten so much she kept indoors for a while and I was driven to wearing a fly net!

Don

And the WINNER is.....

Of all the naturally occurring hybrid grevilleas, the most staunch in a very hard drought, followed by flooding rains over a short period, MERINDA is a stand out performer. Spread the word!



Plans for the years ahead

There were several working bees planned for this year but these will, in all probability all be cancelled. The focus was to be on recovering from the drought by removing dead plants, pruning untidy plants and replanting in the gaps created by dead plants. The water storage dam is full and looking bountiful after the desilting which was achieved during the dry period.

Don, our clever and determined caretaker, has found a way to rip the ground of the hybrid garden, not far from the Gallery. This garden was planted with hybrid grevilleas but has recently been looking very tired and sad and so a plan to rejuvenate it has been drawn up. The soil is to be ripped, then soil additives added, then again ripped and covered with a layer of sugarcane mulch and left for a year. It is hoped that the worms and micro organisms in the soil will work their magic and when new plants are planted in 2021 or 2022, they will thrive.

When we are able to visit again we can move forward.



Pellucid Hawk Moth visiting

Spring Day plans

Spring Day this year was planned to be held on Sunday 23rd August, so please save the date, though it is very likely that postponement or cancellation will be necessary. The theme will be "Recovering from Drought" and with these plentiful rains at the tail end of summer, it is expected that Spring will see large numbers of flowers in the Garden.

New Tennants Needed.....

Free accommodation is available for the right tenants. Must be enthusiastic about tracking down live termites and eliminating them. Room for a large family under the floor of an ever so cute cottage!

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A walk on the wild side

When venturing off the beaten track there are many wonders to be found. The rain has triggered the growth of many small, naturally occurring, wild flowers. They are a real delight as they grow quickly after rain, flower and produce seed to preserve their kind until the next favourable conditions arrive. The many varieties of native grasses are also flowering to add to the collection of wonders. The small bristle cloak fern (*Cheilanthes distans*) is also growing prolifically at present and is so thick in places, it is hard to find a spot to put a foot without crushing a fern!



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
your record**

Current Directors Myall Park Botanic Garden Ltd

DIRECTORS

Chairman Sue Akeroyd

Vice-Chairman

Secretary Betty Salter

Treasurer Betty Salter

Other Directors Cassie Robinson, Penny Grams, Nita Lester, Phillip Lester

Business Management: Betty Salter

Garden Experience: Penny Grams/Sue Akeroyd

**Horticulture, Conservation &
Research Manager:** Sue Akeroyd

Company correspondence to:

The Secretary,
PO Box 11014, Centenary Heights, Qld 4350

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 2019

- ☐ **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:

Mr/Mrs/Miss/Ms.....

Address.....

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Email.....

I wish to add a donation of \$.....

(Donations of \$2 and over are tax deductible)

Receipt required ☐

I/WE ARE INTERESTED IN ASSISTING WITH:

- ☐ Newsletter production (collect or write articles, layout, etc)
☐ Working bees
☐ Herbarium (helping with specimens, records etc)
☐ Promotion and Marketing
☐ Living Collection
☐ Retail
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I wish to receive my newsletters by email..... Yes / No (please circle)

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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.'

Whichever method of payment you use, please send this completed form to:

Mrs B. Salter, PO BOX 11014 Centenary Heights. Qld 4350

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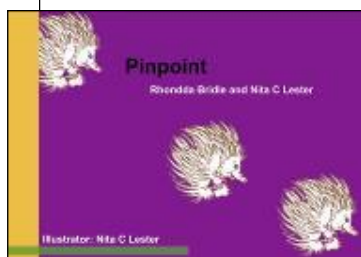
Four Bloom and Single Bloom Postcards **\$1.50**

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Email or use form on page 10 not forgetting postage is to be confirmed



Pinpoint' Children's book by Rhondra Bridle and Nita C Lester; illustrated by Nita C Lester
Was **\$15** NOW **\$7.50**



Brigalow Birds book and CD

Birds of Myall Park Botanic Garden and surrounding region. PLUS With the aid of Brigalow Birds, you will be able to identify over 250 Australian bird species, many occurring throughout Australia.

Book Was \$33 Now \$16.50
CD WAS \$25 NOW \$12.50



Birdwings' New Home by Lynette Reilly, illustrated by Lois Hughes. Celebrates endangered butterflies

SOLD OUT!



For Sharp Eyes Only by Nita C Lester and Elaine Lyons: Illustrations show how our native animals are camouflaged in their surroundings

Was \$10 Now \$5

For latest information and pictures on 'Plants in the Garden' see our website -www.myallparkbotanicgarden.com

INFORMATION PAGE

Garden closed for maintenance 20 Dec—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 \$60 -3 nights \$140-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

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 + 1 single with A/C). 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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