



FRIENDS OF MYALL PARK BOTANIC GARDEN NEWSLETTER

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Spring Day 2018



Directors from Left : Cassie Robinson, Penny Grams, Betty Salter, & Nita Lester enjoying Janine Pechey's Memorial seat.

Enjoying at chat at the Spring Day markets!



Start of the fun run!

Spring Day 2018

For Spring Day this year we decided to combine honouring Janine Pechey's dedication to Myall Park Botanic Garden with a Fun Run and memorial opening. We were so overwhelmed by the Pechey Family's response and support of this event and we were incredibly lucky to enlist the support of local fitness coach, Meg Cau. After a sleepless night listening to an inch of rain fall the night before the event, we woke up to a perfect sunny day, albeit with a few puddles around the track. We decided to run the event as planned (don't people pay good money to run through mud these days?) and all who participated were in good spirits (apart from a few Pechey clan members – it's still unclear whether they were suffering from the flu or the after-effects of a late night bonfire). All up we had over 200 participants for the Fun Run plus a few more people who came to enjoy the markets, BBQ, photography exhibition and lovely wet garden.

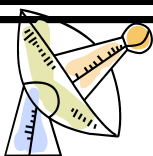
Congratulations to the winners of the Fun Run who received a Fitbit donated by Meg Cau (The Fit Track). Thank you to the von Pein family for once again volunteering to cook the BBQ and to all the market stall holders, Glenmorgan Hall for organising the bar and of course Meg Cau for organising the fun run. It was a successful day and the proceeds will help keep The Garden running, which is of course our ultimate goal. Until next year,
Penny Grams.

DATES for your DIARY: -

Garden Closes 20th December 2018 Reopens 20th January 2019

Friends Working Bee : April 28th 2019 - May 5th 2019

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



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SAVE THE DATE!

FRIENDS WORKING BEE APRIL-MAY 2019

The first working bee planned for 2019 will be the Friends' Working Bee between Sunday 28th April and Sunday 5th May. We want to continue tidying up areas N, N1 and P. Many new plants have gone into the Acacia section and it would be wonderful to tidy this area too, if time permitted. We plan to whippersnip and mow the whole area, hand weed and mulch around plants and lay more irrigation to new planting areas. Some of the specimen plants are hidden behind weedy acacias and so there will be some culling of those shrubs too. There is an interesting tool in the shed for pulling shrubs, it should come out of hiding and be trialed here. Most of the plants put in last year are looking very good, which is great news as a lot of plants were planted. Some were hit hard by the frosts but are starting to shoot again now. The new irrigation system that Peter started and Dick has continued working on is performing very well. During the working bees this year, a list was compiled of some of the plants that require labels. Hopefully these labels will be ready to place and that task, when completed, will help us all learn the names of these interesting plants.

The label shed would love to have a little attention too. A good clean and a reorganisation would make it a much more useful place. With the new irrigation system, there are quite a few different fittings and it would be wonderful to have someone volunteer to sort these pieces, find a home for them and label everything well so that a stocktake can be kept.

There is lots to do so save the dates and come for a day or two or a week. We will have a BBQ one evening and will take time to enjoy the bird life and the serenity of the place. We will book out Avochie and The Quarters so let us know if you would like a room.

GREAT VISITORS!



We are very lucky to have wonderful visitors coming to the Garden. A few months ago two brothers were travelling the area and decided to stay the night. Ken and Sheena, the caretakers, welcomed them warmly, as they did to all visitors and made sure that they were comfortable. The brothers enjoyed their camp and so extended their stay and offered to do some repairs to any plumbing or handy man tasks. These two have returned again and again since then and have been so very generous with their time and skills and supplies. When they were replacing all of the washers in the external taps, they found one of the old washers was actually made of lino! With permission from the Board, these two wonderful people, also installed two self filling bird baths. One can be found in the gardens outside of Avochie and the other is installed in Janine's memorial garden. In September, the Avochie bird bath was attracting small birds while the other one had a stream of honey eaters and rosellas, lining up to take a turn for a quick wash or a drink.

Working bees in 2018

The first working bee this year was the Friends' Bee in April/May. Although numbers were low this year we made a difference. Firstly we lay new irrigation lines to a section of N1 and planted about 30 plants. This irrigation system was a trial of a different design following recommendations from Matt Caruso from Brisbane. We then planted quite a few in the Acacia area but the old irrigation system caused a lot of problems. We would repair a leak only to find another geyser of water somewhere else. When that was repaired, another leak developed. It was frustrating work. Eventually the system stabilised but we knew it was not going to be long before more leaks appeared and that is so unfair on our wonderful new caretakers. At a Board meeting later in the week, approval was sought and given to spend some money on new irrigation lines in the worst areas.

Dick Harding has taken on the huge task of co-ordinating this project, and doing most of the work himself. In all he has made six trips to the Garden this year. We are so lucky to have such a dedicated volunteer.

In July there was another working bee to lay new lines to Acacia and Proteaceae. Dick, John and Sue came from Brisbane and Ross and Margie were there having finally completed the spraying of Mother of Millions on every part of the property that was infested. An enormous task carried out with determination and a right good will. Instead of relaxing, they then set to work helping with the irrigation project and so Ken and Sheena, reluctant to miss the fun, joined us and work progressed very efficiently. We all enjoyed working together.

As well as working on the irrigation, the memorial garden for Janine was a focus as we wanted it looking good for Spring Day.

In August a large contingent of hard working, fun loving characters from Maroochydore descended on Myall Park. They brought with them a legendary range of skills and set to work. New window glass replaced cracked glass and old putty was replaced with new. Doors to the sheds, which have been difficult to close for a long time, now work like new ones, wheelbarrows have new tubes, the perished tyre on the fire fighting unit has gone, there are new cages for the next lot of plants and the tracks are clear and easy to follow because of the logs which edge them. Gutters on the accommodation buildings were cleaned of leaves. These wonderful volunteers also tidied the Gumnut section, buried irrigation pipes which crossed roads and laid irrigation to the avenue of Chinchilla White Gums which line the entry driveway. They met up with Dick, helped him when he was not too slow for them and when they noticed something was amiss, they would ask themselves "What would Dick do?" and then they would fix the problem.

Later in August, in the lead up to Spring Day, Noel Standfast and a team from Oxley Creek moved into the Quarters and did further repairs to flooring in both accommodations. New ant caps appeared in the stumps under the Avochie verandah and lots of labels that were made to replace broken or missing plant names were installed. These volunteers also helped with Spring Day preparation and on the day itself.

Without these working bees Myall Park would cease to be a functional Botanic Garden. If you are part of an active group, consider arranging a working bee at the Garden next year. It is very rewarding and gives a great sense of achievement as well as being a social occasion for the group, or join the Friends in April. Everyone is most welcome.

From The Treasurer

Financial report 2017/2018 for MPBG Ltd.

Reconciled Bank balances:	01.10.17	30.09.18
General cheque a/c	16 687	42 579 (incl \$35 000 unspent grant monies)
Gift Fund	18 488	18 482
Term deposit	20 798	20 802
Term deposit	21 810	22 251

Thus balances look quite healthy – the only obvious difference is the general cheque a/c where the \$7 579 (after the grant money is taken off) is about \$9 000 less than the equivalent 1 year earlier, and this is due to the purchase during the year of a second hand ute for \$9 000. The old one was well past being road-worthy.

The Gift Fund has received \$5 182 in donations and spent \$ 5 409 on the updated irrigation and labelling. The new sprayer purchased for MoM spraying through the Gift Fund was fully refunded by Dept of Environment – thanks to a request done by Ross and Margie Easton. The updating of the irrigation system will be ongoing, and expensive. A \$500 donation to the gift fund was for new linen etc in the accommodation, but that is not within the guidelines for Gift Fund spending, so \$500 worth of goods were purchased from the general fund. Gift fund donations can only be spent on capital items for our core business, ie the Living Collection, not for any operating expenses.

General Operating Fund: Main sources of income were \$8 900 net from accommodation; \$35 000 from the WDRC; almost \$7 000 from retail profit – and almost \$5 000 from our Spring Day.

Our main areas of expense are \$18 000 for the admin assistant; \$24 500 for running costs eg telephone, insurance, auditing, electricity, internet, pest control, etc; \$6 000 for on-going Living collection expenses like repairs and fuel; we also purchased one off the ute, and the new tank at the Mill. Caretaker wages are about \$8 000

Total operating expenses each year are over \$70 000, so much has to be raised just to keep functioning.

WDRC Obviously without the generous assistance of WDRC we would find it hard to continue to operate, so we are thankful for assistance to date, and praying for that to continue this next financial year.

As most realise, on-going maintenance of the accommodation is a priority – we are hoping that \$35 000 to be spent on Room 5 will make that old cooks room into a more up-market area, and bring in more income. Now, we have to find a carpenter to do the job!

As always your donations are much appreciated. If you wish tax-deductibility, and to support the capital improvement of the Living Collection, please send monies to Nita for Gift Fund (details in newsletter) . If you don't mind not having tax –deductibility, and wish to support the general running of the Garden, please send monies direct to our general bank account – 064 412 account no 1000 1195 or to the Treasurer, at PO Box 11014, Centenary Heights 4350. Whichever way – thanks so much.

AROUND THE GARDEN

By Sue Akeroyd

Visiting the Garden at different times of the year is very rewarding because of the different flowers on display. Down at the far end of the western section and on the outside of the loop road, hidden among tall grasses, is an unassuming bush which remains unnoticed except for a few short weeks each year. It then transforms into the queen of all. One year I was lucky enough to time a visit perfectly, this year I was one week too late for the best of the best showing. This shrub is a *Kunzea pulchella* and perhaps its flowers are such a stunning red because of the harsh environment and lack of reliable water. A better photographer than I is needed to do it justice. Amazingly, on a visit to the Garden in late November I found another *Kunzea pulchella* which was at its showy best then. What a pleasant surprise!



Another beauty which was putting on a great show on a recent visit was a *Melaleuca decussata*. It had thrust a new branch up to the sky and produced a glorious bloom which may be seen in the photo beside.

On the last day of our visit we stopped to admire a eucalypt flower in glorious display. The flowers are stunning and the trunk is also a thing of beauty in form and colour.



Several of the eremophilas, which were planted in April this year were also flowering madly. They are ideal plants for this environment and eight ground cover eremophilas have been planted in Janine's memorial garden so we hope they will put on a beautiful display every year. The photo to the left is of an *Eremophila polyclada*, fully open but not yet bruised by the wind or sun.



The Bird Hide

The Bird Hide is a real draw card for visitors and birds alike and is a real asset for the Garden. It was great to see that there are now a few different species of reeds establishing themselves on the pond edge. The Juncus was in flower and seed in September so perhaps it will attract seed eating birds.

What's Been Happening around the Garden

"New" Ute - because our old ute had become un-roadworthy, we have recently purchased a good second-hand Mazda BT50, which has extra strong springing, so great for heavy loads.

Clean-up - during the past weekend, directors met for the Annual meetings, but also spent a full day loading up utes with lots of rubbish, so the office storage, the label shed, the workshop, Terpersie all benefited from a clean-out. Amazing what we found in the back of various cupboards etc!

CARETAKER POSITION AVAILABLE

The position of Caretakers at Myall Park Botanic Garden is available for a self-funded couple who would enjoy living and working in the Garden, and being part of a small rural community.

A rent-free pleasant partly furnished air-conditioned cottage set in a tranquil bush setting with telephone, power and internet supplied in exchange for light duties which would include meeting Garden visitors and attending to basic Garden and accommodation maintenance. Wages – please discuss when applying, for details.

An interest in Australian flora is an advantage, but not essential.

The Garden is 7 km from Glenmorgan, which has a Primary School, Post office, Hotel/Motel and several community organisations.

Own transport essential. Reference required. Preferably no pets and being non smokers. Apply to Betty Salter, 0428 695298 or glenfosslyn@bigpond.com

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

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Membership.**

**If you need to renew, please fill in the
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your record**

Current Directors Myall Park Botanic Garden Ltd

DIRECTORS

Chairman Nita Lester

Vice-Chairman

Secretary Sue Akeroyd

Treasurer Betty Salter

Other Directors Cassie Robinson, Penny Grams

Business Management: Betty Salter

Garden Experience: Penny Grams

Horticulture, Conservation & Research Manager:
Sue Akeroyd

Company correspondence to:

The Secretary,
8 Palm Ave, Holland Park West.
Qld. 4121

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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:

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

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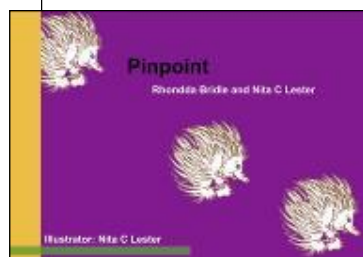
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INFORMATION PAGE

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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: \$20 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
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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.
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For all bookings, phone caretakers on

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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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