



FRIENDS OF MYALL PARK BOTANIC GARDEN NEWSLETTER

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NEW CARETAKERS!

Caretakers Corner

We would like to thank the directors for giving us this opportunity to be part of the Garden. We had been touring Australia in our motor home until we noticed the caretakers position ad in the paper and decided to apply. Its been a few weeks since we arrived here, and we are enjoying the peaceful atmosphere with all the plants and wildlife the Garden has to offer. Over the weeks we have been busy working out the Garden's watering system and maintaince mowing.

Unfortunately due to the current dry conditions the Garden is very dry and the dams are getting very low as you can see in the picture to the right. We pray that the garden receives some much needed rain very soon. We are looking forward to meeting all future visitors, old and new, and show them what the Garden has to offer.

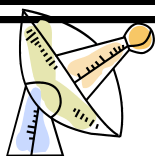
Don & Gail

Welcome Don & Gail



**DATES for your DIARY: - Friends Working Bee—April 28th to May 5th.
2019 Garden Day - 4th August**

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



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BEQUESTING

Committing a bequest today to Myall Park Botanic Garden gives you the opportunity to support the continued development of this internationally recognised Garden.

Your bequest, large or small, will assist Myall Park Botanic Garden's development in both research and education. It will also help provide a gift to the wider community.

Since its inception in 1941 by Dave Gordon and the beginning of the not-for-profit company, Myall Park Botanic Garden Ltd in 1992, the Garden has developed a national and international reputation. Many of the plants within the Living Collection can't be observed in any other garden, making this collection extremely valuable for the worldwide conservation of biodiversity. In addition, its location within the semi-arid region of Australia makes this Garden an integral part of the network of Botanic Gardens throughout Australia.

This garden is the home of *Grevilleas* Robyn, Sandra, Merinda and Dorothy Gordon. These plants have become common features in many gardens across Australia and overseas.

The Garden has received wonderful support from benefactors over the years. Their vision and generosity have contributed to the Garden's excellence.

When making a bequest you may choose to leave to the Garden money, real estate, artworks, shares, bonds, assignments of life policies, or other assets.

The Garden Directors will allocate funds where ever the need is greatest at the time in order to accelerate attaining the stated aims of the Garden. This may be in areas diverse as:

- Living collection improvements
- Australian species and herbarium research and extending the library facility
- Computerised garden mapping and plant recording
- Educational programs and material for children and adults
- Undergraduate and postgraduate research
- Garden and facilities restoration (and upkeep)
- Administration and ongoing funding as we are a volunteer organisation

For Myall Park Botanic Garden to continue to prosper, we must continue to improve our resources.

Terms of a Bequest

If you wish to make a bequest in favour of the Garden, or contemplate doing so, we would value the opportunity to discuss your wishes with you.

Please contact Email: myallparkbotanic@bigpond.com for further details.

The Big Skies Festival

Coinciding exactly with our Friends' Working Bee this year is the huge Big Skies Festival supported by Western Downs Regional Council. This festival is centred around Jimbour House which is just north of Dalby and the music events, bonfire evenings and tours to many special places will show the region off to the thousands of visitors expected. The whole region will be abuzz with extra visitors and we hope to see an influx of visitors at the Garden too.

Jimbour House is one of the earliest stations established on the Darling Downs (1877) and is heritage listed. There will be tours of the house itself and a huge music concert in the grounds as well as bon fire/bush poetry evenings and tours of the special attractions, farming enterprises and industries to be found in this region.

Check it out on the web @ <https://www.bigskiesevents.com.au>

AROUND THE GARDEN!

At last, the cooler weather has arrived. I am sure we will see another burst of hot weather but at least the sun is setting a little earlier and so the relief from the heat comes earlier.

Our new caretakers, Don and Gail arrived in January in the blazing heat, to find the rhino tank on empty! What an introduction! A few days earlier when they had come to have a look around, there was plenty of water in the tank. I rang on their first day just to welcome them to The Garden, and then heard of the tank problem. We headed west to try to sort the problem out but Don, being a Queenslander and a man of the land, had begun to figure it all out before we arrived. He had found the main leak and repaired it and so down to the dam we went to start the petrol pump. Fortunately there was no damage to the main irrigation pump and soon the rhino tank was filling again with the solar pump during the day and the petrol pump at night. We all learned something from the experience.

Don very quickly figured out which lines ran where and he and Gail have since found leaks and repaired them, mowed all the grass that was making the Garden look untidy and generally become very familiar with the operation of the whole of the Garden. They have settled in magnificently.

In the evenings when the heat of the day has gone, they both enjoy relaxing outside of Terpersie watching the antics of the lizards, skinks, echidnas and other visitors large and small who venture out to also enjoy the cooling air.

In early March the Garden received 12 mm of rain. This was the first moisture to reach the area this year and so it was eagerly soaked up and everything looked and felt fresher for a few days.

With so little rain this Summer, the dam is perilously low and we have had to reduce irrigation to much of the living collection. Is this the new norm or was this summer an exceptional one? Which plants will survive and which will perish? We have already lost *Grevillea kennedyana*, which is a plant with stunning red flowers which show up beautifully against the silver foliage. This grevillea occurs naturally in NW New South Wales and SW Queensland. It is considered vulnerable which is why we treasured our specimen. One of the common names for this plant is flame spider-flower and you can see why the name in the photo to the top right.



Some photos of wildlife around the Garden Don has captured!



FRIENDS WORKING BEE

Sunday 28th April and Sunday 5th May.

Friends Working Bee April-May 2019

Save the Date. The first working bee planned for 2019 will be the Friends' Working Bee between Sunday 28th April and Sunday 5th May. We have purchased a new brush cutter and will be testing it out on the grass that hides the plants in the Living Collection. We have also had a road train of mulch delivered and this will improve the Garden enormously if we have the volunteers to spread it.

The new irrigation system that Peter started and Dick has continued working on is performing very well. There is more to do there. During the working bees last year, a list was compiled of some of the plants that require labels. These labels will be ready to place and a further list needs to be compiled of labels that are still required.

There is lots to do and plenty of variety so save the dates and come for a day or two or a week.

The new caretakers, Don and Gail are enjoying the Garden and Don has figured out the irrigation system very quickly. I think he likes a challenge and he will certainly have plenty of those at Myall Park.

Sue Akeroyd

The Irrigation at The Garden

A few years ago, the irrigation system had reached a stage where it became futile to repair the pipes in some divisions. It was very time consuming and worrying for the Caretakers to check and repair leaking pipes or turn off the water to badly affected zones. There were many plant losses as well as much wasted water and frustration for volunteers who tried to do repairs. Peter Kerr, in consultation with an irrigation specialist from Brisbane, proposed a system of 32mm main line pipes with 25mm dripper lines. At first the Board was hesitant but after one small section was established in N1 and proved to be quick to set up and with no thin spaghetti lines to block up or be accidentally cut with the mower or brush cutter, it appeared to be the way forward.

One of our regular volunteers, Dick Harding, then provided a full irrigation proposal to the Board with approximate costings and time line to replace all of the lines that were showing any signs of collapse. His rough estimate of costs is \$18,500 for the rolls of pipes and the hardware. He proposed that the work be done by himself and other volunteers so there would be no labour costs at all!

The Board agreed to support the proposal and provide the finances. Dick made many trips to the Garden last year, sometimes with other volunteers and sometimes alone. Ross and Margie Easton and Ken and Sheena, the Caretakers at that time were on hand and generously helped wherever they could and when they knew what Dick had planned to do on his next visit, they would often complete the work before he arrived! The Maroochydore group of volunteers were also fantastic and the project moved forward quite quickly.

There are many areas now with reliable irrigation to them and Don and Gail, our current Caretakers, can easily check them when the lines are carrying water. More recently Honeyeater has been failing and so that area will be renewed this year, along with the Garden for all Seasons and further work in the Proteaceae section.

All of the major supplies for this project are being purchased from local suppliers.

Perhaps by the end of this year or next, we will once again have a stable and reliable watering system thus giving Caretakers and volunteers fewer headaches and leaving more water in the dam.

Many thanks go to Dick and all who have assisted him with this huge project.

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

**Contact the Administration Officer
Megan Oehlman**

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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



**Hessian Garden bag
with
waterproof lining
\$6**



Four Bloom and Single Bloom Postcards \$1.50

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BOOKS from our Catalogue

Order from the Garden and the profit stays here

Email or use form on page 10 not forgetting to add a one-off cost of
\$10 postage per order.



'Pinpoint' Children's book by Rhonda Briddle 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
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'Birdwings' New Home by Lynette Reilly, illustrated by Lois Hughes. Celebrates endangered butterflies
\$10



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

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	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

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.....

.....Postcode.....

Telephone.....

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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.'

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

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

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
- ☐ 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

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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			No.	Sub total
A	Fine China Collection— all dishwasher and microwave safe SERVING/DINNER PLATE 275mm	\$25		
B	SMALL PLATES 155 mm Robyn Gordon Sandra Gordon Merinda Gordon	\$13.50 \$13.50 \$13.50		
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F	DOROTHY GORDON MUG 300ml stands 100mm	\$15		
G	DOROTHY GORDON MUG 270ml stands 90mm	\$15		
H	Hessian GARDEN BAG with waterproof lining See also on page 7	\$6		
I	LATTE MUG heavy weight china Leadlight Design. Black on white contemporary style.	\$10		
	 'AUSTRALIAN WILDFLOWER PAINTINGS' Book of paintings by Dorothy Gordon Signed by Dave Gordon	\$ 38.50 \$ 42.50		
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Meandarra ANZAC Memorial Museum

ANZAC Day Service

5.30am: Meandarra Dawn Service

Breakfast will be available in the School of Arts Hall at the conclusion of the service.

9.30am: *Official opening of the new museum exhibition*

“Uniforms From The Past”

10.30am: Commemorative Service

with the march commencing at the school.

Lunch will be available in the hall at the conclusion of the service
Cash bar available

Anzac Day is Open Day at the museum free entry
to the museum all day from 6.00am
Everyone welcome!



GLENMORGAN MOTORBIKE GYMKHANA (FAMILY FUN DAY)

When: Saturday 6th April 2019

Registrations Open @ 8am for 9am Start

Where: Glenmorgan Oval

EVENTS

- Bending Race
- Flag Race
- Bang & Go Back
- Figure 8
- Drag Race
- Short Circuit
- Kids Single Barrel Race (Kids Timed Event)
- Double Barrel Race (Open & Ladies)
- Rescue Race (Open & Ladies)



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Ribbons for
Prizes!

**All events will be explained on
the day & demonstration
shown.**

**All riders must wear
appropriate clothing for
motorbike events.**

AGE GROUPS

- 6 & Under
- 9 & Under
- 12 & Under
- 15 & Under
- Ladies
- Open

Bar & Canteen
Available

Riding Entry Fee:
Children \$10.00
Adults \$20.00

For Pre Registrations Email
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a nomination form, or for more
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