



MYALL PARK BOTANIC GARDEN NEWSLETTER

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SPRING DAY Getting to know our local critters

It appears that we have been very successful in our bookings for accommodation this year. This is wonderful news except that very early this year all accommodation was booked out for the weekend that we usually hold Spring Day. A cycling group will be staying for several days and we wish them a very successful ride.

Our Spring Day will be held on Sunday 20th August and we welcome all visitors. The day will begin with our 8.5 kilometre Fun Run followed by a walk or run around the Garden Circuit just 3.5 kilometres and then the under 7 runners will compete in their Mini Dash of 750 mts. A free entry and breakfast is available for all competitors while other visitors pay \$10 entry.

Morning Tea is free for all.

When the medals have been presented to the runners our guest speaker, Stephen Peck, will reveal some interesting facts about a secretive reptile who can be found in this area of the Western Downs.

This will be followed by an explanation of the native bees which live in small colonies here and how we hope to increase their numbers.

By then lunch smells will be drifting around tempting everyone, the Gallery shop has several new items for sale and the raffle tickets will be available.

After lunch we will have a ceremony to introduce our new art work to all comers. The **labyrinth** has been masterminded by Robyn Mulder with others, including artists and local school students, contributing. Come and learn about it.

The Glasshouse, Seed Room and Hardening Bays were once the very heart of the Garden and for those interested in having a go at propagating their own plants to attract the local critters everything needed will be there and a little help too. Join us there after the labyrinth introduction.

**DATES for your DIARY: -
Spring Day 20th August 2023**

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



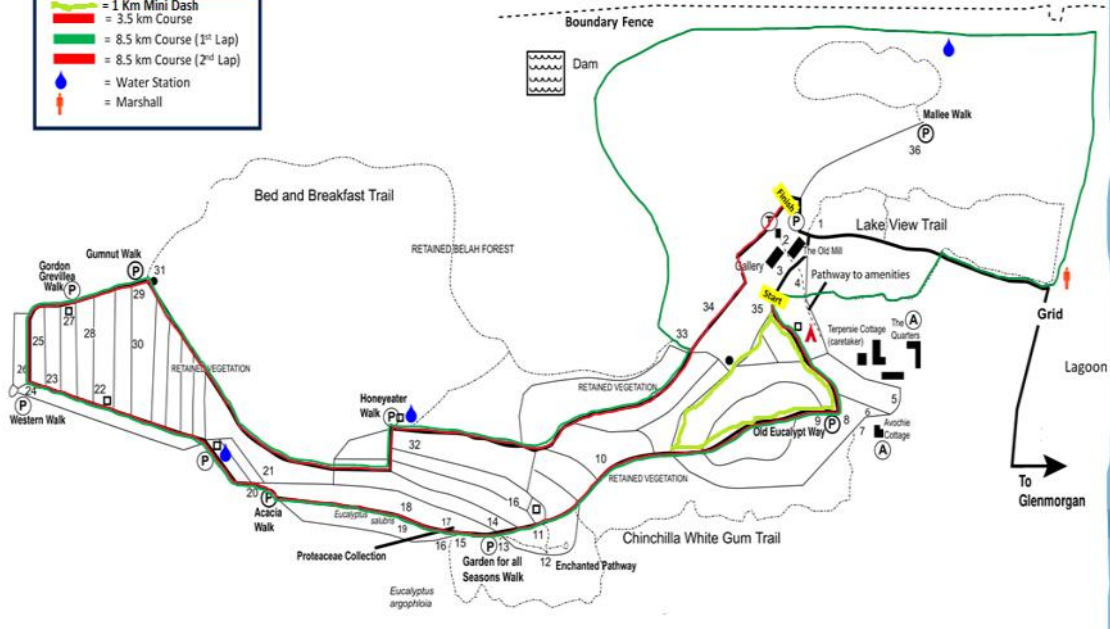
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Janine Pechey Fun Run



8.5 km Run
Arrive at 7.00am
7.30am start
Cut off time 75 mins
13 years and over

3.5 km Run
Arrive 8.30am
9.00 am start
Cut off time 60 mins
Track suitable for
wheel chairs & prams

Mini Dash 750 mts
Arrive 9.15 am
9.45 am start
Cut off time 15 mins
Years 7 and under

Sunday 20th August 2023

FUN RUN ENTRY FEE: This includes Garden entry and breakfast.

Adults:	\$25
Children (15 years and under)	\$20
Family (max 2 adults, 4 children)	\$70

To enter:

Online Entry & Payment: Search "Janine Pechey Fun Run" on Trybooking.com

Manual Entry & Payment: Email myallparkbotanic@gmail.com

Medals will be awarded to the following in all three events.

Under 7 Male & Female Winners & Runners Up

Junior (8—15 yrs) Male & Female Winners & Runners Up

Senior (16 & over) Male & Female Winners & Runners Up

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Caretakers Corner

We have been very busy compared to this time last year. A lot more people are visiting the park including the Brisbane British Ford club who came out and did a lap of the Gardens. We also had 35 caravans from the Toowoomba and Golden West Caravan Club come and stay for four nights and we all had a fabulous time.

The gardens are starting to flower and we are both looking forward to seeing everything flowering again in the coming months.

Kevin and Mandy

GENEROUS DONORS

Fay and David Brice
Jan Garlick

A VERY BIG THANK YOU



Rainfall for June 2023	4 mm
Total YTD	206 mm

A story about “Passing it Forward”

Long ago when Dave Gordon was growing his special grevillea hybrid plants, he gifted a *Grevillea Merinda Gordon* to his niece, Fran Donaldson. Fran planted it in her house garden at Sherwood and it grew there very happily.

Not many of these shrubs prospered and during the drought, the original plant at the Garden died. Some material from Fran’s plant was sourced to attempt to grow more plants from cuttings but without success.

This year Fran decided to sell her house and her family began tidying the house and garden for the market. Permission was given by the family, to prune the special bush and take the prunings for further attempts at striking new plants.

These latest attempts have been successful with a very big thank you to the grafting skills of Alan Lee and Helen Howard and so in time a *G Merinda Gordon* will return to the Garden.

WHITE ROCK WORKING BEE 21st TO 31st March 2023

The many rain events at MPBG during 2022 created potholes, washouts and boggy sections along Garden Circuit. Peter Kerr and I decided to get white rock from the Quarry to resolve some of these problems – white rock is the local name for the white gravel/clay product that has been used for this road. We laboured to get barely enough white rock to create hard-standing for the fire trailer. Clearly we needed to shift more white rock than a handful of volunteers could reasonably accomplish with the tractor and a utility.

Don McRae, our caretaker from a few years ago is now living in Ayr and volunteered to drive an excavator. He drove down in his “troopy” and arrived a few days early and set to work with the tractor to clear the base of the Quarry. Peter and I collected the mini excavator from Dalby and towed it on its own trailer to the Garden.

Don operated the excavator to create piles of loose white rock, Peter used the tractor to load the truck with loosened white rock and then used the borrowed tipper truck to deliver it. Substantial fill was laid around the camp shelter, the new access road into Camping was resurfaced, problem locations along Garden Circuit were dealt with and stockpiles of up to 10 cubic metres of white rock were left in several places. Over time they will be used to surface the walking paths in those locations. Peter made more than 50 round trips to move about 100 cubic metres of white rock! Work at the Quarry had to cease after 18mm of rain fell but there is enough loosened white rock now for many projects.

I’d like to thank

- ◇ Don and Peter who worked tirelessly to loosen, move and place huge quantities of white rock
- ◇ Sam Wagner of The Plant Management Company for the loan of his truck. Without it, this project would not have been viable.
- ◇ Western Downs Regional Council for providing MPBG with a grant to cover the cost of the excavator hire.

Dick Harding

PLANT PROFILE



When you next wander through Honeyeater admiring the plant growth, see if you can find this interesting specimen.

Eucalyptus albidula, endemic to Western Australia has juvenile leaves that are waxy and white but adult leaves which are dark green and glossy!

The common name is White leaved mallee.

If it is not pruned will we lose the juvenile leaves?

Should we cut it back hard every year to retain the bi colour look?

During the SOWN working bee in the first week of June, members were enjoying a well deserved break and when wandering through the Garden near the bird hide, they discovered this beautiful red flowering *Eucalyptus youngiana*. Dave Gordon loved this plant from Western Australia because of its huge gum nut and there are several of the species in the Garden but most have yellow flowers.

This plant was sourced from Mole Station Nursery near Tenterfield and was planted by Joan and Don McRae, in August 2020.

The 9 SOWN members put 41 plants in the ground continuing to enhance the display of plants in Acacia, replacing eremophilas in the area near the Camp Ground to make it look more loved and planting some new plants in Proteaceae.



Members' Working Bee April 15th April to May 1st

The second working bee this year combined OCCA (Oxley Creek Catchment Group) with the Members working bee. 22 people began arriving from 15th April prepared for an extensive jobs list, with all being completed by the time the last person left on 1st May. OCCA attended to maintenance and repairs whilst Members spent their time in the Garden with weeding, planting, watering, laying irrigation and mulching.



The hardening bays in the nursery were repaired by Noel and Mike and painted by Maggie: 150 plant stakes, supplied by Michael von Pein, were also painted by Maggie and Rosa:

The garage doors were repaired and rehung – a one-man job, by Bob who was careful to preserve the original look and design of the doors, but improve the frame so that they would open easily: Years of sludge were exposed when the old tank at the Caretakers' cottage was removed from its decaying stand and a base prepared for the new one which was then installed and connected.

These much-needed repairs have ensured our facilities can be appreciated by visitors for years to come. Income is the lifeblood of our existence and without visitors, the Garden could not survive.

Dick and Carolyn also arrived early with a car-load of plants for the Proteaceae and Acacia divisions in preparation for the completion of new Walks in time for Spring Day in 2024. Dick supervised plant placement then finalised irrigation lines for Marie and Carolyn to plant, stake, label, and cage, before they had to head back to Brisbane.

Jane and Sue weeded the Glenmorgan State School gardens followed later by Jane, Marie, and Joan who assembled plants and finalised the planting. Most of the earlier plantings were surviving and these additional plants will create an even brighter display.

Meanwhile, Lloyd and Sue created mounded gardens from purchased soil in preparation for the planting by the community at the End of the Line following the Anzac Day celebrations. The Queen's Jubilee grant would then be completed with the unveiling of the commemorative plaque.

These mostly Western Australian species which have also been planted at Myall Park Botanic Garden, will create a lasting showcase as people stop in Glenmorgan or drive through the township. Many were grown by Peter Kerr and Sarah Caldwell (Mole Station Nursery near Tenterfield), who have both had a long association with Dave and Dorothy Gordon and the Garden.

Labels had been prepared and placed for all plants so whilst Ann Leahy, the local Member for the Warrego electorate, planted a *Eucalyptus orbifolia*, Councillor Andrew Smith planted a grevillea and the local school children and their parents planted the remaining 75 plants to complete the garden. Watering and mulching completed the project before we headed back to the Garden.



The Members group was swelled by David and Julie who joined us for the first time though they have visited the Garden several times before. New volunteers, Trent and Merrill and David and Faye helped out, while other volunteers have been returning since the early 2000's. They all concentrated on continuing Dick's work with the Garden for all Seasons, the Honeyeater Walk, and the Gumnut Walk, where previous plantings are all progressing well. New plantings at the Gordon Grevilleas Walk are all showing vigorous growth. The Western Walk, showcasing dry and arid-land plants, is still in the planning stage. Well over 50 plant labels were placed on Walks and Trails.

Brad foraged around the Garden removing more of the drought affected shrubs and finding unusual logs for enhancing significant plantings and installations such as Ian Venables

plaque at Honeyeater Walk. An unsightly stump at the Avochie Cottage garden was coaxed out using his car to pull it.

Jane Seddon has been the energetic organizer of this big project to revitalize the gardens at the school and at the End of The Line in Glenmorgan. She is here with Councillor Andrew Smith, Deputy Mayor of Western Downs Regional Council.

This garden and those at Terpersie, the Eastern Boundary, and the Gallery and Hybrid gardens were weeded refreshed and mulched. Peter sowed his paper daisy seeds in many of them. These had germinated by the time we left a week later. They should be a blaze of colour in time for Spring Day on 20th August. Peter has many more Western Australian species in the pipeline to sell there.

Trials are continuing with the addition of Bob's microbial teas to improve the uptake of nutrients by the new plantings. When several of the same species were available half were treated, the rest used as a control for comparison. We have been able to mulch more extensively this year as Jane's grant writing has had marked success.

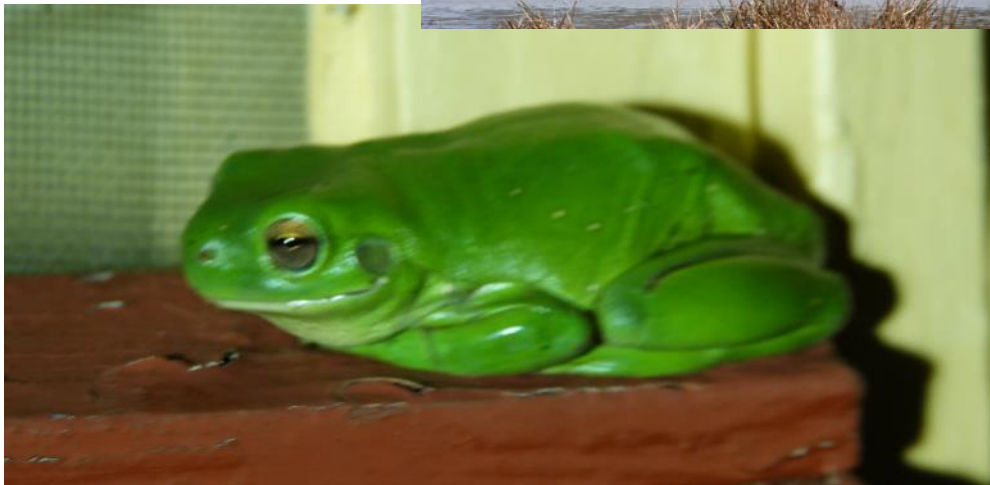
In addition to the almost 100 species planted at Glenmorgan, an extra 250 have been added to the Collection. This has been an exercise in organisation with record keeping an important part. Our volunteers as well as being hard workers, always enjoy the happy times spent at the Garden and manage to find time to enjoy the birdlife, the sunsets, and the starry night skies.

Joan Wilkinson

Garden Glimpses



Down at the lagoon the egret has caught a good breakfast, the jabiru is just taking to the skies and green tree frog has settled down on the window sill of The Quarters



Introducing another valued member

Brad Barratt only discovered the Garden a year or so ago but has already made his mark with enormous enthusiasm and energy. He has chopped up firewood for the visitors, cooked for the runners and visitors last Spring Day, organized craft activities for the young people and donated many things to the Garden, including a trailer laden with furniture. He has helped Robyn develop the labyrinth and has made several trips to Meandarra School to introduce pottery to the students there.

Just recently he invited the Toowoomba and Golden West Caravan Club to visit the Garden and he worked with their leader, Bill Hogan, to ensure that it was a great weekend. He set up a Garden Quiz, led tours around the Circuit, stopping to explain some of the unique features and organized an afternoon in Glenmorgan. In all Brad and Bill managed to fit 35 caravans into the Garden and thus introduced many more travellers to the uniqueness of Myall Park Botanic Garden.

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

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If you opt to receive it by email as a pdf file, then that's what awaits you. As well, you will be helping to cut the amount of paper we use and transport all over the country plus the time taken by our volunteers to fold, staple and post each one.

Please send Betty (see page 10) 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

A new citizen science project

Looking to the future, with a view to attracting yet another interest group to the Garden, we recently created a light screen to attract moths. A sheet has been sewn to fit snugly over a frame of tent poles and the light bulbs screwed into a solid base of wood. The bulbs face towards the sheet on both sides.

Once it is dark the lights would be switched on and left for an hour or so giving the moths time to be drawn close.

How many different moths will be seen?

Which season sees the most moths?

Will the moth varieties vary with the position of the screen?

We would like to think that all photographs of moths seen at the Garden could be loaded onto the computer at the Office so that in time we will have an interesting collection.



Did you know that we have a new facebook page?

**Myall Park Bushland
Botanic Garden**

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 or direct deposit CBA

BSB 064 412 Acct 10204195

Post to: Mrs Betty Salter PO Box 11014,
Centenary Heights Qld 4350

**We really appreciate your
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	Jane Seddon
Treasurer	Betty Salter
Other Directors	Joan Wilkinson

Business Management: Betty Salter

Garden Experience: Sue Akeroyd

Living Collection : Joan Wilkinson

Company correspondence to:

The Secretary,

48 Raffles Street, Mt Gravatt Q 4122

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



Myall Park Botanic Garden Membership Application

Please complete the details below and return (with cheque if applicable) to:

Jane Seddon

Secretary

Myall Park Botanic Garden Ltd

48 Raffles Street, Mt Gravatt East, Qld 4122

or email to myallparkbotanic@gmail.com

Please indicate Membership type:

() Individual \$25 () Family/couple \$40 () Club/organisation \$40 () Life \$400

Name.....

Second name if a couple.....

Club or organisation.....

Address.....

Email.....Phone.....

In making this application, I/We agree:

To support the purposes of MPBG; and

Understand that Members of MPBG are required as per our constitution Clause 4, to contribute an amount not more than \$10 (the guarantee) to the property of the Company if the Company is wound up while the Member is a Member, or within 12 months after they stop being a Member, to pay for the debts of the Company (if any), and the costs of winding up.

Signature/s.....

Payment can be made by:

Cheque payable to **Myall Park Botanic Garden Ltd**, or

EFT Payments: **BSB 064-412 Account: 10001195 "your name"**

Included is a donation of \$.....which is tax deductible (receipt will be sent to you)

INFORMATION PAGE

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

MYALL PARK BOTANIC GARDEN FEES 2022

A - GARDEN ENTRANCE FEES

Garden and Gallery \$5.00 per person

MEMBERS and children 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 Members 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 0497 215 226**

(April—October, advance bookings advisable)

Members 10% discount.

Tour organisers Free

Children under 6 free.

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

Avochie Cottage:

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

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

The Quarters: Rooms 1—4

(guests share kitchen and bathroom facilities)

per room: 1 night \$30

Room 5 : 1 or 2 persons \$70 per night

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

C - TENTS and VANS (Garden entry included)

All powered sites: \$25 per site for 2 people. Extra person \$10/day

Unpowered site \$20 per site for 2 people. Extra person \$10/ day

D - CATERING

Meals available Bottle Tree Inn, Glenmorgan ph 07 4665 6727

And End of the Line Café 0458 984 254

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)

\$20 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, please check in with the on-site caretaker 0497 215 226 and see Information in log box in the covered area near the carpark.

Diesel and unleaded fuel are 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, 5 small bedrooms (6 single beds) 1 large bedroom (1 double bed + 1 single with A/C). 2 bathrooms each with bath or 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. Fire pits available but wood must be brought in or purchased from caretaker.



For all bookings, phone caretakers on 0497 215 226 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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Fine china collection – all dishwasher and microwave safe.

ITEM	AMOUNT	NO	SUBTOTAL
1 Large plate 275 mm	\$25		
2 Small plate Robyn Gordon 155 mm	\$13.50		
3 Small plate Sandra Gordon 155 mm	\$13.50		
4 Small plate Merinda Gordon 155 mm	\$13.50		
5 Rice Bowl 115 mm	\$13.50		
6 Jug 250 ml very fine and light	\$20		
7 Dorothy Gordon Mug 300 ml stands 100 mm	\$25		
8 Three Grevillea Mug 300 ml stands 100 mm	\$25		
9 Latte Mug maroon and white	\$15		
10 Latte Mug black and white	\$15		
GARDEN BAG hessian with waterproof lining and logo	\$10		
Marcelle Stirling Gift Cards individual card	\$3.50		
Marcelle Stirling Gift Cards set of four	\$12		
Dorothy Gordon Greeting Cards individual card	\$3.50		
Dorothy Gordon Greeting Cards set of eight	\$24		
Dorothy Gordon prints A4	\$4.50		
Dorothy Gordon prints framed	\$20		
Dorothy Gordon prints any 5	\$20		
Postcards and Bookmarks	\$1.50		
SCARVES soft cotton			
White background blue kingfisher	\$30		
White background blue wren	\$30		
White background golden wattle	\$30		
White background red bottlebrush	\$30		
White background red grevillea	\$30		
White background Gouldian finch	\$30		
Navy background golden wattle	\$30		
Navy background red kangaroo paw	\$30		

ORDER FORM cont

Soft cotton scarves
180 x 75 mm



BOOKS	AMOUNT	NO	SUBTOTAL
<i>One Man's Dream</i> : David Gordon and Myall Park Botanic Garden 2020 edition, a history of the garden	\$20		
<i>GAG 2020 Vision</i> Glenmorgan Art Group 50 year history	\$30		
<i>Brigalow Birds</i> Myall Park Region	\$30		
<i>Taste of the Outback</i> Australian Native Food cookbook	\$12		
<i>Woodland To Weeds</i> by Dr Nita Lester	\$40		
<i>Outback</i> photography by Scott Bridle, helicopter pilot	\$65		
<i>Australian Wildflower Paintings</i> by Dorothy Gordon second edition soft cover No member discount	\$50		
<i>Australian Wildflower Paintings</i> by Dorothy Gordon second edition hard cover No member discount	\$90		
<i>Australian Wildflower Paintings</i> by Dorothy Gordon first edition, boxed and signed by Dave Gordon	\$150		
<i>Collection Connection</i> Poems by Jock Douglas illustrated by Carol McCormack	\$20		
BIRTHDAY CALENDAR with beautiful photos taken around the Garden	\$10		
<i>For Sharp Eyes Only</i>	\$7.50		
<i>Pinpoint</i>	\$7.50		
<i>Birdwings New Home</i>	\$10		
SUBTOTAL			
Member discount 10%			
SUBTOTAL less discount			
POSTAGE			\$20
TOTAL OWING			

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