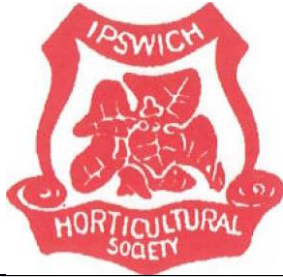


NEWSLETTER (March 2024)



Elected AGM	09 March 2024
Office Bearers 2024:	
President:	Sandra Logue 0411 066 787
Vice President:	Ashley Haag
Vice President:	(2 positions to fill)
Treasurer:	Patrick Smith
Secretary:	Helen Farley 0498 205705
Committee:	Lenora Neuendorff, Tina Holland, Helen Reich, Michelle Brewer, Sandra Harvey, Colin Power
Assistant and Points Secretary:	Michelle Brewer
Stewards:	Ashley Haag Patrick Smith
Librarian:	Anita Dwyer
Raffle Convenor:	Patrick Smith/Colin Power
Afternoon Tea Convenor:	Veronika King

Welcome to the March 2024 Newsletter

Dates for your Diary:

16 – 17 March	State Dahlia Show at Mt Coot-tha Auditorium
6 – 7 April	Ipswich Orchid Society Autumn Show Silkstone State School
6 – 7 April	QCGC Plant & Floral Spectacular (Auditorium Mt Coot-tha)
13 April 2024	IHSI Meeting
04 May 2024	IHSI Autumn Show & Market Day
15 June 2024	Esk Garden Fair
6 – 8 September	Laidley Spring Festival
12 October 2024	Marburg Garden & Outdoor Expo

1. **Lucky Door/Raffle Winners for March 2024**

Lucky Door: Colin Power & Anne Baster

Raffle: Sandra Harvey, Lynn Turton, Helen Murray

Congratulations to these members.

Lucky Door Roster

Michelle Brewer to bring the Lucky Door prize for April. Thank you to members who put their names down to bring lucky door prizes for various months at the last meeting. Still looking for someone for September and November please. If you'd like to bring a lucky door for those months let me know or pop your name on the sheet – which is at the sign in table each meeting.

2. **The Winners for our March Show Bench were:**

Best Miscellaneous Flower: **Helen Murray (Orchid)**

Best Cut Flower:

Best Exhibit of
with her pot plant

Judge's Comments

Anne Baster was our
we had done a good
clean the leaves of
no oils or product and to ensure our exhibits didn't bring along any "hitch hikers" for the day.
She also reminded us to dress up our plants ... cuts off any dead leaves and a tidy up
generally in the pots.



Glenda Imhoff (Strelitzia)

Show: **Sandra Harvey**

Judge – Anne said all in all
job – she reminded us to
the exhibits with water only,

Helen (M) helpfully has prepared an updated "Benching Hints" that has been passed to members at a previous meeting. If you don't have a copy, please let me know and I shall give you one.

Floral Art for April will be:

- Vase of Flowers
- Design Suitable for a Kitchen
- Shades of Autumn
- A Gardener's Delight

3. Our Judges for the April meeting will be: Daphne Ludwig & Kevin Hamment

4. Our Guest speaker will be Ruth Higgins speaking on **CACTI & SUCCULENTS**. Ruth will bring plants to sell. (We all love a plant sale!)

5. **AGM** – Our AGM was conducted on 9 March. Thank you to Mr Jim Madden for giving us his precious time to act as returning officer, given his busy schedule with the upcoming Council elections and remaining as our Patron. As you can see from the above, we now have a full committee of 6 members so thanks to everyone who has nominated to our committee. Welcome

Aboard. That's great, so hopefully together we can come up with new and fresh ideas to make and grow our Club bigger and better.

6. **Trevallan Lifestyle Centre** – 77 Fernvale Road, Brassall. If you haven't already been to Chelsea's nursery, you must, must, must go and have a look - you walk through the well-stocked gift shop area (heaven in gardens/nursery, and now Chelsea has **Cake Cart**, to top off the experience. coffee (and cake) and take in the surrounds (and be tempted by all the offer).



into the also opened a **Coffee &** You can sit, relax with a ambience of the gardens and beautiful plants she has on

7. Report on Ashley's Progress

Ashley had sent us a thank you card for our get well wishes to him and in the card, he has updated us on his progress. We believe Ashley is still wearing a neck brace but is making progress. We hope to have Ashley back with us soon. He thinks perhaps he can make the April meeting. We all hope so.

8. Our club member, Lillian has had a bad fall, but reports are that she is now home and recovering. Dawn has also been in hospital and is reportedly back at home. Ladies, all the very best for a quick recovery and return to Club.

9. **AUTUMN SHOW & MARKET DAY – 4 MAY 2024**

4 May – set up the afternoon before in the Hall (3 May). Our Judges to be Meryl Windsor and Amanda Mead. Members to start potting please to make for a successful Plant (and all things garden) Market Day. This year with two Judges for our Autumn and Spring Shows as well as increasing what our club pays judges/guest speakers for travel costs together with prize money, hall rental, insurance etc. – we have added costs to cover, and these two events (Autumn & Spring Shows) are our main fund raisers for the year. I have started organising our raffle. Thus far I have had a positive response from Rocky Point, Eden Seeds, and the PA Hotel have once again given us a generous gift voucher, and Searles generously, have also come on board with products for the raffle for our market day. Bronwyn from Earthfood has also given us a bottle of her Product for our Market Day Raffle. We will be using the sticker method on the pots again and our usual show schedule. If you don't have a copy of the schedule, please let me know and I will have one for you next meeting.

Guest Speaker

Bronwyn Holm founder of Earthfood was our speaker. Bronwyn explained how her product could be used to increase/improve harvest yields, plant/tree health and lushness, and save on costs and labour, not to mention water saving. "Earthfood" Bronwyn describes as rainforest in a bottle powered by live microbes. Historically handed down in Bronwyn's family since the mid-1880s and used in the Hermitage



Estate Wineries in Australia, (Dalwood Estate now as one of them) when Eggert Holm her great great grandfather, was their master winemaker using live microbes. With a soil scientist the IP for suspending the microbes (to put them asleep) was created so the product can now be sent globally, and the microbes survive and thrive whether used in a pot-plant or on acres of farming land for food. Bronwyn showed how simply her product can be added to a spray bottle, used with water, as a foliar feed. Bronwyn says her product could potentially improve the health and lushness of plants and crops. Bronwyn told us that potentially results could be seen in 4

weeks, and she recommends a fortnightly foliar spray with her microbial concentrate She also brought along product to sell and came armed with an informative video to show us about her product. Earthfood also produce a 100 % certified organic weed terminator being 100% pine oil which is a natural suffocant. The product does not remain residue in the ground and is harmless to worms, bacteria, frogs and other pollinators. She has kindly donated a bottle valued at \$25.00 to be used as one of our next month's raffle prizes. Bronwyn's online shop is located at Slacks Creek and a quick google search will bring up the website.

10. Projector/Screen purchase - update

This will be done before the next meeting.

11. Pots

I still have new pots for sale (\$ (donations) to the Club). Let me know if you'd like any. Very cheap to our members. Small 4" are 10 pots for \$1.00 (new pots). What's not sold before market day will be bundled up for sale at a more expensive price.

13. Happy Birthday Wishes – To members having a birthday in March - your **NATIVE** Birth Flower is the Grevillea (said to represent love, faith and kindness) and for April the Native Birth Flower is Eremophila Winter Gold.

14. Newsletter - If you have anything of interest you'd like to share with members, or an event is happening you'd like to share, please let me know and I can share for you in the newsletter.

15. Please continue to promote our Club and bring along like minded friends, neighbours anyone, you think may be interested in seeing what we do, if only as a visitor to hear our speakers, and share a cuppa with us.

Thank goodness summer is over – what a terrible summer.

Happy Gardening (& Potting), and happy and safe Easter to all.



Despite missing Sandra and Ashley at the March meeting we still had very full benches.



Thanks to members who stayed behind to help clean up.
Thanks to Colin for jumping in and helping Patrick at the door.