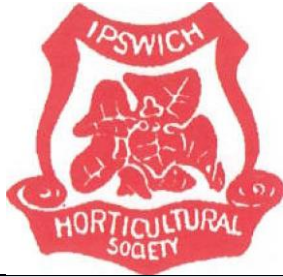


NEWSLETTER (June 2024)




| Elected AGM | 09 March 2024 |
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| 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/Tina Holland |

Welcome to the June 2024 Newsletter

Dates for your Diary:

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| 13 July 2024 | IHSI Garden Club (our meeting). |
| 3 August 2024 | Geranium & Pelargonium Society of Brisbane Inc. Friendship Day – Guest Speaker Elizabeth from Floral Art Society - entry 12.30 p.m. seated by 1 p.m. Albion Peace Centre – two members each club invited. Let me know and I will RSVP for you. |
| 6 – 8 September | Laidley Spring Festival |
| 21 – 23 September | Toowoomba Bromeliad & Succulent Society Inc. presents their spring sale, Sacred Hearts School Hall, Toowoomba, Tor & North Sts. \$4 entry adults (free plant for every child) (bring your own box). Sat & Sun. 8 – 4 Mon 8 – 2. |
| 5 October 2024 | Ipswich Horticultural Society Inc. (Garden Club) Spring Show & Market Day |
| 12 October 2024 | Marburg Garden & Outdoor Expo |
| 18 – 20 October | Buderim Garden Festival |



1. Welcome to our newest member (returning), Shaleshni Shicklen. Welcome back Shaleshni – so glad you’ve come back to join us.
2. We also had visitors to our June meeting. I apologise, at the meeting I forgot to acknowledge that Doreen’s sister had returned as a visitor to our meeting – Margaret Dixon. It was also lovely to have Doreen back at the meeting (and thank you so much Doreen for the donation of the much-needed green bottles for our cupboard). We also had visitors – Leanne Field, Jacqueline Clayden and Lakshmi Reddy. Always good to welcome visitors, and hopefully they enjoyed the meeting enough to return.
3. We had a lot of members unwell, being that time of year with all the coughs and colds going around. Gell well soon to Ashley,  Glenda and Michelle. We of course, were missing President Sandra as she enjoys her round the world luxury trip.
4. We had three lucky door prizes for June and the winners were Doreen, Charmaine and Lenora. The winners of the **Raffle** were Brian Heath, Helen (F) and Barry. Congrats to those winners.
5. **Lucky Door** Roster for July – We have **Sandra Harvey** bringing our lucky door prize.
6. Our Judge for June, Dell Underwood phoned Patrick the day before the meeting to say she was ill and could not make the meeting. Thank you to Helen Murray who is so very obliging and jumped in to Judge for us on the day.
7. Our **Judges for July** will be David Stephenson & Noel Prior.
8. **Pots** – I still have some black pots left and I’ll bring those to each meeting – 10 for \$1.00, but if you need any before, please let me know and I’ll arrange to get those to you. The pots have proved a bonus money spinner for our Club.
9. **Spring Show – 5 October 2024.** With the Autumn Show/Market Day behind us – we will look forward to doing it all again on **5 October** for our Open Spring Show. So again, we will have a Market Day in conjunction with the church’s market day, and our show in the Hall. I have three Judges booked for the show. We also discussed at the meeting that we may have an open Photo Competition at the October Spring Show. The sizes of the photos which are to be in hard copy would be 8” x 6” and we were going to have two categories being “Spring in the Garden” and “Visitors to the Garden” and we would arrange for the photo competition to be judged. More information on this to come, but that is something to get your imaginations going for entries into the photo competition. Remember, it’s an open competition so anyone can enter their photos – just to be printed out and the correct size.
10. Judge’s Comments – We put on a lovely display in the hall on 8 June as we always do. We missed Ashley’s entries on the fruit and vegetable table, but it was good to see some of our other members bringing along their entries for the fruit and vegetables table, so Ashley will have some competition upon his return.

Helen Murray as our Judge selected the following as winners:

- Best Cut Flower – Patrick Smith

- Best Miscellaneous Cut Flower – Brian Heath
- Best Exhibit of Show – Helen Farley

Helen (M) reminded us that no leaves the bottles of the flowers exhibited and stand “out” of the bottle. Helen the fruit was past it’s prime – fruit for the show benches. Helen said that the displays were lovely. Well done



are to be in the water in that the blooms are to mentioned that some of should always be fresh despite the people away everyone.

11. Some of the floral art was usual.

just gorgeous, as

12. **Floral Art** for our **July** meeting will be –

- Vase of flowers (water only)
- As you like it
- My Country Australia (using native flowers)
- Bowl using Daisies and Greenery.

13. **Guest speaker** for July will be Peter Starkey speaking on Camelias.

14. **Guest speakers for June were Alexia Loader and Jenny Watts from the Cordyline Society.** Despite confusion about needing a laptop, the ladies gave us a comprehensive report on Cordylines, and we all learnt a bit about the beautiful foliage plants. Alexia set to work putting together a lovely foliage display while the ladies together presented their talk and our members fired lots of questions which were capably answered. I have inserted a shot of the foliage display that Alexia worked on for those who couldn’t make the meeting. The ladies brought plants to sell at a between \$5.00 and \$8.00. They basically Cordylines are easy to to be put in a good location. They under the ground. If for whatever your Cordyline has “died”, don’t likely it will shoot again after the tropical plants and can’t really be they’ll respond well to any fertilizer Booster, anything organic. They from a cutting or a root cutting (toe) (which can be a lengthy process). Their closest relative is the Dracaena – Cordylines always have white roots and Dracaena have orange (or yellow) roots. They do have a few pests – the usual grasshoppers, slugs and snails, aphids with the usual things available to treat the pests. A good preventative is Stress Guard or Envy¹ which will actually put a seal over the leaves. In the cooler months being tropical they don’t like the colder nights and watering in the mornings is recommended.



reasonable price of explained that look after and need form rhizomes reason you think give up!! It’s most next rain. They are overwatered, and like Rooster propagate easily rather than seed

¹ Heat and Frost protectant.



Alexia & Jenny giving their talk.

15. **QCGC Friendship Day – 26 June – (Mt Coot-tha Auditorium)** 2 more members indicated they would join us at the last meeting – Charmain Wilson and Anita Dwyer. So, we have 5 members attending all being well. If anyone else wants to come along, please let me know so I can RSVP before 19 June. No limit on numbers from any club. Guest speaker is Arno King. We can carpool if need be. Each year we are starting to get more members from our Club attend these events so if you want to come along – you are sure to have an enjoyable morning - guaranteed. All you need to do is bring a plate of finger food to share.

16. **Happy Birthday Wishes** – To members having a birthday in June/July – Your Australian Native Birth flower for June is Hardenbergia, common name: Purple Coral Pea and for July the Native Birth flower is Adenanthes common name: Woolly bush.

17. **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 our newsletter. Don't forget it's a club for everyone, If you have any ideas or things you'd like incorporated into our meetings/newsletters, let us know and the Committee can have a chat about it for you. Seeing that no one has anything to share this month for the newsletter, I am going to give you some really poor gardening jokes – which hopefully will encourage you to send me something more interesting for the July newsletter! Here goes²:

- (I) My wife complains that I never buy her flowers. I didn't even know she sold them;
- (II) Why did the Gardener quit? His celery wasn't high enough;
- (III) What is small, red and whispers? A hoarse radish.

18. **Library** – Reminder we have books to share – they were on the trade table last meeting – Gardening Australia – past editions – just leave your name in the BORROW BOOK with whichever editions you are interested in and return the following meeting. If you have anything you think would be of interest for our Club to incorporate into our Library please let Anita know.

13. Please continue to promote our Club and bring along like minded friends, neighbours anyone, you think may be interested in sharing with us what we do, if only as a visitor, to listen to our speakers, and share a cuppa with us. See you all on next meeting. (Remember if you change your contact details please let me know.)

Happy Gardening. Helen (F).

² You may laugh or cry, not sure which.

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The floral art.



