



**IPSWICH HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY INC. GARDEN CLUB**  
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**Welcome to the December 2024 Edition of our  
Newsletter**

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<b>Elected AGM</b>	<b>09 March 2024</b>
<b>Office Bearers 2 0 2 4:</b>	
Patron	Councillor Jim Madden
Honorary Member	Rob Wilson (Mountain Man)
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:	Sandra Harvey
Stewards:	Ashley Haag Patrick Smith
Librarian:	Anita Dwyer
Raffle Convenor:	Patrick Smith/Colin Power
Afternoon Tea Convenor:	Veronika King/Tina Holland

**DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:**



8 & 9 March 2025	Bromeliads & More Belmont Shooting Complex Sat. 8 am – 1 pm, Sunday 8 am – 1 pm.
28 & 29 March 2025	Queensland Council of Garden Clubs Inc. Plant & Floral Fair (Auditorium Brisbane Botanic Gardens Mt Coot-tha)
12 & 13 April 2025	Ipswich Garden Spectacular (Silkstone State School) 8.30 am to 3 pm Sat, Sunday 9 am to 1 pm
Saturday 3 May 2025	Ipswich Horticultural Society Inc. Autumn Show/Market Day (Our Judges for this event will be Noel & Heather Prior)
12 & 13 September 2025	Laidley Spring Garden Fair
28 & 29 September 2025	Ipswich Garden Spectacular (Silkstone State School) Sat. 8.30 am & Sunday 9 am to 1 pm
Saturday 4 October 2025	Ipswich Horticultural Society Inc. Spring Show/Market Day

**QCGC Xmas Lunch Report** On 27 November 2024 Sandra and I enjoyed a lovely Xmas celebration and Lunch hosted by the QCGC. Members who didn't attend missed a lot of fun with a Mystery Box on each table, and games which were a lot of fun. The best wreath award was unfortunately not our snappy of our combined to encourage more as it's a combined effort by Adam was full of good enjoyment of the day.



table, but this is a happy effort Xmas Wreath. I'd like members to attend next year all Clubs. President Phil humour which added to the

### **2024 Xmas Lunch/Trophy Presentation PA Hotel Booval**

On 4 December 2024, our members celebrated the end of the year with a Xmas lunch at the PA Hotel, Booval. There are photos below, I hope all enjoyed the lunch and the staff looked after us very well. Thank you to Councillor Jim Madden for attending to help us enjoy the day, and also for awarding the trophies to the winners (and of course for the donation of the wonderful hamper won by Barbara Cush).

### **8 December 2024 – last meeting of the year**

Our last Meeting of the year was conducted on an informal basis at Tina Holland's home. It was a very, very, very hot humid day, but Tina and her husband Mark did such a lovely job of hosting



and had everything prepared and set up and ready for us. It was a lovely spread of food as well and a lot was covered at that meeting, details of which I will tell you all about below. Thank you, Tina and Mark, so much for hosting.



The love of gardening is a seed once sown, that never dies.

Merry Xmas to all our members, happy and safe holidays to you and your families.

See you back in 2025 for another year of plants, flowers, guest speakers, laughs and friendship.

(From the Committee)

**Last Minute Beautiful Christmas Gifts** – don't forget if you've left it a bit late or even if you haven't, drop over to the **TREVALLAN LIFESTYLE CENTRE AT BRASSALL**. You won't be disappointed. Chelsea has beautiful pots, giftware, flowers, and plants, and you can even have a coffee.

**Webpage** – Colin Power has done an excellent job with our website and QR Code. If you have any further suggestions of what we could put on our Website, please let me know. Some suggestions thus far have been Community Events, our Mission Statement which is "Friendship Through Flowers" DIY Tips for the garden, and feedback from you is very welcome. Colin will keep the website updated for us.

**Ipswich Show Society Gardens** – Helen (F) and Leanne Field attended the first meeting for the proposed Garden at the Ipswich Show grounds. A lot of discussion went into this topic also at our last meeting and President Sandra and I will attend the next meeting on 14 December to consider the input that our Club can have to this project. This project will be great exposure for our Club as the Society intends to erect signage of contributors to the project. Rob Wilson has very kindly offered to do a talk on behalf of our Club during the Ipswich Show at the Garden Site. More on this in the New Year.

**Salvation Army** – Just to let you know that our Club has donated \$500.00 to the Salvation Army towards food hampers for the Ipswich Community this Christmas.

**Club Visits 2025** – Regarding our proposed visit to Elderflower Farm on 21 March 2025 – I have spoken to Rachel at the Elderflower farm, and she says that while happy to do the farm tour for us, the end of March is coming towards the end of their summer flower season. So members decided at our last meeting, we'd do that visit later in the year and organise a visit to the Mt Coot-tha Botanical Gardens for a guided tour instead and incorporate their new Dahlia Display Garden into the day which will be in full bloom then. More on this in the New Year.

**Show Schedules** – The Show schedules are being updated, particularly the Dahlia section. I will prepare a complete new draft for consideration by the Committee prior to the start of February for benching. Some other minor changes will incorporate pots in metric sizes (rather than inches). The Novice Schedule will remain unchanged.

**Guest Speaker/Judges for 2025** – President Sandra and I are busily arranging Guest Speakers and Judges for the New Year. While we have great Judges at our Shows we have asked Helen (M) to prepare a sort of “Direction for Judges” – incorporating some questions that they may like to address to help us all learn a little more on presenting our exhibits for showing.

**Floral Art for 2025** – We have asked Helen (M) to consult with Dawn to prepare a new floral art schedule for the New Year for us.

**Lucky Door 2025** – I have noone to bring a lucky door for the first meeting in February – I’d like two volunteers please - if you want to bring a lucky door, something to the value of \$20.00, please let me know, and I will put your name down on my roster for February 8, which is our first meeting for the new year.

**IHSI Club Constitution – Our current Constitution in its “Objects” should have (for the purpose of obtaining Grants) that our Club is “not for profit”. As it currently stands, that is not incorporated into our “Objects” in our Constitution, remembering our Club goes way back.** There are two ways to solve this and this was the subject of much discussion also at our last meeting. It was therefore agreed that the easiest option would be that our Club adopt the new version of the Model Rules<sup>1</sup> available on the OFT website. So in January you will all receive from me – a copy of the current Club Constitution and then a copy of the proposed Model Rules, for final decision at the AGM.

**AGM** – As you know 8 March is our AGM. Please consider nominating for a position on our Committee. The AGM is always short and our Patron Concillor Madden will oversee the proceedings. There will be a guest speaker thereafter and as usual our benches will be full of exhibits ready for our first Show of the season. Our Judge will be Helen Murray.

**Membership Fees will also be due.** \$15.00 and if you would like you newsletter posted (the additional postage will apply). Alternatively, please give the secretary your email details if she doesn’t already have it. Please continue to encourage new people to our club/meetings. I shall be in touch in the new year closer to our meeting to give you all a reminder of this that and the other.

I hope I’ve covered everything for now, and below some more photographs.

Happy gardening over the Christmas break.

*Helen.*

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<sup>1</sup> This will also incorporate the compulsory Grievance Procedure, which currently is an Addendum to our Club Constitution.



Dawn with her trophy



Members enjoying lunch.

President Sandra/Councillor Madden



*Jim & Tina*



Brian with his trophy.



Barbara Cush with Jim's hamper, the winner of the Xmas Quiz.



Sandra & Lenora