



IPSWICH HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY INC. GARDEN CLUB
(founded 1866)

Welcome to the FEBRUARY 2025 edition.

Website Link: <https://ipswichhortgardenclub.com.au>



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

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:



08 March 2025	IHSI Garden Club ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
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1 & 2 March 2025	Palm & Cycad Show Mt Coot-tha Auditorium – Saturday 9 am to 4 pm Sunday 9 am to 3 pm cost: \$4 per adult, concession card holders \$2
15 & 16 March 2025	State Dahlia Show – Mt Coot-tha Auditorium
28 & 29 March	QCGC Floral and Garden Fair
12 April 2025	Ipswich Garden Spectacular Saturday 8.30 am to 3 p.m. Sunday 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Silkstone State School \$5.00
12 April 2025	Begonias & More – Belmont Shooting Complex – 9 am to 3 pm \$4.00
03 May 2025	IHSI Autumn Show – set up from 7.30 am for Market Day Judging from 9.30 .m. Noel & Heather Prior to Judge
23 August 2025	Marburg Plant and Garden Expo – Show Grounds Marburg – note the new date
04 October 2025	IHSI Spring Show



Congratulations Lenora ! awarded Life Membership at our meeting on 8 February for her continued years of dedication and service to our Club. Well, deserved.



to our new members: Chris Rowland, Gemma Starr and Melissa Barton.

Hope you enjoy our club meetings and make new and lasting friendships, and we welcome the opportunity to get to know you.

We were also delighted to introduce two existing members - Kim Prince and Alex to the meeting, who were finally able to attend a meeting. Wouldn't it be nice if we could encourage more junior gardeners to the Club! All budding junior gardeners welcome

Get Well !! to our members not so well recently – hope to see you back on your feet with us soon. I Doreen has been in hospital recently but hopes to be back with us in March. Get Well Doreen.

New Open Show Schedules for 2025

The new schedules have been created – both Open and Novice and a great new Floral Art Schedule for this year prepared by Helen M and Dawn. Thank you for your work, Helen and Dawn. If anyone did not receive a copy of the new Schedule(s), please let me know – and I will be happy to have one available for you at the next meeting (or I can email) or you can download from our website.

It is so pleasing to see so many members benching and “having a go” – well done.

Membership

2025 Membership fees were due at the February meeting. If you weren't at the meeting and haven't paid - **Ipswich Horticultural Society Inc. BSB: 633 000 A.C. 114 26755 – Remember you must be financial to vote at the AGM (or pay Patrick next meeting).**

Winners of our Raffle for February were Lynette Rose and Chris Rowland	Lucky door winners: Lenora Brian Helen R Melissa B.
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Winner of Exhibits on the day was Brian Heath – winning both - with the beautiful Cockscomb flower as best cut flower and best exhibit of show with 3 perfect dragon fruit. Photos below. Congratulations Brian.



Judge's comments: Helen Murray was our Judge and asked that we remember the following when benching exhibits as the year begins:

- *Don't double pot exhibits;*
- *If the exhibits are staked, they belong in “trailing plants”; (tip from Helen M: if the exhibit won't hold itself up – soak the pot in water and stake at home and remove the stake when you put the exhibit on the bench.)*
- *The plant should ideally be planted in the centre of the pot.*
- *Remove old stickers etc from your pots.*

Our Judge for March will be Anne Baster

Guest speaker will be Wayne McDonnell (Photography Hints and Tips)

Floral Art for March will be:

- **Destination Japan (Ikebana)**
- **Two of a Kind**
- **Loop de Loop**

Apologies – Remember to let me know if you are not able to make a meeting – send me a quick apology. If you change your contact details, I will also need to know this, so I have correct contact for you.



AGM – 8 March meeting – Don't forget the AGM does not take very long at all – Councillor Madden will oversee the proceedings. If you would like to be on the Committee or nominate for a position, then *PLEASE DO SO* – We want you!!¹ Often people don't attend a meeting if they know there is an AGM because they think ... on no!!.... might get a job But don't worry – you won't be given a job if you don't want one – then onto our Guest Speaker, for March, and as per usual our show benches, raffle and lucky door prizes.

We are however, looking for a member to assist in setting up the Afternoon Tea Table and then packing it away. We ask everyone to wash/dry their own cup, but there are often the stray cups to wash and dry and pop away as well². Tina is our only afternoon convenor³, but not always able to make all meetings. If you'd prefer not to wash and dry your own cup, then bring your own cup and take it home again — at the end a meeting, Sandra and I simply don't have the time.

Sign in book - Remember to sign in when you come to a meeting (for insurance purposes).

Lucky Door Prizes for March will be donated by Melissa Barton and Helen Farley (and Councillor Madden will bring a hamper to go towards the raffle).

Website: Remember, Colin is looking for any photos you have of your garden, plants, or plants or gardens you have visited to keep our website churning over with new and interesting pictures. Email to me, Sandra, or Colin.

Ipswich Show Garden Project - Ipswich Horticultural Society contribution – Update

Planting has begun – you may have seen Sandra's needed – edible, colour – President Sandra asked small punnet of 6 flowers into larger pots for planting day which is 22 February. If you can help you have already volunteered to donate – let us plants to us (or we can collect) before then⁴. There planting in March and one in April and then a Ipswich Show in May. There will be signed participating member groups and clubs – and what we do and encourage hopefully more



pictures on FB. Many more plants are for members to each grow even a donation and planting at the next let either Sandra or I know, and if know how you can get the will be a further tidy up before the acknowledgement for will help promote our Club and memberships.

OCGC have forwarded Schedules to our Club for participation in the Plant and Floral Fair on Friday 28 and Saturday 29 March. Set up on Thursday from 2 pm to 6 pm. Schedules were available for interested members. No cost to enter and good prizes available. Many times, President Phil Adam

¹ If you'd like to know more about what it entails – then call Sandra, or myself.

² We don't expect our guest speakers/judges to wash/dry their own cups

³ Veronika has decided not to return to the Club

⁴ You may even be able to drop off on the day at the Ipswich Showgrounds – Gate 2 entrance

says he sees so many great exhibits as he goes around Garden Clubs which all would be worthy to be benched at the Fair. Sandra, Patrick and Rod, and I must say I even won some categories in 2024. The prizes are great and well worth entering. Each year Sandra encourages our members to all have a go If you'd like a schedule, I will have emailed one to you – or if you'd like another let me know. If you can't get your entries there yourself, let me know, perhaps one of us will take them down for you.

Club Outing – Friday 21 March 2025 – meet in the carpark – Mt Coot-tha Botanical Gardens – New **Dahlia Display** – and Garden Visit – I will ask Rob (our Honorary Member) who is in charge of this Project if he or someone else has time to give a tour of the Dahlia Display. It's the first time they have



had a Dahlia Display at the gardens and it promises to be beautiful. You are welcome to bring your friends/family, but I will need to know numbers. I have about 10 so far – the more the merrier and members are happy to carpool if you'd like to come along.

Guest Speaker for February was Darryl Ruprecht – “Queen of the Ferns” – His latest book – the Queen Staghorn has only just been released – Darryl's favourite plant is a species of fern belonging to the Polypodiaceae family – and named “Platynerium” with its majestic appearance and unique frond structure and Darryl says this fern deserves our respect. His first book “King of the Ferns” the Australian Staghorn Experience published in 2021 took his research though most of the rainforest areas on the eastern seaboard. Darryl says the Queen Staghorn is the majestic ‘Platynerium superbum”. He told us of some of his adventures in PNG and presented a slide show of his adventures –if you missed the meeting – you missed a treat – however, Darryl assures me he will email the slide show to Sandra who will forward to our IT guru Colin, and it will be up on the website for you all to watch. (So, keep an eye on the website) It was also a little hard to see on the screen on the day. Darryl brought coffee mugs (with pictures of various Platynerium ferns printed onto them) - and further entertained us with a raffle which was won by Alex who also took great note of Darryl's talk and presented us with a presentation of what she had learned at the conclusion of his talk. Well done Alex!.



(Alex & Darryl in the photo)

I bought a copy of Darryl's book as I also have his first book King of the Ferns.

Member's Contribution

Remember if you have anything of interest to share with members I am all ears Anything you'd like to share – please, let me know.

Photos from our last meeting below. See you all on March 8.

Happy Gardening

Helen





Some photos from our show benches on the day.