



IPSWICH HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY INC. GARDEN CLUB (founded 1866)

Welcome to the June 2025 edition.

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Elected AGM	15 March 2025
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Assistant and Points Secretary:	Sandra Harvey
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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:



21 June 2025	Esk Garden Fair
11, 12 & 13 July	Queensland Garden Show Nambour
23 August 2025	Marburg Plant and Garden Expo – Show Grounds Marburg – note the new date
31 August 2025	Brisbane Organic Growers Fair
27& 28 September 2025	Ipswich Garden Spectacular – Silkstone State School
04 October 2025	IHSI Spring Show/Market Day

10 & 11 October	Stanthorpe Garden Fest & Trade Fair
25 October	Begonias & More – Belmont Shooting Range (9 am to 3 pm)



Visitors to our June Meeting – We welcomed two visitors – Jude Covell & Kaylah Moore – welcome ladies, hope to see you next month ladies.

And we have one new member to welcome also – Hope you enjoy our club and huge welcome to Sue Penboss.

Our Club June Meeting – We were down on exhibits on our benches, with 9 apologies. Lenora is recovering from a small surgery – Get Well Soon Lenora – we miss your smiling face. To our other members not at the meeting, we hope to see you for our July meeting.

Our Guest Speaker for July will be: Brian Heath – topic - Orchids. This will be a very interesting talk for everyone, and Brian will also bring some orchids to sell¹ – so if you are an orchid lover – bring your pocket money.

Our Judge will be: David Stephenson.

Our Floral Art for July will be as follows:

- A Desert View;
- Beauty in A Vase;
- Parallel

Have a go – anyone can compete in the Floral Art section.

Best Cut Flower and Best Exhibit: Patrick Smith with his Gerbera².

Our Judge (Anne Baster) noted that exhibits were down on previous times she had judged at our club, but overall quite good. Anne mentioned that one or two of the Aglaonemas were perhaps becoming a bit lanky in the stem and could do with a cut back when this happens. Thank you Anne.

As we were missing our blue box from the cupboard we did not have the Note for the Judge – “to bring up any other exhibit worthy of mention”.

Our raffle winners were: Kim, Charmaine, Pat, Lyn Rose, and Kim again. Congratulations. Lucky Door winners were: Melissa Barton and Gemma Star. These ladies really have a lucky streak. Congratulations to all.

Next month I have as bringing lucky door – Leanne Field and Kim Prince.

¹ Brian is President of the Ipswich Orchid Society and is also involved in many other clubs, and has a lengthy history with all things orchids – Brian is a wealth of knowledge – so bring your friends/neighbours anyone who is an orchid lover - why not bring an orchid from home you might like some “help/advice” with.

² Patrick and his winning gerbera appear in the photo below.

Do Not Forget our Trade Table. If you have something you wish to sell (plant/garden related) – bring it along for the trade table – also excess fruit veges and be given away on the trade tables, cuttings etc. The June meeting saw a lot of pots³ as a donation to the club and the pots will be available next month also. The pots will be available at the next meeting as well – donation to the club.

AUTUMN SHOW 3 MAY – We asked members for ideas of how we could “improve” or what members would like to see at our next show/market day in October. The possibility of having the local paper do a story on our club the month before (we could invite them to the September meeting for photos etc.) and also signage at the Market Organics end of the street was suggested. Anita has volunteered to check with Ipswich City Council regarding regulations with respect to footpath signage.

Ipswich Show Gardens for 2026 – Expressions of Interest have already been called for to participate again at the end of this year to be ready for May next year. President Sandra and Helen F. will only commit to half the size of our portion of the garden for next year and only with the support of members, and so far we have Kim, Tina and Alex offering to help. Thank you girls.

2026 Ipswich Show

Rob Wilson (Mountain Man) our very own honorary member will be Chief Steward next year as well. This year saw a huge increase in exhibits (due to no entry cost) – Members from our club had success – Brian, Sandra (L), Helen (F), Kim, Alex and Ashley. Next year promises to be even bigger and better and Rob is asking for many many more exhibits from our club! The schedule will be updated. There is no reason why any of the entries that appear on our monthly show benches could not compete in the show! \$20.00 champion gift voucher was on offer this year – and cash for 1st and 2^{nds}. Have a go – it was my first time this year and even I got some prizes. We will be calling on members to man the stand next year – to further promote our club. (Free entry to the show – free meals – what more would you want – do a shift on the stand and then enjoy the show at no cost – easy.)

Club Badges – Reminder, you can order your club badge from Patrick.

Changed your address or phone number or email? Important to let me know so I can keep you updated.

Don't forget to sign the attendance book on arrival please – it's on the table at the front as you walk through the door. This is important for our club insurance.

Floral Art Society of Queensland is hosting a friendship day – Auditorium Mt Coot-tha on 28 July. 9 am to 1 pm. \$10.00 which includes entry tea, coffee, lucky door prizes, floral art demonstrations, light lunch – RSVP is 18 July. I already have 4 members from our club attending. If you want to join us – let me know. I will have sent you all the flyer – if you have misplaced it – ask and I shall send you another.

³ Used, but hosed out and in good condition

Club Outing – Elderflower Farm - Kent's Lagoon – 25 24 July (Friday) - Thursday.



UNFORTUNATELY, THE DATE HAS CHANGED – ANOTHER CLUB HAD JUST CONFIRMED THE BOOKING FOR JULY 25. SO, I HAVE TEMPORARILY BOOKED FOR 24 JULY – Proposed, we arrive at the Elderflower Farm at 9.45 am. We can carpool. Ask me, I'll organise a lift for you. A BOOKING HAS BEEN MADE AT THE CAFÉ \$15.50 PER PERSON TO INCLUDE YOUR TEA/COFFEE/MORNING TEA (SHARE PLATES)(IF YOU'D PREFER TO BOOK FROM THE MENU LET ME KNOW) - 9.45 am and hopefully by 10.30 a.m. we can have the flower farm tour – the café is a separate business to the flower farm – (this at each person's own expense). I will then book the flower farm tour (\$5.00 per person – your own expense) - the flowers (out the back where they are grown) – this takes about 30 – 40 minutes. You are welcome to participate or remain on the grounds and wait for us – but I need the numbers. After that you are free to roam the farm shop (so lovely), the fruit and veg. stand at the front (honesty box) and also the dress shop. The farm shop sells lovely things and bunches of flowers. – Then if numbers are up enough and there is interest, on to Little Pee Dee Nursery (Kalbar) - depart Elderflower Farm at 12 ish say and arrive at Little Pee Dee 12.30 for those who wish to ? I will need numbers to ask Maree to open the nursery - If the date change does not suit you now, please let me know. Yes, your sister, brother, neighbour, friend etc., is welcome, but I need the numbers.

Ipswich Plant and Lifestyle Fair⁴ – 7 June – Nicholas Street Precinct – Massive Thanks to Chelsea Allan & Rob Wilson for allowing our club to have this amazing opportunity to promote what we do. We will send Chelsea a thank you card, but that is my no means sufficient to thank her for the opportunity. Let me tell you about **Trevallan Lifestyle Centre** – which this amazing lady operates – address – 77 Fernvale Road, Brassall. If you have not been, you are doing yourself an injustice. Closed Mondays but open every other day. Chelsea is a Horticulturist – she sells the lot – and has the advice you need – not like the big Green Shed – check out the selves of this that and the other and go “Eeny, meeny, miny, moe” ??? – best to ask the expert at Trevallan, that way there can be no trial and error - whatever product you need for your garden – you will find it there – looking for that really unique gift for someone – you will find it there – looking for a quiet coffee and a sit in amongst nature to gather your thoughts – that is the place to go – you will not be disappointed. Chelsea's enthusiasm for small business and uniqueness is contagious and her business is an asset to Ipswich.

Club Polo Shirts – Our President proposed a buttercup yellow with our emblem and underneath our club name. The cost would be \$42.00 to members. There seemed little interest at the last

⁴ Photo of our stand below

meeting – 3 members. This will be asked again next meeting as we had many apologies last meeting.

Guest Speaker to our June Meeting – Carol Kerkin⁵ (and husband John). As per usual Carol gave an amazing talk on “Cottage Gardens”. What is a cottage garden? It’s a way of gardening, it’s a way of life. A cottage garden is an informal, romantic style of garden characterised by its dense, overflowing planting of a mix of flowers, vegetables, herbs, and climbing plants, often with an emphasis on natural materials and a sense of abundance. It prioritizes a relaxed, whimsical atmosphere over formal design principles, with winding paths, and a mix of colours and textures. Carol gave us lots of examples from different interest groups of plants that can go into our gardens and also brought along plants to sell. One member queried growing bulbs in south east Queensland and yes, we can grow bulbs in our region. In the example of Jonquils Carol recommends when the flower dies down, although unsightly let the brown stalk die down naturally as this “feeds” the bulb for the following season. They can be left in the ground to pop up next season but leave a little sign so you know where they are and don’t accidentally *DIG THEM UP*. Carol passed around some lovely examples and some gorgeous roses from her own garden. Thank you Carol and John.



Each newsletter I am happy to share anything of interest you wish to share/sell/promote etc. Mostly I have no response – However this month I have had a request from a member of our club who is also involved with **IPSWICH HOSPICE**, as follows:

On 1 November Ipswich Hospice are having a Gala Dinner as part of a major fund-raising campaign to further raise money for the very fine work that they do for the aging population in Ipswich. Ipswich Hospice is asking for “*Help*” from Ipswich Horticultural Society Inc. Garden Club. Their Gala dinner would involve 32 tables with a floral table decoration on each – if Hospice purchase the flowers - they are seeking volunteers to put together the floral arrangements for each of the tables the day before – to save money in having them professionally done – if we have any members who would be available to assist, please let me know and we have some few very talented ladies in our club – or simply volunteer your time to help Ipswich Hospice with this task. Please send me your name if you wish to help Ipswich Hospice. Thank you.

Happy Gardening.

Helen.

⁵ A Club Favourite Guest Speaker





Next Club meeting: set up from 12.30 pm. – otherwise, arrive 1 p.m. for 1.30 p.m. start.
See you all then.