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## WHAT'S ON: NEXT MEETING & SHOW

Our next meeting and show for the year will be held on:




Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> June 2026

St Thomas' Anglican Hall, 15 Lawrence Street, North Ipswich

### Times

- Set-up from 12:30 pm
- Meeting starts promptly at 1:30 pm

### As always:

-  Free lucky door ticket for everyone attending
-  Raffle tickets available at the door — **\$2 each or 3 for \$5**
-  Please feel free to bring a small plate to share for afternoon tea

Judge for the day will be Meryl Windsor and our guest speaker will be Terry from Grow. Terry will be bringing products for sale

### Floral Art themes will be:

- Rainforest Fun
- A Gift Spray
- An Unusual Container

### Lucky Door Prizes

Lynette Rose and Anita Dwyer have volunteered to bring Lucky Door Prizes to the June meeting. Could we please have a volunteer to bring a Lucky Door Prize for July and two for August.

## POSITION VACANT

We urgently need a **Treasurer** to help keep our club running smoothly. In the meantime, our wonderful Secretary, **Helen Farley**, has kindly stepped in to cover the Treasurer role until the end of the month—however, it's not sustainable for one person to manage both positions.

If we can't fill this role, we may have no choice but to wind up the club—something we'd hate to see after more than 160 years. The good news is the Treasurer role is very manageable, and **training and support will be provided**. If you can help, please contact **Helen Farley**.



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## AUTUMN SHOW HIGHLIGHTS

Amanda Meads and Shirley Took judges. Amanda complimented exhibitors on the quality of their exhibits. She was particularly impressed and noted that for a lot of the plants which normally reside outside the plants and pots were very clean.

Congratulations to Brian and Shal, Ashley and Alexandra.





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## Autumn Show Highlights

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## A SPECIAL THANK YOU

The President, Committee and members of Ipswich Horticultural Society.

On behalf of Phil & Dulcie Adam and myself, I would like to thank you most sincerely for the invitation to attend your 160 Year Celebration. It was a pleasure to be part of such a significant milestone in the Club's history.

Congratulations on a truly wonderful afternoon. Your hospitality, friendship, and the evident pride in the Club's traditions made the occasion both memorable and inspiring.

To mark one hundred and sixty years is a remarkable achievement, and to celebrate in such a manner reflected the strength and quality of membership.

Please accept our heartfelt congratulations to all involved in organising such a successful celebration.

With kind regards and best wishes for many more years of success.

Anne Baster

Secretary - Queensland Council of Garden Clubs

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## WELCOME, VISITORS & NEW MEMBERS!

A warm welcome to everyone who joined us for our Autumn Show—whether you were visiting for the first time or returning after a break; we hope you enjoyed the friendly atmosphere and found plenty of gardening inspiration.

## OFFICE BEARERS 2026

Elected at AGM: 14 March 2026

Patron	<i>Councillor Jim Madden</i>	
President:	<i>Sandra Logue 0411 066 787</i>	
Treasurer:	<i>Vacant - Acting – Helen Farley</i>	
Secretary:	<i>Helen Farley 0498 205705</i>	
Committee:	<i>Lynette Rose</i>	<i>Anita Dwyer</i>
	<i>Kim Prince</i>	<i>Helen Reich</i>
	<i>Gemma Starr</i>	<i>Melissa Barton</i>
Points Secretary:	<i>Sandra Harvey</i>	
Honorary Member	<i>Rob Wilson (Mountain Man)</i>	
Stewards:	<i>Ashley Haag</i>	<i>Patrick Smith</i>
	<i>Kim Prince</i>	
Raffle Convenor:	<i>Patrick Smith</i>	
Webmaster:	<i>Colin Power</i>	
Honorary solicitor:	<i>Peter Walker</i>	
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## BRING A FRIEND & GROW OUR CLUB

Visitors are always welcome—so feel free to bring friends, family, neighbours, and anyone who loves gardening (or wants to learn). **The more, the merrier!**

Junior members are welcome too. If you have children or grandchildren who are keen on gardening, they're warmly invited to join us at our meetings.



## STAY IN THE LOOP

Visit our website for the latest club news:

[ipswichhortgardenclub.com.au](http://ipswichhortgardenclub.com.au)

### **Upcoming Event:**

- Plant & Lifestyle Fair – Nicholas Street Precinct – 6 June – free parking underneath – no entry – many stalls both plant and lifestyle to browse. Come say hi to us – as IHSI will have a stand at the event to promote our club.
- QCGC Friendship Day – 24 June – RSVP – 17 June – 9.30 for 10 am start – no cost – Guest Speaker – Jonathan Gregory – please let Secretary know if you'd like to go. (ride share available with Helen)
- Esk Garden Fair – 20 June – one day only - \$5.00 entry – cash only – THIS IS A GREAT DAY!
- Marburg Garden & Outdoor Expo – 22 August – one day only – don't miss this day - \$5
- Spring Garden Fair – Laidley – 11 & 12 September – Laidley Recreational Reserve

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- The Qld Camelia Society present their Annual Show – 5 July – Mt Coot-tha 8 July – 9 am to 3 pm

**Oxley & District Garden Club – The Biggest Morning Tea – 21 July - \$20.00 – RSVP 14 July  
(Please let Secretary know if you'd like to attend - \$20.00 which includes sandwiches, cakes, scones, tea and coffee- All proceeds to the Cancer Council of Australia.**

**As usual, for all your plant, gift (and coffee with friends – or just yourself) and all things in plant needs – TREVALLAN LIFESTYLE CENTRE – 77 Fernvale Road, Brassall.**

## **Ipswich Show – Horticultural Division – Show Gardens**

Now the Ipswich Show has come and gone for 2026 – it was pleasing to see more entries in the Horticultural Division from our members. A huge thank you to Sandra and Kim, and Shaleshni for their dedication/volunteering in assisting Rob Wilson (Chief Steward) in stewarding and writing up winners cards. We will be encouraging even more participation in the Horticulture Division at the Ipswich Show next year as we hope to involve more clubs in benching/competition. Congratulations to our members who came away with prizes.

Our Show Gardens were well received by the public and this is an ongoing project for future shows. Ipswich Horticultural Society has been responsible for the pollinator section of the garden – if you'd like to help maintain the garden for next year – we would be only too happy to accept your help. A thank you to Rob Wilson, Sandra Logue, Kim Prince and Alexandra Burwell for their ongoing help in maintaining the gardens.

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