



NEWSLETTER

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WHAT'S ON: NEXT MEETING & SHOW

Join us for our next meeting and show:




Saturday 11th July 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

We're pleased to welcome **David Stephenson** as our judge for the day. Our guest speaker, **Brian Heath**, will be sharing his knowledge of chrysanthemums.

Floral Art themes will be:

- A Desert View
- Beauty in a Vase
- Parallel

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Moved house recently?

If you've recently moved, changed your phone number, or updated your email address, please let our Club Secretary, Helen, know. Keeping our contact list up to date helps us stay in touch and is also required for club insurance purposes.

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MAY MEETING & SHOW HIGHLIGHTS

Our judge, Meryl Windsor, was impressed by the wonderful variety of entries at our May Meeting and Show.

Best Exhibit of Show: Sandra's Zygo Cactus hanging basket

Brian Heath's orchid exhibit was also a standout and received high praise from the judge.

Best Cut Flower: Patrick Smith – Gladiola



Did you know?

Gladiolus flowers are traditionally associated with the 40th wedding anniversary, symbolising enduring love and commitment.



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Lucky Door Prize Winners:

- Alex Burwell
- Wendy McLeish
- Jacki Clayden
- Kim Prince

Raffle Winners:

- Ngaire Gamack
- Meryl Windsor
- Meryl Windsor

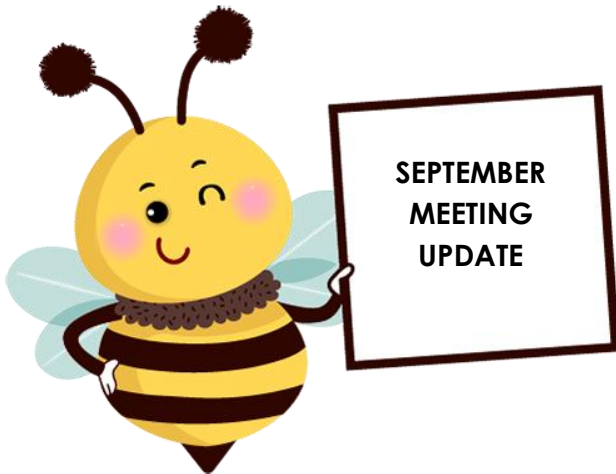


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Please note the meeting date change, our September Meeting will now be on **19th September 2026**.

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GREAT PLACES OF IPSWICH

The Ipswich Horticultural Society has been invited to take part in Great Places of Ipswich 2026, a special heritage open day celebrating some of Ipswich's much-loved historic homes and gardens.

The event will be held at the Queen's Park Pavilion on **Saturday 12 September 2026, from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm**. It will bring together groups and individuals who help preserve and celebrate historic homes, gardens and buildings, with talks, demonstrations and displays throughout the day.

Our Garden Club will be setting up a display similar to the one we presented at the Ipswich Plant and Lifestyle Fair in June.

CORNFLOWERS AND BUTTERFLIES

This year, QCGC asked for a volunteer club to grow cornflowers for the Motor Neurone Disease (MND) Group's annual Memorial Day planting at the Botanic Gardens.

IHSI proudly volunteered, with Kim, Anita, Sandra and Helen Farley growing seeds for this very worthwhile cause. MND Global Awareness Day was held on 21 June 2026.

As part of the morning, cornflowers were planted as the international symbol of hope for MND. Each flower represented a person, a memory or a message of support — a quiet but meaningful way to show that no one faces this journey alone.

There was also a butterfly release — a simple and beautiful way to honour loved ones, support people living with MND, and stand alongside the wider MND community.

It would be lovely to see more members join us next year in support of this meaningful cause.



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CLUB OUTING

The committee is proposing a club outing on **18th August 2026** to visit Wendy's Lord's Home Nursery at Mutdapilly. There will be plenty of plants to admire — and, of course, some available to purchase.

After visiting the nursery, we will continue on to Kalbar for high tea at Nanny Lou's. High tea is \$15 per person and is limited to 12 people. You're also welcome to come along to Kalbar without joining the high tea — there are lovely shops to browse, including the dress shop and other local stores. If you would like to join the high tea, the club will ask for payment in advance. Carpooling may also be available if members are interested.

If you're interested, please let our Club Secretary, Helen, know as soon as possible.

QCGC FACEBOOK PAGE

QCGC encourages club members to join the Facebook page, read the updates, like posts and leave a friendly comment when they can.

WELCOME, VISITORS & NEW MEMBERS!

A warm welcome to everyone who joined us for our June Meeting and 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 Anita Dwyer Kim Prince Helen Reich Gemma Starr Melissa Barton Committee Position Available</i>
Points Secretary:	<i>Sandra Logue</i>
Honorary Member	<i>Rob Wilson (Mountain Man)</i>

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Stewards:	Ashley Haag Patrick Smith Kim Prince
Raffle Convenor:	Patrick Smith
Webmaster:	Colin Power
Honorary solicitor:	Peter Walker
Newsletter Editor	Melissa Barton Melissa.Barton26@telstra.com

IPSWICH SHOW SOCIETY AFTER PARTY

As we know Sandra, Kim, Alexandra, Helen and Rob have again worked in the Ipswich Show Garden to prepare the community garden for the May 2026 Ipswich Show. This will be an ongoing project going into 2027 and beyond. Please think about giving us a hand at the end of this this year as we prepare for next year. Many hands make light work, and those involved would welcome the help. Sandra, Helen, Brian and Lynn attend the Ipswich Show Society After Party last week and the Club received a Certificate of Appreciation for efforts towards the Show Garden, together with a Certificate of Appreciation for assisting Rob Wilson the show Steward in the Horticulture Division. President Sandra will be wanting more members to put something on the benches for the 2027 Ipswich Show. Also, another good opportunity to promote our club.

QCGC Friendship Day – Jonathan Gregory (a IHSI Club member may we proudly say) gave a very through provoking inspiring and interesting talk on the morning about his own experiences as a landscape gardener over the year and outlines some of the projects he had worked on. Jonathan's talk was very well received with lots of questions throughout the morning for Jonathan for a lot of the attendees. We have it on good authority that Jonathan will also be guest speaker at the Great Events of Ipswich Event in September.

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 kids who are keen on gardening, they're warmly invited to join us at our meetings.

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August 8th club meeting – At this meeting we welcome Norma and Ernie Ensor from OuttaMyGarden. Norma grows many different plants that you typically don't find elsewhere.

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For this meeting our Club has invited 5 members from 6 surrounding clubs to join us for the afternoon (a mini friendship day), as Norma always has lots to sell. That gives other clubs an insight into how we go about our monthly meetings also. The hall may be set up a little differently on that occasion – and we will ask that all members bring something a little extra special for afternoon tea to cater for our visitors. A list will be available for you to put what you will bring for afternoon tea at the July meeting. This just ensures we don't have 6 dozen scones with jam and cream etc. We may also have some extra raffle prizes for this occasion as well as our usual lucky door prizes. There will be no visitor fee charged for this meeting.

Dates for your Diary:

1 August 2026 – Plant Bingo hosted by Trevallan Lifestyle Centre – all proceeds to our club – further details to come – stay tuned.

Marburg Garden & Outdoor Expo - 22 August 8 am to 2 pm - \$5.00 entry

QCGC Fashion Parade – 26 August 9.15 am for 10 am – Fashions by Nanny Lou's at Kalbar

Brisbane Garden Expo – 5 September Rocklea Showgrounds – 8 am to 4 pm - \$10 entry

Ipswich Garden Spectacular – 3 & 4 October – Silkstone State School Assembly Hall - \$5.00

Begonias & More – 24 October 2026 – Belmont Shooting Complex - \$5.00 9 am to 3 pm

Ipswich Horticultural Society Inc. Spring Show/Market Day (open show) – 2 November 2026

Ipswich Horticultural Society Inc. – Christmas Party – Trophy Day – 2 December – Brother's Leagues Club

Finally – a big thank you to our webmaster Colin who continually keeps the website updated for us.



STAY IN THE LOOP

Visit our website for the latest club news: ipswichhortgardenclub.com.au

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