



**IPSWICH HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY INC. GARDEN
CLUB (founded 1866)**

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



Welcome to the July Newsletter for 2026.

Firstly, I will explain why we are back to the older style of newsletter - Our editor has been very unwell for the past few weeks - so let's hope she recovers very soon to bring you her fresh new look newsletter again for August.
Get Well Melissa!

Elected AGM 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</i> <i>Kim Prince Helen Reich</i> <i>Gemma Starr Melissa Barton</i> <i>Committee Position Available</i>
Points Secretary:	<i>Sandra Logue</i>
Honorary Member	<i>Rob Wilson (Mountain Man)</i>



1. July saw us welcome 6 new members! Look at our Club go - A sincere welcome to the following new members – we are so pleased to have you onboard.
Jacinta Lipp, Brad Burns, Tricia Stinson, Rob Stinson, Roxanne Power, Kym Logue.
We also welcomed a visitor – Susan Ryan – hope to see you at our next meeting Susan – we hope you enjoyed our meeting.

2. July Meeting – With some of our exhibitors away – we still benched a reasonable amount. Judge David Stephenson – David noted we are a club who always exhibits in clean pots and with clean plants (all dead leaves, stalks etc. removed) – so well done. David’s selection for best exhibit of show was awarded to **Sandra Logue**; Best cut flower of show awarded to **Shaleshni** with her beautiful rose. Another exhibit worthy of being mentioned as outstanding by Judge David – was **Shaleshni’s floral art** – Vase of Flowers – Water Only – Congratulations to those winners.

Floral Art for August will be:

- Vase of Flowers – Water Only
- Red for Romance
- Foliage with Style
- Bowl of Flowers
(we can all put together a vase of flowers – let’s all have a shot.)
- Our Horticultural Judge for August will be Lee Thorneycroft.

3. I felt it fitting to mention Ashley’s helped the last few meetings with setting before meetings and also with packing and worthy of a big thank you to Jasper the “back ache” - Thank you Jasper – so



Grandson – Jasper – Jasper has up tables and chairs for us up. It’s actually very helpful – as it saves we older ladies – very kind and helpful.

4. A mention about **Club Badges** – If you’d like a club badge - \$14.50 – please email or let Helen (F) know if you’d like a club badge. **Club Shirts** can also be ordered at Ipswich Embroidery on Cemetery Road, Raceview – they have all our details on file – just say you’d like a shirt for “Ipswich Horticultural Society Inc.” and you’ll probable need to go in for sizing.



A Special Focus on Begonias

5. The Committee is pleased to advise members that our **2027 Show Bench Schedule** will feature a special focus on **Begonias**, recognising the growing interest and enthusiasm for these beautiful plants throughout Ipswich and the surrounding districts. To better showcase the diversity and appeal of this remarkable genus, Begonias will be moved from the Pot Plants section and given a dedicated section of their own within the Show Bench Schedule. We anticipate including approximately ten individual classes, providing exhibitors with a wonderful opportunity to display the many forms, colours and varieties that Begonias have to offer. In addition, we will endeavour to include guest speakers during the coming year who can share their knowledge, growing tips and passion for this beautiful genus. We hope these presentations will inspire both experienced growers and those who are new to the fascinating world of Begonias. We look forward to seeing a wonderful display of Begonias on our show benches in 2027.
6. **Club Outing¹**
18 August – 9.30 a.m. - Wendy Lord’s Home Nursery – Mutdapilly – address to follow closer to the date – (new members most welcome to join us – just let secretary know) – own travel to venues – please bring your pocket money as Wendy may just have

¹ If you have an idea for a club outing – please do share with me or Sandra.

something that you can't live without in your garden in her nursery. Then on to Nanny Lou's at Kalbar for High Tea – the high tea event is at capacity for numbers – I will ask for payment for those on the list at the next meeting please – as the club will have to pay if you don't turn up on the day for whatever reason. Name and money in an envelope please – **cash \$15.00 to Helen (F)**. You are still welcome to come to Kalbar to explore (or have lunch at another of the lovely venues in Kalbar).

August Meeting – Unfortunately, our Guest speaker Norma & Ernie Ensor have had to cancel – Norma will be having surgery on the date and recovering – therefore we have had to cancel our invitation to the 6 surrounding clubs to join us for Norma's talk and plant sales. We wish Norma all the very best for her recovery. President Sandra is busy working on another interesting speaker for us.



October's meeting sees something a little different – as we welcome as our guest speakers – our own Alexandra Burwell and Kim Prince – Alexandra and Kim will share a workshop with us on how to put together your own terrarium at home. If you want to do the hands-on workshop with us – please bring along a suitable container or Moccona coffee jar and perhaps and if you have a spare, maybe one for another member. Further details to follow.

7. **PLANT BINGO!! – 1 AUGUST – TREVALLAN LIFESTYLE CENTRE – BOOK YOUR TICKETS NOW ON THE TREVALLAN WEBSITE – ALL PROCEEDS TO IPSWICH HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY. \$35.00 - COME ALONG AND HAVE SOME FUN/LAUGHS WITH US – VENUE: TREVALLAN LIFESTYLE CENTRE, BRASSALL.**

8. Looking for that perfect gift – plants – flowers for a friend coffee/cake venue – Trevallan Lifestyle Centre Brassall is your one stop shop (good coffee too!!).



9. The society has been invited to have a stand at the event at the Queen's Park Pavillion **Great Places of Ipswich 2026** (Queen's Park – Big White Tent) – 9 am to 2 pm – The club will put together a stand similar to what we have done in the past at the Plant & Lifestyle Fair in the Nicholas Street Precinct. Jonathan Gregory will be one of the speakers at this free event. Come along to see what's on offer.

Lucky Door Volunteers needed please

We have one volunteer for August and one for September – we usually like to have two people – so if you'd like to have a turn and haven't brought anything along this year, please let me know. For August we have Wendy McLeish and September Leanne Field – one more person please for each month.

10. IHSI Website – Don't forget our website is always up to date – thanks to our Webmaster Colin Power – You can find all the latest with regard to schedules, membership forms and newsletters on our website.



Have a newsworthy story/job/horticultural tip – let us know (always looking for content).

*Positions Vacant – Treasurer – plus
- Committee Position
(Thank you to Roxanne Power who has offered
the Acting Treasurer assistance in a
Consultative Capacity.)*

11. *We also have some other members unwell at the moment, and we send our best wishes to those and also to Gemma who also has been very unwell. Hope to have your smiling face back with us soon.*
12. *SEED BANK – Our club has a seed bank – on the **trade table monthly** – if you have seeds you'd like to donate – take some envelopes – or if you'd like to buy some - \$2.00 ea. packet – comes back to the club. You can also share cuttings – sell plants – and give away if you wish – just note whether they are free or the costs or whatever.*
13. *Afternoon Tea – We ask members to bring something small to share for afternoon tea to each meeting. No obligation but it's lovely to have a few bits and pieces to keep us going through the afternoon. Lenora's biscuits last meeting – scrumptious ... thanks Lenora.*
14. **GUEST SPEAKER'S NOTES** – Brian Heath was our guest speaker – Brian has expertise in many areas and one is the growing of Chrysanthemums, explaining they are the second most popular flowering plant grown in the world, second only to roses. They are totally non-toxic (edible – but possibly not that tasty). Chrysanthemums are part of the Aster family (known as **Asteraceae** or the daisy family). They are native to East Asia and northeastern Europe, with China serving as their main historical centre of diversity and cultivation dating back to the 15th century. But the story of the chrysanthemum started long ago, in China, where the chrysanthemum was cultivated. It was used primarily as a culinary herb. Its petals and young shoots found their way to the table in salads and its flowers and leaves were taken and brewed into teas. In China, it was believed to have the power of life and according to legend, its roots



were used as a headache remedy. Over there they called the chrysanthemum "Chu" and even named a city after the flower to honour it (Chu-Hsien, which means 'Chrysanthemum City'). Almost all the blooms sold today in Australia come from Vietnam. Lovely and quite easy to grow in our home garden with lots of colours available, with Brian giving us some tips and tricks.

(left: Brian giving his talk).

*(Our September meeting is 19 September – not 12
September.)*

Dates for your Diary



18 August	IHSI Club Outing – Wendy Lord’s Home Nursery arrive for 9.30 am
22 August	Marburg Garden & Outdoor Expo – 45 – 55 Queen Street, Marburg – 8 am to 2 pm
26 August	QCGC Fashion Parade - \$20.00 per person – we can car pool – a fun event – Mt Coot-tha Auditorium – 9.15 am for 10 am start – you can pay eft individually to QCGC or into the club account and I will make one payment for us all – (bank details for IHSI first page in the footer).
5 September	Brisbane Garden Expo, Rocklea Showgrounds – Cnr. Ipswich Road & Goburra Street, Rocklea - \$10.00 admission
5 September	Geranium Sales Day – Albion Peace Centre - \$5.00
11 & 12 September	Laidley Spring Festival – Friday – 8 am to 4 pm Saturday 8 am to 3 pm (loads of plants, gardening products, food trucks)
19 September	Ipswich Horticultural Society Inc. Club meeting (date change)
19 & 20 September	Toowoomba Geranium Society Show & Sale – Masonic Hall – 58 Neil Street, next to the Empire Theatre – Saturday 8.30 am – 3 pm Sunday 8.30 am – 1 pm. \$2.00
3 & 4 October	Ipswich Orchid Society in conjunction with Ipswich & Districts Bromeliad Society present their Ipswich Garden Spectacular – venue Silkstone State School – Assembly Hall, Prospect St. Silkstone. \$5.00
17 & 18 October	Buderim Garden Festival – Spring Flowers, Floral Art, Open Gardens, Plant Market & More – Buderim War Memorial Hall
24 October	Begonias & More – Belmont Shooting Centre – 9 am to 3 pm
7 November	Ipswich Horticultural Society Inc. Open Show Market Day – set up Friday before from 4 p.m. Market from 7.30 am. – Judging from 9.30 am
2 December	IHSI Christmas Party - Trophy Day – Brothers Leagues Club

The Gardener's Reward

A garden starts with hope and care,
 A patch of earth, a prayer, a share.
 With patient hands and watchful eyes,
 We greet each dawn with glad surprise.
 Each seed we sow holds dreams untold,
 Of blooms in pink and red and gold.
 The smallest shoot, the tallest tree,
 Reminds us how life longs to be.
 Through sun and rain, through changing days
 The garden grows in wondrous ways,
 It teaches patience, joy and grace,
 And brings a smile to every face.

So tend your flowers, herbs and trees,
And welcome birds, butterflies and bees,
For every garden, large or small,
Is nature's gift—the best of all.

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Photos from our last Meeting



Plant the Seed of Friendship – Grown our Garden Club

Everyone is Welcome!

Whether you're a passionate gardener, just starting out, or simply enjoy the company of friendly people with a love of gardens, we'd love to welcome you to the Ipswich Horticultural Society.

Our club is about much more than plants—it's about sharing knowledge, learning together, making new friends, and enjoying the fellowship of people who appreciate gardening in all its forms.

Bring a friend, neighbour, or family member along to a meeting. New faces are always warmly welcomed, and we'd love to continue growing not only our membership but also the friendships that make our club such a special place. We also warmly welcome Junior Growers, and we have an Under 18 Schedule.

We look forward to welcoming you!

August 8 Speaker – Our Club welcomes - Phil Smith as our guest speaker on 8 August.

Phil manages the volunteers at Queens Park, the Environment Centre and the Nature Centre. There is no longer a single manager or curator at Queens Park

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