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Get Ready

**The Spring Show
Market Day on
7th November
2026.**

Coming up

**2nd December
2026**

**XMAS AT
BROTHERS LC**

**Make sure
you're on the
list!**

PATRON: Councilor Jim Madden

TREASURER: VACANT (ACTING –
Helen Farley)

COMMITTEE:

Lynette Rose | Anita Dwyer

Kim Prince | Helen Reich

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HONORARY MEMBER:

Rob Wilson (Mountain Man)



Welcome Helen Featherstone.

Joining our valued members in sharing our love of plants

A Special Thank You to Kim Prince

Sometimes, there are people in a club who quietly give so much of themselves that we can almost take their generosity for granted. In this edition, it is fitting to take a moment to recognise one very special member of our Society.

No matter how busy life becomes or what challenges she may be facing herself, she continues to show up, lend a hand and offer her help whenever it is needed. She is so often the first to put her hand up, always willing to do her bit to support our club and its members.

On behalf of the Society, I want to say a heartfelt thank you. Your time, dedication, kindness and willingness to help do not go unnoticed. We know how fortunate we are to have you as part of our club, and we hope you know just how genuinely valued and appreciated you are by us all.

Our Society is a better place because of people like you. Thank you for everything you do.

(contributor: Helen Farley)



Christmas Party on 2 December at Brothers – We need names & numbers, sooner rather than later please. 12 p.m. for 12.30 p.m. start - Please bring a secret Santa - about \$20.00 (something you would like to win yourself).

Last meeting of the year - date and venue to be advised.

As we look towards 2027,

I would like to give members plenty of notice about two important roles that will need to be filled at our Annual General Meeting.

I have been acting as Treasurer this year and, while I have been happy to help the Society through the year, I will not be continuing in the Treasurer's role after the 2027 AGM. With my other commitments, including two club secretarial positions, I simply do not have the time to continue taking on additional responsibilities.

The Treasurer is an essential position within our Society. The club cannot function without someone taking responsibility for the financial side of our organisation, so I would really encourage any member who may have an interest in taking on the role to give it some thought. You don't necessarily need to be an accountant – a willingness to learn, keep things organised and ask questions when needed is a good starting point. I would also like to find someone who would be willing to take over organising our club outings. Our outings are an important part of the social side of the Society, but I am finding that I no longer have sufficient time to organise these as well.

There is plenty of time to consider whether either of these roles might be something you would enjoy, and I would be very happy to talk to anyone who would like to know more about what is involved. Please don't leave it until the AGM to start thinking about it. If you have ever thought, "I could probably do that", perhaps 2027 is the year to give it a go!

Your Society relies on members being willing to lend a hand, and taking on one of these roles is a wonderful way to contribute to the continued success of our club.

Helen F.

"There's something about taking a plow and breaking new ground. It gives you energy." Ken Kesey:

Don't forget to sign in and advise of any change of details – phone number, email etc. please let the secretary know as it's important for our insurance compliance, and a term of our insurance, that we keep up to date member records.

🌿 OCTOBER 2026 MEETING HIGHLIGHTS 🌿



- 🌿 Best Cut Flower - Tina Holland (Hippeastrum)
- 🌿 Other Outstanding Exhibit on the day - Kim Prince (Peperomia)
- 🌿 Best Exhibit of Show - Rob Stinson (Orchid)
- 🌿 Lucky Door Winners – Colin Power, Kym Logue & Helen Featherstone.
- 🌿 Raffle Winners – Adele Carley, Kym Logue and Tricia Stinson.

Judge's comments were -

The benches were down on exhibits and what was displayed was not crash hot and not of great quality, which could be put down to the prolonged dry we have suffered. However, Anne congratulated the winners.



 TERRARIUM WORKSHOP BY ALEXANDRA BURWELL



Thank you to Alexandra for a fantastic workshop, and her donation to the raffle prizes of a lovely homemade terrarium.



Coffee, plants & Xmas gift shopping



Thank you Trevallan for supplying materials to support the workshop.

TERRARIUM WORKSHOP WORKSHEET

1. Choose your vessel
2. Look to see if your container has a seam – this will show you where you would like the front and sides of your container to be
3. If your vessel does not a great tip is to find an angle or side of the container you think best suits being at the front
4. Start with layer of charcoal – to filter the water and restart condensation
5. Scoop your charcoal and spread evenly on the bottom of your container – about $\frac{3}{4}$ inch high on the bottom
6. Next a piece of flyscreen cut in the same shape as the bottom of your vessel to sit on top of the charcoal
7. Next is placing the soil mix on top of that – soil mix is a combination of coir peat, sand, and potting mix – equal quantities mixed together
8. Place your mix on top of your charcoal and flyscreen so it comes no higher than one third of your container
9. Now choose your plants taking into account the size of your vessel as you do not want to your foliage pressed up against the sides of your vessel
10. Your chosen plants may need to be trimmed – dead/yellowing leaves, excess roots etc.
11. Plant your plants into your mix
12. Time to give the top layer a thought – could be sand, small pebbles, colourful pebbles, moss event and any small decoration you would like inside.
13. Thereafter, time to take a cloth or tissue to clean any soil etc. which may have landed on the inside or top rim so we have a nice clean container
14. Alexandra recommends misting with “Grow” which is a liquid fertilizer which can be applied to foliage – a few quick squirts inside and place the lid on your vessel if you are having a cover. (“Grow” is an Organic Liquid Plant Food – available at many local nurseries – but Watch Them Grow at Riverview stocks the product.)

Alexandra also recommends wearing gloves when handling potting medium.

With Thanks and Appreciation

The Ipswich Horticultural Society would like to sincerely thank **Gemma Starr** for her time, commitment and contribution to our Committee.

We appreciate the support she has given to the Society during her time on the Committee and respect her decision to step down from her position.

We are delighted, however, that she will remain a valued member of our Society and look forward to her continued involvement, friendship and enjoyment of our activities throughout 2027.

Thank you for being part of our Society. Your contribution is appreciated, and we look forward to sharing many more gardening experiences with you in the year ahead.



**Ipswich Horticultural Society
Garden Club Inc. Queensland**

Spring Show/Market Day

Saturday 7th November 2026
Markets from 7:30am to 12:00pm

Bargain Plants/Garden Bric a Brac

St. Thomas Church Hall (and grounds)
15 Lawrence Street,
North Ipswich.

Browse our hall full of beautiful exhibits (free)

Other Stallholders on site.

Raffle drawn at the conclusion of the day.

Cash and EFTPOS

Market Day/Spring Show/ Saturday, 7 November 2026

Set up for our spring show will be 6th November in the hall from 4 p.m. If distance is prohibitive, the hall will be open from 7 am the following morning for benching. The hall will be decorated on the Friday afternoon as well.

Tea/Coffee will be set up in the kitchen (for members only). Feel free to bring something small to share for morning tea. Our Judges will require morning tea and also lunch (which Sandra and I usually supply).

Cold water will also be available for \$1.00 per bottle.

Judges – Daphney Ludwig & Kevin Hemmant – The Judges will deliberate at the conclusion of the event, and at about 12 pm our Patron, Councillor Madden will announce the winners, and the prizes will be awarded. If any of the new members have any queries at all please do not hesitate to ask. There is no novice section at the shows. Our Schedule can be located on our website.

The floral art for the show will be:

- **Christmas is coming**
- **A table Centre**
- **Ho-Ho-Ho**

There is no General Meeting in November.

Our market days are held twice per year – this is how we raise money to run out club – some of you may not realise we pay our Judges Travel money, we have insurance, rent and affiliation and such fees to pay also to continue running the club.

We would love you to donate plants for our market days – baking, jams, pickles, chutneys, anything garden related you think may sell to members of the public. We also have a raffle which raises money to assist the club. We also need you to promote our show/market day. As is usual please be diligent in the hall with your handbags and purses. As the hall is open to the public, please also keep an eye out on what is on the benches – and what the public are doing (we do not want any plants walking from the display benches).

However, you may sell plants on commission – and the following is your guide.

Members wishing to sell plants at the Ipswich Horticultural Society's Plant Stall on Market

Day may do so on a 15% commission basis, subject to the following conditions.

1. Marking Your Plants for Sale Each plant offered for sale on commission must be clearly marked with a removable stick, such as an ice-cream stick, which can be removed from the pot and retained in a container. The stick must display:

- ☐ Your exhibitor number at the top
- ☐ The selling price underneath

For example:

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\$15.00

Please ensure all plants are clearly and correctly marked to assist our volunteers with sales.

2. Donation of Plants to the Society - Members selling plants on commission must also donate at least four saleable plants to the Society's Plant Stall, with 100% of the proceeds from these donated plants going directly to the Society. These plants are separate from those being sold on the member's behalf for commission.

3. Show Bench Entry Members participating in the commission plant sales must also bench at least one plant, flower, or bract in the Society's Show. This is an opportunity to share your growing achievements and contribute to the success of our show.

4. Payment of Sales - All money from plant sales will initially be received by the Society. The Society will retain 15% commission on plants sold on behalf of members, with the balance paid to the seller by electronic funds transfer (EFT). Thank you for supporting the Ipswich Horticultural Society and helping make our November Show and Market Day a success!

These simple requirements help ensure that members participating in the Plant Stall are also contributing to the Society's fundraising and the success of our Show.

Thank you for your support and for helping our volunteers keep the Plant Stall organised and running smoothly.

You must also take your unsold plants home please.



HAVE A FLARE FOR DECORATING OR JUST LOVE CHRISTMAS

We'd love a volunteer(s) to decorate our stage for the **Market Day** show in November please. Feel free to discuss the theme with Pres. Sandra. If they would like to volunteer again contact Sandra or Helen (F).



The Queensland Council of Garden Clubs is looking for a new Editor. It would entail four editions per year. If you are interested in the position of creating the newsletter for the QCGC please email: secretary2@qcgc.net or contact President Sandra who is on the QCGC Committee and she will explain to you a little about the role. This is a voluntary position.



Garden Clubs Australia 2027 Calendars

Can still be ordered – (if newer members would like to see an example head to their website). Cost \$15.00 or \$13.00 for orders over 10 (which includes postage)

Thank you for your continued support, photos etc.

Our editor is always looking for interesting stories, events, member shout outs, for the newsletter

So please feel free to contribute – send your contributions to Helen (F) who will forward to our editor.

- Looking for water saving tips to add to the November 2026 newsletter, plant maintenance ideas for Christmas holidays/photos from Market Day etc.

Our last meeting of the year is usually held on an informal basis – either at someone's home or a venue where we share lunch together and have a quick meeting thereafter (suggestions welcome).

We discuss the guest speaker list for the following year, and Helen has recently received the guest speaker list for 2027 – so think about topics you would like to have a speaker talk about – we need suggestions to run your club.

The AGM is usually in March and yes, we still have a meeting and show benches thereafter – we always welcome new people to join the committee. You may wish to be the President, Secretary, please put your hand up if you'd like to nominate. Don't let the AGM keep you away – they are over and done with in about 5 – 10 minutes tops – then we move to our usual meeting.

Dates for your Diary

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
25 November	QCGC Christmas Lunch – RSVP 13 November – tickets \$47.00
2 DECEMBER	IHSI Christmas Party - Trophy Day – Brothers Leagues Club

🌿 On the tables

