IPSWICH HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY GARDEN CLUB inc. QLD (founded 1866)

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Calendars for Sale

$15.00 inc postage

Get Ready

Xmas Party/Trophy Day 12 pm - for 12.30 pm

2nd December 2026 - Brothers

Coming up

Last Meeting of the Year - 12 p.m. - The Q at Purga - Sunday 13th December 2026.

PATRON: *Councilor Jim Madden*

TREASURER: *VACANT (ACTING – Helen Farley)*

COMMITTEE:

Lynette Rose | Anita Dwyer

Kim Prince | Helen Reich

Melissa Barton

*** Committee Positions Available*

PRESIDENT: *Sandra Logue*

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HONORARY MEMBER:

Rob Wilson (Mountain Man)



The Year That Was

– A Message from Your President Sandra

As we look back on another busy and enjoyable year with the Ipswich Horticultural Society Inc. (IHSI), it is wonderful to reflect on the many activities, workshops, outings and friendships we have shared.

***February** saw Wendy Lord present a workshop on propagating geraniums. I think we all came away having learned something new! Members were also reminded that our much anticipated 160th Anniversary celebration was fast approaching.*

***March** brought our Annual General Meeting. Thank you to everyone who volunteered to take on positions within the Society. Unfortunately, our new Treasurer was unable to continue, leaving the position vacant. Helen, our secretary, has temporarily stepped into the role, with assistance from Roxanne Power as a consultant. We are grateful for their support during this time.*

April 18th** was a very special day for IHSI as we celebrated our **160th Anniversary!
What a wonderful occasion it was. So many people contributed behind the scenes to make the event a success, from setting up and organising to providing generous donations. A huge thank you to everyone involved. The many positive comments we received afterwards were a testament to the effort and enthusiasm that went into making the day so memorable.

***June** saw IHSI once again promoting our Society with a stall at the Tulmur Place Lifestyle and Garden Expo.*

***July** was another busy month, with members attending a Morning Tea for Cancer organised by Oxley Garden Club, as well as Friendship Days hosted by Jimboomba and Boonah Garden Clubs. These occasions are always a wonderful opportunity to catch up with fellow garden enthusiasts and strengthen our friendships with other clubs.*

August *brought a delightful day out, beginning with morning tea at Wendy's garden and nursery, followed by High Tea at Nanny Lou's in Kalbar and finishing with afternoon tea in Rob and Tricia Stinson's beautiful garden at Boonah. What a day we had!*
September *saw us taking part in the Ipswich Galvanized Festival, followed by a trip to the beautiful Roma Street Parkland Gardens to round off the month.*

October *brought us a terrarium workshop presented by Alex, assisted by Kim. A great deal of planning and research went into preparing this activity, and we thank them both for sharing their knowledge with us. My own plants have doubled in size since then!*

Our two Market Days*, held in conjunction with our Open Shows in May and November, were once again important events on our calendar and vital fundraisers for the Society. Thank you to everyone who helped organise these events, assisted on the days, exhibited plants and supported our stalls. These occasions would not be possible without the commitment and generosity of our members.*

Throughout the year, our monthly guest speakers have provided us with informative and interesting presentations, giving us plenty of ideas and inspiration for our own gardens. We welcome suggestions for topics and speakers for the coming year.

As we look back on the year, I would like to thank everyone who has contributed their time, knowledge and enthusiasm to the Society. Whether you have helped at an event, attended a workshop, supported a fundraiser or simply enjoyed sharing your love of gardening with fellow members, you have helped make this another memorable year for IHSI.
Thank you all for being part of our Society. I look forward to sharing more gardening adventures with you in the year ahead!

Cheers,
Sandra
President, Ipswich Horticultural Society Inc.

TREVALLAN
LIFESTYLE CENTRE







…….A Little Thank You from Your Acting Treasurer

November Spring Show/Market Day

Well, the figures are in, the pencil and paper has been put away, and I can now announce that our November Market Day raised a very respectable $825.79 profit for the Club! While this was a little below the profit from our previous Market Day, there is certainly nothing to be disappointed about. Every dollar raised goes towards helping our Club continue to operate, and $825.79 is a wonderful result.

A very sincere thank you to all our members who contributed in any way !

As we all know, our Market Days don't magically happen. They are successful because members are willing to give their time, donate plants and goods, and pitch in wherever they are needed.

So, from your Acting Treasurer, thank you to everyone who played a part. Your contribution, large or small, is what makes these fundraising days possible — and helps keep our Club growing!



As always, thank you to our patron Councilor Madden for attending, generous donation of the hamper for the ultimate points overall winner, and presenting the prizes. Thank you, Jim, for your continued support.

And now, I think the Treasurer's calculator deserves a well-earned rest until the next one!



Reminder - Wear your Christmas Outfits - Xmas Party/Trophy Day 12 pm - for 12.30 pm 2nd December at Brothers - Secret Santa (value $20.00) - wrapped.



Last Meeting of the Year - 12 p.m. - The Q at Purga - Sunday 13 December.

Please RSVP Helen.



Lunch together (own cost) all welcome - then a very short informal meeting to discuss next year - what guest speakers members would like to hear from - anything we can improve, change etc. The booking is in the name of "Helen" when you arrive at the venue.



MARKET DAY





























Garden Clubs Australia 2027 Calendars

Can be ordered now – (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). **This is the last call out for the calendars.**

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.

A Special Tribute to Ashley Haag – A Lifetime of Dedication to Horticulture

Some members leave a particularly special mark on a club, and Ashley Haag is certainly one of those people.

For our newer members who may not know Ashley or be aware of his remarkable contribution to the Ipswich Horticultural Society, we thought it was timely to acknowledge and celebrate a lifetime of dedication, knowledge, generosity and friendship.

Ashley became involved in horticulture at just 10 years of age, helping his father prepare fruit and vegetable exhibits for local shows. His family's farming history dates back to 1889, when his grandfather settled on the Boonah property where Ashley and his wife made their home. What began as an after-school job developed into a lifelong passion for gardening, growing and exhibiting.

Ashley has been exhibiting his own home-grown produce, fruit and flowers at local shows and the Brisbane Exhibition since 1955. His involvement with the Boonah Show, Ipswich Show Society and Royal Queensland Exhibition has spanned many decades, earning him considerable recognition and respect.

Within our own Society, Ashley has been an equally valued contributor. As a Life Member, he served as Vice President and Chief Steward for many years, giving generously of his time and expertise. He has been instrumental in organising our show classifications, assisting exhibitors with the correct placement of their entries and sharing his extensive horticultural knowledge with members, particularly those just starting out.

His enthusiasm for growing has never been limited to his own garden. Ashley has always been generous with his advice, his produce and his friendship. Many members will remember him sharing the fruits of his labour at the conclusion of our shows. His passion for sweet peas was particularly well known, with Ashley growing and delivering between 700 and 800 bunches each year to the Boonah Hospital and local nursing homes. A wonderful example of someone who truly understands the pleasure of sharing what he grows.

Ashley has also given his time to educating younger generations, particularly at the Brisbane Exhibition, where he enjoyed explaining agricultural exhibits to school children and encouraging their interest in growing and showing.

Over the years, Ashley's contribution has extended to the Boonah Garden Club, Boonah Show and Museum, Ipswich Show Society and Royal Queensland Exhibition. His commitment to horticulture and his community is quite extraordinary.

As the years pass, circumstances sometimes change, and Ashley is now finding it more difficult to travel to our monthly meetings. We completely understand but want him to know that he is not forgotten. He remains a very special part of the Ipswich Horticultural Society, and he will always be welcome whenever he is able to join us.

Ashley, thank you for the many years you have given to our Society, for the knowledge you have shared, the encouragement you have offered to fellow members and, above all, for your friendship.

Your contribution is woven into the history of our Society, and we are very proud to call you one of our own.

With our warmest wishes and sincere appreciation,

The Ipswich Horticultural Society Inc.

DATES FOR THE DIARY

2 DECEMBER	IHSI Christmas Party - Trophy Day – Brothers Leagues Club
13 DECEMBER	LAST MEETING OF THE YEAR – THE Q
2027	
13 February	First Meeting for the New Year Same Time – Same Place

First Meeting for 2027: **Your Membership Fees are due**: Please deposit to our club account: noting your name and what the payment is for i.e. "Jo Blogg – 2027 Membership". A few members have joined late in 2027, and their membership is carried over – and please note **the increase** to **"$20.00". You may also pay cash at the first meeting in the new year if you wish.**

March Next Year sees our AGM: If you would like a committee position, we would love to welcome you – the more thoughts and ideas is a positive thing in any committee.

From all of us at the Ipswich Horticultural Society

Have a Safe and Wonderful Christmas



Till Next Edition

From Your Editor – Roxanne Power