



Dear Members

Garden guru **Costa Georgiadis** tells us to embrace the slowdown through these unpredictable times. I have heard so many of you tell me you are doing just this – and enjoying every moment. I know I am.

First of all, Costa wants you to just take a moment to get to know your garden.

"It's really such a special time in the sense that without the pressures of having to go anywhere, there's this chance to slow down," he said.

**"One of the smallest and simplest things from a gardening point of view is to actually go out into your garden and just observe what's going on."**

It might sound basic, but Costa says most of the time we are just moving through the space — taking the bins out or watering the plants while staring at our phones.

So, he wants you to try these simple ideas:

- See what insects are there, and around which plants
- Take close-up photos of bits that interest you
- Observe if there is any bird life, and what type
- Look at what is active in the morning and different at night

In other words, look at your garden as a living thing, rather than just a space.

<https://www.abc.net.au/news/2020-04-10/gardening-australia-costa-georgiadis-tips-for-covid-19-isolation/12132902>

Through these unpredictable times, let us grow together.

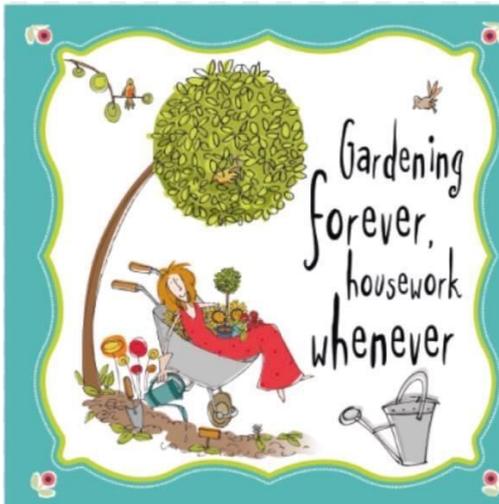
Cecelia Jackson  
**President 2018/2019/2020**

## JUNE BIRTHDAYS

- 🍇 Robyn Batton
- 🍇 Cheryl Docherty
- 🍇 Lorraine Fredericks
- 🍇 Lorraine McIntosh
- 🍇 Elizabeth Stanton
- 🍇 Sue Wilson
- 🍇 Phil Goodridge
- 🍇 Karel Weimar

Happy birthday members!

May Lucky Door Prize Winner –  
Sue Wilson. Congratulations Sue.



## YOUR MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE:

**President:** Cecelia Jackson

**Vice President:** Brian Olsen

**Secretary:** Lesley Holt

**Assistant Secretary:** Christine Allen

**Treasurer:** Gayle Smith

**Assistant Treasurer:** Robyn Aitcheson

## FACEBOOK COMPETITIONS

### JUNE DISPLAY TABLE & PHOTO COMPETITION ONLINE

June Floral Art Theme – **Cascades**

June Photo Competition Theme – **My Garden**

These competitions will be conducted via our Club Facebook Group until monthly meetings resume.

Except for the “Member must be present at meeting” rule, all rules per schedule apply.

Take a separate photo of each entry. Item should be displayed as at a meeting. For example, a flower should be displayed in a container not on the plant. Similarly, a potted plant should be displayed on its own not in a group of pots.

Now take another photo that contains all your display table entries for June. In that photo, include a spoon (any size). This photo may be requested if a query relating to an entry is received.

How it works on Facebook:

- On the morning of Monday 1st June, a separate post will appear for each category requesting your entry for that category. Submit each of your entries in the appropriate category post by 3pm Monday 1st June.
- On the morning of Tuesday 2nd June, separate voting posts will appear for each category. These posts will include photos of all valid entries in the category. Voting will be by Facebook members by 3pm Tuesday 2nd June. Each member can cast one vote per category.
- Winners will be announced later that day.

Members not on Facebook can email their downsized photos to Hazel newmanwoodlands@bigpond.com before 3pm Monday 1st June. Please identify category for each entry.

Last month, we had 96 entries. Let's see if we can exceed 100 this time and I'd like to see some new 'faces' this month. GOOD LUCK EVERYONE!

#### IMPORTANT REMINDER

**For the Display Table Competition (both during meetings and in this Facebook Competition), you are reminded that plants must have been owned by the presenter for at least 3 months. If an item wins points, the presenter cannot exhibit the same plant, flower or produce for another 3 months.**

## MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE DECISIONS – MAY 2020

- The Management Committee continues to meet each month. In May, due to the increase of numbers gathering being lifted to 10 outside (keeping the 1.5m distance), the Management Committee enjoyed getting together at College's Crossing.
- Due to the Coronavirus restrictions in 2020 and the likelihood that we will not be able to meet for monthly meetings again this year, the Management Committee has agreed that 2021 fees will be suspended. Therefore, 2020 financial members will continue to be financial until the end of 2021. New members in 2021 will pay the \$17 membership fee plus the cost of the badge.

Returning members who are not financial in 2020 and who wish to return in 2021 can do so at the \$17 membership fee rate for 2020.

- The FaceBook Competitions will **NOT** count towards the usual annual awards presentation, however there will be, at a future meeting (possibly February 2021), a special presentation to placegetters who have entered the on-line competitions during this period.
- Display Table and Photo Competition place getters for March this year will be aggregated into the 2021 figures. Therefore, in 2021 there will be 11 months of Display Competition results included in the award calculations and 10 for the Photo Competition which closes in October each year.
- Should you wish to discuss any decision made by your Management Committee, we ask that you email the Secretary, Lesley Holt. [lesleyaholt@hotmail.com](mailto:lesleyaholt@hotmail.com) or call her on 0448 102 664.

## WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING IN OUR FACEBOOK GROUP?

### May Display Table Facebook Competition Winners (previously emailed – click to open)

Reminder: Except for the "Member must be present at meeting" rule, all rules for the **Facebook Competition** apply as per the 2020 Schedule.



May Display Table  
and Photograph con

**May Come and Share** – Virtual Tour. This is the link to the video of Margaret Smith's garden previously emailed. Thanks to Hazel Newman for compiling this.

[https://1drv.ms/v/s!AiEvCemcFsl\\_biMMAexLzyblgf4?e=XeYM2o](https://1drv.ms/v/s!AiEvCemcFsl_biMMAexLzyblgf4?e=XeYM2o)

**How does the lucky door prize work?** Just log in under Hazel's comment on the 4th Tuesday of the month up until 6pm and you will be allocated a number by Hazel. The draw is conducted using a random number generator calculator available on google - first number being 1 and last number being the last person to be allocated a number by Hazel at the close of the draw.

There are currently 87 members on the KDGC Facebook Page. This is encouraging. If you haven't joined before, now is the time to do so if you have ever thought you might.

## ZOOM CHAT

Members were invited to a ZOOM Chat on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> May. For some it was a brand-new experience. It was informative and fun and lovely to hear what we've all been up to and you guessed it – giving our gardens a makeover. Lorraine Pitcairn brought her box of thriving seedlings to her computer for us all to see firsthand what she's been up to.

Our next ZOOM Chat will be on **Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> June at 10am**. An email will be sent out in the week prior with the link to join.



