

KDGC

NEWSLETTER

SPECIAL EDITION - MAY 2020

NEW MEMBERS IN 2020

- Wendy Armstrong
- Rae Costello
- Marcia Hoffmann
- Lorraine McIntosh
- Christine Muys
- Helen Peden
- Kris Stephens

MAY BIRTHDAYS

- Lesley Cashion
- Marcia Hoffmann
- Sue Lees
- Rosemary Lunn
- Merrell Mackay
- Sandra Moore



And a special 80th birthday congratulations to Gloria Tulley.

Thank you to those members who were able to wish Gloria a happy birthday at a CV safe distance across the front fence of her property.



Chris Fenwick - March 2020 (Bat Plant)



FROM THE PRESIDENT



Gardening and the Coronavirus

Whilst the whole world is currently adapting to a temporary 'new normal' which requires us to spend a lot of time at home, our gardens offer sanctuary.

Gardening has always been touted as a relaxing recreational activity that provides great personal rewards. While a lot of elements in our lives may currently feel out of our control, gardening is a great way to focus on a task, feel accomplished and keep our bodies and minds active.

I know we all miss meeting up with each other. I also hear that so many are appreciating the opportunity to slow the pace of their outside world, whilst achieving in their homes and gardens. This also is very healing - a time to realign and re-energize ourselves.

Please, if you know of any member requiring physical or emotional support, please call me.

Whilst we have not been able to meet, there is still much going on between members via our Facebook Page. May I encourage you to join the KDGC group page if you have not already done so. Today I assisted a member to sign up in such a way that the only connection on their Facebook was to our group. If you would like help to do this, please call me or send me an email. I am only too happy to help.

Best wishes, stay safe

Cecelia

Facebook Competitions



Two damselflies looking through a hole in a leaf. Picture: Roberto Aldrovandi

MAY DISPLAY TABLE & PHOTO COMPETITION ONLINE

May Floral Art Theme – Vase Arrangement

May Photo Comp. Theme – Red

These competitions will be conducted via our Club Facebook Group for May. If successful and isolation continues, it may be extended to future months.

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

Take a separate photo for each entry. Item should be displayed as at a meeting. For example, a single 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 May. **In that photo, include something blue (e.g. biro, bottle top).** This photo does not need to be submitted but may be requested if any query relating to an entry is received.

Online, these competitions will work in a similar manner to the Easter Bonnet Parade. **Entries should be submitted via the appropriate category post by 2pm Monday 4th May (day before meeting day). Voting will be by Facebook members by 2pm on Tuesday 5th May (meeting day).** Winners will be announced later that day.

Members not on Facebook can email their **downsized** photos to Hazel newmanwoodlands@bigpond.com before 2pm Monday 4th May. Please identify category for each entry. **BEST OF LUCK EVERYONE.**

WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING IN OUR FACEBOOK GROUP? – HAZEL NEWMANN

During this period of isolation, many members have been keeping in touch via our Facebook Group. A few snippets:

It has been a busy time for garden projects. Lesley C developed her impressive veg garden in just a day (or maybe two) while Lesley H tackled a huge pile of soil and mulch. Cecelia has undertaken several recycling projects and Chris got busy repotting her shade house plants. Exhausting just watching what everyone has been up to.

Bees, butterflies and bugs have visited in great numbers (including our Facebook group).



On March Meeting Day, we asked members to 'check-in' and at the end of the day there was a lucky member draw. Congratulations to Chris Fenwick, our winner for March.

Yvonne challenged us to an Easter Bonnet Parade. Great fun checking out the clever creations with members voting for their favourites. Our four winners were (L-R): Dawn Brown - Eggcellent Gardener's Bonnet for Lady, Cecelia Jackson - Eggcellent Gardener's Hat for Gentleman, Erin Falvey - Most Outrageous Bonnet/Hat, Judy Barralet - Aussie Themed Easter Bonnet/Hat



We may not have enjoyed a drive in the country or our usual C&S morning tea but were delighted with our virtual tour of Yvonne's rambling country garden.



Wreaths, flags and poppies were posted on Anzac Day to honour our Anzacs.

There have been offers of cuttings, plants and seeds and it has also been wonderful to see how some earlier exchanges have progressed in our gardens. Gardeners are such a generous lot.

JUST A REMINDER – HOW TO JOIN OUR FB GROUP PAGE

If you are already on Facebook but do not know how to join the KDGC page, the instructions are below.



Tap the looking glass on your Facebook page and then tap the search bar.

Enter Karana Downs Garden Club.

Tap the group name in the results and tap Join Group.

A group admin person will receive your request and approve your request.

Should you experience any problems please give me a call and I will step you through the process – 0402111847.

MAY LUCKY DOOR PRIZE

This will once again be conducted by Hazel Newman on our FB page. The draw will occur later in May so as to avoid congestion at the start of the month. On behalf of all members I sincerely thank Hazel for her availability (and know-how) in making this happen.

MEMBERSHIP FEES

2020 Membership Fees (payable in February each year): Reminder letters have been issued to those members who remain unfinancial as of 30 April 2020. EFT banking details were provided in that communication. Please contact our Treasurer, Gayle Smith should you require those details again.

gayle.smith8@bigpond.com

In accordance with the constitution, members are required to give **written notice** of resignation to the secretary.

Should you not be continuing your membership, please email the Secretary, Lesley Holt at lesleyaholt@hotmail.com.

MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Your Management Committee continues to meet each month via ZOOM. Please contact Lesley via email if there is any matter you would like to bring up for discussion.

UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

One of the most unsettling things about coronavirus is that nobody can predict how long the massive disruptions to almost every aspect of daily life will last.

But as Doctor Norman Swan explains, some experts say drastic action could see the end come much sooner than we expect. But it all depends on what we do. Take care everyone.



Cecelia Jackson
President (2018/2019/2020)