



Hello Everyone

Autumn is passing so fast – the Committee of GCA hosted a meeting early in the Month for the Zone Coordinators in the Sydney Zones. All together we had 19 folk in attendance. I hope that we all gained some enthusiasm and learnt about what our roles of ZC s are meant to encompass.

Our normal Committee Meeting was held the day before so we all worked really hard for the two days to make the couple of days worthwhile .We hope to have more of these days in different zones over a period of time so do not feel that you are being “left out” .



Picture of those in attendance at the Zone Coordinators Meeting in Sydney in April 2016

My own Zone “Sunshine Coast” is experiencing good rain so far this month (April) so everything in the garden is looking rosy and oh so lovely and green. Some Zones haven’t been so lucky.

SICK LIST: Graeme Whisker and myself have been on the sick list so things have been a little slow.

HAPPENINGS:

The *Ipswich and District Horticultural Society* celebrated its 150th Anniversary. A display featuring mainly Dahlias (Princess Flowers) was really wonderful and a credit to the Society for the work that this involved. The Ipswich City Council Mayor, Paul Pisasale, was there to cut the cake. A few days later the Governor of Queensland presented a **Certificate of Achievement** to their President, Dawn Jones. New Zone Coordinator, Robyn Waltisbuhl, and myself were also in attendance. The celebration lasted two days at the Brassall Shopping Centre.



Clare Garden Club in South Australia will be celebrating their 60th Anniversary on Saturday, 7th May.

Our Congratulations to them on such an important Anniversary and I am so sorry that I cannot be present. Australia is such a large Country; however, I have been to South Australia a few times over the last 10 years and hope to go again soon.

New Zone Coordinator

Welcome Julie Taylor - email: taylorjm@aapt.net.au - 140 Terene Ave - Lake Munmorah NSW 2259 - phone 02 4358 1480 in the Central Coast district.

Affiliated Clubs

The Garden Clubs of Australia now has 701 affiliate clubs with approximately 46,000 members. Some of those members belong to more than one club including myself. Oh the joys of gardening!

“A garden contains visual and sensual stimulation and takes you on a journey”. *Rick Eckersley.*

“Gardens are serene spaces that invite you to linger a while.”

New Members on our Committee

You will note from the AGM minutes that we have some new members on our GCA Committee, including Eric Bateman, new Webmaster.

Do not forget to go to our website – www.gardenclubs.org.au to enjoy the latest news. Also if you want to contact Eric with some information do so and he will endeavour to place same on the web. Eric is from Western Australia and his wife, Jacqui, is a Zone Coordinator in that State for Perth North.

Photo competition, Calendars and Awards are organized and Robyn Simpson, Judges Registrar, has had some new Booklets published. Contact Robyn if you have any Judging queries.

Our new President, George Hoad, is off overseas in June to view some world class gardens. No doubt he will have an article on his trip published in “*Our Gardens*” Magazine. Please encourage your members to subscribe to the Magazine – only \$12 gives you four issues. Believe me you are really missing out on the benefits of being an affiliate if you do not read this great publication – all done voluntarily by Members.

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