



FRIENDS OF
MYALL PARK
BOTANIC GARDEN
NEWSLETTER

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DAM DESILTING



Desilting has
began!!



The Dam before it completely dried
out and we begun desilting!!

FINISHED PRODUCT



Don't get ready for a days work
in the Excavator!



DATES for your DIARY: -

Garden Closes 20th December 2018 Reopens 20th January 2019

AGM : Annual Meeting of Members of MPBG Ltd will be held at a Toowoomba Library meeting room 1 on 1st December, at 10 am. All Members are urged to attend as the future of the Garden is of major importance

Thanks to the St. George office of Ann Leahy, MP, Member for Warrego, for her support for our newsletter.



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Caretaker's Corner

Well what a battle it was been. After nearly no rain from March this year we finally RAN OUT of dam water at the start of September. As a result Gail & I have had to source water from off the property in our fire fighting unit and have been watering plants by hand.

Hand in hand with no rain means DUST!! Gail has been very busy keeping our accommodation and amenities as clean as possible!

Just this week we had an encounter with a FIRE jumping through from a neighbouring property. As you can see from the picture we are very lucky we were able to put it out before to much damage was done!

Last but not least Don has been very busy desilting the dam as you can see by the photos on the front page!

It was a great effort by both Don, one of our directors Phillip and Sean Grams who also spent a lots of time assisting us to complete the process without any hiccups!

Until next time Don & Gail

DONATIONS / THANK YOU

On behalf of all MPBG Directors , Member and Friends of the Garden. I would like to greatly thank Rick McDonald of Liberty Fuels Meandarra for his very kind and generous donation of 1000 litres of Diesel for use in the Excavator and loader for our dam desilting.

Also a very big thank you to Richard Pechey for the use of his portable fuel trailer. In doing so he has made it much easier to fill up the machinery during the dam desilting process.

BLAST FROM THE PAST !

This photo is a great reminder of the history associated with the Garden. Many of the labels that Dave Gordon's employees made for his use when establishing the Garden are still on site, neatly stored or displayed, such as these are, but not often seen by visitors. Next year we hope to bring a new edition of the history of Myall Park Botanic Garden to the Gallery. Watch out for it!



GARDEN DAY 2019

Garden Day Preparations

It was an energetic bunch of people who descended on the Garden in early August, from Oxley Creek Bushcare Group, led by Noel, to prepare for Garden Day this year. Chairs and tables were scrubbed and dried, mulch was wheelbarrowed to all of the Gallery gardens and the verandah of The Quarters was cleaned and painted. More old dead trees were removed and carted to the quarry and nuisance wattles were removed to improve the Garden.

With all of the clearing and tidying that Don our caretaker, has done, plus the extra work that was done by the Oxley Creek volunteers, the Garden is looking very neat. If only it would rain to freshen up the Living Collection and reward the caretakers for all their hard work.



As our annual 'Spring Day' was held well before Spring this year, we decided to have a 'Garden Day' instead. Once again, we combined the Fun Run in honour of Janine Pechey with the day, which worked very well. It was a successful event with the enthusiasm and energy of Meg Cau helping to lead us in the right direction. Unfortunately there has been virtually no rain since March so suffice to say there weren't too many flowers blooming, however it is remarkable how good The Garden looks thanks to the tireless work of our current caretakers Don and Gail.

With the Fun Run kicking off the day, we had an early start with cups of tea and coffee to keep us going. Congratulations to Sam Schwennesen (Junior male winner 3km and overall winner of the 3km race beating all the adults!), Maddie Boyd (Junior female winner 3km), Emma Chanet (Senior female winner 3km) and Florent Lavigne (Senior male winner 3km) and the collective 8km winners Katrina Tutty, David Schwennesen, Rick McCosker and Issy Davidson. Also mention must be made of the 8km runners who took a wrong turn and ran 10km instead! The winners received various fitness related prizes donated by Meg Cau (The Fit Track).

Cassie and Ben did a stellar effort with the BBQ making the wise decision to start cooking early. With the smell of sausages and hamburgers wafting around, it was hard to resist a nice cooked lunch. The plant stall and the CWA handmade stall were both very popular with the CWA selling all their tasty treats and providing scone tasting to tantalise our tastebuds. Thank you to those ladies, they did a terrific job.

We were so fortunate this year to have the Glenmorgan Art Group holding their exhibition opening after lunch. As the crowd moved into the gallery to view the exhibit, the GAG generously provided wine and nibbles, which was well received. There were several sales on the day, making it a successful event for both GAG members and Myall Park Botanic Garden. Thank you to all the artists, the work was beautiful.

This day would not have run so smoothly without the help of the OCCA working bee group from Brisbane organized by Noel Standfast plus Dick Harding, Sue Akeroyd and their friends. We appreciate every handful of mulch and all that you did in setting up for the day.

Until next year,

Penny Grams.

2019 FUN RUN AND GARDEN DAY PHOTOS!



A fresh look for The Quarters!



The renovated Room 5 and bathroom were looking smooth and sleek after their renewal but the verandah did not impress! There were many shades of paint and lots of holes and cracks, some quite large, but after an evening of bogging and two days of painting, using only one shade of paint, it is now looking quite the part.

Unfortunately, the kitchen is now looking rather neglected and so there are plans afoot to repaint it using left over paint from the other rooms. Jane is a new recruit to Myall Park working bees, but very enthusiastic about painting to protect and enhance the buildings. She has already painted the window sills of Avochie and is now very keen to paint the window frames which are suffering from sun exposure. She helped with the painting of the verandah and has suggested a painting working bee in February next year. Any volunteers????

As well as painting, Jane is a dab hand at putting new labels in front of unnamed plants around the Garden. Joan, who is a real guru at remembering which plant is where in the Garden, had a few free days in late August and so Jane, Sue and Dick met her and all four worked hard to place more than 150 new labels.

DONATIONS

All donations of money and goods with a value of \$2 and over are tax-deductible.

Cheques payable to Myall Park Botanic Garden Gift Fund.

Post to:

Nita C. Lester, PO Box 465 Mapleton, Qld 4560

We really appreciate your Friends
Membership.

If you need to renew, please fill in the
form below, and we will update
your record

Current Directors Myall Park Botanic Garden Ltd

DIRECTORS

Chairman Nita Lester

Vice-Chairman

Secretary Sue Akeroyd

Treasurer Betty Salter

Other Directors Cassie Robinson, Penny Grams, Phillip Lester

Business Management: Betty Salter

Garden Experience: Penny Grams

Horticulture, Conservation & Research Manager:
Sue Akeroyd

Company correspondence to:

The Secretary,
8 Palm Ave, Holland Park West.
Qld. 4121

We welcome new members.
Why not introduce a friend or give a gift membership



Don't let us lose you—Renew or join here

I / We wish to remain / become a Friend of Myall Park Botanic Garden

Subscriptions and Renewals to 30 September 2020

- Individual: \$15 Single Life Membership: \$300 Community Group: \$35
 Business: \$100 (with link to webpage) Business Life Membership: \$1000 (with link to webpage) Please print:

Mr/Mrs/Miss/Ms.....

Address.....

.....Postcode.....

Telephone.....

Email.....

I wish to add a donation of \$.....

(Donations of \$2 and over are tax deductible)

Receipt required for a tax deduction

I/WE ARE INTERESTED IN ASSISTING WITH:

- Newsletter production (collect or write articles, layout, etc)
 Working bees
 Herbarium (helping with specimens, records etc)
 Promotion and Marketing
 Living Collection
 Retail
 Other (please indicate your interests)
.....

I wish to receive my newsletters by email..... Yes / No (please circle)

Total Payment enclosed \$.....

Payment may be made

1) either directly into our bank account:

Commonwealth Bank, Dalby. BSB 064-412 Account No. 1000 1195

Account name: Myall Park Botanic Garden Ltd.

Reference: (please include your name and that it is for 'subscription')

2) or by cheque payable to 'Myall Park Botanic Garden Ltd.'

Whichever method of payment you use, please send this completed form to:

Mrs B. Salter, PO BOX 11014 Centenary Heights. Qld 4350

Your articles, photographs, advertisements etc are welcome for inclusion in this newsletter.

**Contact the Administration Officer
Megan Oehlman**

Email: myallparkbotanic@bigpond.com

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If you opt to receive it by email as a pdf file, then that's what awaits you. As well, you will be

helping to cut down the amount of paper we pay to transport it all over the country and the time taken by our volunteers to fold, staple and post each one.

Please email myallparkbotanic@bigpond.com with your email address which we will use in confidence only for this purpose.

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with
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\$6



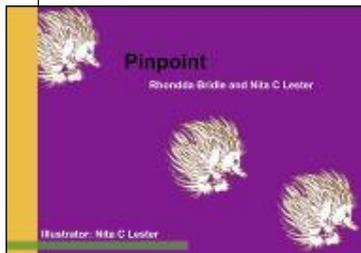
Four Bloom and Single Bloom Postcards **\$1.50**

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BOOKS from our Catalogue

Order from the Garden and the profit stays here

Email or use form on page 10 not forgetting to add a one-off cost of **\$10 postage** per order.



Pinpoint' Children's book by Rhondda Bridle and Nita C Lester; illustrated by Nita C Lester
Was **\$15** NOW **\$7.50**



Brigalow Birds book and CD

Birds of Myall Park Botanic Garden and surrounding region. PLUS With the aid of Brigalow Birds, you will be able to identify over 250 Australian bird species, many occurring throughout Australia.

Book Was \$33 Now \$16.50
CD WAS \$25 NOW \$12.50



Birdwings' New Home by Lynette Reilly, illustrated by Lois Hughes. Celebrates endangered butterflies

SOLD OUT!



For Sharp Eyes Only by Nita C Lester and Elaine Lyons: Illustrations show how our native animals are camouflaged in their surroundings

Was \$10 Now \$5

For latest information and pictures on 'Plants in the Garden' see our website -www.myallparkbotanicgarden.com

INFORMATION PAGE

Garden closed for maintenance 20 Dec—20 Jan each year
VISITORS WELCOME AT ALL OTHER TIMES

MYALL PARK BOTANIC GARDEN FEES 2016

A - GARDEN ENTRANCE FEES

Garden and Gallery \$5.00 per person
FRIENDS and under 14 **FREE**
School children under 14 on excursion \$2
Official Guide \$50 plus Garden entry fees
Coach tours \$5.00 pp, driver and tour operator free
MPBG Friends Group Membership—each visit, one free entry, other members visiting at the same time 10% discount
Organised working parties—Free (by prior arrangement only)

B - ACCOMMODATION (Garden entry included)

For bookings, contact **Caretakers Ph 07 4665 6855**
(May—October, advance bookings advisable)

Friends Members 10% discount.
Tour organisers Free
Children under 14 half price, under 6 free.
Linen (if required) \$5 per person (bed linen, towels)

Avochie Cottage:

1 night - 1-2 people \$80 - each extra person \$20/ night
3 nights - 1-2 people \$220 - each extra person \$20 /night
1 week - 1-2 people \$480 - each extra person \$20/night
For above packages, a cleaning fee of \$20 will be added if necessary

Cleaning included for 5 nights or longer.

The Quarters: Rooms 1—4

(guests share kitchen and bathroom facilities)
per person: 1 night \$30 3 nights \$80 1 week \$180
Room 5 : 1-2 person 1 night \$60 -3 nights \$140-Extra person \$10pp p night
Cleaning NOT included in The Quarters packages,
\$20 fee added if necessary.
Sole Use of The Quarters—p.o.a.

C - TENTS and VANS (Garden entry included)

FREE POWER
All sites: \$20 per site per night for 1-2 people. Extra person \$5.50

D - CATERING

Meals available Bottle Tree Inn, Glenmorgan ph 07 4665 6727 and General Store, Glenmorgan

E - GALLERY HIRE

Includes use of furniture, urn, power-points for equipment, fridge and Garden entry. Tea and coffee not provided.

\$100 first day, \$25 each extra day (includes cleaning)
\$10 per day for local non-profit community groups—please leave clean or pay \$20 cleaning fee.

Please discuss all arrangements when you book tours or accommodation.

On arrival, see Information in log box at Visitor Centre, or on-site caretaker.

Glenmorgan has basic provisions including diesel and unleaded fuel. Diesel and unleaded fuel are also available at **Surat** with card (PIN) and **The Gums**. Fuel sales at **Meandarra** are credit card (PIN) only.

ABOUT OUR ACCOMMODATION:

(Linen is not included. Ask about our linen service when you book.)

Avochie Cottage - (Right)

Renovated 3 bedroom cottage with 1 double and 2 twin rooms. Bath/ shower and toilet. Electric hot water system. Open fireplace in sitting room. New electric stove, microwave oven, crockery, cutlery, electric jug, fridge, frypan and toaster. Washing up and cleaning utensils supplied. Fans, air cooler, heater, basic furnishings.



The Quarters: (Right)

Renovated inside and out. Two verandahs, 4 small bedrooms (6 single beds) 1 large bedroom (1 double bed + 2 singles). 2 bathrooms each with bath / shower, 2 toilets. Electric hot water. New electric stove, microwave oven, crockery and cutlery, fridge, electric jug, frypan and toaster. Washing up and cleaning utensils supplied. Fans, heater, basic furnishings. Open fireplace in living area.



Caravans/Tents: Connect to the power on-site and use toilet / shower facilities at the Gallery complex. Unpowered sites available.



FREE POWER

For all bookings, phone caretakers on 07 4665 6855 or email.

We ask you to leave the accommodation clean when you depart and to take all rubbish with you. (No collection here.)

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B	SMALL PLATES 155 mm Robyn Gordon Sandra Gordon Merinda Gordon	\$13.50 \$13.50 \$13.50		
C	RICE BOWLS 115mm	\$13.50		
D	JUG 250ml, very fine and light	\$20		
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F	DOROTHY GORDON MUG 300ml stands 100mm	\$15		
G	DOROTHY GORDON MUG 270ml stands 90mm	\$15		
H	Hessian GARDEN BAG with waterproof lining See also on page 7	\$6		
I	LATTE MUG heavy weight china Leadlight Design. Black on white contemporary style.	\$10		
	'AUSTRALIAN WILDFLOWER PAINTINGS' Book of paintings by Dorothy Gordon Signed by Dave Gordon	\$ 38.50 \$ 42.50		
	GREETING CARDS— featuring Dorothy Gordon botanical paintings	\$ 3.50 Single \$ 22 Set of 8		
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Glenmorgan, Queensland

**TAKE NOTICE the ANNUAL MEETING OF
MEMBERS OF MYALL PARK BOTANIC GARDEN LTD**
will be held at the Toowoomba Library meeting room.
Corner of Herries and Victoria Streets Toowoomba Qld 4350

on

Sunday 1st December 2019 10am

AGENDA:

Minutes of the 2018 Annual Meeting of Members of
Myall Park Botanic Garden Ltd
Business arising from Minutes
Treasurer's Report
Chairman's Report and Divisional Managers Reports
Future of the Garden
Election of:
Members of Myall Park Botanic Garden Ltd
Directors of Myall Park Botanic Garden Ltd
Office Bearers of Myall Park Botanic Garden Ltd
Gift Trust Fund Committee
Entrance Fees to Myall Park Botanic Garden
List of Assets tabled

Annual financial statements will be forwarded when they become available.

DATED this 4th day of November, 2019

Mrs Sue Akeroyd
Company Secretary

**A GENERAL MEETING of newly appointed DIRECTORS OF MYALL PARK
BOTANIC GARDEN LTD**
will immediately follow the conclusion of the Annual Meeting

We are requesting aid on various committees. This could
include helping with newsletter production, art, accommodation,
grant writing, and Plant Collection. If you are interested, please
make contact.

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