



BUDERIM GARDEN CLUB INC. (BGC)

Report to committee and members on the Buderim Garden Festival Held on weekend of October 21st - 23th 2022

The 2022 Buderim Garden Festival was shaping up to be the best one to date, however we were unfortunate with the weather, with around 95 mm of rain falling over Saturday night and into Sunday. On the Wednesday prior to the Festival, we read the report that a "Rain Bomb" was predicted, but Rain, Hail or Shine the Festival has always proceeded. Gardeners come out when it rains, the weather just effects general public who stay home when conditions are bad, we had the good, the bad and the Rain!

The BGC committee were ready to accept that the return on the festival would be down due to the conditions, with the rain significantly impacted numbers attending the festival.

However, the 2022 Flower and Photography Shows have been acknowledged as being one of our best shows ever held. Entry numbers, quality of entries and the manner in which the entries were displayed was outstanding. The Flower Show and a much-expanded Photography Exhibition were also opened on **Friday**, Saturday and Sunday.

This year we again held **twilight Quality Plant Markets, from 3pm-7:00 pm on Friday**, which were not affected too much by the initial rain on the Friday, although we had 5 stalls cancel due to the weather forecasts for the weekend, the remaining 12 stalls operated on Saturday, but most stalls pulled out on Sunday due to bad weather Sat. night into Sunday.

There were 6 Exclusive Open Gardens in the Buderim area which were selected to showcase the diversity in size and style of gardening in our area. The Gardens were open Saturday 8am-4pm and due to the inclement weather Garden #6 had to shut from Sunday Morning (flooded lake), and all other gardens were closed on Sunday from 12pm. Visitors were again able to see the Open Gardens without traffic and parking problems via a free shuttle bus service, but due heavy rain this service was cancelled for Sunday. Also, a bus coming from the Maryborough area also cancelled their visit.

SPONSORSHIP

This year we were fortunate to again have two major sponsors. Manawee Garden Centre sponsored the club by covering the cost of producing the tickets for the festival. They also supported the club by arranging an attractive floral display on the stage, we thank Manawee for their consistent and continued support.

We also received sponsorship from the Buderim Bendigo Community Bank, being \$1500 which the BGC can use towards offsetting the cost of the shuttle buses. We are extremely grateful to the bank for their support of this community event.

The BGC also received a minor grant of \$2000 towards the Garden Festival from the SCC to help offset administration costs.

This year the SCC has again required the BGC to have permit to run the event and the need to have first aiders on site. The BGC applied for and obtained a grant from Ted O'Brian to train another 10 members in First Aid, and the original 10 first aiders to renew their CPR, we thank Ted O'Brian for the grant.

FINANCIALS

Treasure Anne will give full report on festival finances when all invoice/charges have been received.

The Draft figure has BGC making around **\$7,000 profit**, great outcome considering the inclement weather on the festival weekend (the one area that BGC cannot control).

I am sure this figure could have been double this given fine weather, "always next year", but at least we did not make a loss, especially thanks to all hard work by our members.

Another area that helped with our financial control at the festival was the purchase of Square, electronic devices (Card/Credit payments). I'd like to thank Anne and John Leach for all their hard work managing our cash and electronic receipts and payments, especially Anne whose health is not 100%.

SPRING FLOWER SHOW (refer to full report from John Sargaison - Chief Show Steward)

The number of entries received this year (398) was an increase over the number received in the 2021 show. Section 1 Cut Flowers recorded the highest growth in numbers.

The Children's display this year in the Hall was once again splendid in its colour and the quality of the exhibits was outstanding. This year Milford Lodge Day-care Centre were enthusiastic participants again, but the Little Village Day-care Centre was not able to join the Children's Section this year due to new ownership.

Our Chief Steward and Convenor John Sargaison has once again done a wonderful job. Thank you, John and all who helped as stewards etc. during the weekend.

PHOTOGRAPHIC DISPLAY (refer to full report from Marion Upston – Photographic Convenor)

This year the Photography Exhibition (section 11) was again located in the hall foyer with specially arranged display boards, the number of entries in the Garden Photography section increased again this year with 348 entries received across the five classes.

The quality & standard of the photographs were excellent, it was pleasing to see both members and non-members sharing the 5 class winners this year.

Our Convenor Marion Upston and her helpers have done a wonderful job arranging the display. Thank you, Marion.

OFFICAL OPENING

The official opening of the Show and the presentation of trophies was held this year at 11am on the Saturday and BGC invited Marjorie Van Roy, our patron and sponsor, Peter MacDonnell from Buderim Bendigo Community Bank & sponsor, the State Member for Buderim Mr Brent Mickleburg and Local Councillor Ten Hungerford to present the trophies to the winners of the various sections.

The festival was officially opened by our patron Marjorie Van Roy.

OPEN GARDENS

The 2022 BGC Garden Festival featured 6 Open Gardens. The Open Gardens were selected to showcase the diversity in size and style of gardening in our area, this year having 6 great gardens. This year due to the inclement weather this phase of the Garden Festival was affected the most, and the number of visitors was well down, only the diehard gardeners visited, and BGC and the owners received great praise for the quality and diversity of the gardens.

The BGC wish to thank very much the three private owners, and three BGC members for opening their gardens on behalf of the BGC. The club donated \$300 to each garden to help in preparing a colourful display, which was most appreciated by the owners.

Attendance at gardens:

- 1 Lesley Nicholls (BGC Member) (Old Garden well presented & established)**
13 Tulip Lane. Buderim **(Had 259 visitors)**

- 2 Ronda & Steve Budden (Private Owners) (New House & Garden Est. 18 months)**
1 Clithero Avenue. Buderim **(Had 244 visitors)**

- 3 Jill & Stuart Cheyne (Private Owners) (Establish Garden, very tropical, outstanding features)**
31 Woodlands Crescent Nth. Buderim **(Had 266 visitors)**

- 4 Larry Vincent (BGC member) (1990's Garden being re-established June 2021, with Australian natives & fruit trees, garden has several craftworks)**
61 Woodlands Crescent. Nth Buderim **(Had 245 visitors)**

- 5 Anne & Frank Tucker (BGC members) (Great Sub Tropical Garden)**

14 Goldsmith Place Buderim (**Had 206 visitors**)

- 6 Jenny Davison (large acreage garden, with large lake – Outstanding)**
101 Mountain Creek Road Mountain Creek (**Had 174 visitors**)

TICKET SALES

The BGC arranged preselling of tickets from OPO, Manawee Garden Centre, Buderim News and Buderim Community Bank prior to the Festival, as per previous years. But the most successful venture was the selling of tickets on line this year, and proved very popular with customers.

CATERING

This year the Craft Cottage again did catering of Coffee/Cakes/Sandwiches and Lions Club of Buderim did a sausage sizzle Friday, Sat. & Sunday. The Craft Cottage & Lions both did a wonderful job catering for us and the public at the festival, with the inclement weather effecting sales and making life difficult for the Lions BBQ in the wet, as with plant stalls Sunday was a washout.

RAFFLE

This year we had a total of 37 raffle prizes to the value of over \$5,000, due to the great support by mainly Buderim and other Sunshine Coast businesses.

This raffle was an outstanding success, raising over \$4000.

Extra special thanks to Maureen Michael our raffle convenor, and thanks to committee members in assisting to obtain the great prizes, and all the ticket sellers, prior to and at the festival.

The first 11 Prizes ranged from \$350 to \$150 in value, listed below –

- 1st Mitre 10 Kunda Park – Diamond tap cascade water feature - (value \$350)**
- 2nd Mitre 10 Kunda Park – Diamond tap cascade water feature - (value \$350)**
- 3rd Mungomerys Real Estate Buderim – Garden Pots feature - (value \$250)**
- 4th Buderim Auto Service - 40-point service – (Value \$200)**
- 5th Art Nuvo Gallery Buderim – Monte Lupo seated Frida Garden Statue (value \$180)**
- 6th Eyecare Plus Buderim - Sass & Bide Ladies Sunglasses – (value \$179)**
- 7th Mitre 10 Nambour – Garden Composter - (value \$169)**
- 8th Manawee Garden Centre- Large parcel of selected Garden Products (value \$150)**
- 9th Chemist Warehouse Forest Glen – personal care basket products (value \$150)**
- 10th Bliss on Buderim – Signature facial + bottle wine BWS mountain Creek (\$150)**
- 11th Mooloolaba Osteopathy - Osteo treatment (\$115) & Patchwork Quilt (\$50)**

The next 14 Prizes ranged from \$150 to \$100 in value, and the last 12 prizes ranged around the \$100 value, you can ask to see full list prizes.

Stalls Holders & BGC Plant Stall

The lawn 'Green' area between the Hall and the Craft Cottage housed 12 stalls, with one stall on the veranda. 5 stalls cancelled at the last minute due to the forecast for bad weather.

BGC was very pleased with the location of stalls and the quality of the different stalls and the general flow of people traffic. Most stall holders were very pleased with their location and sales considering the weather conditions, being wet underfoot, causing most stalls to move out on Sunday morning. Most expressed interest in returning next year. The Club receives 10% of the taking and this year we were well down from the stalls. Special thanks to Robin Porter for arranging the stall holders that attended this year.

Our Club plant stall did well considering the wet weather, and we thank all members who donated plants. We raised nearly \$3,000 on plant sales and this surely due to Steve Wikman and Joy Fixter and their team, many thanks. The standard and quality of donated plants from our members was very high this year, volume was high, and with many plants left over, the BGC will be holding a plant stall at the Lions Christmas Fair on 26th November, so with bit of luck, BGC will sell all remaining plants (make up festival sales being down & add to overall festival profit). I like to thank Mike Sax who has volunteered to look after the plants prior to the Christmas Fair.

IN CONCLUSION

I would like to thank all members of the Club who volunteered their time by sitting on gardens, working on the plant stall, selling raffle tickets, organising buses and Open Garden/Hall Tickets sellers, helped to set up for the flower/photographic show, and take it down again. Thanks to all the ladies who made/served the Friday morning breakfast. I would like to thank the Convenors all of whom did a great job in their area of responsibility and who made my task much easier. I would like to thank everyone on the committee for the role they played in making this Festival the success it was, especially treasurer Anne Leach who had lots of money & finances to deal with. I must thank Kathy my wife for great cleaning of hall toilets during the festival, and helping with catering and many other roles, and for putting up with me and all the time I spend on the festival organisation.

John Lyon
President & Festival Organiser