



Buderim Garden Club Inc.

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President's Report- 2021

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(This is an abbreviated version of John's Annual Report given to members at the AGM. Space does not allow the many acknowledgements that John gave to all members who assisted in organising the club activities during the year.)

After 2020 - Covid-19 locked us down with all activities/events cancelled, the Buderim Garden Club (BGC) were again able to hold monthly meetings again this year. The February and March meetings attracted over 90 members, down by 20 to 30 due to Covid.

BGC had 20 new members join this year. The current membership includes 18 life members and 274 ordinary members making a total of 292. It has been wonderful to see so many new members join our club during this period. During 2020 the BGC allowed members to remain current members at no cost due to Covid. With the cost of running the club (Insurance, Hall Hire, Printing & Stationary etc.), the committee has increased the Joining Fee in 2021/22 to \$15 (one off \$30 for new members), being the first increase in over 10 years.

Garden Shedders and Community/OPO Garden Groups.

The "Garden Shedders" work on the gardens adjacent to the Buderim Memorial Hall, on 4th Friday each month. The "Community Gardens" group (OPO gardens), meeting on 3rd Monday each month. The group has now restored and maintains the Old Post Office gardens,

Workshops

We were able to hold a workshop organised by Steve Wikman, on Wednesday 28/4/2021, and held at Bev and Aart Schouten's Garden in Mountain Creek.

Monthly Flower Competition

The monthly flower competition has been able to resume, although entries are down a little due to Covid. The competition has shown improvement a great deal this year, due to some education to upgrade the standard of entries for judging. I feel Steve and other experienced members have made some head way here in helping new and past members present their items. The quality of entrant's exhibits has also improved and is becoming very competitive. I especially thank Eunice Worden who has taken on the coordination role this year, and thank Shirley McDonald for the last few years of her involvement.

Monthly Photographic Competition

Due to being an online competition our monthly photographic competition was able to proceed again this year. The quality and presentation of the members photographs were outstanding. Our judge commented on the pleasing improvement in photos as the year progressed.

Bus Tours.

This year BGC could have bus tours again with some Covid-19 conditions, our tour coordinator Karen O'Conner organised 3 great bus trips:

April – To Bankfoot House, Glass House Mountains Lookout, lunch @ Beerwah Hotel and visit Steve Floods Garden/Nursery at Mooloolah Valley.

July – Visit Steps Nursery Caloundra, then Christmas lunch in July @ Maleny Hotel and then nursery visit or walk Town of Maleny. November trip coming up to Roma Street Gardens.

Seedbank

Ken Evans has continued his seed bank this year. Many members have benefited from the seeds that Ken and others have gathered and shared.

BGC Events Attended.

BGC attended the celebration of Australia Day on the School oval and the Queensland Garden Expo at Nambour. The Buderim Street Party was cancelled due Covid. The BGC is gaining a bit of a reputation for handing out so many plants, particularly the Broms & herb posies on Australia Day, and I must say a special thanks to those members who t supplied plants & helped at these events events.

Garden Festival.

The 2021 Garden Festival was a resounding success, possibly making about \$12,000 in profit. The feedback we have received has been overwhelmingly positive with visitors all commenting that the open gardens & flower/photography shows were great. We were very fortunate this year to have had wonderful weather and great crowds. (*see report later in this newsletter. Ed.*)

75th Anniversary – Calendar

Buderim Garden Club is celebrating our 75th Anniversary during 2021. The BGC was founded in 1946 along with the Buderim War Memorial Community Association (BWMCA) as part of the post-war program to continue the involvement of the Buderim residents in the life of the Buderim community.

The 2020 committee decided to produce a special Souvenir 2021 Calendar to give to all members and for sale to members/public. The calendar features photos taken by members in the photographic competition in 2019/2020 and interesting information about the BGC over the past 75 years.

Arbour - History Walk (75th Anniversary Project)

This Year the Buderim Garden Club is celebrating its 75th year . To mark this great milestone BGC has submitted a proposal to the Sunshine Coast Regional Council to create a History Walk (Arbour) in the park opposite the Memorial Hall. The SCC has approved this project and the BGC has obtained a major grant from SCRC (\$26,000), and along with the BGC & BWMCA contributions of \$10,000 each. The Arbour is now being designed and will be constructed as permanent structure in the Community Park, the Arbour will have history signs/photos outlining the History of Buderim from early days to now.

Library

Helen Wallace has continued to run the BGC library, giving members the opportunity to loan gardening books & magazines.

Technology & Communications

This year has seen the BGC move towards more technology and communications systems to keep members informed, allow easy input to payments & registration for functions/events and membership as well as improve systems for entries for photographic completion and the Buderim Garden Festival. The club has also obtained Efpas and Square system for easy payments

Christmas Lunch.

We now all look forward to our final function for 2021, our Christmas Lunch, on December 10. This year again it is being held at the Buderim Tavern Function Room.

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On behalf of Kathy and myself, I wish all our members good health and happiness for the coming year, which should be a big one, with the construction of our 75th Anniversary project, and hopefully a return to near normal with Covid vaccines to help protect us from more Covid problems/lockdowns.

John Lyon

President

COMMITTEE 2022



Committee elected at 2021 AGM - President John Lyon, Treasurer Anne Leach, John Leach, Secretary Kim Bendall, Carmmie Pettiford, Cassy Burlington, Marion Upston, Maureen Michael, Robin Porter, Lynette Valentine, Vice-President John Sargaison, Pat Moses.

Annual Garden Club Festival

Here are some of the highlights from President John Lyon and Chief Steward John Sargaison's reports emailed out to members on 20th October. See full reports at [Buderim Garden Club - Festival](#) and photos at [Festival Photos](#)

- The 2021 Garden Festival was a resounding success. The feedback we have received has been overwhelmingly positive. Visitors were very impressed with the Open Gardens and the flower/photography shows. We were very fortunate this year to have had wonderful weather and great crowds. The most popular garden attracted over 790 visitors.
- Visitors came from many regions – Brisbane, Bribie Island, Bundaberg, Gympie, Toowoomba, Mount Tamborine as well as locals from Noosa and the Sunshine Coast . Visitors came by bus from Beenleigh, Caloundra & Maryborough Garden Clubs, as well as Caloundra & Sippy Downs age care homes . In addition, the BGC shuttle bus took 164 visitors to our 6 open gardens.
- Ticket sales to the Open Gardens totalled 800. Attendance at the Sheargold garden was the most popular with 791 visits . Other gardens attracted 695 visitors to Atkinson House, 585 to Milford Lodge, and 560 to Bloomhill Care Centre.
- The new Twilight Friday Markets as well as the usual Saturday and Sunday plant markets were very successful. Our income from Plant sales was almost \$3600.
- Whilst the number of plant stalls on the Green was lower than 2019 due to extra insurance costs, their sales were good, and the Club received over \$3200 – 10% of their total sales.
- Many thanks to our two major sponsors for the festival. Manawee Garden Centre assisted with the cost of printing tickets and brochures, arranging an attractive floral display on the stage and providing raffle prizes. Sponsorship from the Buderim Bendigo Community Bank covered most of the cost of the buses allowing free travel to the Open Gardens.
- We also had great support from many business who donated prizes for the raffle – a total of \$3,000 was donated for 20 prizes. (See list of these donors in the full report on our website . ([Buderim Garden Club - Festival](#))
- In conclusion President John acknowledged the work of all team members:

It takes a huge effort on the part of many to stage an event like the Garden Festival. My thanks go to the convenors who carried out their area of responsibility so effectively. This has been very much a team effort and I sincerely thank all the members of our management committee for their individual input and efforts as well as all the Club members who assisted with setting up the hall, manned stalls, assisted with buses, sat on Gardens, donated plants and entered exhibits to the competition.

(John Lyon. President)

Festival Flower Comp



There were a record number of entries in the Festival Photo Competition this year. Why not visit our website to see the great photos that were exhibited at the Hall that weekend? See [Festival Photos](#)



Festival Trophy Winners 2021

Champion Hanging Basket –	Steve Wikman
Champion Flowers from Natives –	Nev Douglas
Champion Plant in a Standing Pot –	Nev Douglas
Most Points -Standing Pots/Hanging Baskets	Nev Douglas
Champion Bloom other than a Rose –	Teddy Gove
Most Points in Show Champion Member –	Teddy Gove
Champion Rose –	Elizabeth Hales
Champion Flowers from Exotics –	Elizabeth Hales
Champion Foliage Collection –	Joy Fixter
Champion Bonsai –	Reg Gibson
Champion Novelty Arrangement –	Lynda Reynolds
Champion Fruit, Vegetables and Herbs –	Cammie Pettiford
Encouragement Award –	Cammie Pettiford
Most Points Section 1 Cut Flowers –	Pamela Sheahan
<u>Also</u> Champion Garden Photography Exhibit –	Chris Holland

From the Chief Steward's Report 2021 BGC Flower Show

In the month leading up to this years' show we had very little rain excepting for two days in the week before the show. This welcomed rain appears to have helped with the quality of flowers as demonstrated by the entries received this year. The number of cut flower entries was significantly down on the number of entries received in the 2019 Show (112 v 198)*. 4

The reduced number of entries was unfortunately consistent across all other sections excepting the Children and Photography sections .

The official opening of the Show and presentation of trophies was held at 2pm on Saturday and there were a number of visitors and members present in the hall to witness the event. The State Member for Buderim Mr. Brent Mickelberg, Marjorie Van Roy, our patron and major sponsor (Manawee), Peter McDonnell (Buderim Bendigo Community Bank) our other major sponsor, and Councilor Ted Hungerford participated in the opening and presentation of trophies.

A full report can be found on the website at [Buderim Garden Club - Festival](#)

“In conclusion I would like to sincerely thank again those who submitted entries and to the army of volunteers that assisted in any way with the running of what was a very successful 2021 Spring Flower Show.” **John Sargaison .. Chief Show Steward**

Financial Report to AGM

Points of interest from our treasurer **Anne Leach**.

- The accounts show a surplus of \$31,427.50 but in fact we have a deficit of \$6091.27 for the year. This is because we had Donations from BWMCA of \$10,000, \$2,852 from our local MP, grants of \$21,668 and \$5,000 from Sunshine Coast Shire. This money is set aside for the Arbour which will be built in the 2021-22 year. We also had a grant of \$1,810 for the training of our members to become First-aiders.
- A contributing factor to the defect is because we did not charge membership subscriptions for existing members for the year and the festival was almost non existent. This was due to Covid-19 which seriously interrupted the club's activities.
- Training – A grant of \$1,660.50 allowed us to organise a course to qualify some of our members as first-aiders so they can respond to an emergency situation at club events.
- General Expenses – \$825.98 was made up \$739.53 for materials used for the maintenance of community gardens. The remainder is for Repairs and Maintenance.
- The overall financial position of the club is made up of the following bank accounts: Tour Account \$5,920, General Account \$23,649, Term Deposit \$10,544, Arbour account \$37,519, Cash on Hand for Floats \$350, Petty Cash \$99 and \$10,000 debtor giving us a total Cash at Hand of \$88,081.
- As it stands at the moment we have Net Assets of \$94593.31. The committee still needs to compile a plant and equipment register to give a better view of the Club's worth.
- We have made a great beginning for the next financial year with a profit of almost \$12,000 for the recent Garden Festival. This appears to be a record result.
- We have increased membership subscriptions from \$10 to \$15 to help cover the increases associated with general running costs of the club.
- A budget for the next financial Year has been compiled and approved by the Committee.

• The committee has introduced new technology to facilitate the collection of payments for subscriptions, tours, functions, festival activities and miscellaneous merchandise. This is in line with modern accounting practices which are efficient and transparent. In conclusion, I must thank our committee for its support and encouragement and in particular the President, John Lyon, who has been a tower of strength to me over the time I have been treasurer. His eye to detail and knowledge is incredible.

Anne Leach Acting Treasurer 12th November, 2021



Winners and Grinners at the November meeting were Teddy Gove - who scored most points in the monthly Cut Flower Competitions. Second was Steve Wickman , third was Ken Evans followed by Elizabeth Hales and Nev Douglas.

In the Monthly Photo Competition , Elizabeth Hales was narrowly ahead of Patricia James on aggregate points for the year.

Not only but also...

Elizabeth Hales entry in the Garden Clubs of Australia Photography Competition 2020 did not win but nevertheless featured on the cover of their October Issue of Open Gardens. see [Buderim Garden Club - NEWS.](#)



Buderim Garden Club – a brief history

At our Anniversary Dinner, our patron Marjorie Van Roy provided a history of the Buderim Garden Club over the past 75 years. For our new members we feature some of the highlights of that address – for the full address go to our website at [Anniversary Address](#)

“The Buderim Garden Club motto of fostering and encouraging friendship through the love of making gardens for Buderim residence has been one of the most important assets taken up by our local community over the last 75 years.

The Buderim Garden Club was founded in 1946 but it was not until June 1949 when a public meeting was held and a committee was elected and the club’s operations were formalised. The membership have slowly increased in number to what is now an extremely popular, highly respected club that has approximately over members.

Over the years the Club has assisted in the development of many features of Buderim - “Waterfall Glen”, (now the Primary School Oval) , the creation of Wirreanda Park, Street tree plantings of Callistemmon ,

Expo Gold Xanthostemon (a bi-centennial project) and funding for many beautification **projects including** the Edna Walling Memorial Garden , the Ambulance precinct and street scaping around the Memorial Hall.

In addition, the club donated funds for the Foote Sanctuary, Buderim Forest Park and more recently the Maroochy Regional Bushland Botanic Gardens. From 2015 to 2019 \$21,100 was donation by the Club through Open Garden Scheme to owners. This is a thank you and a help for those who open their gardens to the many who flock to Buderim for the renowned Open Garden Festivals.
TOTAL DONATIONS from 1980 to 2019 were \$90,073.

From 2001 to 2018 a total of \$48,803 was donated for the Beautification of Buderim. This included plantings around the Memorial Hall, Botanic Garden Arbour and plaque, Memorial seat, plaque and pathway in honour of Colin Campbell. To commemorate the Clubs 50th year (1996) \$5000 was donated to the Sunshine Coast University for the establishment of a garden in the Library Precinct.

Coming Events

- **The Christmas Lunch** has been booked for the 10 December, once again at the Buderim Tavern. (No monthly meeting in December)
 - **Bus trip to Roma Street Parklands** is booked for Thursday November 25th. The cost is \$50 which includes morning tea and lunch from the Garden Room café. There may also be time to stop at a nursery homeward bound. Enquiries to Karen Ph:0414 608 893 or karenocon2020@gmail.com
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From the Editor

Many thanks for your support and comments over the year. We are conscious that some members do not have access to emails or the website, so we have tried to keep you up to date with the activities of the club both in the newsletter content and the mailout.

It hardly needs saying that times are changing, and we need to adapt to keep up. We hope to have a review of our communications systems with members early in the New Year- website, email bulletins, Facebook and Newsletter.

Would members who now rely on our newsletter by post like to have some introduction to our online communication systems? If you have any suggestions for the newsletter, you may contact me by phone/ text on 0427160437 or even snail mail to 16 Portland Quay, Maroochydore 4558. Many thanks.

Since this will be the final edition for the year, may I wish all members a happy and safe Festive Season.

Jim Hales. Editor.

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