



Buderim Garden Club Inc.

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President's Report

On August 13, 2021, the Buderim Club held its 75th Anniversary Lunch with 90 members and guests in attendance. The occasion can only be described as outstanding, much of it due to the excellent manner in which the Buderim Tavern catered for the function.

The guest speaker was the BGC Patron and Life Member Marjorie Van Roy who talked about the history of the BGC. (*See transcript of this talk on pp5&6*). The President of Qld Council Garden Clubs Phil Adams also spoke and presented the BGC with a certificate of congratulations for achieving this milestone in our history.

The Buderim Garden Club (BGC) was founded in 1946 along with the Buderim War Memorial Community Association (BWMCA) in 1945 as part of the post-war program to continue the involvement of residents in the life of the Buderim community.

Initially the BGC was just an informal small group of Buderim people interested in Gardening and the beautification of Buderim. Although no formal committee or executive positions were created until 1949, past and present BGC committees have adopted 1946 as the year to celebrate the anniversary along with BWMCA.

The Club was not intended to be a formal Horticultural Society, but aimed to provide a social meeting and learning place for residents interested in beautifying the town through private gardens and public parks. That the Club has succeeded in this aim over its 75 years is evidenced by the continuing high level of interest shown by its members, and the standing which the Club enjoys in the Community. BGC currently has 288 members.

The Club has always supported the Buderim War Memorial Community Association in their ideals, and has been a great supporter/donator to the Maroochy Shire Council, now the Sunshine Coast Regional Council. The Members of BGC look forward to the future years with pride in the past and confidence in the future.

The next major event will be the Buderim Garden Festival being held from 15 – 17 October, based around the Buderim Memorial Hall with a flower/photographic show & plant markets. Six Open Gardens will be on display round Buderim. John Lyon . President.



Photographic Competition - August

First Prize: Nev Douglas

Second Prize Patricia James

Third Prize Steve Wikman



Comments from Paul Lucas (Judge) :

Art which is innovative and imaginative adds to the scene and the score rating. The Art should dominate the scene to maximise instant impact and want viewers to explore further. It is important there are minimal distractions taking the viewer's eye from the art.

A balanced, simple, and uncluttered image is best. The display of the Art should be sharp, dominant, nicely composed and highlight the beauty, variety and mood of the Art piece - WITHIN an actual garden/park setting. Good lighting and exposure are important.

2021 BGC Spring Flower Show Garden Photography Tips

(Thanks to John Sargaison and Marion Upston for this article)

Our 2021 Flower Show has a Section dedicated to a photography competition (**Section 11 – Garden Photography**). Entries in Section 11 must be submitted by **4pm Friday 8 October** (1 week before our Show).

There are five Classes in this section:

Class 64	Single Flower
Class 65	Multiple Flower
Class 66	Flowers produced by bulbs, corms or rhizomes
Class 67	Flowering native plant
Class 68	Fauna in local garden

Members can enter up to three entries in each of the five classes. Entries for the photography section should be submitted electronically via a new portal created by John Leach which can be found on the BGC website.

To assist those who are new to photography the following tips that may help you take better photos in the garden:

- **Good lighting** - Time your photography sessions around the “golden hour” as the sun sets or rises to get a beautiful warm hue to your photos.
- **Rule of thirds** - This rule will help you create balanced photos. The idea is to break your photo into roughly nine squares, with three vertical and three horizontal lines. When framing your shot place the key feature of your photo where lines intersect creates a balanced, pleasing photo.
- Great garden photography will have **clear focus on the subject**. How sharp that focus is, (and how blurred the rest of your photo is), will depend on the feeling you’re trying to evoke. The portrait mode on iPhones is a great example of blurring a background to throw the subject into clearer focus. If using a DSLR a small aperture setting will give you a shallow depth of field allowing you to get a sharp image of the subject and blurring of the fore and background.

FRIDAY TWILIGHT PLANT MARKET
 OUTSIDE MEMORIAL HALL - 3 till 7pm

**SPRING FLOWER SHOW
 + PHOTOGRAPHIC DISPLAY**
 MEMORIAL HALL
 Fri 3 till 7pm, Sat 8am till 4pm, Sun 8am till 2pm

OPEN GARDENS
 EXCLUSIVE ACCESS ACROSS BUDERIM
 Sat 8am till 4pm - Sun 8am till 2pm

SAT & SUNDAY PLANT MARKET
 OUTSIDE MEMORIAL HALL - OPEN 8am

GARDEN SCULPTURE EXHIBITION
 AT BUDERIM CRAFT COTTAGE

CHURCH FLORAL DISPLAY
 ST. MARK'S ANGLICAN CHURCH

Celebrating 75 Years of Friendship in Gardening
BUDERIM GARDEN CLUB INC.
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\$15 - Weekend Ticket
 Open Gardens
 and Flower Show
\$2 Flower Show entry
 (in Buderim War Memorial Hall)
 School Children & Students Admitted Free

GARDEN FESTIVAL PLANT STALL

This message from Steve has been emailed to online members in an earlier bulletin.

Spring is here and our gardens are coming into full bloom. All that work done during the winter months will now be worthwhile. The bees are already buzzing around here checking out what is new for this year.

Our Buderim Garden Festival is not far away and so can I ask members to donate at least one plant for our Garden Club Stall. Each year there has been great public interest in our stall due to the quality and variety of plants offered for sale. Here is your chance to play a small part in showcasing our Buderim Garden Club to the rest of the gardening world.

Now is the time to prepare our sale plants. Your donations of quality plants, i.e. no disease, clean pots etc will showcase what our garden club has to offer. When preparing your donations, please look at your presentation and ask yourself: - "Would you like to buy this plant for your garden or deck?"

Donations will be accepted at the Buderim Memorial Hall from Thursday 14 October, 2021.

For further information/clarification, please contact Steve on 0439362828. Thankyou in advance for your generosity.

Steve Wikman ... Plant Stall Coordinator

DESERT ROSES

We have an offer from Ken Wallis for potting Desert Roses as follows :

I am offering a repotting service which includes new soil and fertilizer for Desert Roses. The cost is from \$3 for a plant re-potted into the same 4 inch pot. New pots from \$1 each depending on size Advice given about how to care for the plants. I may have some plants for sale depending on the weather.

Ken lives in Buderim Garden Village (Unit 86) and can be contacted on 0447940488 to arrange at time.



OPEN GARDENS 2021

Saturday 8am - 4 pm and Sunday 8am- 2pm

Full details about the Open Gardens and the Flower Show are on our website [Buderim Garden Club - Festival](#)

1 Sheargold Garden

This large 5-acre garden has been taking shape for more than 30 years, yet it continues to change and develop. The constants are the magnificent old fig tree that is the heart of the garden and a feeling of peace and tranquillity. The Sheargold family have chosen plants that suit our climate and do not demand too much maintenance. Les's roses are the exception but having roses for the house and for friends most of the year makes them worth the effort. The main emphasis is on colour and texture as well as a good range of plants to attract birds, bees and butterflies.

2 Natures Edge (Over 50's Resort)

Entering the gates at Nature's Edge Forest Glen, in the foothills of Buderim, the majestic rainforest canopy beside you and beautiful landscaping all around, evoke a sense of ease and relaxation. Extensive landscaping sets the scene for the 'over 50's resort style' living comprising 150+ homes.

3. Maroochy Regional Bushland Botanic Gardens (featuring the Sculpture Garden).

This garden's name and the playful 'Spirit House' sandstone carving at its entrance are clues that a sculpture or two are likely to be found in this garden but come prepared! There's a whole collection of astonishing artworks, native flora and other delightful surprises in store for you. A short, forested path through towering eucalypts is where the magic begins.

4 Atkinson House

This historic property is among Buderim's oldest, having been home to early pioneer and fruit grower Tom Atkinson and his family. Although the generous original acreage has been subdivided over time, leaving only a quarter of an acre, the original 1914 farmhouse still remains, and has very recently been renovated by the owners. The garden, with rich volcanic soil that once nurtured crops of sugarcane, pineapples, ginger, potatoes and other small crops is now being re-established, and is a source of much joy for the owners and their young children.

5 Bloomhill Cancer Care Centre

This 10-acre block, now the Bloomhill Cancer Care Wellness Centre gardens are a beautiful tranquil oasis on the southern hillside of Buderim. The cancer touched community as well as members of the public are welcome to enjoy strolling through the gardens. Spot the native wildlife like kangaroos, bird varieties large and small, and even grab a coffee on one of the large decks.

6. Milford Lodge

This large 2-acre lot established in 1986, as the first privately owned childcare service on the Sunshine Coast, the beautiful 103-year-old colonial Queenslander, "Milford Lodge", is the result of a labour of love. In addition to adapting the original homestead and excavating under the house to increase the size of the living areas, the gardens have constantly evolved over the past 40 years. What was once a pineapple and banana plantation, was the blank canvas awaiting a couple with big dreams.

PATRON'S ADDRESS at the Anniversary Lunch



Patron Marjorie Van Roy traced Buderim Garden Club's outstanding history of over 75 years

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

This enjoyment from gardening has been brought to the forefront over the last 18 months (COVID-19 pandemic) with many residences obtaining peace and happiness by spending time nurturing their gardens and turning their hands to growing food and flowers to share with their loved ones and others.

Good afternoon, my name is Marjorie Van Roy and I have been Buderim Garden Club's honorary patron since 2014. I feel privileged to hold this position as I needed big shoes to follow on from Colin Campbell OAM, a very loyal, well-known gentleman to the Horticultural industry and patron to the Buderim Gardening Club from 1993 until his passing in 2012.

I too have passion and qualifications in Horticulture and together with my family have owned and successfully run Manawee Garden Centre for the last 30 years. Manawee prides itself in presenting one and a half acres of quality green stock, gardening accessories, and a wealth of knowledge to continue the friendship and gardening interest throughout Buderim, the Sunshine Coast and surroundings. In more recent times we have also established a wholesale production nursery on the Sunshine Coast to ensure a continual supply of quality plants as they are in high demand by our local community and the landscaping industry.

Membership has increased

The Buderim Garden Club was founded in 1946 but it was not till June 1949 when a public meeting was held (as reported in the Nambour Chronicle on 10th June) and a committee was elected that the club's operations were formalised. The Buderim Garden Club's first constitution was adopted in 1963 and updated in 1989 into a set of rules when the Club became incorporated under State Government legislation.

The meetings and membership have slowly increased in number to what is now an extremely popular, highly respected club that has approximately 280 members who are keen to share their extensive skills and knowledge with others. Another aim of the Club: to provide opportunities for the sharing of ideas and knowledge pertaining to gardening and flower culture both in Buderim and the surrounding districts.

The Club has assisted with the development of "Waterfall Glen" prior to 1958 however this area, now the Primary School Oval, was in 1958 handed back to the Buderim Community Centre Recreation Committee.

In 1961 the Club was asked to care for the new park created in an Alfred Grant Subdivision. The Club, with the assistance of the local Aboriginal community named the Park (after a naming competition) "Wirreanda" (Place of Big Trees) but after a few years the area was handed over to the Maroochy Shire Council. In early days with money being tight and hard earned and whilst there are minimal records it is felt that the Buderim Garden Club would have had many other times when donations and voluntary work would have added to the beautification of our wonderful town.

For a few years prior to 1980 the Club donated and planted Callistemon Trees along King Streets and Main Street. From 1980 to 2001 a total of \$20,140 has been donated by Buderim Garden Club towards the Beautification of Buderim.

In 1988 to celebrate Australia's Bicentenary, 24 Expo Gold Xanthostemon were planted in King Street. In 1986 the club planted street trees at the top of Burnett Street and constructed and planted gardens at the newly constructed intersection of Lindsay Road with Main Street. In 1982 the Club donated \$400 to Foote Sanctuary and \$100 towards landscaping the new Buderim Ambulance Station. Three street seats were donated to the Memorial Hall in 1984. In 1990 the Club paid \$5000 for the landscaping around the newly renovated War Memorial Hall and in 1995 provided a further \$2000 for additional plants and watering system. \$4500 was donated to the BWMCA in 1994 for roofing and paving of an area adjacent to the Hall. In 1993 \$5000 was donated to the Maroochy Shire Council towards the establishment of an Edna Walling Memorial Garden and the entrance to Buderim Forest Park. This Garden was opened in August 1995.

The Club's 50th Year...

To commemorate the Clubs 50th year (1996) \$5000 was donated to and identified by the Sunshine Coast University for the establishment of a garden in the Library Precinct.

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.

In 2016 The Garden Clubs major donation in their 70th anniversary year was \$10,000 to the Maroochy Regional Bushland Botanic Gardens to go to the further development of the Whipbird walk project which aims to provide an area where children can explore, discover and respond to what they find.

If you are new to the Garden Club or have never taken a drive to the Bushland Botanic Gardens, then you are missing out. Just on our doorstep at Tanawha is a beautiful, amazing creation that must be visited by all who come to the unique Sunshine Coast. Please always keep this as a place to visit taking any of your visitors. The gardens are breathtaking and every visit has you admiring the day to day changes in a garden. It is an inspiration and can be visited time and time again.

Open Garden Scheme. From 2015 to 2019 \$21,100 has been donation by the Buderim Garden Club through Open Garden Scheme Donations 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

No donations in 2020 due to Covid-19.

TOTAL DONATIONS THAT BUDERIM GARDEN CLUB can account for from 1980 to 2019 are \$90,073.

Let us put our hands together and thank every Buderim Garden Club member now and in the past for their wonderful support to the Club over the last 75 years.

Keeping Buderim beautiful

Buderim Garden Club members since 1946 have shown their support in beautify Buderim through voluntary labour. Working bees for street planting through to manning flower shows and private open gardens are just a few of the many ways our Locals help our local area.

The Garden Club, this year, is Celebrating its 75th Anniversary. The club is hoping, despite all the current hurdles for a successful year with the Garden Festival & associated Celebrations. The Clubs major project is the proposal for a History Walk (Arbour) in the Buderim Village Park. With funding received from the local Council, BWMCA, Ted Hungerford , Brent Mickelberg and the Buderim Garden Clubs own contribution, the expected costs of approximately \$50,000 have almost been covered.

The Buderim Garden Club should be congratulated for continually abiding by these rules:

- Fostering friendship among members through the common bond of gardening interests.
- Encouraging and improve home gardening in Buderim and surrounding districts.
- Extending the knowledge of horticulture.
- Holding horticultural shows
- Co-operating in the development and beautification of Buderim and the surrounding district.

It is a pleasure being your Patron and you are a wonderful group to be associated with.

Thank you and enjoy the remainder of this celebration.....

Buderim Garden Club

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Secretary : Rosemary Simmons

Treasurer : Anne Leach

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