

SNIPPETS

From here and there



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The Maleny Garden Club extends a warm invitation to all members and visitors to attend the monthly general meetings held on the last Tuesday of each month, as per program for the year.

Note from our President;

Hi from Hamilton, New Zealand where we are babysitting grandchildren. We always enjoy visiting Hamilton Gardens when we are here. Of the themed gardens, the Italian Renaissance Garden and the Chinese Garden are my favourites. The newly opened themed garden is called the Concept Garden, not really my style as it looks very stark and modern. Rather like abstract art – open to interpretation.

Harvey did an excellent job organising the panel and questions for the February general meeting. Everyone enjoyed participating and the atmosphere was so positive; the general opinion was that we should make it an annual event. After all this erratic weather we have had, the lovely old rose Mrs BR Cant has overgrown herself. I will be cutting it back so if anyone would like to call in for cuttings after 3pm on Sunday 25th, March they will be welcome.

Best wishes from Dot and Pete

(More from Dot on her return).

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Quick Quiz

- 1 What are the first three words of the Bible?
- 2 In a website browser address bar, what does “www” stand for?
- 3 Who painted the late 15th century mural known as the Last Supper?
4. In movie ratings, what do the letters PG stand for?



The History of our Newsletter “Snippets”

The beginning and continuation of Snippets is due in no small way to the commitment of several of our current members, Mollie Cock (Founding Editor), Joyce Butterfield (Original Contributor and Committee Member), and Margaret Owens (Editor firstly in 2004/05, Current Editor and continuously since 2009/10 and founding Snippets Committee member). Margaret Moss and Lisa Plucknett were also involved in editing Snippets. Pat Powell was a regular contributor with her month by month “Seasonal Tasks”.

The Presidents made and still make significant contributions each issue. Members shared their overseas adventures which always make for interesting reading.

The contribution of those who are no longer members (Margaret Harper, Margaret Stevenson, Rosemary Simmonds and those who may have left the area for one reason or another) have all made Snippets possible.

Others who edited the now defunct monthly Club newsletters include Pam Linnett and Pam Watson.

The Range News and Hinterland Grapevine (both now defunct) printed Garden Club news and events provided by the Secretary, President, or the Committee member responsible for publicity. Both newspapers were very supportive as was the Nambour Chronicle. Nevertheless the concept of the Club producing its own newsletter was first raised in 1996 when it was suggested that a newsletter be printed - "maybe twice a year".

In November 2001 a survey was taken of the members to see if they wanted a Club newsletter. The majority favoured a quarterly publication, with some suggested topics to include recipes, social news, future events, garden news, plant news, tour dates and reports.

Mollie Cock formed a sub-committee in January 2002, seven members took part.

Joyce & Brian Butterfield – Library news and new book reviews, Kay Hughes – General help Mollie Cock to co-ordinate activities of newsletter sub-committee. Rosemary Simmonds and Margaret Owens– Typing and word processing, Margaret Stevenson, – garden activities. Ivy Cox – Compilation editing which quickly moved to printing the first issue of Snippets issued to members on the 26th February 2002.

Mollie stepped down shortly after that first issue and was replaced by Rosemary Simmonds. In her first presentation Mollie acknowledged the contribution of Colin and Beverly Campbell. The newsletter became known as 'Snippets' - that name being inspired by Rosemary Simmonds.

From what was minuted as a trial year for the newsletter it has gone from strength to strength and is now 15 years old. Congratulations to all involved.

Brian Robertson

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A friend sent me this interesting article recently and I thought it would be worthy of inclusion in autumn edition of Snippets as it is close to ANZAC day. So my apologies to those who may think that Snippets should mainly be for garden enthusiasts. I hope you enjoy the read (editor).

The Harefield Flag.

Anzac Day on 25th April is remembered every year in the English village of Harefield. This is the story why.



Three months after the outbreak of the First World War, Mr and Mrs Charles Billyard-Leake, a wealthy Australian couple living in Britain, offered the use of Harefield Park and its extensive grounds to the Minister of Defence in Melbourne. It was to be a convalescent home for wounded soldiers of the Australian Imperial Force.



Ethel Grey from Melbourne set up the hospital with 80 beds. Harefield was staffed by members of the Australian Army Medical Corps together with a strong contingent of volunteers from Mrs Billyard-Leake's circle who organised the canteen, ran entertainment for recovering patients and offered the use of their cars for trips. It had two purposes: a rest home for officers and other ranks, and a depot for soldiers who were invalided and due to be sent back to Australia.

The first casualties arrived from Gallipoli in June 1914. Within three weeks over 300 casualties had arrived.



At first tented accommodation was erected, but the ferocity of the war required fully equipped accommodation and Nissan huts were erected to cope with the 1000's of patients.

By November 1916 the hospital was functioning as a general hospital with an operating theatre, an X-ray department and specialists in eye, ear, nose and throat conditions. By now there were 1,000 beds and the hospital occupied nearly 50 buildings around the estate, including ward huts, garages, recreation rooms and a mortuary.



Of some 50,000 patients treated at Harefield, 112 did not recover. These men, and one female nurse, were buried in the parish churchyard. Francis Newdegate, a local MP whose family had long connections in the village and who was later knighted and appointed Governor of Tasmania, offered a plot of land next to the churchyard to extend the cemetery. He also covered the funeral expenses for all the burials. Their coffins were carried through the village before they were laid to rest.

It was during the first procession that the head teacher of Harefield Junior School, a Mr Jeffrey, noticed the coffins had nothing to cover them – unusual for a soldier's funeral procession.



He grabbed a Union Jack Flag from the classroom wall and rushed out to drape it over the passing coffin. From then on, the school's flag was used to cover every coffin as it was carried through the village. Turnout for the funerals was always huge, with most of the village lining the streets to pay their respects.



After the war Mr Jeffrey presented the Union Jack Flag to Lieutenant Colonel Yeatman, the last officer commanding the hospital, with a request that he give it to an Australian school willing to send its own Union Jack Flag in exchange. The officer chose Adelaide High School, which had been sending relief packages to Harefield, and the school's patriotic fund arranged for the return gift.

Over the years the condition of the flag had deteriorated. With the assistance of the Anzac Day Commemoration Fund the Adelaide High School was able to have the flag restored.

Today Harefield is considered one of the world's leading heart and lung transplant centres.



Its patient services unit is known as the Anzac Centre. Hundreds of patients are treated each year for heart blockages and heart attacks.



Whilst the original manor house has fallen into disrepair and the huts built for the Anzacs are long gone the Australian soldiers nursed at Harefield are not forgotten. Every year since 1921 the local school and the Cubs, Scouts and Girl Guides lead a parade through the village to the graves of the Australian soldiers where they lay flowers on every grave in the cemetery. (supplied by Ivan Colledge)

Wild Words from Wild Women.

“Great events make me quiet and calm; it is the trifles that irritate my nerves”
Queen Victoria, unruffled ruler.
 “The one thing women do not want to find in their stockings on Christmas morning is their husband” *Joan Rivers, unrivaled reparteeist*
 “Troubles, like babies, grow larger with nursing”. *Lady Carolyn Holland, phrase turner.*

“I married a younger man. Five years younger than I am. I figure it like this: if you can’t find a good man, raise one.”

Wanda Sykes, one liner luminary

“The bitterest tears shed over graves are for words left unsaid and deeds left undone.”
Harriet Beecher Stowe, author of Uncle Tom’s Cabin

Trivia.

- . The Burmese python is a big snake! They can grow up to 7m long, weigh up to 90kg, live to be 20-25 yrs old and they can be as thick as a telephone pole.
- . The Arctic Ocean is the smallest ocean of all the world’s ocean basins but it is still five times bigger than the world’s largest sea - the Mediterranean. The Arctic Ocean is about 1.5 times as big as the United States.
- . Frank Sinatra who died in 1998, was married 4 times. Barbara Sinatra, his 4th wife, passed away in 2017 aged 90. Once a Las Vegas showgirl, she married Frank in 1976.
- . People get their wisdom teeth around aged 19. For some, these 4 teeth come through perfectly. For other, one or more don’t come through at all. Sometimes they can cause problems and need to be removed.

Editor: Thank you to the following members who contributed to this edition of Snippets; Brian Robertson Ivan Colledge and Dot Jupp. Contributions are always gratefully received.

Answers to Quick Quiz..
1 In the beginning.
2 World wide web.
3 Leonardo da Vinci.
4 Parental Guidance.

The Club’s Objectives are: – To further knowledge and enjoyment of horticulture. – To raise awareness in the club and community of local environment and to encourage planting of local indigenous species. – To enjoy social interaction between members of this and similar clubs.

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