

## **President's Report – September 2016**

This year has been a very fulfilling one for me, as President.

I have represented our Club again at the Queensland Council of Garden Clubs' functions and mingled with other members of clubs from South East Queensland.

Garden clubs in this area are thriving, which when you hear of some organisations struggling to take in new members, we as gardeners and friends must be doing something right.

My hope, as I'm sure you would agree, is that our enthusiasm and love for the garden will be handed down to the younger generation. What will they miss if they have not, in their lifetime, spent time enjoying the pleasures that we enjoy?

I cannot present a report without acknowledging the efforts of my executive - Anne, Dot, Toni, Marie, Carolyn, Nancy, Brian, John, Jim and Kevin.

Each have taken to their role - as the saying goes - as ducks to water.

Every year the business side of things has improved with the internal running of all things related to the club, as well as Gardening on the Edge.

We have added a compatible laptop computer to help with the keeping of records, for future reference.

Gardening on the Edge was a great success, thanks largely to Dot our coordinator, to Brian for his excellent control of advertising, and to Anne and Toni for money matters.

An addition to our newsletter is Kevin's Tips and Gleanings, which I know you all appreciate. Thankyou Kevin.

To Marie, thankyou for accompanying me on many occasions to functions to fly the flag. We also greatly appreciate the work you have done with the membership register and secretarial work.

Carolyn came on board and she took on the newsletter distribution. I know she now appreciates the work Jan did for some time in this role, thankyou Carolyn, not to mention the organisation of the morning tea rosters.

Too many years to count, our dear Nancy has spent many hours putting together our great excursions. What would we do without you Nancy? Thankyou,

And last but not least, my great backstop Jim, and Long John. It's not the woman behind the man but more than men behind the woman.

I look forward to our Xmas celebrations at Maleny Manor with you all.

I have, as you all know, enjoyed every minute of being part of this club and long may it continue for all of us.

Thankyou

**Marnie Trass - President**