

## **President's Report – 2017**

This is my final report after a very special 4 years in the chair.

Never did I imagine when I joined the Club some 8-9 years ago that I would be chairing our meetings.

What a privilege it has been.

This last twelve months as for many of us, has just flown, with much happening, bus trips, Sip n Snips, Gardening on the Edge, and our recent Friendship Day.

We are so lucky, firstly to live here and to have what we have in the Club. I know we all recognise just how special this Garden Club family is, and look where we meet, under an old school, and we will lunch today under the camphor laurel trees.

It probably takes three quarters of our life to finally realise what it is all about. No wonder, we can't pass this on to our children who are running on that treadmill, that we have jumped from and are now smelling the roses.

I have been very fortunate to have the very best and hard working Committee beside me through these years.

My thanks go to you for your support, everyone has gone beyond what would be expected to keep this show on the road as they say.

I was taken aback at our last meeting to find, arriving here to meet Col who was bringing a load of compost, Brian and Marion as always here and ready to go, but Brian did his usual and left saying I'm not staying I have the flu. Then here comes David, mask on face, setting up the projector ready for the guest speaker and saying "No I'm not staying Carolyn has the flu and I don't want to pass it on".

This thoughtfulness has been evident since I joined this Club, and I know you all feel as I do that it is special.

Our life membership has now grown, and each meeting I look across at you, you are very special to this club too, without you where would we be?

It is sad now to know that dear Olga who has sat in a chair in front of me all these years may not be able to attend as many meetings now as she would like, but we will look forward to maybe having morning tea with her in the months to come.

I know that my successor will enjoy their time as much as I have.

Thank You and I look forward to having lunch and a catch-up under the trees.

In closing I must say a big Thank You to my mate, Arthur. He builds me arches and gates and says "Oh alright," when I say, "Do you think there is room for that somewhere in the garden?"

He was a good find and has been very tolerant.

**Marnie Trass, your outgoing President**