

## **President's Report – September 2018**

I would like to thank the current committee for remaining on the executive committee with me this year.

Not only do they all do their jobs admirably but we also work well together and have a lot of fun.

The committee don't just do the admin – they also put in extra hours catering for the AGM and GOE functions.

The club would certainly not function without our special members, working outside of the Executive, who take on responsibility for tasks month after month. They include; Brian and Marion Robertson who look after morning teas and Sip'n'Snips; Harvey Weston who continues to turn up trumps with excellent and varied speakers; Mike Brown managing the supply and sales of compost; Carole Webb organising the flower competition; Sonia Douglas managing the website; Margaret Owens continuing to produce our favourite reading material; with Gardening on the Edge Convenor Jan Maguire and GOE Promotions Kaye Gardener.

This is a great team and without them you would not be enjoying all the services your club provides.

This year the focus of the executive has been to review and update the administrative processes so necessary for the club's smooth operation and to satisfy legal requirements;

- Our treasurer Anne Boyle has spent time setting up internet banking for the club and writing a job procedure which will simplify the job for future treasurers. Anne, along with advice from Alan, has led the committee in updating our model rules to the latest version issued by the Department of Fair Trading.
- Under David Webb's guidance, generic email addresses have been set up for committee positions. These emails will avoid committee members having to use personal emails, will provide continuity when office holders change and will facilitate ongoing communication with other organisations.
- The entire committee has contributed to creating various documents for new members which should give them all the information they need on club facilities and make them feel immediately at home. We are also working on updating by-laws.

I thank the current committee for nominating again; your combined experience and knowledge is invaluable.

Thank you also to our two new committee members for nominating, David Webb and Bill Henman. It is crucial to keep new members coming onto the committee with fresh ideas and perspectives.

Appreciation is also due to the partners of committee members who support them through meetings and endless hours on the phone and computer.

It has been a fun and productive year and we are all looking forward to a similar outcome next year.

**Dot Jupp – President 2017/2018**