

## **President's Report July 2020**

The Maleny Garden Club Executive Committee has made many decisions on the frequency of both executive meetings and general meetings to comply with Government COVID-19 Restrictions.  
2020-2021

This has seen the cancelling of 'Gardening on the Edge' until 2021.

With the easing of Stage 3 restrictions on the 3rd July it is now possible to have 100 persons in an open place on the proviso that each person is within a 4 square metre space and a separation of 1.5 metres. It may be possible the Garden Club could have a general meeting in July. If July is not possible then August should be a 'date claimer' for your calendar.

Many say 2020 will be a year to remember, some positive and some negative. It is unlikely that many life changing decisions made today, will never be made again. My children and grandchildren have enjoyed working and schooling at home and most have enjoyed the flexibility it brings. The reliability of the internet was often an issue.

The planned Spring Fair on 3rd October at the Maleny Showgrounds will allow members and the wider community to get out of doors, have some fun, eat food and interact with others in a gardening and friendship atmosphere.

### **Maleny Garden Club Spring Fair – 3rd October 2020**

Spring is in the air and many spring flowers are in bud or are in full flower. The scents of many flowers challenges the nostrils resulting in a more relaxed and 'carefree' mood. We hope that this is the experience of visitors to this event.

The Maleny Showground Pavilion is the venue for the Spring Fair and is easy to find. Lots of parking space is available or it is a 5 minute walk from the Maleny shopping area.

There is a lot to offer for those who attend this event, the first for many years. There will be a local plant and produce stalls, live practical workshops, nursery stalls, interesting guest speakers, nutritious food including Devonshire teas, 'Tussy Mussy' making for kids, woodworking displays and workshops, as well as garden pottery displays to enjoy.

The Spring Fair starts at 9.00am and ends at 4.00pm. More information will be available shortly.

### **Settlers Green – Maleny Precinct Working Bee.**

The Maleny Garden Club had an opportunity to plant heritage camellias in a nominated area within Settlers Green on the Maleny Community Precinct.

It was identified that 75 endangered camellias were at risk of being lost to the horticultural industry from a large fire in New South Wales.

Garden Clubs across Australia were asked to assist where possible. Many Maleny gardens have successfully grown the various types of camellias in the rich volcanic soils supported by good rainfall, so the Garden Club decided to support the initiative.

Ron Tincknell, a well-qualified and well-regarded local resident took on the project too, with the support of the Garden Club for the project. Many of the rare camellias were in a few selected nurseries in NSW. A trip to the Sydney area resulted in the acquisition of a number of well-established specimens.

The Sunshine Coast Regional Council provided a small grant that was supported by (then) Councillor Jenny McKay. The Garden Club also provided funds to complete the project.

The ground was dug, fertiliser and rich compost added for planting on the 4th March. All heritage camellias and cultivars were planted at a MGC working bee. All plants were secured by a stake and a wire cage. The final step was to water them well.

Jenny McKay, the SCRC Division 5 Councillor planted three of the rarest camellias on Settlers Green.

**Bill Henman – President 2020-2021**