

Cairns Garden Club Inc

2021 Program



There will be a RAFFLE, AFTERNOON TEA and "SHOW & TELL" at most meetings.

SATURDAY 20 FEB 2:00 PM	GENERAL MEETING Brinsmead Community Centre Loridan Drive BRINSMEAD	PHOTO SHO: Norfolk Island Travelogue Presented by Meg Trimble COMPETITION: A Potted Bromeliad
SATURDAY 20 MARCH 2:00 PM	GENERAL MEETING Brinsmead Community Centre Loridan Drive BRINSMEAD	GUEST SPEAKER: Illustrated Talk by Val Schier The history of the Botanic Gardens COMPETITION: A Floral Arrangement in a Kitchen Container
SATURDAY 17 APRIL 2:00 PM	GENERAL MEETING Brinsmead Community Centre Loridan Drive BRINSMEAD <u>NO RAFFLE TODAY</u>	<u>ANNUAL PLANT AUCTION:</u> Members are asked to contribute quality plants for the auction. COMPETITION: A 6x4 Photograph Something interesting in your garden.
SATURDAY 15 MAY 2:00 PM	GENERAL MEETING The Garden of Lorraine Forgie 36 Portsea Crescent KEWARRA BEACH	GUEST SPEAKER: Peter Cousens Pot Culture COMPETITION: A Cut Flower - as defined by the schedule of the Cairns Show.
SUNDAY 23 MAY	COMBINED NORTHERN GARDEN CLUB MEETING To be hosted buy the Tully Garden Club. CAR POOL	

SATURDAY 5 JUNE	TOWNSVILLE AND DISTRICT GARDEN CLUB BIENNIALFIELD DAY	
SATURDAY 19 JUNE 2:00 PM	GENERAL MEETING A visit to the Cattana Wetlands Dunne road SMITHFIELD	Jenn and Barry Muir will guide a tour and information on the Wetlands. <u>NO RAFFLE OR COMPETITION TODAY</u> Please BYO refreshments for afternoon tea.
14 -16 JULY CAIRNS SHOW	If the Show goes ahead as planned, we are responsible for the Cut Flower and Cut Shrub Sections of the Cairns Show all members are asked to assist and volunteer their services to keep these sections of the Show alive. Mon 12/7 - Bottles Tues 13/7 - Receiving Entries Wed 14/7 Judging Please see Travis, our Chief Steward for further details.	
SATURDAY 17 JULY 2:00 PM	GENERAL MEETING Marilyn Arantz 10 Kitava Street TRINITY BEACH	GUEST SEAKER: Matt Mitchley "The Jurassic Project" COMPETITION: 1. A Single Leaf Small (up to 20cm) 2. A Single Leaf Large (20cm to 40cm) (measured from tip of leaf to stalk)
SATURDAY 21 AUGUST 2:00 PM	AGM & GENERAL MEETING The garden of Fran Lindsay 15 Brutus Close EDMONTON Our Christmas Hamper Raffle will be launched today.	GUEST SPEAKER: Janet Brown Growing Succulents COMPETITION: A Single specie of potted cacti or succulent.
SUNDAAY 5 SEPTEMBER	POSSIBLE MEMBERS BUS TRIP OR ACTIVITY - restrictions permitting.	
SATURDAY 18 SEPTEMBER 2:00 PM	GENERAL MEETING The garden of Peter Cousens 16 Savannah Street PALM COVE	GUEST SPEAKER: A representative of Biosecurity Queensland (DAF) will give us information weeds and invasive plants. COMPETITION: 1. A cut cordyline (small) 2. A cut cordyline (large)

SATURDAY 16 OCTOBER 2:00 PM	GENERAL MEETING The garden of Michelle and Tony Ross 23 Green Avenue KEWARRA BEACH	GUEST SPEAKER: Kate Pitt will conduct a demonstration/workshop on planting and maintaining a TERRANIUM. COMPETITION: A Cut Shrub – as defined in the schedule of the Cairns Show
SATURDAY 20 NOVEMBER 2:00 PM	CHRISTMAS BREAK UP MEETING Mulgrave Gardens 158 Mulgrave Road LLITTLE MULGRAVE VALLEY	This is a fun filled afternoon to celebrate Christmas, with games and Secret Santa. SPECIAL COMPETITION: A Decorated Garden Hat
SATURDAY 4 DECEMBER	Christmas Luncheon	VENUE TBA

INFORMATION FOR MEMBERS

MEETINGS:

Our meetings are held on the third Saturday of each month between February and November. During the wetter months of the year we meet at a local hall and then at gardens and places of interest. Please remember to bring a folding chair to meetings (not required at the hall) and an item for the raffle table. This does not need to be a plant; any item you would like to take home yourself would be suitable.

NOITE: The Cairns Garden Club is aware of our responsibility to help in prevention of the spread of diseases and pests in plants, particularly electric ants which are on the march again. Please make sure that any plant which you bring to the raffle table or the competition is free from pests and disease. We strongly recommend an annual inspection of your property for electric ants, which is free and can be arranged by contacting Gary Morton at DAF 0421 692 251 or phone 13 25 23.

CLUB COMPETITION:

Members are encouraged to participate in the monthly competition - 1 point for each entry with a limit of two entries per member. First place will receive 3 additional points and second, 2 additional points. There will also be an incentive \$10 voucher for the first and second places. Except where the category specifies an "arrangement" the entries must be from the members own garden (three months minimum ownership of purchased plants); pots should be clean and in proportion to the size of the plant; plants should be mature and well grown; if a plant is grown for flowers they should be abundant, if the plant is grown for foliage, flowers should be removed. Leaves should be clean and free from damage and flowers should be fresh. The entries are judged similarly to the standards of the Cairns Show. Show schedules and a copy of the FNQ Standards are available to members to consult.

REFERENCE LIBRARY:

Financial members may borrow a book of their choice for one month free of charge. The criteria for the books in our library are that they should contain up to date information relevant to gardening in the Tropics. As it is quite impossible to bring all the books to a meeting our Librarian, Peter Cousens, will bring a small selection plus those which have been ordered. Please phone him on 4059 0103 or email to petercousens@bigpond.com to order a book. A current list of books is available at every meeting and on our website.

WORKPLACE HEALTH AND SAFETY POLICY:

To ensure that all our events and meetings are conducted in a safe manner all members are requested to comply with the following guidelines:

1. A hat (and sunscreen) is recommended for outside venues.
2. If inside venues have 'rules' for use – they should be adhered to.
3. The directions of the host and/or Committee members must be followed to ensure we inspect the garden/property with the utmost safety in mind. This is to ensure any special requirements of the site are respected.
4. No taking cuttings without consent and no damage to be done to any plants or equipment.
5. Courtesy to others is the cornerstone of our meeting. Please show respect to guest speakers and other members. Keep in mind some may have health issues they are dealing with and help them to get maximum enjoyment from the outing.
6. Closed in shoes may be recommended for some outside venues.
7. Beware pedestrians when parking or reversing vehicles especially when there are no gazetted carparking spaces.
8. During COVID times – all legislation relating to this must be adhered to.