



CAIRNS GARDEN CLUB NEWS

General Meeting 21 April — Brinsmead Community Hall



Our good friend and Patron, Kim Morris, gave us a very interesting presentation of his current project on Nauru Island. The brief is to upgrade the Parliamentary Precinct in time for the South Pacific Forum in September. The Republic of Nauru is the world's smallest nation and is situated right on the Equator. There is no fresh water on the island and the soil is very sandy so the choice of planting is quite limited. After enriching the soil with organic matter and water crystals the team will be using a mixture of ixora, lomandra, succulents and agaves to complete the project. We look forward to seeing photos of the finished project.



The competition for April was for a single specie of cacti or succulent and was won by Marilyn Arantz with Carolyn Emslie second.



MEMBERS COACH TRIP—SUNDAY 3 JUNE

We will be leaving Cairns at 8:15 am for the beautiful Whyanbeel Valley. Firstly to visit the garden of Elizabeth Showniruk where we will have morning tea, and a visit her Studio and Gallery. Lunch at High Falls Farm (at your own expense) and then a visit to Shannonvale Tropical Fruit Winery to finish the afternoon. The Garden Club is subsidising the triip by \$10pp, so for members the cost will be \$35. Payment and final numbers by 25 May please!

NEXT MEETING

The meeting on Saturday 19 May, will be held in the garden of Landscape Architect, Andrew Prowse., at 12 Granadilla Street, Holloways Beach at 2pm. Jenny Boyge, a very experienced and knowledgeable Horticultural Judge, will be the guest speaker, and she will be conducting a workshop to help members prepare their entries to the Cairns Show in July. There will be two parts to the competition - Cut Flowers and Cut Shrubs. Only two entries per member are permitted in the competition in each category, but we do encourage members to bring along extra material for display and discussion. Please remember to bring a chair and a plant for the raffle table., we look forward to seeing you all on Saturday.

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