



October each year sees us devote the whole meeting to celebrating a "does anyone want to form a garden club in Robina" meeting held in October 1994.

The eighteen people who came said yes and initiated the incorporation of the new **Robina Garden Club Inc.** In February 1995 the first formal meeting was held and now, 31 years later, the club is still going. The highlight of the meeting was the awarding of our **LONG SERVICE BADGES** as detailed next page and a bigger than normal afternoon tea.



As it was our birthday there was no guest speaker but other activities were as normal. Though four of the ten benching sections had three or less entrants the Small Pot Plant/s had eight followed closely by the Orchids and Cut/ Multiple Blooms with seven. Standout however was the Foliage Plant/s with twelve entrants. Also setting a post-COVID record was the Creative Display section with eight entrants. Four were directly Halloween inspired but just as encouraging others included an Ikebana inspired sample and even a 'lego' creation. Thanks for all your efforts.



Thanks in no small part to our \$25 man (Brian Lyons at right with his well deserved winnings) the main raffle took \$307. Thanks to Di Englefield too for her donation of two prizes for future raffles. Such help is always appreciated and welcome.



Among the general information given during the meeting worth noting was the Treasurer's report that after finalizing all income and expenditures connected to the Redlands Bus Trip the AGM Lunch Account ends the year with \$724.90 which will go to the 2026 AGM. Also noted was that at the end of the meeting 66 people had paid to attend our Friday, December 12 Christmas Party. Payments via Direct Credit and via Cash at the 27th November meeting should mean that reaches our normal average of 80-90 attendees. Finally, a thankyou to our Kitchen Co-Ordinator PAM WOOD who arranged for the two Birthday Cakes (pictured next page) we had for our extended afternoon tea.

LONG SERVICE BADGES.

As noted earlier the main purpose of the October meeting is to celebrate our creation. The main way we do that is by awarding LONG SERVICE BADGES to members who have supported and helped sustain the club for 10, 15, 20 or 25 years. *(It is worth noting we currently have just three members who have attended for 25 years or more – Wendy Bruce, Faye Edwards and Val Steffensen).*

10 YEARS

Presented by our 2007/08 President Wendy Bruce. *(Absent on the day was Melva Morrison).*



(left to right) - Kerry Merritt, Julie Finn, Jean Campbell, Barb Rose and presenter Wendy Bruce.



15 YEARS

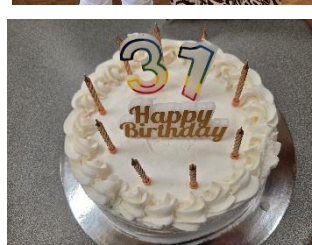
Presented by current President Denise Narramore.

15 Years – below left to right – Trevor Hicks, Maureen Clarence, Karen Hayes, Mandy Hicks and Jeanette White. *(Absent was Lynne King).*



20 YEARS

Lesley Wilkinson (left) with President Denise is our sole 20 year long service recipient this year.



Thanks to all these members for your contributions over the years.