



LIFE MEMBERS

The Robina Garden Club awards LIFE MEMBERSHIP to any member who has been a financial member and contributed to the club for a continuous period of thirty years. Founded in 1994, Life Membership was awarded initially to our only two original foundation members and Patrons – **Don and Coral Smith**. With Don have passed away and Coral having moved to Western Australia, the Management Committee decided in early 2026 that the 30 year milestone was an appropriate way in which to award future Life Memberships.



DON AND CORAL SMITH

Don and Coral Smith were two of those who initiated the creation of the club in late 1994. Don completed the legal paperwork to incorporate the club and served as Secretary from 1994 to 1996, Vice-President in 1997 and President in 2004 and again in 2010-2011. Coral served as Treasurer from 1994 to 1996 then on the Executive in 1997 before spending years as the Club's raffle prize buyer. After Don's death Coral remained with the club before moving to Western Australia in 2005. Our club owes both an enormous debt of gratitude.



WENDY BRUCE

Wendy joined the club in the first half of 1995 when it was just being established. She served on the Management Committee continuously from 2000 to 2006 inclusive then as President in 2007 and 2008. On completing 30 years with the club, she was awarded Life Membership in early 2026 for the period 1995 to 2025. Wendy has been a continuously active participant in club activities for all that time, and we congratulate and thank her for her contributions to the club.

2026-27 MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Our 2026-27 MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE was elected at our AGM at the Carrara Community Centre on 25/6/26 with Past President John Williams acting as Chair.



(from l. to r.) **Wayne Stratton** (Meetings Procedures), **Graham Wilkinson** (Hall Manager), **Val Hoy** (Secretary), **Christine Lund** (Vice-President), **Trevor Hicks** (Treasurer / Web-Site Manager / Reports Editor), **Denise Narramore** (President / Membership Secretary) and **Marianne Franks** (Raffles).

(Second from the right above is John Williams (2026-7 AGM Chair)).

MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

	PRESIDENT and MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY DENISE NARRAMORE <i>Born in Sydney and lived in St. Leonard's until I married them moved to the Northern Beaches. Relocated to the Gold Coast in 2012. Spent most of my career in Telemarketing, Sales, Purchasing, Inventory, Accounts, Warehousing and Transport. Gardened in between work and raising a family. Just never really found the time to do much. In 2022 I joined the Botanical Gardens at Bundle as a volunteer.</i>
	VICE-PRESIDENT CHRISTINE LUND <i>Having lived on a property in the hinterland of Centre Coast, NSW. I was a member of the Kulnura District Garden Club for 15 years. On retirement in 2018 we moved to the Gold Coast to be closer to family. I have enjoyed the challenge of developing a tropical yet rustic garden.</i>
	SECRETARY VAL HOY <i>Have lived on the Gold Coast for over the last 45 years and with my husband have operated several real estate management businesses. My father was an avid gardener, installing in me the desire for gardening. Now in retirement my bus life behind me I've established that garden! A great passion for me I realised how truly 'green' I am! After being a member for 18 months becoming Secretary allows me to give back to the club. I'm excited and overjoyed to bring my business skills to the Club as its Secretary.</i>
	TREASURER / WEB-SITE MANAGER / REPORTS EDITOR TREVOR HICKS <i>Born in Brisbane I studied history and geography at UQ before teaching at Gayndah, Goondiwindi and Stanthorpe. Becoming a Life Member of the Stanthorpe Art Gallery and an amateur thespian did not stop a forty year interest in gardening. At Stanthorpe with my wife Mandy we developed a large Australian Open Garden Scheme cold climate garden before moving to the Gold Coast in 2010 to a more manageable domestic garden.</i>
	HALL CO-ORDINATOR GRAHAM WILKINSON <i>My wife Lesley and I moved from New Zealand in 1986 to the Gold Coast and built our house here in 1992. Our garden has gradually evolved into a sub-tropical oasis by using mainly palms, bromeliads and plants with colourful foliage.</i>
	MEETINGS CO-ORDINATOR WAYNE STRATTON <i>Wayne was born in New Zealand before coming to Australia in 1992. He worked in the clothing industry for twenty years as a clothing cutter before in 1976 starting his own clothing company that he ran for fourteen years. Happily married to Maria for 27 years he has two boys and six grandchildren.</i>

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RAFFLES CO-ORDINATOR
MARIANNE FRANKS

I am an original Gold Coaster and I've been blessed to have had a life enjoying my two loves: children and gardens. They have a lot in common, both need lots of love and individual care. I am lucky to have been a teacher and a gardener for over 40 years. I have three children who each have amazing partners, and five grandchildren that complete my garden with their laughter and curiosity. At our club I love the opportunity for knowledge, friendship, laughs and support. I am happy to have the opportunity to do my part to help

VOLUNTARY POSITIONS – 2026-27

The Management Committee is elected for a one year term at each A.G.M. held at the June meeting. Voluntary Positions are by nomination with the Executive (President/VP/Secretary/Treasurer) negotiating with those who nominate before confirming the list of voluntary workers below.

BENCHING	Karen Hayes (Co-Ordinator) assisted on roster by Lesley Wilkinson (Benching Assistant – Contributors Raffle) Graham Wilkinson (Steward) Lane Russell (Steward) Kerin Hannan (Steward) Trevor Hicks (Benching Winners Report)
BUS TRIPS	Christine Lund (Co-Ordinator) assisted by Trevor Hicks
CATERING	Pam Wood (Co-Ordinator) assisted on roster by Vivien Franklin Kerin Hannan Lan Russell Val Hoy
CUTTINGS TABLE	Christine Lund (Co-Ordinator) assisted on roster by Joy Koppe Di Lloyd Dot Evans Catherine Goodacre Lane Russell Kerin Hannan
FACEBOOK ADMIN	Val Hoy
FRONT DESK	Glenise Bothamley Assisted as required by – Anne Andrew Judi Young Catherine Goodacre

GUEST SPEAKERS	Val Hoy
HOME VISITS	Pam Wood (Co-Ordinator) assisted by Vivien Franklin
HOSTS	Jill Barber Vivien Franklin
MEETINGS/HALL	Graham Wilkinson (Hall Co-Ordinator) Wayne Stratton (Meetings Co-Ordinator) assisted by - Tony Sharry Laurie Baxter Val Hoy With regular volunteers who help both set up and clean up.
NEWSLETTER	Trevor Hicks
MEMBERSHIP	Denise Narramore (Co-Ordinator) Trevor Hicks (Database Assistant)
RAFFLES	Marianne Franks assisted by Anne Andrew Judi Young Mandy Hicks (Prize Buyer)
SALES TABLE	Di Englefield (Co-Ordinator) assisted on roster by Marion Purdon Wendy Bruce Lane Russell Kerin Hannan Val Marsden
TREASURER ASSISTANT	Val Hoy
WEB-SITE MANAGER	Trevor Hicks
WELFARE	Denise Narramore

With thanks to the
volunteers above for their
work in ensuring the
club survives.