



- Our Club has around 120 members and welcomes new members interested in gardening.
- Relatives, friends and potential members are welcome to attend one of our meetings free of charge. For potential members, that time is to assess whether the Club suits your needs.



### MEETINGS

- Once per month (except December).
- Meetings are the last Thursday of the month.
- From 12.00 p.m. to 3.00 p.m. at the Carrara Community Centre, Nielsens Road, Carrara.
- We issue a **CALENDAR OF EVENTS** listing meeting dates and major events for the whole year.

### FEES AND CHARGES

#### JOINING FEE

- New members pay a one-off joining fee of **\$30**.
- This exempts them from the Annual Fee for that calendar year.
- The **ANNUAL ADMINISTRATION FEE** is **\$25** per calendar year paid by existing members in January or February.



### INFO SPOTS

A major aim of the Club is to **exchange information** e.g. by –



- Members explaining how/where they grow the plants entered on the Competition Table during our Benching results.
- Gardening specific items in the monthly Newsletter.
- **'Q and A' sheets** on the benching table. These allow members to ask specific questions they want answered – we then try to find some-one who has the answer.
- **A Top 5 Hints of the Month** presented during the meeting and before afternoon tea.



### RAFFLE

- Each meeting we have a raffle with multiple prizes. Tickets are \$2 or 3 for \$5.
- The raffle is a major fundraiser for the club and helps pay for three \$10 monthly prizes and our free afternoon tea.

### SOCIAL EVENTS

The Club has 2 major social events each year to promote friendship and club spirit, namely our **AGM LUNCH** and a **CHRISTMAS PARTY** in December - both subsidised for members using funds raised during the year.

### AGM

- Our AGM is held at the June Meeting with all **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE** positions up for re-election.
- The Committee currently consists of the President, Secretary, Treasurer and 2 others.
- Nominations for various **VOLUNTEER POSITIONS** (e.g. Welfare Co-Ordinator, Kitchen Co-Ordinator, Raffle Prize Buyer, etc. etc. are taken leading up to the AGM.)
- After the AGM we have our **AGM LUNCH**.
- Members get a subsidy for this AGM Lunch.



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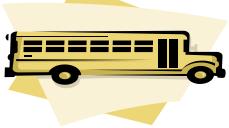
### MEETING PRIZE DRAWS

- Three \$10 Prizes are awarded per meeting.
- \$10 for a **Lucky Door Prize** – your sign in number determines who wins.
- \$10 for a **Cuttings Table Raffle** where each person who brings cuttings get a free ticket.
- \$10 for a **Benching Raffle** where each person who brings an entry gets a free ticket.

### FACEBOOK

- We have our own Facebook group that shares photos and the like as another way of keeping in touch and sharing ideas.
- Membership is open only to Robina Garden Club Members.
- Once a member you can join by seeing our **Secretary** directly at the front desk before any meeting.

## BUS TRIPS



- We average 2 bus trips per year.
- Costs can range from \$30-\$65 depending on whether lunch is included and on the cost of entry to venues visited on the day.
- Destinations vary – some are of general interest while others are directly gardening related e.g. gardens, plant shows, nurseries and the like.
- Buses usually leave at 7.30 a.m. – 8.30 a.m. from the Carrara Community Centre.
- We get back home to the Community Centre roughly around 4.00 to 6.00 pm.

## CUTTINGS TABLE

- Each meeting members donate to our Cuttings Table.
- Donations include plant cuttings, potted plants and garden books – all for sale to other members.
- Prices are kept as low as possible.
- This is another excellent way of finding out what grows well here.
- Always feel free to track down the donor to discuss the growth habits of each plant.
- Donors to the trading table get a free ticket in a '**donor's raffle**' draw with a \$10 monthly prize.



## SALES TABLE

- Our SALES TABLE is where members can sell plants they've potted up plus no longer needed garden items.
- The seller determines the price with the club keeping 10%.
- The Co-ordinator there has a 'flyer' that details how the process works.



## GUEST SPEAKERS

- Meetings include a half hour spot allocated to a **GUEST SPEAKER** (except our AGM and Birthday Meetings).
- These speakers are experts in their field and most include question and answer sessions.
- Often they have plants or garden products for sale.

## BENCHING COMPETITION

- At the front of the hall we set up a number of tables for members to display items from their gardens.
- This is another major avenue for those new to the Gold Coast to see what grows well here – and to approach the owners for advice on how/where to grow that plant.
- Items are entered under 10 categories e.g. a 'foliage only plant', a 'monthly feature', a 'decorative display'.
- Everyone at the meeting then casts a vote for which item they consider is the '**best example**' for that category for that day.
- The winner of each sections gets a \$5 prize awarded at the meeting.
- There is also a \$5 Stewards Prize for the item they think should have won but didn't!
- Winners also gain points towards an **Annual Trophy** presented at our Christmas Party. (\$50 for first, \$30 for second and \$10 each for two Encouragement awards.
- Entrants also get a ticket in their own '**exhibitors raffle**' (a \$10 prize) draw.



## HOME GARDEN VISITS

- Each month members offer their garden for a Home Garden Visit.
- They are held on the second Friday of the month at 10 a.m.
- It includes morning tea – members **bring a plate to share** plus their own chair, hat and sunscreen.
- The club provides tea/coffee/milk/sugar and cups.
- A **Home Visit Report** about that garden is e-mailed out a few days later for those unable to attend that day
- **They are a powerful 'see and do' tool for those new to the Gold Coast. Seeing what plants grow well in this climate and, importantly, where and how home owners grow them is a very valuable outcome of these days.**



## NEWSLETTER

- Members receive a free monthly Newsletter kindly printed for us by local federal member Karen Andrews
- It includes club news as well as garden hints and general interest items about gardening.
- Past and present Newsletters are also found on our web-site.
- **Visitors are most welcome to take a copy of any spare recent newsletters with them.**

