



FRIENDS OF
MYALL PARK
BOTANIC GARDEN

NEWSLETTER

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*We would be glad to receive your contributions to our newsletter.
Please note all views expressed are those of individual authors.*



TOURISM ADMIN OFFICER TO BE BASED AT MPBG

While Tara Shire Council will be melded into the combined Dalby Regional Council (combining Tara, Chinchilla, Murilla, Dalby, Wambo and part of Taroom Shires), some decisions made pre-amalgamation will be able to go ahead.

Recently Tara Shire Council resolved to advertise for a Tourism and Events Officer. In conjunction with this decision, the Council has also generously agreed to increase the current Myall Park Botanic Garden administrative position from 32 hours to 60 hours per fortnight.

There are several conditions to this resolution including:

- This position will be based at MPBG and will give support to MPBG and the Tourism and Events Officer.
- The role would therefore become Tourism Administration for the Tara Shire.

This position would be reviewed after 12 months or after the Meandarra Anzac Memorial Museum has been operational for 3-6 months.

This additional support will enable the Garden and retail facility to be open for the full week without reliance on caretakers. It will also allow for the formation of a proposed non-accredited regional Information Centre to be based at the Garden, and for the development of local and regional tourism activities, providing an important service to the tourism community.

The Directors wish to acknowledge the valuable contribution and support that the Tara Shire Council has made to MPBG over many years, without which it is unlikely that the Garden would have developed to its present day position.—see P. 4.

FRIENDS MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS -

Some of our Friends are confused about when their membership is due—so on your label this issue I have written “2007” if you are paid to Sept 2007 - thus your membership is now due.

“2008”, if you are paid to Sept 2008 etc—

“Life” if that is what you are—

“N/L” if you are on our list as receiving a newsletter - we would not be adverse to receiving a membership from you, though!

If this disagrees with your record, please advise Betty Salter, Treasurer



AN ADDITION TO OUR CHINA COLLECTION

Just arrived at the Gallery Shop—our 115 mm diameter rice bowl, priced at \$13.50. The bowl features all three Gordon grevilles. It is very fine, and light.

As such it is ideal for nuts, sauces, rice or even for displaying trinkets and other special items. Dishwasher and microwave safe, this bowl was designed to complement other items in our china collection. It does not come with a presentation box, but will be packaged strongly, should you wish to order from the mail order catalogue inside the back page of this newsletter.

“HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO US!”

Yes, a special birthday has just passed quietly by—MPBG Ltd was 20 years old on February 15.

However, our 21st birthday will not pass quietly by—in 2009 we plan a very special Open Day to celebrate this milestone.

YOU’RE WELCOME AT SOME MEETINGS

At the last Annual Meeting of Directors it was decided to allow Friends and members of the public to attend sub-committee meetings. We hold these the day before the General Meeting of Directors once or twice a year.

The next meeting is 27 March, at the Gallery—various sub-committees ie Art in the Garden, Living Collection, Education and Research, Marketing/Retail/Visitor Services/Friends will meet as the day progresses. If you would like to attend, please contact a Director for times. Your input will be most welcome. These meetings will be advertised locally as well to allow the interested public to attend.

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Rain, rain, and more rain, and grass, and green—we’re all smiles on that front. And flowering.....lots coming

Read inside for details on these stories and more!

2007 ANNUAL MEETINGS

The 2007 Annual and General Meetings of Members of MPBG Ltd and the General Meeting of Directors were held on December 4.

Annual Meeting: The Annual Meeting saw the election of office bearers, with several positions changing hands.

Dorinda Schwennesen became our new Chairman. Dorinda has been involved with the Myall Park Botanic Garden Inc since its inception, including many years as Company Secretary so has a deep understanding of all aspects of the Garden.

Garth Shaw continues as Secretary of the Company, while immediate past Chairman, Betty Salter, takes over the position of Treasurer from Ted Gibbons.

Office bearers are listed on page 8 of this newsletter. We have not elected anyone to the position of Visitor Services Manager, as we may be able to centralise much of the work of the position to the office with increased hours for the Administrative Assistant. The Marketing Manager will take overall responsibility for the old position.

New Directors: At the next meeting of Directors of MPBG Ltd, TWO new Directors will formally join us.

Trevor Bacon, from Brisbane, and Ann Gibbons, wife of past treasurer and Director, Ted, of Miles, will be adding their areas of expertise to the varied array of talents already existing among Directors.

In the next edition of this newsletter, we will have profiles of both Trevor and Ann, once they are officially Directors.

Finances: MPBG Ltd past Treasurer presented his report, from which it appears the Company has about \$30 000 in the bank. However almost \$20 000 of this is tied up with grants where the grant has been received, but has yet to be expended. With expenses such as an almost \$5000 annual insurance bill, we're hoping for lots of visitors in 2008 to stay, and buy.....as retail is one of our main forms of income.

It was decided not to increase current fees and charges, nor membership fees. This may not be the case, though, at the next Annual Meeting.

TELLING IT AS IT IS.....

For all the good news that seems to appear in this newsletter, several Directors and Friends have expressed a wish that maybe we should "tell it like it really is".....

We are not flush with funds, in fact, it is quite a struggle to keep the Garden going financially.

Grants provide for special things, but often the maintenance of what is provided is an extra burden (just inks for a printer is an example). Costs just keep going up. Then there are more and more rules, regulations, and compliances to meet.

We are totally without Garden labour—except for our volunteer working bees, and caretakers, if we can find one.

Finding an able, reliable, self funded caretaker, without pets, is proving quite a challenge.

Directors are ageing—we do have to admit that. We lead busy lives on properties, or with jobs, so cannot give the time we would dearly love to. Travel to the Garden is a great cost.

Our local community is becoming thinner on the ground each year, as rural populations decline.

We desperately need a curator to continue as a Botanic Garden, but funding for this is well nigh impossible to find.

But—while there's life, there's hope, and you never know what might happen one day.....

CHAIRMAN'S 2007 ANNUAL REPORT

I present the 2007 Annual Report of the Chairman of Myall Park Botanic Garden Ltd, my third and final report.

This is really a "thanks" story—thank you all, for so much work and support during this particularly difficult year, both for the Garden, and me personally.

Recently we farewelled caretakers Marion Firms and Warren Crispin. After almost 3 years at the Garden, everywhere one looks one can see the results of their time with us, be it in the Living Collection itself, in the accommodation units, generally around the Garden—it would be too difficult to list every individual achievement. As well, they were the public face of the Garden, so became known to all our visitors. Words will never express the gratitude we owe to them.

We welcome back Jim and Sandra Hughes in a part time capacity until the position is filled—and thank them too

We thank the Tara Shire Council for their continued support of the Garden, especially with the funding of our administrative assistant, and future financial support. However, with the amalgamation of the Tara Shire Council into the Dalby Regional Council, only time will tell if promises will be kept.

Each Director has contributed so much this year, and I thank them all for that input.

To the Executive, Ted, our outgoing treasurer, a fine job keeping us viable; to Secretary Garth, and vice-presidents Carol and Peter, who have had to step in this year when I was often unavailable.

Each year offers its challenges, this one has been no different. Each year brings achievements, and 2007 has seen many wonderful ones.

The Garden itself, despite the drought losses, has many new plantings, a new entrance, new walks, a lot fewer cacti, a more reliable watering system, a better method of reducing feral pest damage, and importantly the record of what plant is where is becoming computerised.

The accommodation units continue to improve with a good fire alarm system, better power for caravans, septic systems improved, and the surrounds much tidier.

New retail items have appeared, to mention just a couple, the popular screensaver and the Robyn Gordon grevillea booklet, with the small bowl soon to arrive. Thanks to all involved in the production of these.

Marketing continues, and the much improved website is attracting plenty of attention—we thank Carol for the work she puts into this.

Open day 2007 was again a success, and this would not have happened without many of you putting so much into the day.

I thank all those who have donated so generously to the Garden via Friends, and to the Gift Fund. Be it the back up pump, new fencing, a new mulcher, all is so needed. Each small donation sent with subscriptions adds up to buy something quite necessary.

Thanks too to the wonderful working parties, and those Friends who just turn up and ask to do a few days work. The Garden certainly appreciates you all.

During the year we bade farewell to long time Director, Peter Voller—we will miss his input into many decisions about our Living Collection. We wish Peter well in Tasmania.

And to 2008—and beyond. This annual meeting time it is necessary for us to address the future, both financial and directional. I look forward to the discussions.

No doubt I have omitted many, but once again, to all, my thanks to all who have contributed in any way to the Garden during 2007. **Betty**

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT: Dorinda Schwennesen

Hello to all our readers.

Many of you will know me or my name at least, as I was Company Secretary for a number of years. At the Annual Meeting I stepped into the Chairman's shoes....with much trepidation I can tell you. I told the Directors the areas in which I felt totally inadequate....such as plumbing and mechanics (I'd rate myself in the negatives here!)...but we are a team and we have much talent and experience.

It is marvellous to report positively about the **season**. What a glorious old-fashioned stormy summer we are enjoying. The Garden has been under its share of rain and a Pandora's box has opened, seedlings coming up everywhere, and it is wonderful to see the enthusiasm with which Jim and Sandra Hughes have potted up seedlings. How lucky we are to have Jim and Sandra act as volunteer caretakers for the summer. A sincere thankyou from all the Directors.

Good news also, is the **Tara Shire Council** decision to increase the administrative position hours at the Garden from 32 to 60 per fortnight.

Goals in the administration area for the coming year are to work on more effective email communication, operational plans and succession planning.

Email communication: A tremendous number of email messages go back and forward as we make decisions and keep all Directors informed. A draft email protocol has been formulated to ensure the subject plus content are relevant, focused and that we use our structure for committee decisions more effectively.

Operational plans for each management area are probably already in place, somewhere (the back of some envelope or in someone's head) but we aim to collate them on the Garden computer so someone new could join the Board and find exactly how a situation is worked through.

A succession plan is high on our priorities also. We need to hand over bite-sized pieces of management. We need to

encourage new people, fresh ideas. People who live away from the area already do a number of Garden 'jobs' and we appreciate this greatly. We also need to encourage more local participation so the Garden really is part of the community.

If anyone has ideas for more effective email communication, operational plans or succession planning, or anything to do with the Garden, please email your ideas through to me.

The **Directors** have been busy. Already this year

- Gill, Nita, Peter and Lyn visited UQ Gatton to work on a partnership idea
- Megan organized a Marketing meeting, with the Tara Shire Council Economic Development Officer, Carollee Murphy, present
- This led to Ted, Gill and myself talking to the following Council meeting
- Wet weather caused the postponement of a bus familiarisation trip comprising those people involved in the region's tourism. This now will happen in March
- Nita, Carol, myself, and others have been working on the idea of a bird book.

All this, as well as the numerous other 'day to day' things that crop up.

The reason for our 'being' is the Garden, the plants, and hopefully our wet beginning to 2008 augers well for a good flowering season, and with deeper soil moisture available, plantings will be a focus this year.

I drove around the Garden recently...and while nothing jumped out as being madly in bloom, the *Eucalyptus salubris* (Gimlet gums) were really glistening and my 'maypole tree', *Eucalyptus gracilis*, had its ribbons of bark (up to 5 m in length) swinging in the breeze, both attesting to the fact that the Garden is a 'garden for all seasons'. The grass is growing and seed heads are abundant, so remember to pack your sock tops when you visit.

Dorinda



Our new tank, next to the Gallery toilets –part of the Waterwise Grant. No longer dam water for washing your hands!



REGIONAL NETWORK OF BOTANIC GARDENS

MPBG will be presenting a paper during the 2008 Regional Network of Botanic Gardens at the Gold Coast. Entitled 'Shared Curator and Manager—Impact and Value' will be presented on Thursday July 17 in the afternoon.

PEST CONTROL AND REPTILES

As part of our Wildlife Protection Grant, Gill is in the process of organising cat, fox and rabbit traps, and some additional fencing materials for temporary fencing around some of the more precious plants.

Planning is underway for a reptile workshop, probably October 4, with help from Qld Murray-Darling Commission's Alison Goodland, also part of the Grant

WANTED

We would appreciate support by way of sponsorship, so we can connect broadband internet to our office at the Garden.

Contact any of the Directors.

FRIENDS WORKING BEE

3-10 MAY 2008

If you would like to be part of this enthusiastic working bee, staying at the Garden, working with like-minded folk, for all or part of the week, contact Peter Reilly on 07 55373354

To TARA SHIRE COUNCIL, we say THANK YOU

Council amalgamations in Queensland take effect on March 15 and while we say hello to the new Dalby Regional Council, we sadly say goodbye to Tara Shire Council (TSC).

We pay tribute to Tara Shire Council's support and faith in us. Below are some of the areas in which the Garden has received assistance from them.

MPBG Newsletter excerpts

Vol 3 No 3 1994

'Councillors from our local Tara Shire Council visited the Garden en masse on Thursday 8 for a smoko break on their regular Roads Inspection Tour. Jane (Bridle) and I (Carol McCormack) helped Dave Gordon to give the visitors a brief tour of the Garden plus a run-down of current projects and plans.'

'they also test-drove the first stage of the access road from lakeside to gallery, so were able to see first-hand what a sterling job the Council has done for us in this department.'

Vol 4 No 1 1995

'The TSC has been most generous throughout this year by assisting us with labour one day per week, upgrading the entrance road to the Garden, construction of a new road to the Gallery, and they propose to prepare the car park surface in the very near future.'

Vol 4 No 3 1995

'In appreciation of the Shire's continuing assistance, the Directors of MPBG Ltd and Friends have made the TSC honorary Life Members of Friends. While presenting the award to Mayor Don Whiteman, Nita (Lester) said that without help from the Council, volunteers would have found the continuing maintenance of the Garden quite overwhelming and the result would have been severe loss of plant numbers.'

Vol 13 No 3 2004

'A number of Directors were present for the TSC meeting held in the Gallery at MPBG....'

'We spoke briefly to the meeting about our future aims and directions and possible needs without asking for anything and thanked them for their previous support.'

Assistance over the years includes:

- Employment of an administrative assistant
- Land Environment Assistance Programmes (LEAP) run at the Garden
- Provision of promotional material eg flyers, new Glenmorgan brochure, Tara Shire Guide, Western Downs Tourist Guide
- Donation toward building of the toilet block
- Culvert in Cobblegun Creek crossing
- \$ for \$ up to \$80 000 for National Tourism Development Programme grants towards the loop road, watering system and interpretive signage
- Grading roads and firebreaks
- Project officer involvement in writing grant applications and advice from council officers
- Spray unit assistance for spraying Mother of Millions
- Donations to offset administration costs
- Regional Arts Development funding towards
 - Compilation of 'One Man's Dream'
 - Concept development for production of a Garden video
 - Exhibitions—Qld Botanic Artists, pinhole photography,

- and Dorothy Gordon landscapes
- Workshops—Belinda Williams, writing, Gillian Scott
- Leadlight windows
- Victoria Arthur sculpture
- Production of Grevillea 'Robyn Gordon' booklet

You now have an idea from the above of how supportive Council has been throughout the years.

Directors have addressed Council on a number of occasions, updating and informing councillors of our concerns and needs. The last presentation to TSC was made in Meandarra in February 2008 (see photo below) when Ted, Gill and Dorinda asked for an extension to the administration assistant hours so the Gallery shop would be open each weekday. Council was also asked to include our existing support and in-kind support in proposed budgets for the new amalgamated Council. (We sincerely hope to have some current TSC councillors on the new Council).

Again, **thankyou to Council, the Councillors and staff for your support, dedication and work over the years in progressing the Garden and the Tara Shire.**

(For those of our readers who do not know, MPBG is situated almost 100 km from Tara on the western extremity of the Tara Shire. Our new Shire extends to east of Dalby and north beyond Wandoan, with MPBG still on the western extremity!)



Directors, Ted Gibbons and Gill Kidd with Tara Shire Council Mayor, Cr Phil Bougoure, at a recent meeting of the Tara Shire Council.

WHAT DO YOU GET FROM BEING A FRIEND OF MPBG?

- 3 newsletters per year keeping you in touch
- 10% discount on Garden accommodation
- 10% discount on retail items Free entry to MPBG
- The knowledge that you are contributing to keeping alive 'Dave's Dream'
- The opportunity to be part of a team working on many different things—art, the living collection, tourism, visitor services, website.....just contact us.

PLANT LABELS

For \$70, you can sponsor a label for a Garden plant.

For \$100, you can sponsor a label for one of the special Dorothy Gordon Wildflowers. See Page 8

SCREENSAVER CD

Our screensaver CD contains an amazing 500 images of the Garden. Easy to install, it has become a popular retail item. Order from catalogue

ART IN THE GARDEN

Art in the Garden Director, Sue Reilly, has indicated that the grant application for a new front gate has been re-submitted to the Gambling Fund.

An application has also been submitted to employ a sculptor, who during a week long artist-in-residence period would create a sculpture for the Garden, as well as conduct adult and school sculpture workshop. Participants would be invited to display their pieces in the Garden.

Unfortunately, the RADF funding we have often accessed for art activities is another casualty of the amalgamations—previously shires with small populations could access the funding, but now we will be part of a more populous Council, and RADF will no longer be available to us.

NEW FRIENDS:

We welcome the following as Friends of MPBG Ltd:

Life: Ruth McCallum, Alexandra Headland

Also: A Robertson, Toowoomba

Alice Satterthwaite, Woodford.

THANKS: As usual, our thanks to local National Party MP, Howard Hobbs, for allowing photo-copying this edition of our newsletter in his St George office. Thanks, Stella.

OTHER ITEMS

- A book on Eremophilas to be bought for the Library
- Risk analysis is to be done for working bees and volunteers.
- During 2007 we hosted 468 overnight stays, and 591 day visitors.
- \$5000 from our Gift Fund has been set aside for improved labelling of the Chinchilla White Gum and Lake View walking trails.

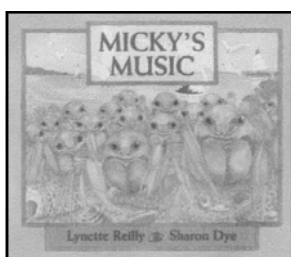
SENSE OF ARRIVAL

For some time, the 'sense of arrival' at the Garden has been discussed. Following up on questionnaires distributed to some visitors, Nita is looking at an improved "arrival impact" - in the areas of the entrance itself, driving up the hill, arrival at the Gallery complex, and its gardens.

Already some new garden beds greet visitors at the main gate. A new main gate is a possibility if we get funding—see Art notes.

For a constant display, we must select hardier varieties such as local species and eremophilas, many more Gordon grevilleas, ground covers, and feature foliage, especially local grasses and lomandras.

Weed removal especially the verbena; mulching at all times; removal of all dead plants and wood in this area (but not the main part of the Garden, as they provide homes for many); signage to be simplified—or maybe increased with explanations of eg why fences, pond plants, grevillea species gardens; children's play area—all of these are in plans.



“MICKY'S MUSIC” is a delightful book for children, a story about a soldier crab. Author is Director, Lyn Reilly. While the recommended retail price is \$11, Friends may purchase this colourful book direct from the Garden, for \$5.00, all proceeds going to the Garden.

DATES TO REMEMBER:

March 19	Famil Bus Tour
March 27/28	Directors Meetings
May 3-10	Friends Working bee
July 10	Directors Meeting
August 30	Annual Open Day
Oct 4	Proposed reptile workshop
November 19/20	Annual and General Meeting of Members of MPBG Ltd and Directors Meetings

CARETAKER POSITION

The position of Caretakers at Myall Park Botanic Garden is available for a couple who would enjoy living and working in the Garden, and being part of a small rural community.

A pleasant partly furnished, air-conditioned cottage set in a tranquil bush setting, with telephone connection and power, is supplied in exchange for light duties which would include meeting Garden visitors and attending to basic Garden and accommodation maintenance.

The job description could be adjusted to suit the skills and interests of the couple.

An interest in Australian flora is an advantage, but not essential.

The Garden is 7 km from Glenmorgan, which has a Primary School, Post Office and Hotel/Motel.

Own transport would be essential.

References required

Definitely no pets.

Contact: Betty Salter - 07 4669 5298

E - glenfosslyn@bigpond.com

or Gill Kidd

07 4663 0720 E- kidd_greenhills@bigpond.com

More details of the Garden available on our website

www.myallparkbotanicgarden.org.au

If any Friends know of someone who may be interested, or any possible way to advertise the position, could you kindly pass this information on to us—we are having difficulty filling this position.

We need special people, basically self-funded, with no pets, who want to wake up to the best backyard in the west, and help us keep it that way!

MARKETING/RETAIL NEWS



Directors Megan McNichol and Priscilla Mundell with Tara Shire Council Economic Development Officer, Carollee Murphy, at the Marketing meeting held recently at the Gallery.

Marketing and Retail are key areas for the future financial security of the Garden—basically we need visitors and retail sales to finance the survival of the Garden.

“Remember, more people go to botanic gardens than football”

That gives us hope, but we need to get the message out about our very special Botanic Garden.

Marketing: As a result of the Marketing committee meeting with Carollee Murphy of Tara Shire Council, and a presentation to Tara Shire Council as reported elsewhere, we may become a non-accredited Tourism Information Centre.

Soon, we are to host a familiarisation tour of about 60 Visitor Information Centre personnel from the new shire area, and others involved in tourism. This was postponed after a very wet February day.

Our website is continually being upgraded and updated, and is fast becoming one of the major sources of information for visitors. Tara Shire Council includes us in their pages in the Tourist Guide to Western Downs. Unfortunately, most advertising in tourism focused publications is very expensive.

Education of staff and councillors of the new amalgamated Council will be a priority, to ensure we continue a profitable relationship with them.

Retail—we are constantly looking for new items of merchandise. Carol is currently making a DVD on birds and their calls, to sell in conjunction with our other DVD, photos of the Garden. There is a plan to re-publish the video “Sharing the Dream” as a DVD, which should be more saleable. Technology changes demands—once T towels were a popular retail item!

There is a move to have “baby items” for sale—clothing, books, toys. We also need more MPBG shirts, as our current supply is depleted.

Anyone with any ideas—to promote the Garden, or for innovative merchandise, we’d love to hear from you.



GLENMORGAN STATE SCHOOL IS 75!

Did you have any connection with Glenmorgan State School? Its 75th Anniversary is being held on June long weekend, this year.

The Saturday will revolve around the RSL Hall, with Arts and Crafts, and stalls, and our newest attraction, Monty’s Garage, a working museum and vintage cars, in the main street.

The Sunday will be for school based activities, a roll call etc And on the Monday, Myall Park Botanic Garden becomes the centre of interest.

Contact Carol, Sue or Betty if you are interested in coming back—or contributing something of interest.

SELF SOWN SEEDLINGS AT MPBG

Excellent summer rains have brought changes to the Garden. Lots of grass and ground covers appearing, some not seen for years, but the greatest surprise is the number of **seedlings** popping up. As the early leaves of some plants differ from the mature leaves, it can be hard, but interesting, trying to identify the species.

Just picture it—mowing proceeding very slowly with Living Collection Manager, Gill, walking in front of the mower!

The Honeyeater Walk is a sea of small hop bushes.

The new seedlings are very hard to transplant, and if the season turns very hot those remaining may die. Some have been potted for later replanting. However, the survivors are usually tough and we have fenced some for protection, so we look forward to having a swathe of massed plantings giving the Garden more of a ‘bush look’ rather than a ‘planted’ appearance. We hope a few of the acacias and eremophilas will be available for planting out at the April/May working bees.

Unwanted species and weeds are always a concern after rains, so vigilance in noticing anything new, or old ones re-occurring, needs regular checking with sharp eyes.

There are a few plants flowering out of season so do think of visiting the Garden while it is so lush. We won’t be mowing till later in the season, so it does look overgrown and yes, do remember your mossie repellent and sock tops.

Would anyone like to be part of **working bees** in the Garden? Living Collection Manager, Gill Kidd, has allocated the last Thursday of each month for casual drop-ins. Those from further afield, just contact her, and let her know of your interest (07 4663 0720) and she will be happy to see you and give you a job.

Our annual autumn working bees with Caboolture SGAP and Friends will continue. To be part of the annual Friends working bee, contact Peter Reilly, details on Information page.



‘Temporary/fill in/part time/volunteer’ caretakers, Sandra and James Hughes, developing their skills with propagating, both seeds and cuttings. Both are enjoying being back in the Garden, and look forward to catching up with old Friends.

WHAT’S FLOWERING

The coolest and wettest summer in many years is having a great effect on our Living Collection. How wonderful to actually have so much new growth, and so many buds, and be so positive.

The young *Banksia ashbyi* is brilliant at the moment, with extra large golden candle flowers.. There are quite a number of Eucalypts in bloom, *Eucalyptus kruseana* is an absolute picture, *Eucalyptus burracoppinensis* is bursting into bloom, others have buds forming, and still others an absolute picture with their barks.

There are a good variety of grasses with waving seed heads to check out.

It is interesting to observe under trees, and notice how some inhibit grass growth, and others do not.

Now, as autumn continues, we await new surprises.....

Come and see for yourself.

INFORMATION PAGES

Garden closed for maintenance 20 Dec—20 Jan each year
VISITORS WELCOME AT ALL OTHER TIMES

MYALL PARK BOTANIC GARDEN FEES 2008

A - GARDEN ENTRANCE FEES

Organised working parties—Free of charge (by prior arrangement)

Gallery Open \$5.50

Garden Only \$3.50

FRIENDS and under 14 **FREE**

Official Guide \$50 plus Garden entry fees

Coach tours \$5.50 pp, tour operator free Ph 4626 5969

MPBG Friends Group Membership—each visit, one free entry, other members visiting same time 10% discount

B - ACCOMMODATION

For bookings, contact Caretakers Ph 07 4665 6855

May—October, advance bookings advisable

Friends Members 10% discount.

Garden Entry Inclusive

Tour organisers Free

Children u 14 half price, u 6 free.

Linen \$5 per person (bed linen, towels)

Avochie Cottage:

1 night - 1/2 people \$60 - each extra person \$20/ night

2 nights - 1/2 people \$120 -each extra person \$20 /night

3 nights - 1/2 people \$160 - each extra person \$18/night

For above packages, a cleaning fee of \$20 will be added if necessary

5 nights - 1/2 people \$270 - each extra person \$18/night

1 week - 1/2 people \$ 360 - each extra person \$15/night

Cleaning included for 5 nights or longer.

Quarters: “backpacker” style—guests share kitchen and bathroom facilities)

per person: 1 night \$20 2 nights \$40 3 nights \$55

5 nights \$90 1 week \$120

Cleaning NOT included in Quarters packages, \$20 fee added if necessary.

Sole Use of Quarters—p.o.a.

Tents & Vans: \$16.50 per unpowered site—\$20 powered site per night incl Garden Entry for 2 people.

C - CATERING

Meals available Bottle Tree Inn, Glenmorgan

D—GALLERY HIRE

\$50 per day, \$25 each extra day (includes cleaning)

\$10 per day for local groups (Tara, Warroo, Murilla Shires)

without grant or government funding—leave clean or pay \$15 cleaning fee.

Includes use of furniture, urn, powerpoints for equipment, fridge and Garden entry. Tea and coffee not provided.

Please discuss all arrangements when you book. Information in log box at Visitor Centre, or see on-site caretaker.

Basic provisions but no fuel in Glenmorgan.

NEAREST FUEL 70 km—Surat, The Gums, Condamine

ABOUT OUR ACCOMMODATION:

Avochie Cottage -Renovated 3 bedroom cottage with 1 double and 4 single beds. Bath/shower and toilet. Electric hot water system. Open fireplace in sitting room. New electric stove, microwave oven, crockery, cutlery, electric jug, fridge, frypan and toaster. Washing up and cleaning utensils supplied. Fan, heater, basic furnishings.

The Quarters: Renovated inside and out. 2 verandahs, 5 small bedrooms (8 single beds) 1 large bedroom with 1 double bed. Electric hot water. 2 bathrooms each with bath / shower, 2 toilets. Open fireplace in living area. New electric stove, microwave oven, crockery and cutlery, fridge, electric jug, frypan and toaster. Washing up and cleaning utensils supplied. Fan, heater, basic furnishings.

Caravans/Tents: Connect to the power at The Quarters, and use Toilet/ Shower facilities at the Quarters. Unpowered sites available.

Linen is not included. Ask about our linen service when you book.

For bookings, phone caretakers on 07 4665 6855.

We ask you to leave the accommodation clean when you depart, and to take all rubbish with you.

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