

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

AGM 2026

The year included all the usual events that QCGC conducts including The Plant and Floral Fair Friendship Day, the Fashion Parade and Biennial Awards Christmas function. All went ahead as normal. The Plant & Floral Fair was, unfortunately, affected by the aftermath of cyclone Alfred. The Biennial Awards Christmas function was attended by our Patron Professor Graeme Nimmo RFD who presented the awards to the recipients. There were many high quality nominees so it must have been difficult for the selectors to choose the winners. I don't envy them that task.

The Presidents' Day focussed on the issue of taxation and was attended by about 140 participants. Melinda Knight, Senior Technical Officer, Not For Profit and Government Experiences ATO flew up from Sydney for the main presentation. Peter Reinhold and Madeline Forster from the Queensland Office of Fair Trading also gave a presentation.

In addition to the normal scheduled events QCGC participated in the, the Laidley Spring Fair, and the RNA Exhibition, the Nambour Expo, and the plant fair at Ipswich. As usual during the year I was able to attend a number of Friendship Days and special functions held by member clubs. These events are always special and enjoyable and I look forward to being able to attend as many of them as possible in the coming year.

The quarterly newsletter is an important avenue of communication with the clubs and their members. I would encourage club secretaries to distribute the newsletter as widely as possible to all members e.g. via email. With a new editor coming on board we will be examining some possible changes in format and delivery in the coming year. In addition the website is another source of information available to everyone. Contributions to both from clubs are most welcome.

I must thank all the members of the committee for the support and assistance they have given throughout the year. I am especially grateful for the work done by our secretary Anne Baster. Without her efforts life would be very difficult indeed. No organisation can function efficiently without the input and work of its committee members and my thanks and appreciation go to everyone who has assisted throughout the year.

The passing of Michael O'Dea was a sad loss to the committee and to the wider gardening community to which he contributed so much for many years. I must also pay tribute those stalwart delegates who have continued to attend our monthly meetings. Naturally, I would like to be able to welcome as many new delegates as possible in the future For QCGC to function effectively we need participation and support from our member clubs. To this end I would encourage clubs and club members to provide feedback on our activities and suggestions for ways in which QCGC might service the needs of clubs into the future.

Keep on digging.

Phil Adam (President)