

U3A PEGASUS GARDENING GROUP

OCTOBER NEWSLETTER

September outing



It was a blustery day on the Monday when our intrepid band ventured into the Botanical Gardens to view the Spring growth. The Townend House conservatory had a wonderful display of cineraria plants and the display beds by the Museum were in full flower. It certainly does not take long for the perennials to take off and the perennial walk looked good, as did a number of rhododendrons dotted about the gardens. We found the new crevice garden and the adjacent alpine garden. A reward of a sweet treat and coffee at Ilex Café followed our walk around.

October Outing Monday 24th

1pm. Visit to Wakatu Avenue and Moncks Bay

We will be viewing 7 gardens in Wakatu Avenue and 1 in Bayview Avenue, Moncks Bay. We will finish with afternoon tea at Bron's garden.

There are a variety of gardens including: how to grow many plants in a small section, easy care gardening and the garden of an artist with the opportunity to view/buy her watercolours.

As there is very limited parking in Wakatu Avenue please park in Barnett Park, near the soccer fields. Access to Barnett Park is off Main Road, Moncks Bay. Jan will meet us there. Access to the first garden is via a gate into the park.

It's important that we all meet up in Barnett Park and be ready to set off at 1pm so that Jan can guide us to each of the gardens.

Mt Pleasant Market Stall

Show Weekend – 12th November 9.30am to 12.30pm

I hope that those of you who have been fostering seeds and cuttings are having success in nurturing them. I have a number of beans and cucurbits starting to sprout in the greenhouse – quite exciting really and have been potting up some day lilies and blue bells.

We should have a good selection for the market stall.

A separate bulletin re the market stall morning later in the month.

End of Year Celebration

Monday November 28th Visit to the Iris Garden at 10.30am followed by the Luncheon at Cedar Park Gardens in Rolleston. The details are as follows:

Julie May, The Iris Garden, Springston

Address: 375 Ellesmere Junction Road, Lincoln

We will meet Julie at the Iris Gardens at 10.30am

Car pooling from MPCC leaving at 9.45am as it is a good half hour out to Springston which is west or through Lincoln on Ellesmere Junction Road.

We are then booked in for our Luncheon at \$25pp for 1pm. The address for Cedar Park Gardens is:

101B Lowes Road, Rolleston. The property is at the end of a long driveway so drive in as there is plenty of parking.

Numbers by the **24th November** please. Please email Gaynor if you intend to go to the luncheon so that she can communicate numbers to Anne prior to the day.

Programme update

November date TBA	Visit to gardens in Fisher Avenue.
Monday 28th November	10.30 visit to Iris Gardens in Springston followed by our Christmas lunch at Cedar Park Gardens, 101b Lowes Road, Rolleston. Cost \$25 pp.
Monday 23rd January	Gilroy Nurseries, Clarkville - rose garden
Tuesday 14th February	BEGONIAS. 10.00am Meet at 4 Blankney Street, Hornby to view the Begonias grown by Audi Smith at his home. Tea/Coffee supplied and morning tea by committee. Lunch at a venue to be decided followed potentially by visit to Russell Jeffares, at 2pm to view his Begonias at 32a Mathers Road
Monday February 27	The Blue House, Amberley – garden visit
Monday March 27	West Melton garden visit

U3A Website

Our newsletters will be available on the website <https://u3apegasus.org.nz/garden-group/>

Good gardening everyone

Lyn (on behalf of the Steering Committee)