

U3A PEGASUS GARDENING GROUP

OCTOBER NEWSLETTER

Dear Members

As you may or may not know (I know we have some newer members), the current Committee was set up three years ago, as the 'Steering Committee' taking over from the previous person – Sue Swift. This Committee was set up to organise and plan either monthly garden visits or Tips & Cuttings afternoons. We had a great first year as Lynne Haslett inspired us all to run a Plant Stall at the Mt Pleasant Farmers' Market which generated over \$1000 profit and it was fun but a lot of work and planning for the day. As we are all a few years older, I am not sure if we have the same impetus as back in 2022!

We hope you have enjoyed what we arranged for you to date, as I consider we have had a very successful programme. It is sometimes disheartening though, when only a few turn up for an outing but we do understand that can happen with members on holidays and other commitments.

Our next T & C is to be held at Marg McCarthy's home on Monday 28th October (Labour Day) at 1.30pm. Along with this meeting we intend to hold our AGM. Attached is a copy of our financial report prepared by our current Treasurer, Bron Goldschmidt.

Sadly, Bron Goldschmidt has decided not to continue in her role as Treasurer and we are sorry to see her step down from that role. I have also learned today, that Dolina Barker who is also on our Committee has decided to move to Wellington, so she is also not able to stay on our Committee either.

We are therefore in need of a new Treasurer and one or two Committee people and we would be very happy to hear from you if you feel you could do this !!

I am happy to stay on for one more year, as is Lyn Russell, Lynne Haslett and Yvonne Boulton. I have not had any indication from Marg McCarthy, as to her intentions.

Therefore we are looking for some new blood to help organise the programme for 2025, so members will know what is coming up in the future.

As we have 38 current members, we would like to think that there will be 2 or 3 members willing to come on the Committee to help organise the monthly meetings. I will leave that thought with you to consider and am happy to hear from any of you should you not be able to attend on Monday.

I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible on Monday.

Warm regards

Gaynor Button
Co-Ordinator

OCTOBER Meeting

This will be a tips and cuttings meeting held on Monday 28 October (Labour Day). We will be going to Marg McCarthy's home at 18 Hilltop Lane (off Cannon Hill Crescent, Mt Pleasant) at 1.30pm. If you have any cuttings you would like to share, please bring them along. Please let Marg know if you are coming so she can cater for the correct number of people.

NOVEMBER Meeting

A reminder that our meeting is on the 25th and is a trip to Rolleston. We will car pool.

We are visiting two gardens —

1. 11.30 at Eunice Edgecombe's garden at 54 Quartz Drive, Rolleston. Entrance fee \$6
2. Cedar Park Gardens for lunch at 1.30 at a cost of \$25pp.

We will need an indication of numbers by Friday 22 November

In December our garden group does not usually hold a meeting, however there is the opportunity to join with Somerfield Garden Club and go to lunch on the 9th at the historic house and garden – Ambrosia House (Strathlachlan) in Doyleston. If you are interested, could you please contact Gaynor. She will need to know numbers by 3 November.

SEPTEMBER Meeting

Our September meeting was held at the Clubhouse at Streamside Court in Woolston Dirk Goetz was our speaker who brought along a small sample of his wonderful bonsai specimens. For a person who only took up the hobby about 6 years ago he has created some very interesting groupings. He uses both

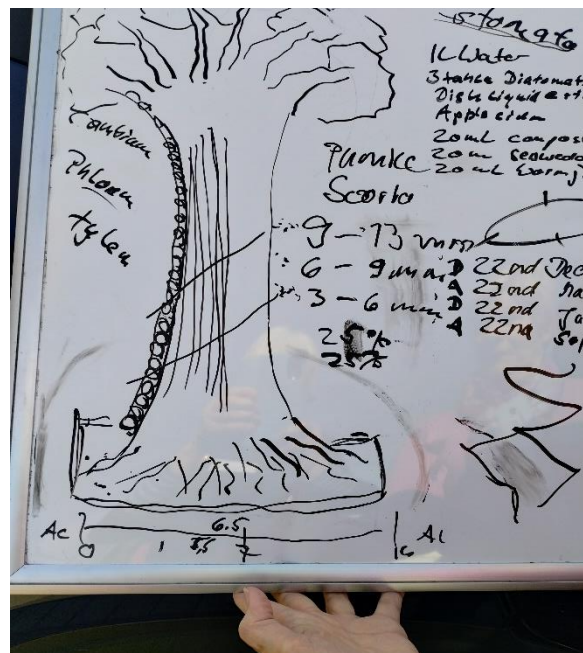


In all it was a fascinating talk.

We enjoyed talking informally to Dirk afterwards over afternoon tea.

young saplings and more mature young trees for his creations. For the latter he makes use of the bigger root systems by exposing them rather than burying them as you can see from the specimen in the far left of the picture.

The specimen on the far right does not have a full trunk, just a thin sliver of one but it is enough for the tree to take up water.



Below are photos from our installation of the scarecrows at Smith Street Community Garden which took place on 23 August. A huge thank you to Lynne and her husband who did a lot of hard work getting the posts in and the scarecrows attached. If you are in the neighbourhood you should pop in and check them out.

