

## Future Meetings

### Monthly Meetings

- ◆ 1st June - 12 noon BBQ at 141 Alfs Pinch Road Beerwah 5494 6098 followed at 2.00pm by monthly meeting (Bob & Margaret McLean)
- ◆ 6th July - 2.00pm at 131 Franks Lane, Waruran (Jenny Cruice 5496 6076)

### Committee Meetings

- ◆ 6th July - 1.00pm at 131 Franks Lane, Wamuran (Jenny Cruice 5496 6076)

### Outings

- ◆ 5th October - Olive Branch Nursery, 232 Canvey Road, Ferny Grove  
Bookings essential  
Cost TBA ~~Free~~  
Plus having lunch somewhere

## Comedy Corner



A farmer stopped by the local mechanic shop to have his truck fixed. They couldn't do it while he waited, so he said he didn't live far and would just walk home. On the way home he stopped at the hardware store and bought a bucket and a gallon of paint. He then stopped by the feed store and picked up a couple of chickens and a goose. However, struggling outside the store he now had a problem – how to carry his entire purchases home.

While he was scratching his head, he was approached by a little old lady who told him she was lost. She asked, 'Can you tell me how to get to 1603 Mockingbird Lane?' The farmer said, 'Well, as a matter of fact, my farm is very close to that house. I would walk you there but I can't carry this lot.'

The old lady suggested, 'Why don't you put the can of paint in the bucket. Carry the bucket in one hand; put a chicken under each arm and carry the goose in your other hand?'

'Why, thank you very much,' he said and proceeded to walk the old girl home. On the way he said, 'Let's take my short cut and go down this alley. We'll be there in no time.'

The little old lady looked him over cautiously, then said, 'I'm a lonely widow without a husband to defend me. How do I know that when we get in the alley you won't hold me up against the wall, pull up my skirt, and have your way with me?'

The farmer said, 'Holy smokes, lady! I'm carrying a bucket, a gallon of paint, two chickens, and a goose. How in the world could I possibly hold you up against the wall and have my way with you?'

The old lady replied, 'Set the goose down, cover him with the bucket, put the paint on top of the bucket, and I'll hold the chickens.'

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# The President

What a marvellous effort by all to create the display at the Garden Expo. All reports were most glowing.

This was also expressed by visitors with many questions being fielded resulting from the display. The most satisfying was the interest in our Club.

This is most evident by the attendance at our monthly meetings so if you see someone new, please make yourself known as we are all there to benefit from our combined knowledge.

Thank you to all of our members who supplied plants for our wonderful display.

We had some good sales and a lot of interest and comments from members of the public and quite a few people taking photographs of the display.

Once again a **BIG THANK YOU** to all who contributed to the Garden Expo, you know who you are. Your efforts are very much appreciated.

Norm Bailey  
President.

## Did you know

**Aechmea:** The plants in this genus are mostly epiphytic. One of the best known is Aechmea Fasciata or 'Silver King', which has long lasting, pretty pink flowers and is often used as an indoor plant.

**Ananas:** The commercially grown pineapple, Ananas Comosus is a member of this genus.

**Billbergia:** There are around 60 species of Billbergia, which are colourful and well suited to growing in the garden around the base of trees. They clump up quickly to form good flower displays, although the inflorescence (flower head) on some species is short lived.

**Cryptanthus:** This is a terrestrial group from Brazil, which needs plenty of room for root development. They are best suited to warm climates.

**Vriesea:** Plants in this genus have interesting and varied foliage, and sword like eye-catching flowers. They are easy to grow and are good bromeliads for beginners to try.

## TRIVIA

At the Garden Expo, someone had a problem with her dog chewing up her Bromeliads. We could not advise her what to do. A recent article from USA suggested **CAYENNE PEPPER** be sprinkled over the plants - may discourage them - has any Club member tried this or any other remedy.

## GARDEN EXPO

