



NEWS FROM PEACEHAVEN

October 2024

FROM THE PRESIDENT

The Carnival of Flowers and spring weather have brought many people to the park and nursery, keeping the nursery staff very busy. A big thank you to all the volunteers who have given up so much of their time to help, especially during the period of extended opening hours.

October is likely to be another busy month, with gardeners fired up with enthusiasm after seeing beautiful garden displays. The council will also conduct plant give-aways in the park this month. This is always great for nursery sales, with people making purchases from us after they have collected their free plants.

The committee is busy with plans for our 20-year celebration event on **15 December**. It will be a great day for the community to celebrate the wonderful gift of land by Stan Kuhl. Please pass the word around to your family and friends.

We have also been having some productive talks with the council about plans for the park and projects the Friends can undertake.

Wendy Geue, President

MEMBER'S PRIZE GARDEN

Many of you will know of member Christine Purchase's outstanding abilities as garden designer, gardener and mosaic artist. Chris has achieved recognition of her talent and hard work in this year's Chronicle Garden Competition, with first prize in no less than *three* separate categories.

Chris has transformed her tiny garden in Andersson Court into a verdant paradise. The garden's theme is biodiversity. It has plentiful shade and ground cover, almost all the plants are Australian natives, and about a third are local, creating a haven for local insects and other wildlife.

Congratulations, Chris, on your well-deserved success!



Chris Purchase, prize-winning gardener; and a tranquil corner of her garden

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

This year's AGM will be held on **Thursday 17 October** at 6 pm in the Nursery Shed. There will be light refreshments after the meeting, giving you a chance to meet and mingle with other members, and to share your ideas with members of the management team.

Please do consider nominating for a position on the committee. Nomination forms must be submitted to the Secretary by **3 October**.



MUSIC IN THE PARK

The performer at this month's Music in the Park will be versatile local singer Victoria Q.

Pack a picnic, bring your family and friends, and settle in for a great afternoon's entertainment.

Date: Sunday 13 October

Time: 1 pm to 3 pm

TAVERN TALK

Speaker: Kym Sparshott

Topic: Flora of Crows Nest

Date: Thursday 24 October

Time: 6 pm for 7 pm presentation (purchase your own dinner and drinks)

Place: Highfields Tavern

Bookings: friendsofpeacehaven.org

UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS

AGM: Thursday 17 October, 6 pm, Nursery Shed

Next general meeting: Wednesday 20 November, 10 am

20-year celebration: 3 pm to 6 pm, Sunday 15 December – a community event to celebrate 20 years since Stan Kuhl donated the land that became Peacehaven Botanic Park