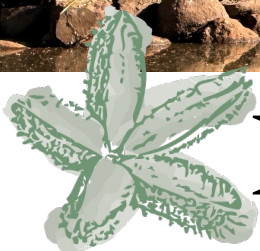




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News from Peacehaven

From the president

July is shaping up to be an exciting month with plenty of opportunities to share our beautiful Park and the work we do.

A special thank you to the North Toowoomba Rotary Club for inviting me to speak at their recent meeting. It was a pleasure to highlight our ongoing projects and celebrate the Park with a group so genuinely interested in our community.

Later in July, we look forward to welcoming the Leafmore Gardening Club. Their visit will include an introduction to the Friends and a guided tour of the Park.

We extend our thanks to Greg Spearritt for delivering an engaging Tavern Talk on local mistletoes a month ago. Attendees appreciated his positive perspective on our native mistletoes and were fascinated to learn that Australia is home to more than 90 species, compared with just a single species found across England and Europe. It was a thoroughly enjoyable and informative presentation, and we are grateful to Greg for sharing his expertise (**see photo below**).

We have a few nursery volunteers away in July, travelling to escape the cold! If you have thought about volunteering at the nursery, please consider helping out, we would welcome your contribution.

Louise de Beus

Feature Plant of the Month – Cordyline

*House Plant or Garden Plant? The **Cordyline stricta** can be both, writes Claire Petterson.*

This Australian native is found in open forests and rainforest of north-east New South Wales and south-east Queensland. It is one of eight species of the Cordyline genus found in Australia.

The genus is characterised by plants with long, strap-like leaves arising from thin trunks. Common names are Slender Palm Lily or Narrow-leaved Palm Lily.

Cordyline stricta is a tall narrow plant about 2-5 metres tall, with deep, glossy green leaves and purple flowers in winter and spring, followed by black berries. Although somewhat frost tender, a damaged plant will recover. It is also tolerant of sun and drought. If the plant becomes too tall, just cut low and it will reshoot. **C. stricta** is a food plant for the Miskin's swift butterfly. A shade loving plant, the Cordyline makes a good indoor plant. Paired with the cultivar **Cordyline Rubra** it makes a colourful display.

The Nursery currently has a good supply of tube stock, making buying two more



Native Plant Nursery Opening Hours

Thursdays 9am – 12.30pm

Saturdays 9am – 1pm



Cordyline stricta

Plant of the month, Cordyline stricta.

Photo by Alison Fawcett

affordable when being used as house plants. All house plants need some time outside, so alternate the plants monthly for a constant healthy display. Propagation is by seed, stem cuttings or division.

References: Australian Native Plants Society (Australia); Australian National Botanic Gardens.



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Membership fees
are now due.



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