



Rosevale House Newsletter – October 2011

In the garden at Rosevale

There are an amazing range of birds in the garden at the moment. Dominant are the parrots – many rainbow lorikeets, pale-headed rosellas, king parrots, red winged parrots, to name but a few. The kookaburras are more numerous and more vocal.

The smell of orange blossom has been sometimes overpowering. Surprisingly, the blossom has come whilst there is still fruit on the trees. We are down to our last few grapefruit – the rest having been converted into marmalade or juice. The mulberry bushes are providing delicious snacks for the birds, the chooks and occasionally (if they are quick enough) for guests and hosts.



The water lilies on the lake now have fat purple buds, which promise a display of flowers that we witnessed early this year.



With the advent of the warmer weather, we have also had the pleasure of swimming in the pool.

Forthcoming events:

Family River Fun Day, Sat 22nd October, 1pm until late: With fun and games for kids, tree planting, BBQ dinner and music by Tapper Girls and Homestead Bands, Solar-powered Laser Show in the evening (www.maryriverfestival.org.au). Venue: “Heatherview” Wilcox Road, Kybong, Mary Valley.

Mary River Scarecrow Festival: Scarecrows have been popping up all along the Mary Valley. They will be there from 24th September to the end of October as part of the Mary River Scarecrow Festival, which includes a scarecrow making competition (Categories: traditional, artistic and child) and a scarecrow photography competition (with exhibition of entries on 14th and 15th October, 10-4 at the Imbil RSL Hall). See: <http://www.scarecrows.org.au> for further details.



Mary River Festival: 12th November, 12 noon until 8pm at the Kandanga Recreation Grounds, Kandanga. Bringing the communities together with art, drama, workshops, displays, education, environmental discussion. For further details, see: <http://www.maryriverfestival.org.au/>



Recent Events

The Imbil Show in August was a popular amongst locals and visitors, with horse handling events, a woodchopping competition, sideshows, art and craft exhibition and a baking competition, typical of the country shows of old.

Kenilworth Celebrates: In late September, Kenilworth held its annual “Kenilworth Celebrates” arts festival, with art exhibition and competition, art workshops taught by renowned local and national artists and this year attended by over one hundred people from around the country. Kenilworth Celebrates also featured a poets’ breakfast, hosted by local performance poet, Ian Mackay. Invited poets included Robin “Archie” Archibald.

Kenilworth Celebrates also hosted the premiere of the “The Bunya Guitar” – a film which arose from the Bunya Dreaming Festival in 2010. For further information, see: www.kenilworthcelebrates.org.au



Regular Events:

On the third Saturday of every month, there is an “Unplugged” music and poetry night at the Dennis’s home just across the track from Rosevale House. We go to every one (and we participate) – you may like to join us one Saturday evening. It’s great entertainment and there’s supper too – all free.

We hope all is going well for you.
Looking forward to seeing you soon,

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