

Dear Members,

Many clubs will be aware to the Ipswich Home Gardeners Expo held annually in August. Please take the time to read the following message from Glebe Garden Club Ipswich, the organiser of the Expo.

Kind regards
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Ipswich Home Gardener's Expo 2021

This year's Ipswich Home Gardener's Expo has been discussed at a recent committee meeting in relation to the ongoing COVID Pandemic.

Holding such an event during these times is very difficult to organise, as we come under the following controlling bodies:

- Qld Health
- Ipswich City Council (ICC)
- Qld Uniting Church Synod

We have had discussions with the ICC representatives for the COVID Pandemic, and we can only have so many people on site, in proportion to the site measurements, complete with social distancing.

Additionally, the Qld Uniting Church Synod have far more restrictions than Qld Health and ICC combined..... making it near impossible to conduct this event.

These are restrictions by governing bodies, but our problems do not end there.

This event revolves around many volunteers, and due mainly to media hype, most are not willing to get involved, for fear of catching COVID.

Consequently, a large amount of funding is required to hire workers to run this event instead.

ICC do offer grants to ease this burden, however, one must apply, and it is not a given.

In running this event, there is a huge amount of funding required up front.

Everything for this event could be going to plan, however, should there be a COVID outbreak, as in recent times, the Government can place us all in lock-down.

With the event cancelled, this will result in a huge amount of funds lost.....which our club could ill afford.

While assessing all this information and restrictions, combined with the chance of lock downs at the _me the event is run, the Glebe Garden Club (Ipswich) has decided to cancel the Ipswich Home Gardener's Expo for this year.

This has been a monumental decision, and one our club has not taken lightly.

Accordingly; this email advises that the Ipswich Home Gardeners' Expo to be held on Saturday the 28th August 2021 has been cancelled.

We are very hopeful that the Ipswich Home Gardener's Expo can be operational again next year on Saturday the 27th August 2022.

I trust this is helpful to you. Please contact me if you have any ques_ons.

Kindest regards.

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