

PRESIDENT'S REPORT FOR 2016

This year has been a disaster for me as I have been unable to attend so many of the activities, meetings and events put on by the group that I feel a bit of a fraud writing about the year's happenings. Fortunately, the members of the Northern Group are exceptional people who have kept the business of the group going whether I was there or not and I thank you all from the bottom of my heart for being so understanding and volunteering your time and expertise to whatever task cropped up, sometimes with very little notice.

My year as president has been made much easier because of the willing, friendly and talented people who make up our group and we have achieved amazing things this year. Our membership has risen again this year, attendances at propagation are healthy and the plant sales increased to be our best yet, the program of speakers showcased not only the talents of our guest speakers but of many members of our own group. Unfortunately, I was unable to attend any of the excursions this year but they have been varied and interesting and I am quite envious to have missed them. Heritage Forest Garden continues to prosper and is becoming much better known. We had the great opportunity to publicise our society and our group through the Blooming Tasmania event this year as well as the newspaper, website, newsletters and new road side signs.

Then we decided to move the nursery. What a mammoth task that proved to be, yet again the hidden talents of the group got the job done and we are now ensconced at Windsor Park. Well done everyone! Surely that should be enough for the year? But no, we still had the State Get together to host and a very good time was had by all due to the exceptional organisation skills of those involved. The final activity for the year was the Christmas party and photo competition. Phew what a year. Thank you everyone.

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