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## Thanking Our Blue Thumbs

As part of National Volunteer Week, the Central Coast Regional Development Corporation would like to thank and celebrate the Blue Thumb Volunteers who work at Mt Penang Gardens throughout the year and play a crucial role in making it a beautiful place for the community.

Greg South, Executive Manager for the Central Coast Regional Development Corporation says that the Blue Thumb Volunteers' contributions are invaluable to the Mt Penang Gardens. It's true what they say, 'many hands make light work'.

"The Gardens wouldn't be the beautiful place it is without its volunteers. I am so thankful for all the volunteers who have given thousands of hours to gardening and the running of many programs including the Gardens' guided tours, events and Mt Penang parkrun. Their contribution is amazing and very much valued," said Greg South.

Colin Jose is a Blue Thumb Volunteer who has shown exceptional dedication. Colin has been involved with Mt Penang for many years. He worked in the Mt Penang Centre for over ten years until its closure and the Centre's move to Frank Baxter. Watching over the creation of the Gardens in 2003, he signed up to become a volunteer and has been a Blue Thumb for more than ten years. Colin's commitment has grown along with the Gardens. He is an active garden ambassador involved with tours and is responsible for shaping the current 'A Moment in Time' Historical Bus Tour.

"As a Blue Thumb Volunteer I get to share Mt Penang Gardens with very lovely and appreciative people. I have developed positive relationships with staff and lasting friendships with the other volunteers. Being a Blue Thumb is truly a great experience," said Colin Jose.

"We are honoured to have Colin as one of our Blue Thumb Volunteers. He has made a tremendous imprint on the Gardens and is an indispensable part of the team," said Greg South.

Interested in becoming a Blue Thumb Volunteer? Mt Penang Gardens is always looking to welcome new Blue Thumbs. Get involved and contact us on (02) 4340 1002 or email on [info@ccrdc.nsw.gov.au](mailto:info@ccrdc.nsw.gov.au).

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