



BUNDANOON GARDEN CLUB INC

"Friendship Through Gardens"

PO Box 25 Bundanoon 2578

Meetings are held on the first Thursday of the month from
9.30am for 10.00am

August 2015 Newsletter

The meeting will be held on Thursday 6 August 2015 at 10am.

From Our Garden Club President

Hellebores in their many varied forms are delighting us. Jonquils are in full bloom and daffodils are coming out. Spring is just around the corner!! I am currently enjoying my weeping cherry which is always the first tree in my garden to flower. Living in the Highlands enables us to fully appreciate and enjoy the four seasons.

*Yours in gardening,
Judy*

Keeping Warm in the Snow



Guest Speakers

This month Neil Mitchell will share with us his knowledge, expertise and love of camellias.



In September Ian will speak about his overseas holiday taking us through "The Best of the Eighty Gardens seen in Just Thirty Days."



Bus Trip to Springwood

Join us on Thursday 17 September for a wonderful day in the Blue Mountains!

Bus departs from the railway at 8am. We visit three beautiful gardens with both exotics and natives, with exceptional showings of cool climate plants, as well as fruit trees and vegetable gardens.

We will also take time to visit the Hawkesbury Lookout and enjoy the vista over Sydney!

Cost: \$30 pp - includes morning tea and lunch

Bookings can be still made at Thursday's meeting.

Patricia

Friendship Gardens

No matter how hard I tried, I just couldn't get Tathra to reveal anything about the "Friendship Gardens" she has lined up for us in September other than they are fantastic, wonderful, and special!! Oh! Just remembered, they are at Sutton Forest. Write Saturday, September 5 in your diary!

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On The Noticeboard



August

*22/30 Daffodil Festival Blue Mountains Botanical Garden
Mt Tomah*

*23 Plant Bank Open Day Australian Botanical Garden,
Narellan Rd, Mt Annan 10am – 2pm*

*27 Highlands Garden Society Bowral trip to Muogamarra
Nature Reserve, Cowan & Lisgar Gardens, Hornsby*

September

*10 Braidwood Garden Club visiting the gardens of Suzy &
Tony Molyneux, Ailsa & Ross Miller & Trevor and Julie-
Anne New*

*12 HGS Camellia Show, Uniting Church Hall Bowral
11am – 4pm*

*12&13 / 19&20 Daffodils at Rydal 10am to 4pm
Gardens, Music, History, Food*

*17 Our Garden Club Bus Trip to Springwood departs at
8am from the Railway Bus Stop- See You There!*

*26/27 Plant Lovers Fair
Kariang Mountains High School, Kariang*

October

10/11 Robertson Open Gardens Weekend

16/18 Galston Open Gardens

24/25 Bundanoon Garden Ramble

****For more information about these events, please read the Notice
Board at the meeting on Thursday.**

Things to do in the August Garden

- 1. prune roses if you haven't already done so*
- 2. divide perennials*
- 3. transplant evergreens*
- 4. feed garden soil with blood and bone*
- 5. deadhead spring bulbs*
- 6. plant aquilegia, calendula, candytuft,
delphiniums, foxgloves, lupins, alyssum and
penstemon seedlings for a Spring show*
- 7. sow seeds of broad bean, cauliflower,
spinach, peas, onion, broccoli, silverbeet,
lettuce*



- 8. spread manure or blood and bone in
vegetable gardens*
- 9. spray peach trees to control leaf curl*
- 10. feed citrus with blood and bone or old
manures*
- 11. time to plant vegetable seedlings and
protect till frosts are over - leave carrots until
later*
- 12. time to plant natives*
- 13. aerate the soil in garden beds*
- 14. dead head and prune hydrangeas*
- 15. plant roses, fruit trees*
- 16. feed rhododendrons and camellia at the
end of the month*

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Me and My Garden

(A new monthly feature to get to know our members)

Sue Johnson and her husband Dennis moved from the Southerland Shire to "Four Winds" in Penrose in 2003 and Sue soon set about discovering her new garden. She was delighted with the many mature trees along the driveway and in the front garden where she also discovered old camellias and David Austen roses and these are two of Sue's favourite plants! The rose plantings were soon extended and there are now over one hundred standard, heritage, rambling and David Austen roses throughout the garden. Other discoveries made in the front were old garden borders long overgrown with shrubbery and grass, and a camellia of historical significance, camellia japonica chandleri. This special plant with peony centred, dusky pink flowers was one of many imported into Australia in the 1820s and 1830s by botanist, horticulturalist and agriculturist William Macarthur who first planted them at Elizabeth Bay House and then cultivated them at Camden Park Estate.

Sue classifies herself as an amateur gardener, and her garden as a cottage garden. She dons a hat and picks up her secateurs whenever she can. The soil is improved with sheep manure and sawdust from the sheep pens and the use of homemade liquid fertiliser, which is made by placing sheep manure and sawdust in a bag suspended in a drum of water. After several weeks the liquid can be siphoned off and used in the same way as any liquid manure.

How Sue finds time for gardening is amazing, for not only does she help out on the farm when needed, such as at lambing time, she also works for charity and helps out with her grandchildren. Her hobbies include reading, knitting and craft work and to add to that she is a watercolour artist. When all of that is done, there is always a place to sit outside, enjoy a cup of tea and take in the garden. Thank you for sharing your garden with us Sue.



Support Our Local Businesses:

****Highland Sand & Gravel: 10% discount for goods ordered and paid for on meeting days.**

****Bundanoon Bloomery: 10% discount for plants, fertilisers and chemicals paid for cash at any time.**

****Roses and Friends: 881 Nowra Road, Fitzroy Falls**



Please return your library books on Thursday and borrow lots more. Ian

The next meeting of the Bundanoon Garden Club will be held in the Hall on Thursday, 3rd September 2015.

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