



BUNDANOON GARDEN CLUB INC
"Friendship Through Gardens"
PO Box 25 Bundanoon 2578

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

July 2016 Newsletter

From the President

Bundanoon really is the place to be during Winterfest. It was wonderful to see people of all ages thoroughly enjoying themselves at Friday's street party. The next two weeks promise to be a busy time for many of us who are thinking of participating in the varied and interesting activities planned by the Winterfest Committee. I trust I will see many of you at some of these events.

Wishing you a very happy Winterfest,

Judy



Library

Gabriele and Robyn have now completed their stock take of the library and in the process found a number of books missing. Please check your bookshelves for club library books and return them on Thursday.

The library is increasing its magazine collection by taking out subscriptions for four additional titles. All magazines will be placed in folders in order to help preserve them and keep them clean for others to enjoy.

More information will be given by Gabriele at the meeting on Thursday.



Reminders

The trade table is not operating at this month's meeting.

While there are no friendship gardens open during the winter months Tathra is always happy to hear from members willing to open their gardens at other times in the year. You can contact Tathra on 4883 7232.

Please bring along your questions for Q & A.

Looking forward to seeing everyone on Thursday,

The Committee

Guest Speaker

This month our guest speaker is Sue Sutton from Mt Murray Nursery. Sue will share the secrets of developing healthy fruiting trees and berries.



Next month our guest will be Ross Miller who will speak about the art of bonsai.

Meeting Date

The next meeting of the Bundanoon Garden Club will be held on Thursday, 4 August, 2016 in the hall.



President: Judy Andrews 48836898 email: judyvolivia1@gmail.com;
Vice President: Elaine Hills; Secretary: Patricia Varley; Treasurer: Judith Myers
Newsletter: Lyn Curry; Welfare: Julie-Ann New; Welcome Table: Suzy Molyneux;
Friendship Gardens: Tathra Fletcher; Catering: Patricia Duncombe;

July Garden Jobs



Prepare planting holes for new roses and fruit trees by digging compost and well-aged manure into the soil.

Dig gypsum where possible into clay as it binds particles together, allowing air to get into the spaces between the particles and helping excess water to drain away.

Move potted tropical plants and other warmth lovers into more protected spots.

Reduce the watering of potted plants now and take the chill off tap water so it's slightly tepid.

Sow Alyssum, Dianthus, Delphinium, Statice, Senposai, Kohlrabi and Silver Beet seeds.

Plant Rhubarb Crowns, Raspberry Canes, Amaryllis, Tuberose and Waterlilies.

Plant polyanthus, camellia, winterberry, red twig dogwood, firethorn, cork screw hazel, paper birch tree, paper bark maple, heather, holly and hellebores.

Plant out Broad Beans, Broccoli, Brussel Sprouts, Cabbage, Cauliflower, Green and Brown Mignonette and Cos Lettuce, Parsley, Leeks, Turnips, Asparagus Crowns, early Potatoes, Shallots, Onions, Garlic Cloves, Jerusalem

Winter flowering plants for cold climates include the following - Viola Odorata, Camellia, Galanthus Nivalis or Snowdrop, Daphne Odora, Fuschia Strelitzia or Bird of Paradise and Rhododendron Hybrids.



Strelitzia

Frost Protection for Plants:

Water lightly a day or two before frost is predicted as wet soil holds more heat.

Use cloth, blankets, sheets, plastic or sacks to drape loosely over plants supported by rocks, stakes or bricks in the evening to help retain heat and protect from frost. Remove covering when the sun comes out.



Simple cold frames

Reduce frost injury by gently hosing over plants first thing in the morning.

Straw, pine needles bark or loosely piled leaves hold heat and make good mulch.

It's a good idea to remove some of the thickness of mulch so that the sun can penetrate and warm up the soil.

Some plants need protection throughout winter either indoors or under a cold-frame. To make a simple cold-frame use straw or hay bales around plants as walls and top with an old window or large sheet of glass.

Raised Beds guard against frost as cold air collects in sunken areas of the bed rather on higher mounds. It is also easier to cover plants in raised bed.



Permanent cold frames

References:

Hortico Garden Diary; Rodney's Plants Plus ;

Nikki Phipps "The Bulb-o-licious Garden"

NOTICE BOARD

July 11-12 Camellia Show

**Venue: Ravenswood School, Henry St, Gordon.
Saturday 1.30pm-4.30pm and Sunday 10am-4pm**

July 1 – July 17 Snow Time in the Gardens

**Hunter Valley Gardens, 2090 Broke Rd, Pokolbin
9.00am–5.00pm**

July 23 Highlands Garden Society Winter Festival

**Uniting Church Hall, Bowral 9.30-2.00pm
See notice board in the hall for details.**

July 23 Taming the Wildflowers with Angus Stewart



Royal Botanical Garden Mt Annan

**10.30am Cost \$35 which includes morning tea. Bookings
02 9231 8182 Much of Angus's work at the Australian
Botanic Garden has focused on preserving our rarer
wildflowers through cultivation. The event will include a
talk where Angus is looking forward to discussing this
process with you, followed by a tour of the facilities and
a walk through the stunning Connections Garden.**

**July 28 at 12.30 pm National Botanic Garden Canberra
'Trees, Woods and Man' John Turnbull, a former
CSIRO scientist, will talk about the importance of trees
in Australian culture and the impact of tree-planting on
the livelihoods of people in developing countries.**



July 31 National Tree Day

**July 30- 31 Berry Camellia and Floral Show Saturday
12.00pm-4.00pm and Sunday 10am-2.00pm Berry School
of Arts, Alexandra Street, Berry**

September 10 – 11 Bowral Home and Garden Show

September 13 - 25 Bowral Tulip Time

September 25 Bowral Spring Market Fair

**September 27 Springtime Wildflower Farm Walk and
Forestry Demonstration Alpine**

October 24 - 25



November 15 Sutton Forest Open Gardens

**Golden Vale Road 10.00am – 4.00pm three rural gardens
with live music, kids' activities, sausage sizzle, stalls and
fly fishing. Cost \$20 pp Children free**

Winter Beauties for Your Garden



**Planting Hellebores beneath trees
creates a lovely visual effect. They
do best if the planting soil is
enriched with compost.**



**Snowdrops grow best in moist well-
drained soil in shady areas such as
under trees or shrubs. Plant in
groups for a beautiful display.**



**Paper daisies are long flowering
and require regular dead heading.
They grow well in a variety of soils
that are free draining.**



**Correa Dusky Bells are frost hardy
and have deep dusky pink to soft
red blooms that are long lasting
and bird attracting. Plant in full
sun to semi shade in well drained
soil.**



**Polyanthus are brightly coloured
and grow beautifully in both the
garden and pots. They should be
planted where they will get
adequate sunshine.**



**Daphne grows best in moist, cool,
acidic soil, requires winter sun and
is highly perfumed.**



**The "Wirrimbirra" is a rare,
creamy white Waratah, found in
the Southern Highlands and is
considered to be a collector's
specimen plant.**



**Luculias grow best in lightly acidic
well-drained soil enriched with
compost. They have beautiful
trusses of rosy pink flowers and are
highly perfumed.**

Our Garden



Athelie and her husband Ron were both serving in the Air Force when they met, and as a result, they have called many places in Australia 'home'. Before moving to Bundanoon three and a half years ago to be closer to family they were living on a property out of Dunedoo in Central Western NSW. Their new home in Bundanoon is just perfect for them and sits on an acre of land providing the privacy and peace and quiet they required. The established garden was developed over eighteen years by the previous owners and was an added bonus. The garden was filled with large numbers of azaleas as well as camellias, rhododendrons, pieris (one of her favourite plants in the garden), mature trees, some small hedges, as well as cumquat, lemon, orange and plum trees.

Athelie is a keen gardener and Ron assists with the heavy work such as the planting and building. They have added quince, mulberry and fig trees to the garden, built raised vegetable gardens and established a worm farm. Large compost bins provide nutrients for the garden and leaves are used as mulch around acid loving plants. As Athelie begins to put her own stamp on the garden she is gifting some of the old azaleas to neighbouring garden to make way for native plants which she loves.

Athelie, a new member of our Garden Club this year, has also joined the Bundanoon Community Garden where she completed a workshop on tree grafting. Locating old fruit bearing trees along the roads of the Highlands has unearthed heritage apples some of which have now been grafted on to root stock. She has named one 'Ron's Wild Apple' since Ron originally discovered this large, delicious, juicy, red apple in a now secret location.

It was lovely chatting with Athelie and Ron and hearing of their garden plans over a cup of tea. Looking out into their lovely garden on a sunny winter's day reminded me that in creating, planting and nurturing our gardens we replenish our body, mind and spirit. Let's keep on gardening!



Garden Maintenance Directory

Are you looking for assistance in your garden? You may like to contact one of the following who provide a range of services including pruning, mowing, hedging, window cleaning, weed control, mulching, fencing and general work.

Kirsty Connelly: 4883 6354 0449 274 339

Courtney Whipp: 0422 525 620

Michael Sutton: 0405 237 727

Steve Curtis: 0427979419.

Many Thanks

The following local businesses give a 10 % discount to Bundanoon Garden Club members

Roses and Friends: 881 Nowra Road, Fitzroy Falls

Highland Sand and Gravel: discount for goods ordered and paid for on meeting days

Bundanoon Bloomery: discount given anytime for cash purchases of plants, fertilisers and chemicals