



BUNDANOON GARDEN CLUB INC

"Friendship Through Gardens"

PO Box 25 Bundanoon 2578

www.bundanoongardenclub.com.au

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

June 2016 Newsletter

From the President



On behalf of all our members I would like to thank Patricia for her tireless efforts in organising the bus trip to the Camden area last month. Her determination to make it happen resulted in a wonderful day out and was greatly appreciated by all those in attendance. *Judy*

Our gardening noticeboard

June 1 – June 13 ROYAL BOTANICAL GARDEN

'On Reflection' Exhibition

Three long time artist friends Jo Anne Fuller, Githa Pilbrow and Myriam Kin-Yee, exhibit and deliberate upon their creative journey and the works they have produced. Whether landscape, still life, sculpture or ceramic, they agree that 'on reflection' most adequately describes that constant state of awareness necessary to make their art. 10 am – 4 pm Free Entry

Free: Explore the heritage and plant diversity of the Royal Botanic Garden with a knowledgeable volunteer guide.

June 5: WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY

National Parks and Wildlife Service Visitor Centre, Fitzroy Falls. Friends of the Brush-tailed Rock-Wallaby have released a new film "On the Edge". The film looks at the NPWS Threatened Species Conservation program and the need to involve the community in achieving a more sustainable approach. Screening time 2.00pm.

June 25: KANGAROO ARTS FESTIVAL

"The Willows" 198 Grahams Road, Kangaroo Valley, 10.00am – 4.00pm Includes: exhibition and sale of sculptures, talks on the art of garden design, entertainment, refreshments, photographic competition, official opening and prize giving by ABC personality, Peter Wilkins. Cost: adults \$7, children under 12 free, \$5 for community groups of eight or more.



Guest Speaker

This month we welcome Fiona Budzynski who will speak on the topic "Australian Natives - A life of Inspiration".

Fiona is a textile designer drawing her inspiration from the Australian flora and fauna. Her home wares range, 4 Leaf Clover, includes pictures, cushions, tea towels and fabrics, some of which Fiona will bring on Thursday for display and sale.

Next month Sue Sutton from Mt Murray Nursery will speak about fruit trees and berries.

Note to New Garden Club Members

Our Garden Club website contains a list of trees and plants that are native to this area and suitable for this climate. www.bundanoongardenclub.com.au/



Library News

A final library clearance sale will be held at this month's meeting. Look out for bargains on the trade table.



Reminder: We have unlimited borrowing of books, magazines and DVDs for all our members.

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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;

Our First Australian Garden



Gwenneth and David took up residence in Bundanoon three years ago to be with family already living in Australia. After living and working in London, they spent their early retirement years in Kingstone, a small village in Staffordshire. Their four acre garden contained a wild flower meadow, an orchard, forty foot long vegetable tunnels and eight vegetable beds. As well as food production, they planted 650 gladioli and tulip bulbs. When the bulbs were in bloom Gwenneth shared them throughout the village. She also wrote and distributed a monthly newsletter which was a lovely way of keeping in regular touch with neighbours.

Arriving in Bundanoon to their newly built house, the outside work began. The driveway and paths had to be built and of course vegetable gardens had to be established. David has worked hard constructing a green house and six long, raised beds for growing vegetables. One of the beds is solely used for asparagus, a vegetable that needs to be watered and fed for the first two years before cropping. A second bed lies fallow each season and the other four beds are planted with a variety of vegetables. Year round the garden supplies a never ending food bowl of cabbage, potatoes, broccoli, brussels sprouts, sugar snap peas, runner beans, leeks, herbs, onions, spinach, beetroot, radish, lettuce and carrots. While the zucchini and cucumbers have just recently been decimated by a light frost, there are tomato vines in the green house still producing.

David has connected a drip system throughout the vegetable gardens and the green house and fertilises with Curly's Compost, blood and bone, a liquid seaweed solution and lucerne. David's special garden tool is a swoe (something this writer had no knowledge of). This swan-necked hoe is used for weeding between plants, and breaking up the soil and its long handle allows the gardener's back to be kept straight thus saving backache.

Besides gardening, Gwenneth and David have created a cubby house, swings and a lovely grassy backyard for their grandchildren to run and play in when they visit. David is also a member of Sing Bundanoon and is learning to play the ukulele, whilst Gwenneth has joined the CWA and is a member of a women's group that meets regularly for coffee and discussion.

I really enjoyed meeting this friendly couple and was very impressed with their vegetable patch and all the healthy fresh food it produces.

Thank you for sharing your garden with our garden club members. Lyn



Before and after shots and visitors to the garden



From Patricia Varley, Our Garden Club Travel Coordinator



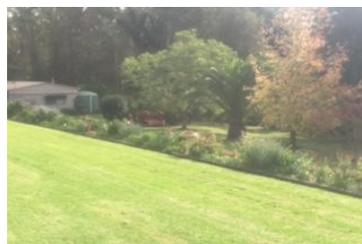
What a wonderful day we all had.

Arriving at historic Glenmore House, we were greeted by owner Mickey Robertson and enjoyed a glass of homemade elderberry cordial. Mickey gave us an overview of how she became the owner of Glenmore House 28 years ago and the considerable time she and her husband spent labouring to fix up what was a broken down dairy farm! Mickey's ethos and interior design background shines out in the gardens around the old homestead and other revitalised farm buildings. The gardens are wrapped in plants that have managed to survive without too much TLC: cliveas, gums, fragrant climbers and pepper trees which reflect the era of the garden. Produce is constantly harvested from the raised beds and fruit trees in the large organic vegetable garden. It was never intended to be a pretty garden, but it certainly is eye catching and productive now. The huge blue-grey cacti, Agave Americana, boldly sitting at the front of the old stone home, makes a dramatic statement to all!

Next we visited Pat and Ross Scott's garden in Belimbla Park, where we enjoyed the hospitality of members of Camden and other smaller garden clubs and a delicious morning tea supplied by the Marulan Bus Company. This large garden of natives and exotics follows no set rules. If Pat sees a plant she likes she can always find a space for it!

After a short lunch break in the small village of The Oaks with its hidden gems of shops, we travelled on to our next garden 'Fairmont Cottage' at Menangle. This large sloping open garden on 14 acres is the home of Maree and Eddy Van Vlemen. Here we had a brisk downhill walk to the house as the driveway was too tight for the large coach. A few club members were chauffeured to and from the bus by our generous hosts. On arrival we were greeted by beverages and scones with jam and cream! How appropriate it was when on the garden walk I saw a sign saying Jenny Craig paddock! Not sure about my fellow travellers but I certainly could have spent some time in that paddock (with the three donkeys)! A lovely outdoor space for entertaining led down to a dam and a bridge walk. Mirrors strategically placed in nooks, hanging plants, fruit trees, vegetables and flowers made for an interesting viewing. The hospitality of the Camden Garden Club members was most welcoming and made for a lovely, if short, visit.

A quick visit at Wariapendi nursery on the journey home, allowed many club members to purchase assorted native plants for their gardens and topped off the day nicely! Personally for a first time visitor, the quality and choice at Wariapendi was outstanding and deserves a longer visit in the near future.



Invitation to All Members

Australia's Biggest Morning Tea

Thursday 9 June 10.00am – 12.00pm

CWA Rooms



See Noticeboard for more information

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

Quick Winter Recipe

3 zucchinis cut into batons 1 cup frozen peas
2 teaspoons olive oil 1 clove garlic crushed
¼ cup fresh mint ¼ cup fresh breadcrumbs
1 teaspoon finely grated lemon rind

Place zucchini and peas in a metal steamer. Place steamer over a large saucepan of simmering water. Cook, covered, for 3 to 4 minutes or until tender.

Meanwhile, heat oil in a small frying pan over medium heat. Add garlic, lemon rind and breadcrumbs. Cook for 3 to 4 minutes or until breadcrumbs are golden. Place vegetables in a bowl with mint and toss to combine. Sprinkle with breadcrumb mixture. Serve.



Recipe from Taste.com.au

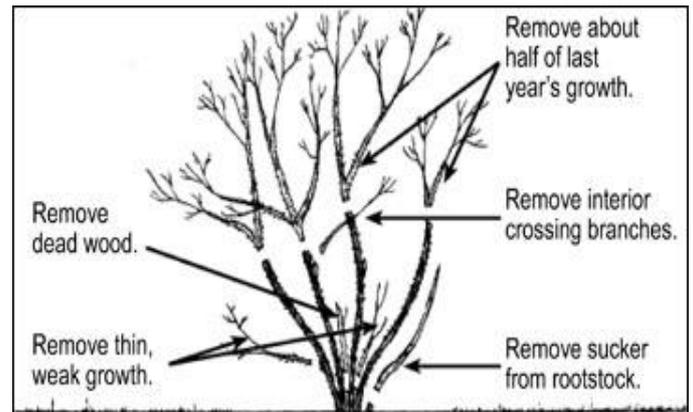
June in the Garden

Early June is your last chance to drive around town and take in the beautiful autumnal colours of ornamental trees before heading off to the nursery to buy one for your garden.

It is also a good time to heap autumn leaves around trees and shrubs and sprinkle blood and bone over the top. This will feed your plants and improve the top soil.

Planting out bare rooted trees allows you to cut out any roots that are damaged or diseased as you plant. Flowering plums, Japanese flowering cherries, crab apples, lilacs and laburnums all add a touch of beauty wherever they are planted in a garden.

Early winter is a good time to prune deciduous trees but not those that flower in spring. It is also time to prune late flowering shrubs, daisies and chrysanthemums. Roses should be pruned later in the month following the tried and tested tip from a most successful Bundanoon rose gardener which is, 'PRUNE IN JUNE AND FEED IN AUGUST'. It practically guarantees beautiful blooms on every bush!!



There are still plenty of vegetables that can go into the veggie garden now, including snow peas, English spinach, asparagus, and broad beans and rhubarb clumps can be divided. If you have never grown your own onions and garlic now is the time to try your hand.

If you have bulbs in pots, it is a good idea to give them regular doses of liquid fertiliser.

References: Peter Cundall: *The Practical Australian Gardener*

A copy of this book is in our library for club members to borrow.

Noelene Hutchison: "Words of Wisdom"



The next meeting of the Bundanoon Garden Club will be held on Thursday, 7 July, 2016.

Garden Maintenance Directory

If you are 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, handyman work and waste removal.

Kirsty Connelly: 4883 6354 0449 274 339

Courtney Whipp: 0422 525 620

Michael Sutton: 0405 237 727

Steve Curtis: 0427979419 .