



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

October 2015 Newsletter

Please note changed meeting date: Thursday October 8 2015

From the President

When the Kangaroo March passed through Bundanoon 100 years ago I'm sure that it rated less attention from the public than it will on Thursday when those marching will be greeted by the Premier of NSW, several Cabinet Ministers, representatives of the Defence Force and a Choir. Bundanoon seems to have become the focus for the Kangaroo March. Please join us from 10.30am to participate in this memorable event.

October is the month for visiting gardens and garnering ideas for our own, starting with Friendship Gardens on Saturday 3rd October, followed by Garden Rambles at Robertson, Bundanoon and Bathurst.

I look forward to seeing you all on Thursday October 8 for our regular meeting.

Enjoy the month,

Judy Andrews

Garden Club Plant and Produce Stall

At the Ramble

Saturday October 24

**Two volunteers are needed on Friday October 23 to assist with receiving plants and produce between 3pm and 4pm. Please phone Diana on 4883 7335 if you are able to help.*

**No deliveries on Saturday please.*

**Please deliver plants, produce, marmalade, lemon curds, vegetables, eggs, and fruit and/or bunches of flowers after 3pm on Friday.*

**Please label your plants and if possible, note the colour of the flowers.*

*Thank you for your support and assistance,
Diana and Carlota*



Christmas Party Tickets

Tickets for our annual Christmas party will be available at the October and November meetings.

As a sesquicentenary initiative, tickets this year for garden club members will be \$10.

Partners and friends are most welcome to join in the fun at the usual cost of \$20.



Morning Tea – Can You Help This Month?

We need assistance with morning tea this month as there will be no Bakers Delight products on the table. If you are able to contribute a small plate of food to add to plates our rostered volunteers are providing, it would be greatly appreciated.



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Vice-President: Patricia Varley 48837656; Secretary: Judith Myers 48837141;
Newsletter Lyn Curry 48836510; Welfare: Julie-Ann New 48834532;
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October Noticeboard

October

3 – 11 *Leura Gardens Festival* 9.30 am – 4.30pm each day – open gardens, art show, music, plant sales

10/11 *Robertson Open Gardens Weekend*

10/11 *Home and Garden Show Bong Bong Racecourse*

16/17/18 *Galston Open Gardens* 9.30-4.30

Visit eight open gardens on acreages – cost \$20



24/25 *Bundanoon Garden Ramble*

Nine beautiful open gardens, plant and garden stalls, vintage & classic cars, music in the garden concert, raffle, shuttle bus. Cost \$20 or \$5 per garden

27 *Springtime Wildflower Walk and Floristry Demonstration, Alpine*

Guest Speakers

This month we welcome Julie Hulbert to our club and thank her for stepping up at such short notice due to the change of meeting date.

Julie will speak about unusual perennials that can be successfully grown in the Highlands. Many of us will be taking notes about design, plant choices and colour coordination as Julie shares her knowledge with us.

In November, our invited guest speaker is Susan Lewis who will demonstrate the art of pressing flowers. Some of you will remember Susan from our trip to Goulburn a few years ago where she displayed many beautiful items using a modern method in the art of flower pressing.

October Friendship Gardens

This Saturday, 3 October, 10.30am – 1.00pm
Bring your long weekend friends

10 Forward Crescent, Bundanoon

Lyn and Craig's garden was opened for the 2013 Ramble. Now we have the wonderful opportunity of viewing this spring garden in early October. Lyn and Craig have created and planted their garden with love and style. The rear garden has an oriental flavour and a great variety of the most healthy, thriving, cool climate plants that one could see.



'Jatara', 91 Coalmines Road, Bundanoon

It's Judy's birthday and she is holding off celebrating with her family until the next day. Her garden of 32 acres was purchased in 1983. As the land abuts the Morton National Park, Judy and her late husband decided on an all native garden. This large garden is a show piece of serenity and beauty, set in a private bushland setting. Judy is also a talented watercolour artist and is happy to show us her gallery of paintings. Parking: Park in street - those who cannot manage a long sloping driveway can be dropped off at the house.



Gardens of Australia Medal Presentation

Last month the applause was loud and long when Laurel Hones was presented with the Ann Williams Clark Medallion by President Judy Andrews at our general meeting.

Laurel, a life member of Bundanoon Garden Club, makes an amazing contribution not only to our club but throughout the general community and is, of course a passionate garden lover.

Congratulations once again Laurel and thank you for all you have done for so many of us for so many years.



Club News

If you are looking for assistance in your garden you may like to contact one the following in our Garden Maintenance Directory.

Kirsty Connelly: 4883 6354 0449 274 339

Courtney Whipp 0422 525 620

Michael Sutton 0405 237 727

We hope to add to this directory, so if you can recommend other 'garden gurus', please let Judy know.

Perhaps you can get hold of one of these guys!



Lucky you!

October in the Garden



****Feed azaleas lightly after flowering and pruning with water soluble plant food.***

**** Fertilise camellias now they have new growth with soluble food or dry mix if not done in the last 2-3 weeks***

****Time to feed lawns to improve colour, thicken grass and deter weeds.***

****Check roses for aphids on new leaves.***

****Divide dahlias lifted in autumn and replant when shoots are showing.***

****spray stone fruit with zineb or mancozeb for brown rot (use of this same mixture on azaleas if petal blight is evident)***

****spray peaches, apples and pears.***

****Plant out beans, beetroot, cabbage, carrot, Chinese cabbage, spring onions, radish, pumpkin, silverbeet, squash, sweet corn, celery, and tomatoes. Keep tomatoes under cover until you are sure the frosts have finally gone.***

**** The October 2015 Gardening Australia Magazine has great information on pruning, feeding and caring for citrus trees.***

The Practical Australian Gardener – Peter Cundall Penguin Books



We would like to thank Bronwen and Ken Atkinson for all they have contributed to the club in 2015 while members of the committee. It has been greatly appreciated by all. We wish them and their extended family our best wishes for the future.

The Committee

Our Garden



Anne with hellebores



king parrots feeding



a special place in the garden

Walk around the gardens on Bob and Anne McCarter's irregular shaped property and you will realise why birds, insects and native animals have decided to either call it home or visit on a regular basis. The garden is full of deciduous trees, fruit trees, a wide variety of bushes, natives, perennials, ornamentals, pots, and nooks and crannies all of which provide food and shelter and safety for a variety of animal life. The upside of course, is that these visitors to the garden give back in their own way, helping with pollination, pest control, soil nutrition, composting and of course improving the health of plants.

When Bob and Anne arrived in Bundanoon from Melbourne five years ago, they set about designing a house just right for their block in such away as to maximise outdoor space. The block required the installation of good drainage and the building of retaining walls and wide steps joining two levels. All this hard work has paid off, for the house sits very comfortably on the block surrounded by its gardens. Garden construction followed and soil continues to be improved through regular mulching and the use of manures. Their extensive compost bins supply regular amounts of nutrients to garden beds and vegetable gardens.

Anne loves cold climate plants and the garden is full of many of her favourites including hellebores, bulbs, perennials, iris and dogwood. Like his dad, Bob enjoys working in the veggie patch which supplies them with an abundance of food throughout the year. Growing food from seed, then harvesting, cooking and enjoying the flavoursome results is a gardener's joy, and Bob and Anne are no exception. Both enjoy cooking and making pickles and jams with their own produce which they generously share with others.

Besides gardening, Anne and Bob include travel as their major interest, sampling good foods both locally and overseas. They have travelled extensively in European countries including Italy, and France where they lived for three months.

Like many of us who share their passion for gardening, food and travel, if we close our eyes we might just recapture one of those special moments we enjoyed on our travels.

Thank you for sharing your garden with me. Lyn



Bob at the veggie gardens



a hedge of loropetalum



"Hotel pour insects"

Springwood Bus Trip

Well what a glorious day we all had. The mountain climate was at its best, whilst the three gardens were delightful, providing us with a mixture of cold climate plants, lots of colour and designs!

The catering by the Marulan Bus Company was delicious, with more than enough for the more hearty eaters.

Our hosts, The Lower Blue Mountains Garden Club were generous with their time, morning tea, plant advice and giveaways.

Thank you to everyone who travelled and helped to make the day, one to remember.

Patricia: *Our Travel Coordinator*

Wesenden Garden



The first garden we visited on our Springwood trip.

Thank You

Thank You to the following local businesses who give a discount to our members:

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

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

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

Unwritten Rule of Gardening

Any self-respecting rock will break at least one shovel before accepting its new home.



Can You Help?

**Christmas Party Caterers*

Our list of caterers for the Christmas party is growing but we still need a few more helpers. If you are able to assist please place your name on the roster and speak to Patricia on Thursday. Many thanks.

**Garden Ramble Helpers*

Laurel is still in need of members to sit on the gates of open gardens in the Ramble. If you are able to assist and make her life easier, please volunteer your name to her at the October meeting.

Garden Quiz

- 1. Acacia pycnantha is the national plant of which country?*
- 2. Tom Thumb can be a lettuce or what other plant?*
- 3. Where are you likely to see a black russian in your garden?*
- 4. What is the botanical name for witch hazel?*
- 5. Straightneck, crookneck and yellow patty are all types of what vegetable?*
- 6. Columbines and granny's bonnets are common names for which cottage garden plants?*
- 7. What type of plants are miltonia, cymbidium and odontoglossum?*

Garden Lovers Puzzle & Quiz Book – Andres McMeel Publishing Sydney

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November Meeting

The next meeting of the Bundanoon Garden Club will be held on Thursday November 5, 2015.