



**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

September 2016 Newsletter

*A Note from the President* Many of us have been active throughout winter on garden projects and are now making preparations for spring. Walking around the garden, we begin to notice buds swelling, bulbs flowering, birds actively building nests and bowers and bees buzzing - sure signs that spring is just around the corner. As our gardens begin to unfold, we'll welcome back 'old favourites' and delight in the colour and perfume of spring and, like the soil around us, we'll soak up the warmth of the sun. For the gardener, the anticipation and arrival of spring gladdens our hearts. *Judy*



*DIY Train Trip*

Thursday 22 September 2016

Depart Moss Vale Station 8.00am (Southern Highlands line). Passengers can join the train at other stations en route to Campbelltown.

Arrive Auburn Station 10.34am thence by bus and foot to Auburn Botanic Gardens.

Spend about 2.5 hours visiting the Japanese Garden, the Peacock Gallery or just walking through the gardens.

Meet at bus stop for return to Auburn Station around 1.15pm (time to be confirmed), and walk to restaurant for Turkish lunch.

After lunch stroll to station, taking time to look at shops if interested.

Depart Auburn Station at 3.55pm and change at Glenfield to the Goulburn train (Southern Highlands line) at 4.33pm.

Arrive Moss Vale Station 6.10pm

**Note:** If you intend joining this trip, please give your name to Jude at Thursday's meeting so that she can make a restaurant booking for you. Thank you.

*Bundanoon Garden Club Bus Trip*



*Crookwell Garden Festival*

Date: 5 November 2016

Time: 8.15am – 5pm

Cost: \$30pp Bundanoon Garden Club members.  
This includes the bus trip and morning tea.

Additional cost: \$5 entry fee per garden

*Open Gardens*

- \* Willow Tree Sculpture Garden, Laggan
- \* House of Peace, Laggan
- \* Cowper Street Garden, Crookwell
- \* Kialla Road Garden, Crookwell

Bring your own lunch or visit a local cafe, then stroll through Garden Lovers Shopping Alley where an extremely interesting array of plants, artisan garden art, beautiful botanical artwork, obelisks and plant supports can be purchased for your garden.

*Guest Speakers*

Our guest speaker this month is Jill Cockram.



Jill, a trained teacher and environmental activist, lives in Exeter, where her one third acre site is a brilliant example of permaculture theory in practice. She is a member of the Southern Highlands Seed Saver Network and manages the Moss Vale Community Gardens. Jill's talk will focus on the WHY, WHAT and HOW of seed saving.

Next month, our guest speaker Alan Stephenson, will speak about native orchids.

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Vice President: Elaine Hills; Secretary: Patricia Varley; Treasurer: Judith Myers  
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Friendship Gardens: Tathra Fletcher; Catering: Patricia Duncombe:



## *September in the Garden - A Few Suggestions*

*Trim winter flowering natives after their first flush is finished.  
 Cut back fuchsias and geraniums.  
 Lift and divide liriopes and mondo grass.  
 Trim camellias and other winter flowering shrubs after they finish flowering.  
 Trim hedges lightly, but wait till after the last frost to prune heavily.  
 Improve soil by digging in organic compost, manure and then mulch with straw.*

*Sow poppy, cosmos, aquilegia and stock in vacant flower borders and keep moist.  
 Sow summer flowering annuals such as petunias, marigolds and vinca.  
 Plant bottlebrush in native gardens.  
 Plant roses and watch for aphids on new shoots.  
 Plant euphorbia, salvia, sedum, lavender and snapdragons.*

*Divide rhubarb, artichoke and ginger.  
 Take soft wood cuttings of salvias, daisies, herbs, shrubs and perennials.  
 Repot indoor plants.  
 Clean up old growth of perennial herbaceous plants.  
 Spread organic mulch over garden beds.*

*Fertilise azaleas, rhododendrons, magnolias and camellias after flowering.  
 Feed perennials fortnightly.*

*References: Deep Green Permaculture, Gardening Australia, Hortico  
 Sustainable Gardening Australia*



*Plant Phlox, which always look attractive and are great at attracting pollinators and beneficial insects to gardens.*



*Feed bulbs after flowering and water until foliage dies down.*



*More volunteers are needed to sit at garden gates on Ramble weekend – which all will agree, is a most pleasant thing to do. If you can assist, please contact Laurel on 48836090 or speak to her at the meeting.  
 Many thanks,  
 The Ramble Committee*

**EXETER FIELD DAY** cancelled due to wet weather conditions. New arrangements to be advised when they come to hand. **Patricia**

**ORDER YOUR 2017 GARDEN CLUBS OF AUSTRALIA CALENDAR AND WALL PLANNER NOW. COST \$10 See Jude at the treasurer's table.**

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### HALL SET-UP COORDINATOR

*John Pryce- Jones is taking a well-earned break at the end of the year and the committee is looking for one of our members to replace him. John has worked tirelessly with a team of volunteers over the past four years and we thank him for the wonderful contribution he has made to our club.*

*John is happy to explain and demonstrate the role with anyone who may be interested and can be contacted at [jpryce-j@bigpond.net.au](mailto:jpryce-j@bigpond.net.au) for more information.*





## Bundanoon Garden Club Notice Board

\*September 3rd **Southern Highlands Orchid Society Show** Mittagong RSL Club 9.39 – 4.00pm  
Orchid displays, talks on orchid care, potting demonstrations and plants for sale.  
Gold coin entry; refreshments available

\* September **The Royal Botanical Gardens Daily Spring Walk**: Wander through the Garden to see the seasonal flowers on display along our famous Spring Walk. This year we have over 10,000 red and white Tulips, Viola, Alyssum and Primula ...

\*September 10 –11 **Bowral Home and Garden Show** Bong Bong Racecourse, Bowral. Over 150 exhibitors displaying the latest trends, products and techniques to improve your home and garden while making it more sustainable.

\*September 13–3, October 1–31 and November 1–13 **Chinoiserie** at Mittagong is a colourful plant collector's garden set on 1.25 acres and is renowned for its collection of tree & herbaceous peonies from China, Japan, Europe & America. Plantings consist of long herbaceous borders, potager, gravel & alpine garden and a new addition, a Chinese garden adjacent to a stream and pond. Peonies are at their peak around mid October to early November.

\*September 13 - 25 **Bowral Tulip Time**

\*September 17 **GARDENALIA** in Robertson, is a very individual and unusual garden, specialising in 'container gardening'. Over 680 pots are designed and placed to suit the several themes of the garden, enhancing your enjoyment and inspiring creativity. Be impressed with the diversity and practicality pots can provide. Open weekends from September 17- December 18 Cost: \$8 pp

*Bundanoon* ... a place of deep gullies

Those who are new to Bundanoon can find a wealth of information on our website about trees, shrubs, perennials, ground covers, climbers, grasses and annuals. Visit our website at [www.bundanoongardenclub.com.au](http://www.bundanoongardenclub.com.au)



Raffle tickets will be available at the Welcome Table before the meeting, and at the Treasurer's Table at morning tea.

\* **Perennial Hill** is open from September 13-25 and then weekends through October and November and until 11<sup>th</sup> December. Situated on the 'sunny side' of Mt. Gibraltar, in Mittagong, this one acre garden uses many rare and unusual plants, creating a garden of immense beauty and tranquillity. The garden is divided into a series of rooms with different themes and contrasting styles which include magnificent dry-stone walls and unique poplar 'hurdles'. Full of variety, this charming garden shows country style at its best. A range of collectable perennial plants is also available for sale. Open 10.00am-4.00pm

\*September 17 – 25 **Floriade** Commonwealth Park, Canberra. One million flowers planted in spectacular displays to celebrate spring. Free entry  
Mon – Fri 9.00am - 5.00pm Sat – Sun 9.00am - 5.30pm

\*September 25-26 **Bowral Spring Market Fair** 8.00am –3.00pm arts & crafts; jams, home-made sweets and goodies; bric-a-brac; cakes & freshly baked scones with jam and cream; teas and coffees; light lunches and a jumping castle for the kiddies.

\*October 1 - 2 **Southern Highlands Food & Wine Festival** Sat – Sun 10.00am – 4.00pm  
Saturday Evening 5:30pm - 9:30pm  
Corbett Gardens, Bendooley Street, Bowral NSW  
Join innovative and award-winning cold-climate wine makers, clever food producers and creative chefs showcasing the regions' abundance and diversity of food and wine in the heart of Bowral. Wine tasting from some of the regions 60 vineyards and 16 cellar doors as well as craft beer brewers, cider producers and liqueur makers. Sample off-the-farm cheeses, locally farmed trout, all natural gelato, organic meats, local honey, truffles and so much more.  
Adults \$15 or Pre Purchase now \$12

\*October 22-23



\*November 8 We Welcome **Canberra Garden Club** to Bundanoon

\*November 15 **Sutton Forest Open Gardens** Golden Vale Road - Three rural gardens open from 10.00am – 4.00pm. Live music, kids' activities, sausage sizzle, stalls and fly fishing, farm animals and walks. Cost \$20 per person, children free.

### Q & A

Bring your garden question along to the next meeting and let the local experts help you to solve a problem, make suggestions or provide advice.



## *Holiday News and Gardening With David*

*We returned last weekend from a few days in Singapore coupled with a two week cruise, so feeling a bit chilly! Singapore may be the ultimate 'garden city', with plants and trees in every available space, and all over buildings. The pride of Singapore is the Botanic Gardens, a UNESCO World Heritage Site containing the beautiful National Orchid Garden, but for us Gardens by the Bay were just amazing, especially as our visit coincided with 'Orchid Extravaganza'.*

*The 250 acre site was created in 2012, and contains many outdoor gardens. There are steel Super trees up to 50 metres high filled with vertical planting, which come to life with a spectacular sound and light show. But the main attractions are the Cloud Forest Dome, and the Flower Dome which is the world's largest glass greenhouse. Here the 'Orchid Extravaganza' displayed 10,000 plants of 100 species in a riot of colourful displays, in addition to the thousand-year-old olive trees, Baobabs and Bottle Trees (how did they get them there?), and plantings from six continents.*



*The Cloud Forest has a 35 metre waterfall above which you can stroll along the mist-filled Cloud and Tree Top Walks, and showcases plant life from tropical highlands up to 2,000 metres above sea level, with pitcher plants, ferns and orchids. A one day visit was not enough!*

### *My Veggie Plot in September.*

*Rain at last, so hopefully the asparagus which is just showing will put on a spurt. Still some leeks, carrots and spinach, but brassicas have almost finished, with the broccoli going to seed while we were away. Must plant more varieties next time for a longer harvest. The broad beans and peas are growing well, and I have supported the peas with 1 metre high wire mesh, 10cm square so my hand can access the pods, in an a-frame arrangement. The photo also shows a black covered tunnel to warm the soil for planting bush beans, which will also be used for frost protection. I am going to try the variety 'Plazza' outside, and I have already planted 'Jade' in the greenhouse, which after a good watering I covered with black plastic to keep the soil warm, which of course will be removed as soon as they show. The inside beds are also ready for tomatoes and cucumbers.*

*So lots of bed preparation and seed sowing this month. Inside will be tomatoes (although I will buy some plants as soon as available), cucumbers, zucchinis, okra (not so far had any success), leeks and beetroot. Outside after warming the soil for a couple of weeks with black plastic it will be potato planting time. Having tried a few varieties we favour Dutch Cream, our previous UK choices not being available in Australia. I dig a trench about 15cm deep, mix in blood and bone in the bottom, then plant the tubers 5cm deep. I put a seep hose in the trench, as regular watering is important when the weather is hot, and put on top some lucerne to protect the emerging shoots from frost. The seed potatoes have been chitted for several weeks forming strong dark sprouts, giving them a good growing start in plenty of time for Christmas.*

*Hope you have a good month – warm weather is on its way!*

*David Humphrey – 48836634.*



## *Friendship Gardens*

*There are two lovely spring gardens open on September 3 between 10.30am and 1pm.*

*The first belongs to Laurel and Ron Hones at 2A Lorna Close, Bundanoon.*

*We last officially visited Laurel's garden 4 years ago, and as Laurel is readying her garden for a family wedding, her mature garden will be just beautiful. With so many unusual plants and creative garden structures, the garden is sure to delight and inspire all. Laurel, a long-time member of BGC, has a wealth of plant information she is willing to share with those who visit her garden. After your garden tour, Laurel invites you to stay and enjoy morning tea.*



*Laurel & Ron's Garden*



*Athalie & Ron's Garden*

*Further up Lorna Close you will find Athalie and Ron Dartnells garden at number 7.*

*This one acre garden, developed over eighteen years by previous owners, has a lovely park like feel, and a back drop of rural hills. The garden is planted with azaleas, camellias, rhododendrons, pieris, small hedges, natives, mature ornamental trees, an orchard of fruit trees and a vegetable garden. Athalie hopes Garden Club members may be able to help in identifying some of the trees and plants in her garden.*

*Please wear your Garden Club badge and remember to sign the attendance sheet so that you are covered by insurance.*

## *Garden Maintenance Directory*



*The following contractors provide a range of gardening services in large and small gardens.*

*Kirsty Connelly: 4883 6354 0449 274 339*

*Courtney Whipp: 0422 525 620*

*Michael Sutton: 0405 237 727*

*Steve Curtis: 0427979419.*

***New:** Marc Varnhed from Total Tree Services is a local, qualified arborist 0449 221 420*

***New:** Chris Mitchell is small garden specialist and can be contacted on 0432 084 727*

## *Meeting Date*

*The next meeting of the Bundanoon Garden Club will be held on Thursday, 6<sup>th</sup> October 2016 in the hall.*

## *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 Bloemery:** discount given anytime for cash purchases of plants, fertilisers and chemicals*

***Mt Murray Nursery:** discount given on the last Tuesday of each month for all purchases made + loyalty points*