



## 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

Newsletter July 2014

### ***From Robin Our President:***

Hopefully everyone is enjoying the beautiful winter weather that has really hit now. The winds are sure to remove any straggling deciduous leaves that are still trying to hold on and also stripping lots off the evergreens too. I am looking forward to getting outside to prune and shape the bare trees that need to conform to my design rather than continuing on their own wayward path. Sometimes it strikes me as ironic that we gardeners love the joy of observing nature in our gardens, but continue to shape it to our own desires. But then we all have to conform to fit in, so why should our plants be any different?

Happy gardening!

This month's guest speaker is **Joanne Dodd** who has wide ranging qualifications in a variety of agricultural practices including biodynamics and permaculture. Joanne's topic for the July meeting centres on **building healthy soil**, a subject dear to all of our hearts. Next month horticulturist **Sarah Ryan**, from Hillendale Garden and Nursery will focus on the development of her beautiful herbaceous border, whilst her colleague **Gabby Malpas** will speak about her artistic interpretation of the seeds, plants, flowers and bushes in this garden and display some of her work.



Thank you to the Bundanoon History Group for their kind donation of the following DVDs and Books:

#### ***Books:***

**The Book of Pot Pourri** by Penny Black  
**Flowering Shrubs** by James Underwood Crockett  
**Grandfather Grew Mangel-Wurzels** by Jane Hauser  
**Resurrection in a Bucket** by Margaret Simons  
**The 3,000 Mile Garden** by R. Phillips and L. Land  
**Flower Arranging** by Jan Hall  
**Heritage of Flowers** Eleanor Bourne

#### ***DVDs:***

**Plant File: The Ultimate Guide to Plants**  
**Botanica Plus: The Complete Plant Reference and Database Solution for Gardeners**  
**Bundanoon Garden Club Visit to Tilba Tilba**

#### ***New DVD Acquisition:***

**Art of Preserving** by Peter Ford

### ***IN THE WINTER GARDEN***



Now is a good time to walk around the garden while it is dormant, and start to plan new projects as well as tidy up your garden.

**Mass plant bloomers in tubs – polyanthus and primula do well. Great for small gardens.**

Prune out the diseased branches of deciduous trees and prune for shaping. **However**, don't prune ornamental trees until after flowering.

**Fertilise pots of annual pansies and winter wallflowers with liquid fertiliser.**

Sprinkle blood and bone around spring flowering plants.

**Prune natives as they finish flowering. Prune roses.**

Time to plant bare rooted plants.

**Never prune off frost damaged foliage as it provides plant protection from subsequent frosts.**

Sow seeds under glass or on the window sill.

**Remove all spent plant material and compost.**

Dig the vegetable garden over and apply lime if needed.

### ***Friendship Gardens***

As you will be aware, there are no Friendship Gardens opened during the Winter months. However, if there are special winter plants, bulb displays or interesting aspects of your garden that you would love to share with our members this time next year, why not have a chat to Sue or Tathra.



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### On the Notice Board

#### July

##### **12-13 45th Annual Camellia Show**

Ravenswood School for Girls Henry St, Gordon  
Time: Sat 1.30pm-4.30pm. Sun 10am to 4pm.  
Entry \$7, refreshments and plants for sale.

##### **19-20 Illawarra Camellia Spectacular**

TAFE Function Centre, Foley's Lane,  
North Wollongong Ph. 02 4256 5794

#### August

##### **2-3 Berry Garden Club Camellia Show**

School of Arts, Alexandra Street, Berry.

##### **8-10 National Orchid Extravaganza**

Dural Recreation Centre, Ellerman Park, Kenthurst Rd,  
Round Corner, Dural (Entrance off Pellitt Lane).  
Fri/Sat 9am-5pm Sun 9am-3pm.

##### **19 Highlands Garden Society Winter Seminar**

*Guest Speakers:* Michael McCoy & Pat Murray.  
For catering purposes, bookings essential. Cost \$25  
includes morning tea and lunch... For enquiries and  
bookings contact Ray Bradley [email](mailto:ray@highlands.org.au) or ph. 4861 4090.

##### **August/September Wildwood Garden**

29 Powells Road Bilpin,  
Taking bookings for the camellia season Aug 8 - Sept 29  
and Spring/Summer season, Sept 1 - Nov 3

#### October

##### **18-22 The National Iris Convention**



**Based in the World Heritage Blue Mountains  
Hosted by the NSW Region of the Iris Society of  
Australia**

Features of the 5 day convention include:

The Annual NSW Iris Show, tours to magnificent private  
and public gardens, Blue Mountains scenic  
highlights, guest speakers, Iris judging, specialist Iris  
sales and floral demonstrations.

Visit [www.irises.org.au](http://www.irises.org.au) for full itinerary and registration  
details

Email enquiries: [sluxford@tpg.com.au](mailto:sluxford@tpg.com.au)

Phone enquiries: 0410 312 827 Sandy Luxford,  
Convention Coordinator

#### From the Newsletter Editor: Lyn Curry

*If you have a non-commercial gardening item  
you would like included in the newsletter,  
please email me at [craglyn@ozemail.com.au](mailto:craglyn@ozemail.com.au)  
and, if space permits, I'll be happy to include it.*

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At this time of year many club member depart the  
local area for holidays. At times during our travels  
we stumble upon the sublime, the ridiculous or  
very humorous in gardens. Here is an example  
discovered by Sandy who was in England recently.



#### 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.
- \* **Welby Garden Centre:** 12% discount on full price at any time.
- \* **Roses and Friends:** 881 Nowra Road, Fitzroy Falls 10% discount at all times.



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