



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

November 2014 Newsletter

The meeting will be held on Thursday 6 November 2014 at 10am

From Robin - Our Garden Club President

Already the year is nearly over and I'm sure it goes faster each year.

This is our last general meeting for 2014 as next month is our Christmas Party. I hope to see many of you there to celebrate the festive season and another successful year for our Garden Club - it's a really great way to finish the year. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all members for their contributions - both large and small.

Preparations are well underway and in advance I would like to thank Sandy and her team of cooks and Cosette for welcoming us all to her garden.



Guest Speaker

Our guest speaker this month is Sue Kingsford from "Roses and Friends" at Fitzroy Falls.

As well as sharing her tips for growing perfect blooms, Sue will be bringing along a variety of roses for display which will then be for sale at the end of the meeting.



Flowers on Stage

Why not bring along your favourite rose in a vase or jar for display on the stage.



Christmas Party Tickets

Come along and enjoy a glass or two of Christmas cheer together and delicious handmade finger food at our Christmas garden party to be held in Cosette's beautiful garden situated at 1-3 Fidelis Street. Please park your car along Penrose Road.

Tickets will be available at this Thursday's meeting at \$20 per person.

After this date you will need to post your payment to The Bundanoon Garden Club, PO Box 25, Bundanoon 2578.

Please Note: *Ticket sales by this method close on 20 November.*

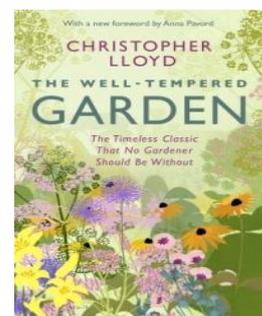
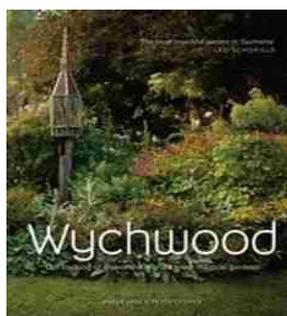
Library Books with Ian

This month's book titles are

"Wychwood" by Karen Hall and Peter Cooper

and

"The Well Tempered Garden" by Christopher Lloyd



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On the Noticeboard



October 3 - November 10

Campbell Rhododendron Gardens 9am - 4pm
Bacchante St Blackheath NSW. Free!

November 2

Riversdale Garden Fair 10am - 3pm
1 Maude Street Goulburn
Garden entry: \$10 house entry: gold coin donation
Rejuvenated garden, plants, wines and cider for sale,
talks and light refreshments.

Caring For Your Garden in Summer

The heat of the sun can be too much for certain plants, especially those designed for cooler climates. You can help protect your plants from sunburnt leaves, and from wilting and dying, by setting up a shade cloth to protect them from the harsh midday and afternoon sun.

Plants like tomatoes, squash, peppers, melons, cucumbers, pumpkins, and beans will usually drop their blossoms in high temps, while cool-season crops, like broccoli, will bolt. Blossom end rot is also common during hot weather and most prevalent in tomatoes, peppers, and squash.

If you have a dry garden, choose plants that are suited to dry conditions. These often have grey or silver foliage, such as lavender and santolina, or thin foliage to reduce water loss.



Caring For Your Garden Continued

Remember to Compost: Humus, which is found in compost, acts as a sponge and holds water near the plant roots so that it does not drain away - especially good for clay soils.

Replenish Mulch Regularly: Mulch breaks down over time, but is very useful in stopping water from evaporating which means that you will not need to water as often.

Watering: Always remember to water your plants directly at the roots during the coolest part of the day. This will mean less water wastage and the cooler temperature means the water is less likely to evaporate before it reaches your plants. As a guide, feel the soil 5-7cm below the surface. If the soil is dry, it needs water. If the soil feels damp, your plants should be fine.

Stay Safe in the Sun: It's not only plants that can start to flag in dry weather, if you are working in the garden in hot conditions, it is important to take the following precautions:

*wear suntan lotion or sun block

*work in the shade if possible, out of direct sunlight

*wear a hat or headscarf

*take regular breaks and have frequent non-alcoholic drinks



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Friendship Gardens with Sue and Tathra

Saturday 8 November
From 10.30am until 1pm.

This month there are three gardens kindly opened by their owners for our enjoyment. Sue and Tathra are hoping that members will be out early and visit all three.

Follow the Trail



Marina Beaumont's Garden

59 Old Wingello Road, Bundanoon
Marina started developing her garden in 1998 using a 'no dig' approach. She has created what many visitors describe as a 'restful and contemplative' paradise along with ponds and water birds. The roses will be in flower and she's hoping the understorey of Japanese iris will still be blooming.

Invergowrie

Bundanoon Road, Exeter
Tim Webb, the gardener at Invergowrie has invited us to see this beautiful old Southern Highlands property of extensive cool climate gardens.

Sally's Corner Winery

257 Sally's corner Road, Exeter
Drive half way along Sally's Corner Road towards the freeway - parking on site, behind the house. Come and see the Davies' lovely, well tended, private garden, with beautiful vistas of pasture and bushland. Visit the vineyards and cellar door, a lovely way to conclude the trail.



Volunteer Wanted

Garden Clubs of Australia has a vacancy for a co-ordinator for 12 clubs in our zone. If you are interested in this position and are a member of our club, then the club will be happy to nominate you. Please see Judy at the meeting.

This is the last month to order the "Our Gardens" magazine from Gardens of Australia - cost \$15.

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.
- * **Roses and Friends:** 881 Nowra Road, Fitzroy Falls 10% discount at all times.



Next Meeting.

The next BGC meeting will be held on
Thursday 5th February 2015 in the hall. Hope to see you there.

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