



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

April 2014 Newsletter

From the President

It was lovely to see so many people at the AGM in March and to receive such a good response to calls for volunteers for the committee. We now have 11 committee members sharing the load. Although now having left the committee due to other commitments, Ian is happy to look after the library each month and source wonderful books to add to our collection. Di and Carlotta will continue to run the trade table and our plant stall at the Ramble, and we thank them both for the many plants they donate each month. That is a grand total of 14 people regularly helping to keep our Garden Club running smoothly along with the extra volunteers who willingly help through the roster system at our monthly meetings. It is wonderful to see the community spirit working so well within our group.

Thank you one and all.

Robin



Left to Right

Sandy Weir (Welcome Table, Q & A, Christmas Party Organiser), Leigh Reynolds (Membership Secretary), Tathra Fletcher (Friendship Gardens and Raffle), John Pryce-Jones (Audiovisual & Hall Set-up), Sue Davis (Web Page Coordinator, Travel), Patricia Varley (Travel & Morning Tea), Lyn Curry (Vice President & Newsletter), Robin Coombes (President), Sue Johnson (Friendship Gardens & Raffle)

Absent

Elaine Hills (Treasurer), Judy Andrews (Secretary)

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April Guest Speakers

This month sees the return of the very knowledgeable and entertaining couple, Pat and Warwick Wright from the Friends of the National Botanic Gardens in Canberra. Their presentation this time will focus on "The Beautiful flowers of New Zealand's South Island".



Next month we will be joined by Sylvia Cornwall an enthusiastic beekeeper, who will no doubt speak of their importance to the life of the garden.



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.

Welby Garden Centre: 12% discount on full price items at any time.

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

Library

This month Ian has chosen two informative books for those interested 'in all things chooky', and those who are fond of a touch of rouge!

Wisdom for Hen Keepers by Tim Richardson
Of Rhubarb and Roses by Chris Graham



Notice Board

April 5/6
Condobolin Garden Festival
"Gardening Down the Lachlan"

April 12/13
Collectors Plant Fair
Hawkesbury Race Club, Clarendon
Note: car pool may be available – enter your name at the Welcome Table as soon as you arrive on Thursday.

April 26/27
Southern Highlands Botanic Garden
Town and Country Weekend
open gardens and plant bargains

July 19/20
Camellias Illawarra Inc is calling for entries in their show in the category
"Garden Clubs, Schools, Public Gardens".

September 13/14 and 20 / 21
Daffodils at Rydal
open gardens, historic buildings and musical events.

October
Small group escorted tour to "New Zealand
"The Gardens of Taranaki"
Seven day trip, departing Sydney on 28 October, 2014. If interested, more information will be on the notice board.

Friendship Gardens

There are **no** Friendship Gardens this month due to The Highland Games (Brigadoon) in the village. We look forward to what's in store for us in May!



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ROSEMARY



Rosemary is a woody perennial herb with fragrant needle-like leaves. It is a member of the Lamiaceae family which includes many other herbs. As well as its culinary uses, rosemary is often grown as a hedging plant. It grows in a variety of well-drained, slightly alkaline soils.

Rosemary is easily propagated from cutting and there are a range of varieties available.

Rosemarinus officinalis, the original species has long spikes of pale mauve flowers and grows to about a metre and a half.

Salem, with deep blue flowers reaches two metres in height and grows about 1 metre wide.

Pink Remembrance with its pink flowers grows to 2 metres high whilst Huntingdon Carpet only reaches twenty-five centimetres in height but has beautiful blue flowers.

Traditionally, sprigs of rosemary are worn on Anzac Day and sometimes on Remembrance Day, and are usually handed out by Legacy and the RSL. Rosemary has particular significance for Australians, as it is found growing wild on the Gallipoli Peninsula.

**ANZAC DAY
FRIDAY APRIL 25 2014**



Lest We Forget

WORKING IN YOUR GARDEN IN APRIL

Now is the time to -

*tidy up herbaceous and perennial plants by removing all dead flowers and wood

*dig weeds before they throw seeds

*sweeten soil in the veggie garden, herbaceous borders and around fruit trees with a dose of lime but keep it away from rhododendrons, azaleas, ericas, camellias and most Australian native plants

*transplant evergreen trees and shrubs

*trees that bleed excessively such as birches, maples and walnuts may be pruned of excessive growth if necessary

*sow new lawns (apply fertilisers a week or so before sowing seed and keep moist until well after germination)

*fertilise existing lawns

*prune berry-fruit bushes

*sow green manure crops in all parts of the veggie garden not being used

* plant bulbs

* plant Chinese cabbage, spinach, turnip, winter lettuce, spring onions, cabbage, cauliflower, broccoli and leeks

*sow broad beans

*cover pumpkins at night to avoid frost damage

*check for pests

*spray nectarine and peach trees with Bordeaux as leaves appear to prevent leafcurl

*tidy up the strawberry patch

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