



**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 2015 Newsletter*

***From the President:***

*At this time of year most gardeners experience a mixture of quiet anticipation and a little anxiety as they await the arrival of Spring. However the emergence of daffodils still standing tall and proud after all they have suffered over the past week gladdens every gardener's heart!*

*The beautiful display at the entrance to Bundanoon lifts my spirits each time I return. My heartfelt thanks go to everybody involved with this display, especially the Green Team for planting and maintaining it. The daffodils remind me of the address given by a recent guest speaker, Susannah Fullerton, when she spoke about the reasons why Wordsworth wrote his poem, "Daffodils".*

*As you walk around your garden or the streets of Bundanoon, take time to observe and enjoy the new growth and explosion of colour that arrives in Spring.*

*Happy gardening,*

*Judy*



***Guest Speakers:***

*Some time ago, Ian Croser entertained us with his travel tales, and this month he will take us through the best of the "Eighty Gardens He Visited in Thirty Days" on his latest trip to the British Isles!*

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*Next month, Joanne Dodd will speak about "Fruit Trees and Berries".*



***From Patricia:***



***Seats Still Left on Our Bus Trip to Springwood in the Beautiful Blue Mountains!***

***When: Thursday 17 September***

***Time: Bus departs from the railway at 8am.***

***Visit three beautiful gardens with both exotics and natives, exceptional displays of cool climate plants, as well as fruit trees and vegetable gardens.***

***We will also take time to visit the Hawkesbury Lookout and enjoy the vista over Sydney!***

***Exceptional Value***

***\$30 pp - includes bus fare and lunch***

***Morning tea kindly donated by the Lower Blue Mountains Garden Club***

***Bookings can be still made at Thursday's meeting.***

***Patricia***



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## September

**10 Braidwood Garden Club Visit to Bundanoon** visiting the gardens of Suzy & Tony Molyneux, Trevor & Julie-Anne New and Tim Griffith & Diane Day

**12 HGS Camellia Show**, Uniting Church Hall Bowral 10am – 4pm – bring your camellia blooms for identification – Devonshire teas, stalls and a sausage sizzle

**12/13 HS Canberra, Spring Bulb & Camellia Show**, Wesley Hall, Forrest – plant stall & camellias

**12&13 / 19&20 Daffodils at Rydal** 10am to 4pm Open Gardens, Music, History, Food

**17 Bundanoon Garden Club Trip to Springwood** Bus departs at 8am from the Railway Bus Stop See You There!

**18/19 Country Fair** St Andrews Presbyterian Church Bowral – plants on sale

**26/27 Plant Lovers Fair**, Kariong Mountains High School, Kariong

## October

**10/11 Robertson Open Gardens Weekend**

**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**

Ten beautiful open gardens, plant stalls, vintage & classic cars, music in the garden concert

**27 Springtime Wildflower Walk & floristry demonstration**, Alpine



## From Tathra:

September Friendship Gardens  
Saturday 5 September 10.30am – 1.00pm

**This month we are off to Sutton Forest to visit two beautiful gardens.**

“Sutton Tops,” located at the corner of Greenhills Road and Exeter Road is the twenty-five acre property of Lyn and Geoff Macbean who began creating their garden just seven years ago. Having previously established Winterhill Tree Farm, the first advanced tree nursery in the Highlands, they transferred their skills and knowledge to their new garden after retirement! This beautiful garden located on top of a hill and commanding rural views has extensive plantings of trees and a huge variety of cool climate plants.

**Directions:** Turn left from Exeter Road, look for the first gate on the right hand side of the road where you will find the friendship garden sign. Go through the gate, up the driveway and park in the RHS paddock. Those who cannot walk uphill can be dropped off at the house.

“Village View,” located on the corner of Conflict Street and Village Road, Sutton Forest, is home to David and Jane Hoare. Once Bundanoon residents, the Hoares moved to their five acre property in 1999. Planting thousands of bulbs, a beech hedge, a huge array of cool climate trees and plants and a serene pond, they have created a lovely garden to wander through. David is a Galanthus expert and propagates from seed imported from Scotland, New Zealand, The Royal Horticultural Society and the Alpine Garden Society of England.

**Directions:** Travel along Greenhills Road which turns into Conflict Street. Park in Village Road and enter the property from Village Road.



## *Our Garden*

*After living in Queensland for nineteen years surrounded by tropical foliage and enjoying tropical fruits, Jennifer and John White decided after retirement, that it was time to say goodbye to the heat and their five acres and head south. Having originated from the Northern Hemisphere, Jennifer from Canada and John from England, they were looking forward to enjoying the four seasons once more. Bundanoon fitted the bill! They arrived here in 2008 not just with household items but with their horses, carriages and vehicles as well.*

*They have happily settled into the local community having joined both the Garden Club and History Group and are always on hand to welcome new arrivals to town and to present them with a welcome pack. Whilst they enjoy a variety of shared activities such as walking, travelling and horses (John is a carriage driver and dressage judge and Jennifer a rider), like many couples, they share the gardening!*

*Both love colour and perfume in the garden which is supplied by their many different types of roses, peonies, lavenders and bulbs. They continually work on soil improvement using horse manure to break down heavy clay and are mindful of the heavy frosts each winter when choosing plants for the garden. They enjoy a harvest of fruit each year from their peach, apricot, pear, plum and apple trees which they stew and freeze or use for jam making.*

*Jennifer and John classify themselves as amateur gardeners but they also recognise the benefits of time spent in the garden believing it is good therapy!*

*Thank you for sharing your garden with us Jennifer and John*



## *Club News*

*A new sign has been made to hang on the pole outside the hall on Garden Club meeting days welcoming visitors to join us.*

*The committee is looking for ideas to celebrate tree day each year. Please put ideas in the suggestion box.*

*We are looking for the names and phone numbers of gardeners, hedge trimmers, pruners, odd jobs workers and labourers to add to our Maintenance Directory. Please check with the person you are nominating that they are happy to have their contact details published.*

*Many thanks*

## *Christmas Party*

*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.*

## *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*

## *September in the Garden*



*If you haven't yet done so, now is the time to give a generous dose of fertiliser to your gardens.*



*Remember to feed camellias after flowering. Feed lawns about the middle of the month to improve the appearance of grass.*



*Once they are flowering, spring annuals will benefit from a fortnightly dose of water-soluble plant food. This will help maintain vigour and flower size.*



*Spray apples, pears and quinces as petals fall to guard against codling moth.*



*Prolong flowering in the garden by removing dead flower heads.*



*Check for aphids on flowers showing crimping or distortion, and below the buds on stocks, ranunculus, tulips, cinerarias and wall flowers. Use soapy water or a garlic spray rather than toxic chemicals.*



*Time to give indoor plants a good drink, then fertilise with soluble plant food when new growth appears.*



*Prune spring flowering shrubs as soon as flowering finishes and new growth starts.*



*Plant beetroot, cabbage, capsicum, carrot, celery, Chinese cabbage, cress, lettuce, spring onion, radish, rhubarb and silverbeet in the veggie garden.*

## *Dust If You Must*

*Dust if you must, but wouldn't it be better  
To paint a picture, or write a letter,  
Bake a cake, or plant a seed;  
Ponder the difference between want and need?*

*Dust if you must, but there's not much time,  
With rivers to swim, and mountains to climb;  
Music to hear, and books to read;  
Friends to cherish, and life to lead.*

*Dust if you must, but the world's out there  
With the sun in your eyes, and the wind in your  
hair;  
A flutter of snow, a shower of rain,  
This day will not come round again.*

*Dust if you must, but bear in mind,  
Old age will come and it's not kind.  
And when you go (and go you must)  
You, yourself, will make more dust.*

*Rose Milligan*

## *Next Meeting*

*The next meeting of the Bundanoon Garden Club  
will be held on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> October 2015.*

*We hope to see you there.*