



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

February 2016 Newsletter

From the President

Welcome back to a new year at Bundanoon Garden Club. Our gardens are looking quite lush at the moment after all the recent rain and I think we are all relieved we weren't hit by the wild storms suffered in other parts.

We have some very interesting guest speakers lined up for 2016 and planning for two bus trips is underway. If you have any suggestions for local destinations, please pass them on to Patricia.

Nominations are now open for committee membership. If you would like to part of this friendly group and share in the running of the club, please speak to Jude or any member of the committee at the up-coming meeting.

Entries are still open for the Garden Clubs of Australia Photo Competition with winners published in the 2017 calendar. For details, please see the notice board.

Looking forward to seeing everyone on Thursday.

Judy

Guest Speakers

Our guest speaker this month is Arthur Lathouris, an award winning landscape gardener who has developed gardens in The Blue Mountains, the Southern Highlands, the Hawkesbury and Sydney.



In March we welcome back Robin Coombes who will take us through two wonderful gardens she visited last year, whilst travelling in Europe.

Vale

It is with great sadness that we announce the loss of two of our Garden Club Members.



We offer our condolences to Brian Banting on the loss of his wife, Carolyn, and to Kim Rundle on the loss of her partner Greg Rae, known affectionately to us all as "Skeeter".

Note: Garden Club Proposal

Members,

Please read again the following proposal, which was discussed at the November Meeting and is to be voted on at this month's meeting.

"Members pay a fee of \$20 for an annual subscription to the BGC at the beginning of the 2016 new year"

This means there will be no hall entry fees throughout the year. However visitors will still pay \$2 to attend a meeting.

Note: The treasurer will not be taking subs until after the vote at the February meeting.



Trade Table



If you have any spare produce, herbs or plants why not donate them to the trade table? Thank you.

President: Judy Andrews 48836898 email: judyolivia1@gmail.com;
 Vice-President: Patricia Varley 48837656; Secretary: Judith Myers 48837141;
 Newsletter Lyn Curry 48836510; Welfare: Julie-Ann New 48834532;
 Treasurer: Elaine Hills 48834925; Membership Secretary: Susan Davis 48837452;

Life Member

In November 2015, Bundanoon Garden Club awarded life membership to Graeme Whisker for his wonderful service to the club and its members since joining in 2006.

His many contributions include, committee member, Q and A leader, guest speaker, zone coordinator for Gardens of Australian and chairperson for our very successful Garden Seminars held last year during Bundanoon's sesquicentenary celebrations.

As well, Graeme has generously opened his garden for our members as part of our club's monthly Friendship Garden Scheme, and for visiting garden clubs. In addition, he has opened his garden for the Bundanoon Garden Ramble which our club supports each year, and for the Open Garden Scheme. He willingly shared his extensive plant knowledge and gardening expertise with all who visited.

Graeme's interest in gardening began early in life and he describes it "as a family thing, initiated in my case by my maternal grandfather with whom we lived for about 18 months when I was a toddler. I followed him around his extensive garden and came to love the plants almost as much as he did. He taught me their correct names and I've tried to use them ever since. Both my parents were also very keen gardeners. I'm eternally grateful my father never got to see my pathetic attempts to grow vegetables!"

Graeme's garden is probably best described as a plantsman's garden. He has established several plant collections including New Zealand plants, bulbs, conifers, euphorbias, hellebores and woodlanders. Graeme has developed an extensive horticultural library over time and uses it regularly, but like many of us, he says his first point of reference these days is often the Internet.



Congratulations Graeme!

Graeme joins Norma Davies, Jean Foskett, Laurel Hones, Noelene Hutcheson, Margaret Murty, Norma Waldon and Lofty York as a Life Member of Bundanoon Garden Club.



Visit these wonderful open gardens at your leisure.

Wild Meadows

Little Hartley, NSW

A garden of floral meadows and woodlands

Saturday March 26 from 9.00am – 3.00pm Cost: \$8 pp

Gardenalia

5 May Street, Robertson

Open Friday – Monday 10.00am – 4.00pm

Over 500 potted plant specimens designed and placed in garden themes. Cost: \$8 pp

Glenmore House

130 Mores Way, Glenmore

Saturday 27 February from 10.00 is – 4.00p

Bundanoon Homestead and Garden

Illaroo, NSW

Open Sundays, Cost: \$12 or \$8 concession

Heritage Sculpture Garden, 1860's Homestead, Arthur Boyd's Artist Studio

Open At Any Time:

Barangaroo, Millers Point Sydney

Blue Mountains Botanical Garden Mt Tomah

Campbell Rhododendron Gardens, Blackheath

Lilian Fraser Gardens, Pennant Hills

Wendy Whitely's Secret Garden, North Sydney

Australian National Botanical Garden, Canberra

For Your Information

Moss Vale Growers Market

This new grower's market is made up of local commercial growers, community gardeners, backyard gardeners and people interested in food security issues.



You will find fruit and vegetables from local growers, sourdough bread and snacks, free-trade coffee, local jams and chutneys, dried herbs, locally-raised seedlings and plants, smoked trout, and fresh produce from the veggie patch. The range of products will be expanded in the near future as new local suppliers are sourced. Please bring your own bags.

Open Thursdays 3pm till 6pm.

On the Greens next to Moss Vale Community Garden



Garden Maintenance Directory

If you are looking for assistance in your garden you may like to contact one the following who provide a range of services including pruning, mowing, hedging, window cleaning, weed control, mulching, fencing, handyman work, high pressure washing and waste removal :

Kirsty Connelly: 4883 6354 0449 274 339

Courtney Whipp: 0422 525 620

Michael Sutton: 0405 237 727

Steve Curtis: 0427979419

We hope to add other names to this directory, so if you can recommend other 'garden gurus', please ask if they would like to be included in our directory and then let Judy know.

Thank You

Thank you to the following local businesses that provide a discount to our members:



Roses and Friends Road, Nowra Road, Fitzroy Falls



10% discount for goods ordered and paid for on meeting days.

Bundanoon Bloomery



10% discount at any time on plants, fertilisers and chemicals paid for in cash.

Can You Help?

We need one or two people to assist with setting out and clearing away morning tea. If you are able to help, please see Patricia at the meeting.

Morning Tea

If you are able to bring a plate on Thursday it would be greatly appreciated. Thank you.



February in the Garden



Hydration: This is usually the hottest and driest month of the year so its essential to keep plants well hydrated. Deep watering in the evening or early morning is best . Potted plants will need checking regularly so that they don't dry out. And check natives as they can become stressed on days of intense heat .

Cuttings: This is a good month to take cuttings from plants in your own garden. They should be taken early in the morning or evening to prevent drying out. Take quite a few sturdy specimens about 10 cms long. Remove from the main plant by pulling gently sideways. This ensures some older wood is attached to the base. Keep moist in a plastic bag as you continue taking cuttings. Place cuttings in a pot of growing medium such as peat and sand (they should be strong enough to stand up when tucked in), and water gently. After about a month, check the bottom of the pot see if white roots have developed. If so, it's then time to plant them into soil in garden beds or bigger pots.

Why not take cuttings at this time for our Ramble Stall?

Take cuttings from azaleas, dwarf rhododendrons, camellias, daphne, viburnum, weigela, deutzia, buddleia as well as a host of other plants.

Information sourced from *The Practical Australian Gardener* by Peter Cundall which is in our Club Library.



In the Veggie Garden

Planting and feeding:

Tomatoes are ripening in the veggie garden at the moment, so keep giving them, and your other veggies, regular doses of liquid fertilisers.

There is still plenty of time to grow beetroot, cabbage, kale, lettuce, cauliflower, leeks, celery, silverbeet and carrots.

Pairing Flowers and Vegetables:

To bring some colour into your veggie garden why not grow some flowers? Suitable pairings include violas and lettuce; marigolds with golden zucchini; nasturtiums among pumpkins; calendulas and sweet look attractive alongside small box edges; pak choi and alyssum contrast each other; and sweet peas mingle well with red lettuce, leeks and tomatoes. Try purple cabbage, ornamental kale and lavender for an early spring show.

Information sourced from *The Kitchen Gardener* by Julian Matthews which is in our Club Library.

Friendship Gardens

Our first Friendship Gardens for 2016 will be held on Saturday, 6 February in Exeter Village, from 10.30 am to 1 pm. Please wear your garden club badge and remember to sign in.

Arthur and Rosemary Lathouris at 10 Norwood Street, Exeter are kindly opening their relatively new garden for us to enjoy.

"Take a bunch of Aussie natives, a generous dash of perennials, a range of trees and shrubs from exotic places and mix them together before garnishing with a swathe of native and introduced grasses. Carefully arrange, and then serve with multiple vegetables and herbs under the shade of giant eucalyptus elata and eucalyptus radiata. For added interest, drown them for a year and then slowly cook for a few months before presenting this garden of delights to the Bundanoon Garden Club."

The garden is now 16 months old and gives Arthur and Rosemary great pleasure as they adapt to the challenges of gardening with rabbits, possums, cockatoos and bowerbirds.

Directions: *Leaving Bundanoon, turn right into Ringwood Rd and take the first right into Norwood Street.*

Parking: *Park in the street, and walk up the lane.*



Trish and Ken Jessop at 20 Indigo Lane, Exeter are also opening their garden for our enjoyment and providing a cuppa.

The Jessop's owned and ran "Wombat Hill" a beautiful Kangaroo Valley B&B. They have now started afresh in Exeter on 7 ½ acres. Over the last two years they have been industriously developing a garden on three of their acres, and have included a huge covered vegetable, fruit and nut tree garden. Their goal is to have a 'food forest', a pineum, and bees. Take a stroll to the top of their property, take in the beautiful views and meet their alpacas and sheep.

Directions: *Continue along Ringwood Rd towards Moss Vale, then just after the underpass turn right into Rockleigh Rd, then next left into Indigo Lane.*

Parking: *If the weather is fine park on site, if wet, park in street.*

Note From the Editor:

The popular "Me and My Garden" section will be included in the newsletter again this year with the first contribution next month. I will be informally approaching members at club meetings looking for volunteers.

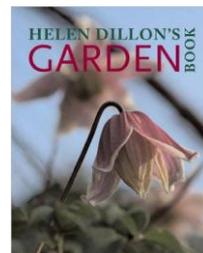
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The next meeting of the Bundanoon Garden Club will be held on Thursday 3 March 2016 in the hall. We hope to see you all there.

Please visit our web www.bundanoongardenclub.com.au

Library

Two new books in the library this month are:



Ian would like all books returned at the February meeting so they are ready for stock take. Thank you.