



**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

December 2016 Newsletter

*From the President*

*How the year has flown, but what an enjoyable year it has been as we met through our interest and love of all things gardening!*

*Our many and varied guest speakers have shared their expertise with us and through them we have taken away new knowledge, helpful hints and ideas which have enhanced or improved our own gardens.*

*Three interesting garden trips were organised throughout the year and many local gardens were opened for our enjoyment on Saturdays by way of our Friendship Garden scheme. These shared gardening experiences have enabled many members to get to know each other better.*

*It seems no time at all since we were enjoying ourselves at the Christmas function in Lofty's garden last year and here we are ready to celebrate once more!*

*The Garden Club would like to sincerely thank Chris Bauer and Lynne Shailer for hosting our Christmas Party this year at "Corinda Grange" in Erith Street from 3.00pm - 5pm. I look forward to meeting many of our members there.*

*Directions: Turn off Erith Street at the 'painted rail bridge', follow the signs past the house and continue to the second paddock to park. Walk through the first paddock to be greeted at the welcome table. After check-in, proceed up the few steps to the Christmas Party area and collect a drink.*

*Please remember to bring your ticket for the raffle draw and a picnic chair if you would like to sit.*

*To all I wish a very happy Christmas and enjoyment of the Festive Season and best wishes for a happy and healthy 2017.*

*Judy*

**NOTICEBOARD**

***Carols in the Park - Leighton Gardens Moss Vale***

***Saturday 10th December, 6pm to 9pm***

***Join in a real community event with family activities from 6pm and Carols from 7pm. Dance groups, school groups, individual items and a house band for community singing. With the ever favourite BBQ from Rotary and fairy glass as well as treats from the guides, a coffee van, face painting and much more.***



***What's On In The Gardens?***

***1. Free Guided Walks Daily: Explore the heritage and plant diversity of the Royal Botanic Garden with a knowledgeable volunteer guide. Suitable for individuals or small family groups.***

***2. Aboriginal Bush Food Experience  
Rathbourne Lodge, Royal Botanic Garden Sydney  
Saturday 3rd of December from 12:00 - 4:00pm***

***Experience unique Aboriginal bush food. Join Aboriginal guides to identify and taste traditional, seasonal Aboriginal bush foods. Learn traditional food preparation methods and how you can incorporate bush foods into your everyday diet.***

***Price: Members \$72 per person. Non-members \$80 per person***

***Contact: [aboriginal.programs@rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au](mailto:aboriginal.programs@rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au)  
Bookings essential - Recommended for adults***

***Gardenalia Open Gardens***

***5 May St, Robertson***

***December 10 - 11 and 17 - 18 from 10am-4pm***

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## *Committee*

We encourage all our members to consider joining the committee, not just to take on a role, but also for friendship and fun!

Nomination forms will be available at the February meeting for those interested in joining the committee. 2017 looks like being another big year and we have a number of vacancies to be filled.



# Save the Date

## *Bundanoon Garden Club Seminars*

**Saturday 24 June 2017**

*Write this date on your calendar now!*

*Renowned Guest Speakers*

*More information will be included in the February Newsletter.*

## *Thank You*

The following local businesses give a 10 % discount to Bundanoon Garden Club members.

*Roses and Friends:* 881 Nowra Road, Fitzroy Falls

*Highland Sand and Gravel:* discount for goods ordered and paid for on meeting days

*Bundanoon Bloomery:* discount given anytime for cash purchases of plants, fertilisers and chemicals

*Mt Murray Nursery:* discount given on the last Tuesday of each month for all purchases made + loyalty points

## *Next Meeting*

The next meeting of the Bundanoon Garden Club will be held in the hall on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2017.

## NOTICEBOARD

### *Burradoo Open Gardens*

December 10 – 11 56 Burradoo Rd, BURRADOO

The Friends of Southern Highlands Botanic Gardens will be holding an open garden weekend featuring three adjoining gardens in Burradoo brimming with hydrangeas, roses and fabulous perennials. Enter through 56 Burradoo Rd and meander through the adjoining gardens, culminating in the garden of 'The Garden House' with the SHBG plant growers plant stall featuring hydrangeas, hostas, francoa and many hard to find perennials. \$10 admission for all three gardens.

### *Carols in the Garden*

17 December Mt Annan Botanical Gardens

7pm - 9.30pm. Lakeside Lawn

Traditional carols will include performances by local choirs, talented vocalists and of course Santa will be there for photos and a bit of song and dance on stage! Bring a rug and your best singing voice because all your favourite carols will be performed on the night with backing music by the C4 band. There will be food stalls, fun activities for the kids and all in a stunning lakeside setting of the Garden.

### 26 JAN: AUSTRALIA DAY CELEBRATIONS

The official ceremony at the Historic Berrima Court House Museum begins at 9.30am with the presentation of Young Citizen and Citizen of the Year awards, followed by an address by the Australia Day Ambassador.

At 10.00am activities begin with tea and damper for all, a street festival, parade, ceremony, bands, over 60 market stalls, entertainment for all the family, vintage cars, fire engine displays, fresh produce markets and face painting.

### *Garden Maintenance Directory*

The following contractors provide a range of gardening services in large and small gardens.

*Kirsty Connelly:* 4883 6354 0449 274 339

*Courtney Whipp:* 0422 525 620

*Michael Sutton:* 0405 237 727

*Steve Curtis:* 0427979419.

*Marc Varnhed* from Total Tree Services is a local, qualified arborist 0449 221 420

*Chris Mitchell* is small garden specialist and can be contacted on 0432 084 727

*New: Petite Tree and Lawn Services*

Phone: 0407118965 email:

layne.petiteservices@gmail.com

## *Gardening Safely in Summertime*



*Images of the Copperhead Snake*

*The most common snakes in the Southern highlands are the copper head, red bellied black and brown snakes.*

### *How to limit snake activity in your garden:*

- 1. Cover all holes around the house and block up cavities in wall structures. Check for any holes in the roof where snakes could get in.*
- 2. Keep doors and windows closed if you do not have secure fly-screens..*
- 3. Keep the garden tidy by removing rubbish.*
- 4. Mow the lawn and throw clippings in the recycling bin. .*
- 5. Stack wood to prevent snakes and rodents from sheltering in a loosely constructed wood pile.*
- 6. Mice and rats are a source of food for snakes so place baits around the house and make sure all food scraps are disposed of properly in covered bins.*
- 7. Place mesh around your chook pens and aviaries to prevent snakes from preying on your birds.*
- 8. Wear strong boots or shoes and check boots for spiders.*
- 9. Carry a rake and thump around the garden to warn snakes of your approach.*
- 10. If you encounter a snake in your garden, stand very still, stay calm, and then walk quietly away.*

### *What to do if you are bitten by a snake:*

- 1. Always assume the snake may be venomous.*
- 2. Sit quietly, as this will reduce the speed that the venom can move around your body.*
- 3. Call an ambulance.*
- 4. If you have a first aid kit, wrap a compression bandage tightly around the bitten limb from the top to the bottom.*
- 5. Remember what the snake looked like so you can tell the doctor.*

### *Remember:*

*Snakes are protected native animals and it is illegal to kill them unless there is a direct threat to human life. Snakes have an important place in our ecosystem, especially in controlling rats and mice.*

*Reference: Homelife.com.au, Gardening, October 28, 2015*

*Good Living: Government of South Australia Department of Environment, Water, and Natural Resources 7 September 2016*

## *December Garden Jobs*

*During hot weather it is vitally important to keep your garden hydrated and the best way to do this is deep watering at least once a week preferably early morning or evening.*

*There is still time to plant an array of annuals for summer colour.*

*Add a soluble seaweed fertiliser to the watering can and apply weekly to annuals. This helps strengthen plants and prolongs flowering.*

*Add cold manure throughout the garden and water in.*

*Cover heavily with organic mulch making sure it does not touch stems.*

*Deadhead roses to ensure continued flowering giving colour and perfume to the garden.*

*Try not to wet the foliage of roses when watering as this can cause black spot.*

*Cover container plants with mulch and give deep water once or twice a week.*

*Stand pots on wet sand or on saucer.*

*Mowing a lawn too low scalps the grass, leaving it weak and susceptible to weeds and browning.*

*Check hoses and irrigation systems for leaks.*

*Make simple shade cloth tents for sun sensitive plants.*

*Sow dwarf and climbing beans, broccoli, brussels sprouts, carrots, corn, leeks, lettuce, melons, pumpkins, fennel and zucchini.*

*Plant out tomatoes, cucumbers, potatoes and eggplant.*

## *Sensible Gardening in Summer*



*Wear a hat, sunscreen and light clothing when carrying out heavy work in the garden during the summer months.*

*Work in the early morning or late afternoon and drink lots of water.*

*Take regular breaks.*

*Resting in a shady garden is good for the soul.*

## *Tips on Companion Gardening*

*Many gardeners use plant combinations in the veggie garden to discourage pests, assist with plant support, attract pollinators, or just because they look good together. Listed below are a variety of combinations.*

*Lemon balm next to tomatoes will attract bees which will enhance flavour.*

*Borage planted with tomatoes and strawberries deters tomato worm as well as improving tomato and strawberry flavour.*

*Nasturtiums keep aphids away from broccoli and beans.*

*Sage keeps white moth off cabbage.*

*Dill grown with corn attracts bees and helps with pollination.*

*Zinias grown next to cauliflower, broccoli and cabbage will attract lady birds.*

*Chamomile with cabbage and onion deters flies and mosquitoes.*

*Rosemary masks the smell of carrot foliage preventing the carrot rust fly from laying its eggs.*

*Foxgloves may stimulate the growth of nearby plants.*

*Sweet corn is a living stake for many plants such as climbing beans.*

*French marigolds excrete a substance into the ground that inhibits nematodes.*

*Mint repels cabbage white moth. Dried and placed with clothes will repel clothes moth.*

*Garlic helps keep aphids away from roses.*

### *References:*

*Julian Matthews: The Kitchen Gardener*

*Helen Tuton: Sustainable Gardening Australia*

*Peter Cundall: The Practical Australian Gardener*

## *Why Not Give a Living Gift This Christmas*

