



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

November 2016 Newsletter

From the President

The cool start to spring this year has enabled us to fully enjoy the blossoms. The last of the flowering cherries and the crab apples are beautiful at the moment. I trust you thoroughly enjoyed visiting the Garden Ramble gardens. From comments I heard I gather other people had also appreciated seeing the glorious mollis azalea at Minimbah in Coalmines Road and the magnificent Cornus controversa Variegata (wedding cake tree) at Jean Flora in Evelyn Avenue.

The cool weather has provided a great opportunity to establish a garden if you are new to Bundanoon or to fill those empty spaces in an established garden.

However, vegetable growers may not entirely agree with me, especially if their tomatoes were planted out two weeks ago.

Judy

Guest Speaker

*This week our guest speaker is Craig Curry who will speak about his interest in the elements and features that are incorporated into the various styles of **Japanese Gardens** developed over many centuries.*

Earlier this year, Craig and Lyn travelled to Japan to get some first-hand knowledge of those aspects of garden design that are unique to the Japanese garden style. His talk will include photos taken in the historic temple gardens they visited in Kyoto, Kanazawa, Tokyo and Nara.

Craig says his presentation will be 'a little bit about what I've read, seen, learned and created – from an enthusiast, not an expert'.



Bundanoon Garden Club Bus Trip

Crookwell Garden Festival

Date: 5 November 2016

Time: 8.15am – 5pm

Cost: \$30pp Bundanoon Garden Club members.
This includes the bus trip and morning tea.

Additional cost: \$5 entry fee per garden

Open Gardens

- * Willow Tree Sculpture Garden, Laggan
- * House of Peace, Laggan
- * Cowper Street Garden, Crookwell
- * Kialla Road Garden, Crookwell

Bring your own lunch or visit a local cafe, then stroll through Garden Lovers Shopping Alley where an extremely interesting array of plants, artisan garden art, beautiful botanical artwork, obelisks and plant supports can be purchased for your garden.



Kialla Street Garden



Cowper Street Garden



House of Peace Garden



Willow Tree Sculpture Garden

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Vice President: Elaine Hills; **Secretary:** Patricia Varley; **Treasurer:** Judith Myers
Newsletter: Lyn Curry; **Welfare:** Julie-Ann New; **Welcome Table:** Suzy Molyneux;
Friendship Gardens: Tathra Fletcher; **Catering:** Patricia Duncombe:

Gardening Suggestions for November

deadhead spring-flowering roses

prune bottlebrush as they finish blooming and lightly cut back other natives as they finish flowering

deadheading rhododendrons throughout the flowering seasons ensures more flowers for the following year

divide and replant dahlia bulbs

fertilise every plant in your garden

dig gypsum and organic matter into clay soils to improve drainage

mulch azaleas, rhododendrons, camellias and pieris to prevent water loss in hot weather

sow celosia, zinnia, gerbera, cosmos, asters and salvia seeds now, ready to plant out in summer

plant seedlings of statice, aquilegia, bellis, campanula, daisies, gazania, salvia, hollyhocks, marigolds, poppies, stocks and vinca in garden spaces to create a beautiful summer show

look out for tiny sap-sucking insects that love to infest light-coloured flowers

feed hydrangeas with flower and fruit fertiliser

hydrangeas are wonderful for indoor decoration and will last longer if stems are crushed, scorched over a flame and then placed in deep water for 2 hours

feed peonies with a liquid fertiliser

make simple shade cloth tents for sun sensitive plants

lift bulbs when they have completely died down

citrus trees need to be watered deeply as they are setting their fruit for next season's crop then mulch with hay or sugar cane



References: Hortico Garden Calendar

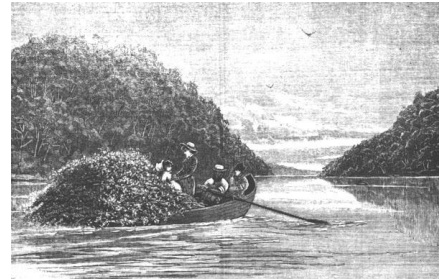
The Practical Australian Gardener- Peter Cundall

The Canberra Gardener – horticultural Society of Canberra

Australian Christmas Plants

A number of Australian native plants have become significant as 'Christmas plants' in various parts of Australia. This is usually reflected in their local 'common names'.

The use of native plants as Christmas decoration last century can be seen from illustrations in the newspapers of the times.



A boatload of Christmas Bush (Ceratopetalum gummiferum) being rowed towards Sydney for sale in the markets [Sydney Mail 23 December 1882]



'Christmas Belles' the caption of an illustration of young ladies collecting Christmas Bells (Blandfordia spp) from the Illustrated Sydney News - Christmas Issue 1886.



Tree Ferns (probably Dicksonia antarctica) were also popular as Christmas decorations, as seen in the illustration by Julian Ashton of a young lady selling fern fronds titled 'Christmas is Coming' from the Illustrated Sydney News 20 December 1879.

*Acknowledgement: The Cultural History of Native Plants
Australian National Botanic Gardens, 2012
Australian National Botanic Gardens
Parks Australia, Canberra,
viewed 31 October 2016
<http://www.anbg.gov.au/gardens/>*

NOTICEBOARD

October – November **CAMPBELL RHODODENDRAN GARDENS** Blackheath Open daily 9am – 4pm
Cost: gold coin donation

November 1 - 13 **CHINOISERIE**
23 Webb St, Mittagong
Open: 10am – 4.30pm Entry: adult \$7 concession \$5
November and until 11th December - weekends only

GARDENALIA OPEN GARDEN
Saturday 5 November - Sunday 6 November 2016
10am-4pm 5 May Street Robertson

PERENNIAL HILL A range of collectable perennial plants is available for sale. Open 10.00am-4.00pm

November 5 – 6 **CROOKWELL GARDEN FESTIVAL**
10.00am – 4.00pm Cost \$20 all gardens or \$5 per garden
9 town and country gardens with garden lover's market on Saturday. Join our Garden Club bus trip to Crookwell. Details on page 1.

November 8
We Welcome **CANBERRA GARDEN CLUB**

November 12 - 13 10:00am to 3:30pm
CHAPTER ESTATE OPEN GARDEN
217 Walkers Lane, Avoca

November 1- 30 **RED COW FARM**
7480 Illawarra Hwy, Sutton Forest
Entry: \$10 Adult, \$8 Seniors & Groups

November 15 **Sutton Forest Open Gardens**
Golden Vale Road - Three rural gardens open from 10.00am – 4.00pm. Live music, kids' activities, sausage sizzle, stalls and fly fishing, farm animals and walks. Cost \$20 per person, children free.

November 20 **Rose Growing Workshop for Beginners**
10.00am – 3.00pm Green E Roses, 400 Galston Road, Galston Cost: \$30 Lunch and refreshments available

November 20 **Kurrajong - a - Buzz** 10.00am – 2.00pm
Old Bells Line of Road, Kurrajong. Free bug-themed family activities for pollinator's week. Talk to bee and farm experts. Honey and plants for sale.

November 30 **Riverdale Rare Plants & Growers Fair**
10.00am – 3.00pm 2 Twynam Drive North Goulburn
Cost: \$10 demonstrations, talks and garden tours, tools, plants, local produce and refreshments.

NOTICEBOARD

November 26 – 27 **Bungendore Open Garden**
36 Turallo Terrace 10:00am to 4:00pm

'Piccolo' evolved from the former herb garden and surrounding grounds of neighbouring 'Birchfield' which the owners sold in 1998. A new mud brick house built in 1999 was superimposed upon the old herb garden. Its central sundial and intersecting paths define the location of the house.

Designed by its owner, the professional garden designer Marcia Voce, this beautiful wild woodland garden is densely planted with shrubs, herbs and cottage perennials and features a crab-apple walk, circular box-hedged 'Sea Garden', a rustic-fenced kitchen garden and pond. Abundant fragrant roses will feature in the November opening.



December 10 – 11 **Burradoo Open Gardens**

Entry via 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.



Garden Party Tickets

Our Christmas garden party will be held on Thursday 1st December 2016 at 3pm in the garden at Corinda Grange, Erith Street, Bundanoon. Our sincere thanks go to our hosts Chris Bauer and Lynne Shailer, who are opening their beautiful garden for our Christmas event.

Member Tickets \$20



Please bring a picnic chair if you can.



HALL SET-UP COORDINATOR

John Pryce- Jones is taking a well-earned break at the end of the year and the committee is looking for one of our members to replace him. John has worked tirelessly with a team of volunteers over the past four years and we thank him for the wonderful contribution he has made to our club.

John is happy to explain and demonstrate the role with anyone who may be interested and can be contacted at jpryce-j@bigpond.net.au for more information.

Many thanks to Diana and Carlota for another hugely successful Garden Club plant stall at the Ramble!



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

Thank You



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.

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

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

Committee

Our club functions successfully due to the commitment of our volunteer committee and those members who provide support by taking on specific roles alongside the committee or contribute each month through the rosters. Many others work behind the scenes, helping out when needed. The old adage, "more hands make light work" is certainly true.

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 November and February meetings for those interested in becoming a committee member as 2017 looks like being another big year and we have a number of vacancies to be filled.



November Friendship Gardens

This month we travel to Berrima to visit our friendship gardens which will be open from 10.30am – 1.00pm.

The 'Rose Cottage' garden is a lovely 15 year old rambling garden of heritage roses. Walk through delightful gardens of flowering plants and along a series of ponds and be delighted by the scent and colour.

The owners of this lovely garden are Clive West and Eric Savage who are offering our members copies of the latest publication of 'Species Roses', at the special price of \$29.95.

The property is located at the junction of Shelley Rd, and the Old Hume Highway at Berrima.

Please park on site following the arrows.



'The Loch' is a property offering something for both flower and vegetable gardener, for the antique collector, as well as for the holiday maker. Stroll through the gardens and enjoy the rural vistas. Members may also purchase fresh produce, coffee and cake or restored antiques.

The property is located at 581 Greenhills Road, Berrima and parking is only available on site. Please note: No dogs are allowed on site.



Please wear your badge and remember that all members and visitors must sign the insurance sheet to be covered by insurance.

Tathra



Our Monthly Newsletter

Dear Members,

This is the last full newsletter for 2016. However a very short bulletin will be sent out next month.

Throughout the last few years it has been my aim to increase content on the practical aspects of gardening and to provide gardening information relevant to our local area and climate. Much of this information has been sourced from gardening books in our extensive library and from the magazines to which we subscribe.

Through online searches I have been able to source gardening events near and far for the monthly noticeboard.

I do hope this stronger focus on practical gardening has been useful and of interest to members.

Thank you to all who have made suggestions or given assistance and a special thank you to David for his most valuable articles on gardening in his Bundanoon veggie patch.

Regards,

Lyn

Next Meeting

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

David's Veggie Plot in November

Since my last offering the weather has not been kind, with hard frosts and little rain. Fearless folk that chanced outdoor tomatoes and bedding plants without protection have to start over, and even my potatoes, which were well earthed up, have been blackened twice; but they will survive. It is well worth noting which veggies are frost tolerant, namely peas (I grow sugar snap) and broad beans, which are just about ready to harvest on my plot. Broad beans are especially are good value, since the tops are edible if treated like spinach and lightly steamed, and the pods can be eaten when little finger size, like round beans.

The peas and broad beans were sown in-situ mid-May under the protection of netting, which helped to keep in some warmth, and was removed 1st August when the plants were well established. So five months later they are ready, and we are looking forward to lots of young beans and crunchy pea pods. The cold weather decided me to grow climbing beans inside, as with the bush beans that are flowering in the greenhouse. I have now planted out my first climbing beans with protection from wind and possible frost, in oblong wigwams that take up less room than round. Three varieties so far are European, Vitalis and Zebra, and I will now sow a bean called Moonlight from the UK indoors, to plant out at the end of the month.



My seed sowing in the garage is on a shelf next to a window, and I use heated electric pads for cats to give warmth (only \$18 on Ebay). The seed trays with covers (\$8 from Bunnings) keep a moist atmosphere until the seedlings are ready to be moved to the greenhouse. My error has been over watering the small plants, resulting in yellowing leaves. This will usually be overcome with new growth when planted out. My salad seed bed outdoors was sown on 12th September, again under netting which is still used at night, and contains lettuce (3 types), radish (2), spinach (2), carrots (4), beetroot (2), and spring onions. The first radishes were picked 13th October, and I am enjoying them most lunchtimes with home-made bread, decent cheese and a nice glass of something. Also lettuce and spinach leaves are ready, and I am transplanting lettuces to heart up.

The greenhouse is bursting with tomato plants, cucumbers and bush beans. The tomatoes (4 varieties) were purchased mid-September and are setting fruit, and the cucumbers (Lebanese and Burpless Tasty Green) are home grown. The bush beans will be ready later this month. The greenhouse is on the automatic seep hose system that runs through all the vegetable beds, so nothing is allowed to dry out.

The asparagus bed has been generous this year, supplying a main vegetable just about every other day. In November it will be time to let it run to seed, to store up energy for next year. Nothing in the veggie garden is immediate, and planning for the coming seasons is crucial. Not only planting at the right time, but preparing the beds and considering crop rotation. In my four years in Bundanoon, the weather pattern has not been constant, from drought to late frost to torrential rain. Quite a challenge, but we wouldn't be anywhere else!

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