



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 2017 Newsletter

From the President

Welcome back. I trust you have had an enjoyable break with friends and loved ones.

This summer has seen high temperatures and a lack of rain. The stress on our gardens is tremendous but heavy mulching and deep watering will help plants to survive.

2017 promises to be a busy year, as we add the Garden Seminars on June 24 to our long list of regular garden club activities. Our last Seminar sold out quickly so perhaps now is the time to invite friends and get ready to make a booking when tickets go on sale in early March.

The Committee welcomes input from members and would like to hear your ideas, suggestions for guest speakers and items to be included in meetings.

The AGM will be held in March and there are a number of vacancies to be filled on Committee. Your talents and new ideas will make a valuable contribution to our Club.

Looking forward to seeing you all at our first meeting for the year.

Regards,

Judy

Guest Speaker

Our first guest speaker for 2017 Ian Croser, has a treat in store for us all! Ian will share his experiences at the Taranaki Garden Spectacular in New Zealand.

Background Information from the web page:

Mount Taranaki has a ring plain of rich volcanic soil, patterned with hundreds of rivers and streams. Many of these waterways flow into the Tasman Sea, which pounds Taranaki's vast stretches of rugged coastline. Warm temperatures, high sunshine hours and good rainfall, ensure gardens and parks flourish in this region. As a result Taranaki has some of the best public gardens on offer in New Zealand, including more Gardens of National and Regional Significance than any other region. The annual ten day festival is the longest running garden festival in the country and showcases some of New Zealand's most stunning private and public gardens.



Coast Haven and the Himalayan Garden of Tranquillity

In March we welcome Paul Fitzpatrick from Estate Gardening as our guest speaker. Paul's topic is titled 'National Treasures – Past and Present.'

Bundanoon Garden Club Life Members

The following members have received life membership for their contributions to our Club.



Norma Davies, Jean Foskett, Laurel Hones, Noelene Hutcheson, Margaret Murty, Lofty York, Norma Waldon and Graeme Whisker.

Annual Subscriptions

Annual membership fees for 2017 are set at \$20 and are due before 4 May 2017. Members may make their payment at the February, March or April general meeting. The treasurer will email members with details for paying by electronic funds transfer.



February Friendship Gardens

Open Saturday from 10.30am-1.00pm. Please wear your garden club badge and remember to sign the attendance sheet in order to be covered by insurance.

Our first open garden belongs to Veronica Rickard and is located at 3 Dorothy Friend Place.



Veronica started laying out and planting the bare, grassy garden 4 years ago. Fortunately there were many established trees and good basalt soil. A huge Deodar, part of the old Dorothy Friend estate, at the back, has now been under planted with many shade loving plants. There is a pretty courtyard and weeping trees. This garden is well worth a visit.

Our second open garden located at 9 Ross Street has been developed by Pam Tippett.

Members who visited Pam's garden in September 2014 will enjoy a summertime stroll through this flourishing native garden which has grown and changed so much. Pam's garden is full of interesting plants and as ever, she is happy to answer questions for those seeking information. Listen to her frogs at home in the beautiful fern rimmed ponds.



Pam has gone a bit potty! Look for her potted natives throughout the garden/

Your mind is a garden, your thoughts are the seeds,

You can grow flowers or you can grow weeds!

Trade Table



Donations of plants, produce, jams and pickles to the trade table are always gratefully received.

Late summer is the perfect time to take cuttings from herbaceous plants and although the Bundanoon Garden Ramble seems a long way off, if all our members start early in the year we will end up with a table full of healthy, mature plants that visitors will be unable to resist! So let's all get cracking and make this the best and most successful ramble stall yet!

BUNDANOON GARDEN CLUB 2017 SEMINARS

SAVE THE DATE

24 June 2017

BOOKINGS WILL OPEN IN MARCH

Your ticket includes:

A Delicious Lunch

Three Highly Entertaining Guest Speakers

A Promotional Bag of Goodies,

Exciting New Garden Stalls

Noticeboard

February

3 Inside Dig Workshop: Learn how to grow native plants from soil preparation to choosing the right spot. Mt Annan Botanic Garden Narellan 5-9pm
Cost: \$95 dinner included

4-5 Open Garden 'Foggy Dew' Northcote Road, Leura
Cost: \$8

4-5 Small Farm Field Day Moss Vale 10am - 4pm
Moss Vale Showground, Robertson Road, Moss Vale
PH. 0414 566 418

10-11 New South Wales Floral Art Association
Floral Art Competition and Demonstrations
Mittagong R.S.L. Club, Old Hume Highway, Mittagong

25-26 Begonia and Frangipani Weekend
Sat 10.00-4.00 and Sun 10.00-3.00 Entry: gold coin
donation- displays, stalls, demonstrations, refreshments

27 Glenmore House
130 Mores Way, Glenmore
10.00 am-4.00pm

March

11 The Rose Society of NSW Rose Growing Workshop
CWA Rooms Winifred West Park, Old Hume Highway,
Mittagong. Bookings essential by March 6 Cost: \$30
includes morning tea and light lunch .

26 Wild Meadows
Little Hartley, NSW
A garden of floral meadows and woodlands
Saturday March 26 from 9.00am – 3.00pm Cost: \$8 pp

April

14-17 Easter Long Weekend at Hunter Valley Gardens
Pokolbin NSW - A fantastic program of activities
including a giant Easter egg hunt will be held on
Saturday and Sunday.

Daily until May Red Cow Farm - Open Garden
7480 Illawarra Highway, Sutton Forest A unique cool
climate garden - 2.5 acres, 20 garden rooms, lake,
kitchen garden and more.

For a wonderful day out visit:
Bundanon Homestead and Garden, Illaroo, NSW
Open Sundays, Cost: \$12 or \$8 concession
Heritage Sculpture Garden, 1860's Homestead, Arthur
Boyd's Artist Studio
<https://bundanon.com.au/visit/>

Morning Tea

If you are able to bring a plate on Thursday for morning tea, it would be greatly appreciated.



Library

Unlimited borrowing of gardening books and the latest magazines for members!



See Gabby if you have a gardening book you can recommend.

Visit these web sites to read about garden related topics researched by Patricia.

1. Read about garden designer Michael Cooke
<http://theplanthunter.com.au/gardens/plant-life-michael-cooke/>
2. Best Plants to bring birds to your garden
<http://www.aboutthegarden.com.au/index.php/best-plants-to-bring-birds-to-your-garden/>



Travel News

Two Garden Club outings are in the planning stage for May and September 2017. Patricia will have more information for members at the February meeting.

Contacts

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Next Meeting Date

The next meeting of the Bundanoon Garden Club is the AGM and will be held on Thursday 2 March in the hall. We hope to see you all there.

February in the Garden

THE ORNAMENTAL GARDEN

Weed garden beds and the veggie patch in the cool of the early morning at this time of year.

Top up gardens with organic matter.

Remove spent plants, tidy up geraniums and deadhead perennials.

Prune and feed roses if not already done.

Lift clumps of bulbs that have failed to flower, divide and replant in sun.

Take cuttings from flowering plants.

Propagate seeds or plant out seedlings - there is a wide variety to choose from eg candytuff, dianthus, nemesia, ornamental kale, viola, primula, scabiosa, lobelia, phlox, penstemon, wallflowers.

Prune spent hydrangea flower stems back to a pair of plump healthy buds.

Keep camellias well watered in hot, dry weather to avoid bud drop in autumn.

Planting nerine bulbs now will ensure colour in autumn.

Apply horticultural spray to the underside of azalea leaves to deter lace bug.

Cover compost piles to hold in moisture.

IN THE HERB GARDEN



Time to plant basil, chives, chilli, mint, and lemongrass.



References:

About the Garden

Sustainable Gardening Australia

The Canberra Gardener – Horticultural Society of Canberra

THE VEGGIE PATCH

Sow seeds or plant seedlings of carrot, cauliflower, beetroot, spinach, leek, silverbeet, parsley and watercress. Leave garlic and Asian greens, silverbeet, leeks, spring onions, Brussels sprouts, bush beans, broccoli, cauliflower and celery until the end of the month.

Add colour to your patch using stocks, dianthus, viola, pansy, verbena, ageratum, nasturtium, verbena, petunias and marigolds which are great at attracting pollinators and beneficial insects to your patch.

POTTED PLANTS

Re-pot plants that are pot-bound due to inadequate moisture.

Apply wetting agent to pots and hanging baskets and keep well watered during periods of high heat.

THE FRUIT GARDEN

Mulch berry bushes and vines.

Pick up fallen fruit and bin fruit which is rotting.

Water citrus trees then feed with blood and bone or old manure.

Water fruit trees consistently.

SUMMER TIP

Mulch vegetable patches, herb gardens and ornamental beds after watering to a depth of about 5cm. Keep mulch clear of plant stems, especially young seedlings. Choose sustainable, low environmental impact mulch which will enrich your soil as it breaks down.

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*



To view Bundanoon Garden Club Maintenance Directory, please visit our web page.