



## BUNDANOON GARDEN CLUB INC

*"Friendship Through Gardens"*

**PO Box 25 Bundanoon 2578**

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Meetings are held on the first Thursday of the month,  
9.30 for 10.00am

*March 2017 Newsletter*

### *From the President*

*The AGM heralds in another new year for the Garden Club. I hope you have enjoyed the fellowship, the many and varied topics that the Guest Speakers have presented to us, the garden trips to other areas and visits to our members gardens each month on the Friendship Garden trail. Thank you to those members who have offered suggestions, given input into meetings or regularly volunteered their time assisting the committee thus ensuring the success of each meeting.*

*A special thank you to Elaine Hills who is leaving the Garden Club Committee after five years service.*

*AGM: In accordance with our constitution members will be asked to vote on two motions to determine Club fees for the coming year. To speed up the process the Committee will put the following motions to the meeting.*

*1. Members Fees: Members fees for 2017 shall be \$20.00 Rational: The 1/3 reduction that we voted in last year has been very successful with almost all members rejoining and others have joined throughout the year.*

*2. Visitors Fees: Visitors fees shall be \$4.00 for 2017. Rational: Currently visitors are paying the same amount as members for meetings. It was decided that by joining the Club, members should have an advantage over visitors.*

*As a member, if you do not agree with these fees you are able to amend the motion.*

*We look forward to another interesting, active year for Bundanoon Garden Club members.*

*Judy*



*Our Invited Guest Speaker*

*This month Paul Kirkpatrick will speak about  
**'National Treasures – Past and Present.'***

*Paul originally worked as a Secondary English, History, Drama, Indonesian and ESL teacher in Australia as well as overseas in Brunei, Bahrain and Oman.*

*While teaching, Paul also pursued his passion for plants by studying horticulture at Yallah TAFE. After arriving home from a teaching contract in Oman, he decided on a major tree change by beginning work as a horticulturist. Over the years, his business, Estate Gardening has specialised in the design and maintenance of large acreage gardens on the South Coast of NSW.*

*In 2006 Estate Gardening expanded into retail, selling professional-grade garden tools and accessories on-line as well at garden events.*

*In 2011 Paul was appointed head gardener at a heritage listed, Paul Sorensen designed garden near Wollongong leading to his listing as registered horticulturist number forty-seven in Australia. Currently Paul also writes for a number of garden and trade magazines.*

*Over the years he has spoken to over a hundred groups on topics as diverse as French garden design, the flora of Norfolk Island and roses in New Zealand. Highlights have been presentations at the French Embassy in Canberra and the Royal Botanic Gardens in Sydney and Melbourne as well as for the Australian Institute of Horticulture and the Australian Garden History Society.*

*When not on the road, writing or engrossed in a garden, Paul lives in Jamberoo with his wife, Frances.*

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*Next month we welcome Jane Stockel who will speak about her experiences of Chelsea Flower Show, the London fashion and design scene, plus some gardening hints along the way. As well Jane will bring along her decorative Linen items for sale.*

### *Bus Trip*



*At the next meeting Patricia will provide details of our planned visit to "Nutcote" once the home of children's author, illustrator, and cartoonist May Gibbs.*

### *Goodbye*

*Garden Club members will shortly bid a fond farewell to Lauris Tomalin and would like to thank her for all she has contributed to our club especially through Q & A sessions. Best wishes and happy gardening Lauris.*



## *Gardening in the Veggie Patch with David*

*The veggie plot always looks sad at this time of year, having faced everything the weather has thrown at it, and come through not unscathed. Temperate vegetables are not happy with temperatures of 30 degrees or more, no matter how much shade they receive. So, how did you get on?*

*What were my successes? Early season asparagus, sugar snap peas, broad beans and leeks were abundant (the last three sown last autumn) and I was still harvesting carrots left in the ground. The first spring grown crop was bush beans, grown inside and transplanted into the greenhouse. I also planted some outside in tunnels, but insufficient protection let a savage frost kill them off on October 13! The same frost also nipped off the tops of my potatoes, and again on October 24, although they were well earthed up. The foliage recovered but the harvest was less than normal.*

*We love green beans and I planted four climbing types in addition to two types of bush beans. Bush beans crop earlier especially if you give adequate outside protection but they do take up a lot of space. There is no crop that gives a better return on ground space than climbing beans on wigwams. My varieties this year were European, Vitalis and Zebra, plus a later English variety, Moonlight. We had a constant supply of beans from November 16 until mid-January when the intense heat finally finished them off. The English beans were not a success, refusing to set in the heat.*

*Other crops taking up lots of space are zucchinis and butternut squash, but they are well worthwhile. I planted the usual mix of salad crops and root vegetables, mostly successful, although the beetroot were smaller than usual. Two things I must try to get right next time – sow seeds more thinly and successionaly sow salad crops.*

*The greenhouse, in addition to the early bush beans, produced tomatoes and cucumbers. I bought four varieties of tomato plants on September 8 and our favourite is Mighty Red, a large tasty variety. I then grew Red Cherry and Small Fry from seed, which are producing at the moment under the sail I erected to shade the greenhouse.*

*So to my failures. In addition to the English runner beans, my second attempt at okra was a waste of space. Also I have given up on raspberries after three years of trying, in favour of strawberries next season. My seep hose automatic watering system kept everything from drying out, but some crops needed deeper watering. I must tackle the snail population more vigorously and spray the salad crops regularly with neem oil insecticide to control fungus gnats.*

*So what's next? I am preparing my brassica bed for a mix of plants I am about to purchase. My broccoli, cabbages and caulis did well last year under netting, but must make sure this year that they are egg free before planting. Not so many cabbage whites around my garden this year. Brassicas like firm soil and some lime never hurts. Keep them well watered in the heat.*

*Our two UK visitors enjoyed a morning tour with us to the Resource Recovery Centre recently (yes really!) which we all found incredibly informative. I recommend you take note of all the different materials that are accepted without charge, as listed on your refuse collection calendar. Also the process of turning your green bin waste into garden mulch was very interesting, with coarse mulch and fine mulch (great soil conditioner) available to purchase by the cubic metre or delivered by the tonne, for a good price. Add some blood and bone to the fine mulch and you have great compost.*

*David Humphrey48836634 – [dhumphrey@hotmail.com](mailto:dhumphrey@hotmail.com)*



*Removing the bean wigwams allows the butternut squash to spread out.*





# NOTICE BOARD

## March

**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.

**Open Saturdays and Sundays in March** Perennial Hill Open Garden 10am - 4:30pm at 1 Nero Street, Mittagong

**3-12 'Enlighten'** See Canberra in a different light this Autumn when many of the city's national attractions open their doors to host an array of exclusive events and surprising experiences. For more information visit [enlightencanberra.com.au](http://enlightencanberra.com.au)



**11 Wild Meadows** at Little Hartley

Flower meadows and woodlands 9.30am – 3.00pm

**11 The Rose Society of NSW Raised Growing Workshop**

CWA Rooms Winifred West Park, Old Hume Highway, Mittagong. Bookings essential by March 6 Cost: \$30 includes morning tea and a light lunch.

**11 – 12 Goulburn City of Roses 2017 Annual Rose Show**



**From March 24 – June 12:** [Wildwood Garden](#) Bilpin Friday, Saturday, Sunday and Monday, 10am-4pm

**26 Wild Meadows** Little Hartley, NSW

A garden of floral meadows and woodlands Saturday March 26 from 9.00am – 3.00pm Cost: \$8 pp

**From March 26:** [Hillandale Garden and Nursery](#)

Yetholme open last weekends of February and March

## April

**8 – 9 Collectors Plant Fair** Hawkesbury Race Club, Clarendon NSW

**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.



## Saving Our Species

The 'Saving Our Species Group' is ready to make their second distribution of 700 *Allocasuarina littoralis* (the black sheoak) plants in the picnic area at Bundanoon Oval on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> March 2017. As well, Lions Club Bundanoon will be planting 25 trees at the Oval to celebrate their 25th birthday in Bundanoon.

It will be a 'low-key' event but we sincerely hope you may be interested in attending in support of our program.

Propagation of an additional 700 plants is underway and they will be ready for planting out in June/July at which time another 150 trees will be planted at the oval and its surrounds. NPWS will also be planting in Morton National Park, Bungonia National Park and Cecil Hoskins Nature Reserve.



*Allocasuarina littoralis* (black she-oak)

## Wanted - Ramble Gardens

The Garden Ramble Committee would like to hear from members happy to open their garden for the Bundanoon Ramble to be held in October 2017. The Ramble tries to combine a mix of garden types such as rural landscapes, acreages, suburban blocks, cottage gardens, orchards and vegetable plots, ornamental gardens, native gardens, eclectic gardens, gardens with artistic additions, family friendly gardens, cold climate gardens, wetlands gardens, personal choice gardens and manicured gardens. The choice is endless. If you love your garden then so will our visitors!

Participants find this a very rewarding experience in many ways. Meeting other enthusiastic gardeners who delight in your garden, are keen to ask questions and gain new ideas for their own garden, makes it a lovely social occasion and very worthwhile. Support is given throughout the weekend and a celebration is held in the hall at the conclusion of events. Please contact Robin Coombes at the meeting for more information.



*Our Garden Club supports this annual event.*

## Bundanoon Gardeners

*Whilst it's been magical to look out of our windows over the last few days and see the mist floating through the trees, it would be absolutely wonderful to hear steady rain pattering down on to the garden. The sweetness of rain would surely be a tonic for our withered plants and dried out soil. Many of us have lost precious plants and struggled to keep others alive, and like gardeners everywhere, we patiently await the rain to restore our gardens and the 'green' to the Highlands landscape.*

## 2017 Bundanoon Garden Club Seminar

***Bookings open March 1. For information and bookings go to page 6 of this newsletter.***

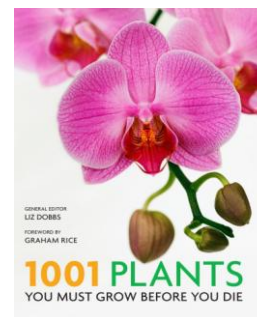
## Making Compost



*This is the ideal month for making compost. Don't forget to layer materials as follows – begin with about 20 centimetres of dry material such grass, weeds, leaves or straw and wet it thoroughly. Next add a thin layer of manure (chook, horse, cow or blood and bone) and again water it in. Next add a layer of kitchen scraps (no cooked food), torn paper or cardboard, followed by green waste eg grass clippings. To aid decomposition keep layering, watering and turning. Compost can be used before it has completely broken down.*

## *A new book in the library this month*

*With limited space and time to care for plants, it is important to be selective. **1001 Plants You Must Grow Before You Die** features species suitable for the smallest spaces, from windowsills to yards. There are also selections to provide seasonal interest in a suburban plot, as well as tasty edibles for vegetable patches and herb gardens. It will steer you through the hype of marketing to find the most rewarding plants - and, along the way, you'll discover what characteristics to look for when choosing varieties.*



## *This Month's Friendship Garden*

*Sylvia David is kindly opening her garden on Saturday for Garden Club members and their guests.*

*Sylvia's garden is full of herbs, hips and very healthy plants. She has an individual and artistic approach to her garden that will both delight the senses and stir the imagination. Whilst touring Sylvia's garden you have the opportunity to gain ideas for planting and adding whimsy and humour to a productive and beautiful garden. Enjoy!*



*Sylvia's garden is located at 24 William St, Bundanoon and is open on Saturday March 4 for Garden Club members and their guests from 10.30am until 1.30pm. Please wear your badge and a reminder that each member and visitor must sign the attendance sheet for insurance purposes. ***See you there!****



## Bundanoon's Historic Name

The name 'Bundanoon' was first noted in March 1818 by the early explorer, Charles Throsby. He actually noted it as 'Bantanoon'.

The word came from the local Gundungurra people and it meant 'a place of deep gullies' or 'big fella gully', pronounced as 'Bunyandoon' by the Aborigines and early settlers.

The name Bundanoon was officially adopted in 1881, changing from Jordan's Crossing. This name referred to the point where, on the newly built Great Southern Railway, a rail siding and loop crossing was opened on 6<sup>th</sup> August 1868, bisecting Jordan's land. Other early names for parts of Bundanoon were Jumping Rock, South Lambton and the Barren Ground where a large tent camp was sited for labourers and their families working on the railway.

Courtesy of Bundanoon History Group

### Morning Tea



Many thanks to all those who made a contribution to last month's morning tea. It was really scrumptious! We are again calling on the generosity of members for this month's morning tea. As this is the AGM, the meeting agenda is quite brief, and following the election of the new committee, we can all enjoy morning tea. That gives us plenty of time for catching up, choosing books from the library and checking out what's on sale at the trade table. Along with talking is munching, so if you are able to bring a plate to share that would be wonderful!

### Garden Club Contacts

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### 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](mailto:layne.petiteservices@gmail.com)



*Keeping cool on  
a hot summer  
day!*

### Annual Subscriptions

Membership fees for 2017 are set at \$20 and are due before 4 May 2017. Members may make their payment at the March or April general meeting or by direct debit into the BGC account at BDCU as follows:

BSB: 802-101

Account (Member) No: 358047

Account Name: The Bundanoon Garden Club

If paying by direct debit, please include the word "Membership" in the transaction reference.

**Thank You**



### Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Bundanoon Garden Club will be held on Thursday April 6 in the hall. We hope to see you all there.

### 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



## 'Friendship through Gardens'



Bundanoon  
**Garden Seminar**  
sponsored by  
Bundanoon Garden Club Inc.

to be held in the  
Soldiers' Memorial Hall, Bundanoon

**Saturday 24 June 2017**  
9.00 am - 4.00 pm

Speakers include  
Michael McCoy, Elwyn Swane, Paul Tyerman

Botanical Art on exhibition and for sale,  
Garden Tools, Iron Work, Compost, Orchids,  
Garden Ornaments, Botanical printed fabrics,  
and Plants for Sale

\$35/person, all inclusive  
(promotional pack, morning tea, lunch)

**Bookings:**  
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## Speakers

PAUL TYERMAN lives and gardens on a small corner block in Canberra, and everything is packed to the rafters as he is a collector of anything rare and unusual, particularly bulbs and perennials. These include *Galanthus*, *Cyclamen*, *Helleborus*, *Fritillaria* and various *Narcissus*. By his own admission he collects far too many things as he has only a tiny little space in which to grow them. Currently he's trying to work out how to double-stack the garden to try to fit more in. He'd like that to be possible so that he could grow more but that doesn't stop him from buying more bulbs. There is always **SOMEWHERE** he can fit something in'. Outside of gardening he tries to keep fit and rides a motorcycle but he's definitely a gardening addict - no question of that - and will **speak to us about his passion**. He may come with some of his bulbs for sale.

ELWYN SWANE was born into and raised in a nursery business (begun by her late father in 1919). She has written two books and wrote the Sunday Telegraph gardening column for 15 years. For more than 9 years she was guest presenter on ABC Sydney's Saturday garden talkback radio. In the family business Elwyn worked as propagator, computer operator, sales person, garden advisor/garden designer. She is a Life Member of the Horticultural Media Assn of NSW. Elwyn has escorted tours overseas and enjoys sharing her knowledge and experience to raise funds for charity. Elwyn is now establishing her 9th<sup>th</sup> garden on the Central Coast and being in the garden is her greatest source of pleasure, along with her constant companion Tia Maria, a Welsh terrier. Elwyn will regale us with anecdotes of life as part of *the Swane family and the nursery trade*.

MICHAEL MCCOY is a garden designer, writer, and occasional garden tour leader. He started his adult life as a botanist then trained as a gardener and he started writing for *The Age*. He believes the summer of 1991 spent with Christopher Lloyd at Great Dixter was a very special but undeserved privilege. Since then he's been designing gardens, writing about them for *The Age* or *Gardening Australia* and occasionally for *Gardens Illustrated*. His first book, *Michael McCoy's Garden* was published in 2000; the second, *The Gardener*, in 2012. Given that for every hour he's ever spent gardening he must have spent at least ten thinking about gardens. *Dream Gardens* had its ABC TV debut last February. Michael's topic will be **One Thing**, looking at gardens worldwide, and discussing one thing each does brilliantly and therefore the one thing that they can best teach us about our own gardens.

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