



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

May 2017 Newsletter

From the President



Each year I feel we are truly blessed to be living in the Southern Highlands during autumn, especially when days are calm and sunny, nights are cooler and there is time to enjoy the magnificent foliage of our deciduous trees. However, waking up to a second chilly morning in a row with a hint of frost, and hearing the rustle of leaves as they were picked up by the wind, reminds me that winter is moving ever closer and that it's time to rake those leaves and get them into the compost bin.

Judy

Guest Speakers

This month we welcome our guest speakers
Margaret Roberts and Kerry Lindsay.

Margaret, who has a Diploma of Applied Science (Land) from Ryde Tafe College in Sydney, previously owned her own business in Perth, Western Australia where she provided cut flowers for the export market. Margaret has an open garden specialising in potted plants.

At this month's meeting, Margaret will speak about, and demonstrate, the pruning of three different types of roses in order to maximise flower numbers.

Kerry who has her own propagating nursery in Werombi will demonstrate the different techniques of propagation, discuss the best time of year to take cuttings from particular plants and the correct type of mixes for potting up.

Following these two sessions, members will have an opportunity to ask questions and then participate in a practical session, taking cuttings from the plant material they have brought along, assisted by both Margaret and Kerry.

Please bring along plant material and secateurs and learn how to propagate successfully on the day.

Travel News



TRAIN TRIP – May 11

Join us on the train departing Bundanoon at 8.23am; enjoy a coffee at Circular Quay then catch the ferry to the Hay Street wharf at Neutral Bay for a house and garden tour of 'Nutcote'.

There are several options for lunch and the rest of the afternoon which Patricia will outline at the meeting. Everyone needs to be back at Central Station for the train departing at 4.00pm arriving at Bundanoon at 6.23pm.

Cost: Pay your own way

If you are intending to join us on this trip please add your name to the list on the treasurer's table.



COACH TRIP – September 28

We hope members will take the opportunity to visit the beautiful village of Leura in the upper Blue Mountains. On this day trip, members will enjoy guided tours of four private gardens not open to the general public. The lunch break will be taken independently in one of the many lovely cafes in beautiful Leura village.

Bookings will open on Thursday.

Cost: \$62 which includes garden entry fees of \$30 and coach fare of \$32.

LIBRARY CLEARANCE AT THE TRADE TABLE



Great books \$2 - \$10

NOTICE BOARD

May 13

Southern Highlands Garden Society Trivia Night

Uniting Church Hall, Bowral

Tables of eight - Cost: \$10 pp- Three people on each table to bring supper

Phone Juliana this week on 48614701 to book a table.

May - June 12

Wildwood Garden Bilpin Friday, Saturday, Sunday and Monday, 10am-4pm

Throughout 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.

May 28

Music in the Gardens

Southern Highlands Botanic Gardens, Cnr Old South Rd & Kangaloon Rd Bowral

11:00 am - 1:00 pm Entry: Gold coin donation

Local community musicians include SHACapella, Three For Tea, Moss Vale High Singers, Oxley College String Orchestra, Wuka Plukas, Women Of Note, Daisy Chain and Bowral Drum Ensemble.

Tea, coffee, cake and hot food will be available to purchase, or bring your own picnic.

May

Botanica in Sickness and in Health

Exploring the complex and remarkable relationship we have with plants. The 2017 exhibition comprises more than 200 original paintings representing the work of artists from across Australia and beyond. 10am - 4pm, Saturday 6 - Sunday 28 May 2017

Lion Gate Lodge, Royal Botanic Garden Sydney



Artist: Kerriann Indorato

September 12 – 24 Bowral Tulip Time

September 11 – October 2

Moidart Open Gardens Five acres of rare and specimen plants, sunken rose garden, the terraces, the woodland garden Open 10.00am – 4.00pm Entry: \$7

October 21 – 22 Bundanoon Garden Ramble

Annual Subscriptions

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

BSB: 802-101

Account No: 358047

Account Name: The Bundanoon Garden Club

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

Please Note: Unfortunately we have no Friendship Gardens to open this month.

Congratulations

We would like to congratulate Garden Club members David and Gwenneth Humphrey who received their Australian Citizenship on 28 April 2017.



David is an occasional contributor to our newsletter writing about his veggie garden.

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.

PLEASE NOTE

JUST 30 SEATS AVAILABLE

BUNDANOON GARDEN CLUB SEMINAR

SATURDAY 24 JUNE 2017

9.00am – 4.00pm

SPEAKERS

Michael McCoy, Elwyn Swaine and

Paul Tyerman

Stalls: Botanical Art, Garden Tools, Iron Work,
Compost, Orchids, Garden Ornaments,
Botanical Printed Fabrics, and Plants

Cost: \$35 person includes promotional pack,
morning tea and lunch

BOOKINGS

www.trybooking.com/252897

For further details

www.bundanoongardenclub.com.au

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In the Vegetable Garden

*Planting: garlic, shallots, broccoli, early potatoes, broad beans, garlic, spring and salad onions, winter lettuce, parsnips, bok choy, cabbage

*Plant fruit trees

*Sowing: broad beans, English spinach, Asian brassicas and root crops, spring and salad onions, shallots, chives and green manure crops.

*Pests: If you grow broccoli, watch out for the cabbage butterfly. Try covering with netting rather than spraying

*Feeding: Regularly feed vegetables with liquid fertiliser containing nitrogen, phosphorus and potassium

In the Garden

*Cut heads off hydrangeas

*Cut perennials down to the ground. Now is also the time to divide clumps of perennials and replant

*Take hardwood cuttings of deciduous plants

*Plant out bulbs: nerines, belladonnas, tulips, hyacinths, freesias, ranunculus, anemone and lilliums.

*Add autumn leaves to your compost bin

* Plant deciduous trees

*Prune cross over branches of deciduous trees to let in more light

* Encourage native bees to visit your garden by planting any of the following: callistemon, westringia, tea trees, lavender, grevilleas, salvia and herbs such as rosemary thyme, borage and mint.

References:

ABC Hobart: Peter Cundall – year round planting and sowing guide for vegetables

Our Gardens GCA: Judy Horton - the winter vegetable garden

Our Gardens GCA: Hazel King – seasonal tips for the winter

Garden Maintenance Directory

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

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Garden Club Contacts

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Discounts for Members

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

Roses

Roses can be planted any time of the year but May is the perfect time for ordering bare rooted roses from the nursery. Buying bare rooted roses allows you to check that the roots are disease free and not broken whilst the label allows you to choose the colour, perfume and growing habit.

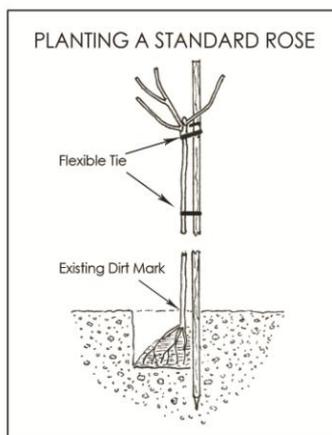
After ordering your plants it's time to start preparing the ground for later planting. Dig the soil over well, remove weeds, break up big lumps of soil and fertilise with old manure and blood and bone. Roses are adaptable to most soils (except sandy soils) and require a good draining soil with a ph of 6.5.

When your roses arrive, unwrap plastic and place roots in plain water for at least 24 hours and leave there until you are ready to plant out. **DON'T LET ROOTS DRY OUT!!**

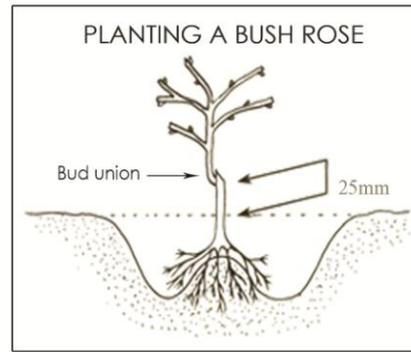
Plant out your roses as soon as possible after soaking. All roses require an open, sunny and well drained position and at least 6 hours of direct sunlight a day. Don't plant into old soil where roses have been removed.

At planting time dig a hole about 30cm wide by 25cm deep with a small mound at the bottom and place the roots in a downward position. Water the plant before covering the roots with soil, firming down lightly and creating a moat. The graft or bud union should be 25mm above the soil level. Once planted, water again thoroughly. Standard roses will need to be securely staked.

Mulch your roses with sugar cane mulch or pea straw. Lastly, prune the branches to approximately 25cm in length from the graft, just above a good growth-eye (excluding climbers).



Rose care for newly planted bare root roses.
WATER WATER WATER!!



Hybrid tea or standard roses have large, double, scented flowers on long stems.



Alpine Sunset

Floribundas produce more flowers in clusters than the hybrid teas but are less perfumed.



Rosa 'Angel Face'

Miniature roses are only a fraction of the height of other roses. Leaves and flowers are small and beautiful. They are ideal for planting along garden edges.



Baby Jack

Shrub roses are grown for their beautiful foliage and flowers and do well in frosty areas, requiring little maintenance.



Black Caviar

Reference: Treloar Roses

Next Meeting

The next general meeting of the Bundanoon Garden Club will be held in the hall on Thursday 4 May 2017. We look forward to seeing you there.