



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

August 2017 Newsletter

From the President

The days are lengthening, and despite some frosts, we've been enjoying some incredibly sunny days. What a shame the wind has come along to spoil it all! And where is the much needed rain? Still, it's been great to get out into the garden and start preparing for spring. On page 3 of the newsletter you will find a list of jobs that need to be done during August.

One of these jobs is pruning and for that you need sharp shears and secateurs. Denis Fletcher is coming along on Thursday to give a short talk on how to sharpen these tools. If you have a pair of different or difficult shears or secateurs that need sharpening, bring them along and speak to Denis in the morning tea break. Thank you Denis for your timely talk.

Last but not least, on behalf of our members, I'd like to thank Patricia for organising our bus trip to the Leura Gardens later in the month. We are all looking forward to a wonderful day. *Judy*

Attention Garden Lovers

Our Friendship Garden Scheme is an integral part of Garden Club. It is not a garden competition but a sharing of gardens, ideas, sometimes plant cuttings and sometimes a cup of tea, in a relaxed and friendly way. No extra effort is needed just a welcoming smile and an open gate. It would be such a shame if this monthly get-together faded away through lack of support.



WELCOME TO OUR GARDEN

Due to an unexpected withdrawal, Tathra is hoping that someone in Exeter or Sutton Forest would be willing to open their garden on Saturday 9 September. If you can help, please contact Tathra on 4883 7232 or speak to her at the meeting.

Guest Speaker

This month we welcome guest speaker Greg Slater, the publicity officer for the Southern Highlands Orchid Society. Greg has a passion for orchids and many of you will see his display of beautiful and rare orchids on display at our Garden Seminar in June. Greg will share his extensive knowledge on cultivating and caring for orchids with emphasis on those found in this region.



What's Growing in Your Garden Now?

Bring a flower from your winter garden to display on the stage.

Q and A

Garden Problem? No Worries! Let our local garden gurus solve it for you in Gardening Q & A.

War on Waste

Remember we are trying to phase out disposable cups so please bring your favourite tea or coffee mug to the meeting.

Blue Mountains Bus Trip

Thursday 28 September 2017

Please arrive at the Village bus stop at 6.45am. The bus will depart at 7.00am and pick up at Sutton Forest Inn at approximately 7.15am. The bus will depart from Leura at 4.00pm and arrive in Bundanoon at approximately 6.30pm.

We are looking forward to a wonderful day visiting five private gardens and enjoying lunch in the cafes of Leura.

One of the gardens will have plants for sale.

If you have reserved a seat on the bus and not yet paid, please make your payment of \$62 at the August meeting.



Patricia

Our gardening noticeboard

August 5 – 6

The 55th Berry Camellia & Floral Show will be held in the School of Arts Hall, Alexander St, Berry from 12.00 – 4pm Saturday and 10.00am – 2.00pm Sunday.

August 11

Open Garden: Wildwood Garden : Bilpin

August 12

1. Open Garden: Eryldene Historic House and Garden : Gordon (please see information in the July newsletter)

2. Open Garden: Wild Meadow: Little Hartley

3. Illawarra Annual Camellia Reticulata Show

Beautiful plants on display and for sale at the Bulli Uniting Church Hall, 191 Princes Highway. Entry: \$4

August 19 – 27

Mt Tomah Botanical Garden Daffodil Festival
Bells Line of Road, Mt Tomah 9.30am – 5.30pm
Take a walk through the daffodils. Free Entry.

August 25

5th Chapter Open Garden Daffodil Day
Support the Garvan Institute and visit the amazing garden on Daffodil Day. 10.am – 3.00pm



September 2

Annual Camellia Show

Uniting Church Hall, Bowral.

Open to all who would like to exhibit 1 or 2 blooms or a piece of floral art. You may bring along camellias for identification.

September 9 – 10

The Home and Garden Show

Bong Bong Racecourse, Kangaloon Road, Bowral
10am - 4pm

September 12 – 24 Bowral Tulip Time

Corbett Gardens, Bendooley Street, Bowral

September 16

Tulip Time Street Party: From 2.00pm, Bowral's famous Street comes alive with a colourful parade to entertain people of all ages. Marching bands, floats, vintage cars, performers etc adorn the street.



September 11 – October 2

Moidart Open Gardens

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

September 16 – October 2

Milton Park Open Garden

Horderns Road, Bowral 9.30am - 4:00pm

Arguably the most awarded private garden in Australia, Milton Park features in excess of 40 acres of sweeping lawns and individual specimens of rarity, splendour & historic interest at every turn.

September 27

Tree Tops Coach Trip Visit the beautiful tulip farm in the ACT. Cost: \$55 includes coach travel, morning tea, a delicious lunch and garden entry. Departing 8.30 am from the Moss Vale Court House Bus Stop.

October 21 – 22 Bundanoon Garden Ramble



This year the Bundanoon Garden Ramble is coming of age! It's our 21st birthday!

Enjoy a wonderful weekend with visits to eight private gardens, open both days from 9.30 am to 4.30 pm. The gardens will showcase a diversity of plantings and styles, from small to large and those in between, providing inspiration for all gardeners. The market stalls in the Soldiers' Memorial Hall, and in some of the open gardens have a range of goods and plants for sale. Cost: \$20 all gardens valid for both Saturday and Sunday, or \$5 for a single garden (children under 16 free).

October 29-30

The Bathurst Spring Spectacular

Enjoy a selection of Bathurst regional gardens large and small. Tickets \$20 will be available at all gardens and at the Bathurst Visitor Information Centre.

Information: Heather Hanneman 0427470135
springspec@bathurstgardenclub.org.a

October 29 Harper's Mansion Plant and Garden Fair

*see the Heritage Rose Garden in full bloom

*specialist plants growers and garden suppliers dotted across Harper's wonderful spring garden.

*children's activities, a sausage sizzle, light refreshments, tea and coffee available.

*program of garden related demonstrations by local experts. 10.00 am - 4.00pm. Entry \$5 per person.

Get Out in the Garden in August



OK EVERYONE, IT'S TIME TO PUT ON YOUR BOOTS AND GET ACTIVE! SPRING IS JUST AROUND THE CORNER AND THERE IS MUCH TO BE DONE!

PRUNE roses if you haven't already done so then, as new leaves appear, feed and mulch plants.

Give all deciduous fruit trees a big prune now except for an apricot.

Prune dead seed-heads, stems and branches on herbaceous perennial plants.



Prune deciduous trees and shrubs.

RELOCATE deciduous plants or divide herbaceous perennial if necessary.

Transplant evergreens

Continue planting deciduous trees shrubs and vines and native plants.

Plant aquilegia, calendula, candytuft, delphiniums, foxgloves, lupins, alyssum and penstemon seedlings which will create a lovely spring show.

FEED fruit trees with organic fertiliser manure and compost towards the end of the month.

Feed lemon and other citrus trees with blood and bone or other old animal manures

Feed bulbs with liquid fertiliser while they are still growing but before flowering, for stronger blooms.

Late August is a good time to fertilise the majority of the garden including the veggie patch with blood and bone, cow manure or dynamic lifter, (but not azaleas, rhododendrons or japonica camellias yet).

Feed pot grown shrubs and plants and refresh their potting mix by scraping off the top 2.5cm and replacing with fresh potting mix which has been mixed with slow release fertiliser.



SOW the following seeds directly into the ground: beetroot, cape gooseberry, lettuce, mustard greens, onion, spring onions, parsnip, peas, radish, rocket and snow peas.



Start the following seeds under cover in seed trays before planting out about six weeks later:

capsicum, cabbage, eggplant, leek, mint, thyme, strawberries and chilli peppers.

Cover asparagus as it is very frost tender.



Get an early start on tomatoes by sowing seed under cover in seed trays then plant out after the last frost. If planning on putting in some tomatoes next month, prepare a bed now. Do this by adding organic compost and chicken manure. Water lightly then cover with straw.

PLANTING IN THE VEGGIE GARDEN

Put in seed potatoes.

Plant out cane fruits.

Plant beetroot, celery, silver beet and spinach seedlings.



Check peaches and nectarines to protect against leaf curl fungus. Treat at the bud swell stage (just before the buds begin to open) but before the pink bud stage or colour shows. It is too late to spray once flowering occurs.



Check azaleas for infestation by red spider mite, lace bug, white fly or azalea leaf miner. The result of attacks is a silvery or speckled appearance on the top of leaves.

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.



The trade table will be closed again this month, but if you have any spare produce please bring it along on Thursday to share with others. It would be a shame to waste it.



John Pryce-Jones from the Garden Ramble Committee requires assistance from four men or women to erect and later dismantle eight gazebos at the gates of the Ramble Open Gardens.

These volunteers would need to be available in the afternoon of Friday October 20 and after 4.00pm on Sunday October 22.

He also needs someone prior to the 20th to be briefed on the method of erection.

John is also in need of bus drivers with a Light Rigid (LR) licence to help drive shuttle buses on Ramble weekend.

They will need to be a financial member of the BCA.

If you are able to assist, please contact John.

Many thanks

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WAR ON WASTE



TRY THESE RECYCLING GARDEN TIPS

Collect your own seeds.

Propagate your own plants by dividing existing plants.

Try companion planting in the veggie patch.

Buy plants in compostable containers rather than in plastic pots.

Recycle food containers for seeds or cuttings. Don't forget to make drainage holes in the base.

Make your own compost which will be nutrient-rich, chemical-free, and won't contribute dangerous methane emissions into the atmosphere.

Construct a series of compost bins.

Use pruned leafy branches to create safe habitats for small animals and insects that visit your garden.

Try watering your garden every few days for 20 per cent longer. This reduces water usage and encourages plants to grow deeper roots that reach down to the cool moist soil below.

Recycle grey water from the bath, shower and kitchen.

Recycle broken crockery when potting up plants.

Buy garden supplies in bulk rather than in plastic bags.

Make your own winter plant warmer using the bottom half of a plastic bottle. It not only keeps seedlings warm, but provides protection from slugs and snails.

Hints to Avoid Backache When Gardening

1. Warmup before you start gardening jobs with some gentle stretches, a few squats, then try reaching for your toes with knees slightly bent.
2. Divide the load before lifting anything heavy and lift from a crouching position with your legs bent and your back straight.
3. Kneel down to weed the garden. Use a pad or cushion to protect your knees.
4. Don't keep working on heavy jobs without breaks.
5. After gardening don't sit down to rest instead, take a gentle stroll to relieve muscles.
6. A warm bath with Epsom salts can help soothe soreness.



Laurel is looking for 64 volunteers for the open gardens on Ramble Weekend.



Your half day on a garden gate will be rewarded with a free ticket to all gardens.

Please see Laurel at the next meeting.



Our Ramble Market Stall Needs Flowering Colour in Funky Containers.



Garden Club Contacts

Contact the President: 48836898

Email: info@bundanoongardenclub.com.au

Web site: www.bundanoongardenclub.com.au

Visit the Library

Our extensive library has books, DVD's and magazines on all things gardening.

Read about beautiful historical gardens, creating gardens, fruit trees, composting, bees, veggie gardens, organic gardening, lawn care, raising chooks, attracting birds into the garden, native plants and noxious weeds.



Bring a basket and take home as many items as you like.

WINTER BRIGHTENERS

Correas or Native Fuchsias are perfect for small gardens. Pictured is 'Redex' which is great for attracting bird life to your garden. They prefer well drained soils and dappled sunshine, so they're perfect for growing in a container in a courtyard or balcony type of garden. And a little tip - wait until spring after they've flowered to feed them and then tip prune them through the warmer months and you'll be richly rewarded the following year.



Angus Stewart Gardening Australia

Garden Maintenance Directory

Kirsty Connelly: 4883 6354 or 0449 274 339

Courtney Whipp: 0422 525 620

Michael Sutton: 0405 237 727

Steve Curtis: pruning, mowing, window cleaning, green waste removal 0427979419 A/H 48410328

Marc Varnhed: Total Tree Services qualified local arborist 0449 221 420 or 48834743

Chris Mitchell is small garden specialist and can be contacted on 0437930100

**Petite Tree and Lawn Services
0407118965 email: layne.petiteservices@gmail.com**

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

Next Meeting

The next general meeting of the Bundanoon Garden Club will be held in the hall on Thursday 7 September 2017.