



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

July 2017 Newsletter

From the President

The 2017 Garden Club Seminar was a huge success drawing visitors from near and far. As the hall filled to capacity, there was an air of excitement and anticipation of all that the day promised, and it didn't disappoint!

Perhaps the day was best summed up by a participant who thanked us for a most wonderful day.

"You provided speakers who totally entertained, enlightened and informed us in all things horticultural. We listened and learned and could have stayed hours longer."

Once again we congratulate the Garden Club Seminar Committee, Graeme, Suzy, Tathra, Cosette, Noelene, and Sandy for all their hard work throughout the year. Their team work and organisation resulted in a fantastic day which was thoroughly enjoyed by one and all.

Judy

**MEMBERS ARE ASKED TO OBSERVE
BUNDANOON PARKING REGULATIONS DURING
OUR MEETINGS.**



Winter Reminders

While there are no friendship gardens open during the winter months, Tathra is always happy to hear from members willing to open their gardens at other times in the year. Tathra can be contacted on 4883 7232.

**THE TRADE TABLE IS NOT OPERATING AT THIS
MONTH'S MEETING.**

*Can you find a flower or some winter foliage to display
on the stage at the next general meeting?*

Please bring along your questions for Q & A.

**SEE YOU ON THURSDAY - DON'T FORGET TO
BRING YOUR COFFEE MUG.**



Travel News

**BUS TRIP TO LEURA IN THE BEAUTIFUL BLUE
MOUNTAINS ON 28 SEPTEMBER**



Enjoy guided tours of four private gardens not open to the general public.

Enjoy lunch in one of the many lovely cafes in the village.

SEATS STILL AVAILABLE! BOOK NOW!

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

Please note: unsold seats will be offered to local garden clubs after this month's meeting.

Guest Speaker

Our guest speaker this month is **JILL COCKRAM** who will speak about **PERMACULTURE** - the conscious design and maintenance of agriculturally productive ecosystems which have the diversity, stability, and resilience of natural ecosystems.

Jill, a trained teacher and environmental activist, lives in Exeter, where her one third acre site is a brilliant example of permaculture theory put into practice. She is a member of the Southern Highlands Seed Saver Network and manages the Moss Vale Community Gardens.



Community Garden members harvest their vegetables.

Our gardening noticeboard

July 1-2 and 8-9 Illawarra Grevillea Park

After a wonderful mild autumn the garden is showing the results with many plants in flower. Come and picnic in the park, walk through the rainforest, enjoy the large display gardens and get some advice on the best plants to put into your garden. Books on native plants and birds will be for sale.

July 8-9 48th Annual Camellia Show

Over 1000 camellia specimens on display!

Ravenswood School Gordon

1.30pm – 4pm Saturday and 10.00am - 4.00pm Sunday

Cost: \$7 Refreshments available and plants for sale.

July 15-16 Illawarra Camellia Flower Show

To be held in the Illawarra Grammar School Hall, Powell St, West Wollongong. Saturday 1-5pm and Sunday 9am-3pm Entry \$5

July 24 Eryldene Historic House & Garden

Bowral Garden Club Bus Trip

Departing Mittagong RSL 8.30am and returning approximately 5.00pm Cost \$60.00 - includes coach travel, morning tea at Japanese gardens in Campbelltown, lunch, house and garden tour of Eryldene.

July and August

Baby sitting in the school holidays?

The Australian Botanic Garden at Mt Annan is running a variety of programs for children throughout the school holidays relating to gardening and science. Visit the website to find out more.

australianbotanicgarden.com.au



September 12 – 24 Bowral Tulip Time

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



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. Visit the market stalls in the Soldiers' Memorial Hall, and in some of the open gardens, where a range of gifts and plants will be available. Free shuttle buses. Cost: \$20 per person for all gardens and \$5 for a single garden valid for both Saturday and Sunday, (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 Bathurst Visitor Information Centre.

Information: Heather Hanneman 0427470135

springspec@bathurstgardenclub.org.au

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

Open 10.00 am - 4.00pm. Entry \$5 per person.

Library News



Reminder: We have unlimited borrowing of books, magazines and DVDs for all our members

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.



Gardening in July

Seeds: Time to sow alyssum, aquilegia, begonia, calendula, cineraria, cornflower, delphinium, dianthus, erigeron, foxglove, geranium, hollyhock, larkspur, lobelia, nemesia, pansy, polyanthus, poppy, primula, ranunculus, snapdragon, stock and viola.

Keep the seeds trays warm on a window sill or cover the top with a sheet of plastic.

Planting: polyanthus, camellia, dogwood, holly, hellebores, daphne, rhododendrons and roses. After digging holes, add compost and well-aged manure before planting new roses.

Veggie Gardens: Plant out broad beans, broccoli, brussel sprouts, cabbage, cauliflower, mignonette and cos lettuce, parsley, leeks, turnips, asparagus crowns, early potatoes, shallots, onions, garlic cloves, Jerusalem artichokes, rhubarb crowns and raspberry canes.

Bulbs: Don't let newly planted bulbs dry out in their pots. They will need regular feeding with liquid fertiliser.

Perennials: By now perennial plants will be looking very sad so give them a good prune down to ground level. Now is a good time to divide summer flowering perennials.

Plant and Transplant: The best time to plant or transplant deciduous fruit trees is now while they are dormant.

Succulents: Move into a protected area and allow them to dry out before rewatering.

Fruit Trees: Prune out dead wood.

Keeping mulch away from citrus trees will allow the soil to warm up after morning frosts.

Plant deciduous fruit trees such as apple, plum, pear, nectarine and peach.

Protection: Place fragile potted plants into more protected spots and water only occasionally during cold weather.

Leaves: Continue raking up leaves and adding them to your compost bin.

Lawns: Continue aerating poor patches of lawn then top dress with coarse sand or loam. Don't fertilise until spring.

Garden Tools: Clean and sharpen garden tools and wipe over with methylated spirits.

Hardenbergia

Winter's favourite flowering native climber is the hardenbergia.

It is a hardy, evergreen, native climber with sprays of pea-shaped flowers. It provides a mass of colour to brighten the coldest of winter days. It likes a sunny or semi shade position but flowers better in full sun; needs well drained soil and prefers a frost free site, although it tolerates some frost. It will grow happily along the ground, up fences, over an arbour or entwined into other shrubs.

Like many evergreen climbers, it has a tendency to run up a wall or fence and ball at the top and be leggy below, so it needs to be pruned regularly after flowering to keep a compact shape.

The three most common types are:



Hardenbergia violacea 'Happy Wanderer'



Hardenbergia 'Rosea' - a soft pink



Hardenbergia 'Alba' - a pure white

Fragrant Gardens

Imagine waking up each morning, stepping outside and being surrounded by a delicate floral fragrance. This dream could become reality simply by adding a few fragrant plants to your garden, it just takes a little planning. Choose the scented plants you want to add to your space, check when they flower to ensure year round fragrance, and check they are suited to your area.

Well known favourites include Rosemary, Daphne, Gardenia, Lilac, Murraya, Lavender, Chinese Star Jasmine and Port Wine Magnolia. Lesser known fragrant plants include Osmanthus (with an apricot nectar perfume), Buddleia (with a freesia scent), Boronia (with a beautiful perfume) and Randia (with a native gardenia perfume).



Source: Helen Young : Homes to Love_

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 Bloemery: 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

Garden Club Contacts

Contact the President: 48836898

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Garden Maintenance Directory

Kirsty Connelly: 4883 6354 0449 274 339

Courtney Whipp: 0422 525 620

Michael Sutton: 0405 237 727

Steve Curtis: 0427979419.

Services is a local, qualified arborist 0449 221 420

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

Petite Tree and Lawn Services

Phone: 0407118965 email: layne.petiteservices@gmail.com

Frost Protection for Plants:

Water lightly a day or two before frost is predicted as wet soil holds more heat.

Use cloth, blankets, sheets, plastic or sacks to drape loosely over plants supported by rocks, stakes or bricks in the evening to help retain heat and protect from frost. Remove covering when the sun comes out.



Simple Cold Frames

Reduce frost injury by gently hosing over plants first thing in the morning.

Straw, pine needles bark or loosely piled leaves hold heat and make good mulch. Move some of the thickness of mulch so that the sun can penetrate and warm up the soil.

Some plants need protection throughout winter either indoors or under a cold-frame. To make a simple cold-frame use straw or hay bales around plants as walls and top with an old window or large sheet of glass.

Raised beds guard against frost as cold air collects in sunken areas of the bed rather on higher mounds. It's also easier to cover plants in raised beds.



Permanent Cold Frames

Source:

Hortico Garden Diary; Rodney's Plants Plus
Nikki Phipps "The Bulb-o-licious Garden"

Next Meeting: The next general meeting of the Bundanoon Garden Club will be held in the hall on Thursday 3 August 2017.



Bundanoon Garden Club Seminar 2017



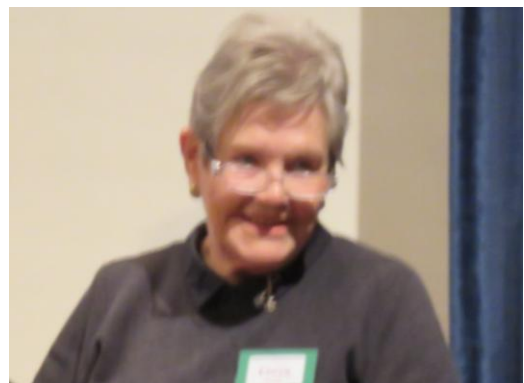
Paul And Suzy



Dawn, Di and Marianne



Pam and Lorraine



Guest speaker Elwyn Swaine



Brenda and Tathra



Marina and Jenny



Frank and Robyn



Jill and Patricia



Lesley, Wendy and Peter



Nalini Kappagoda with her beautiful art work



Morning tea in the sunshine



Caroline, Anne, Ray and Laureen



Guest Speaker Paul Tyerman takes to the stage.



Judy and Sandy



Christine and Colin



Paul and Yangeun



Jan and Lynne



Elaine and Janis



Trish, Adrian and Graham



Curly with his garden art



Janette, Patricia and Patrika



Jessica and Sue with plants from Mt Murray Nursery



Judy welcomes everyone to the Seminar



Christine and Sue



Ken and Trish



Graeme, Elaine and Alice



Sandy with guest speaker Michael McCoy



Christine, Elisabeth, Elspeth, Lynette and Janet



Julie-Ann