



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

November 2017 Newsletter

FROM THE PRESIDENT

How lovely to get a touch of welcome rain at last. Suddenly the garden has come to life with the rhododendrons and azaleas bursting into flower and irises with their amazing different markings and colours are making their brief annual appearance. Out of the window I spot the first rosebud of spring! I'm now off to smell the roses.



Wishing you joy in your garden in spring. Judy

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.

Invitation

Join us in Nancy Kingsbury Park

On

Friday 10 November

At 5.00 pm

For a Club Get Together

Bring your own drinks and nibbles

As seating is limited, please bring a fold up chair

Look forward to seeing everyone there



Yellow-tailed Black Cockatoo

GUEST SPEAKER

Our guest speaker this month is Simon Robinson who will speak on the subject of birds. Simon is a local and has an extensive knowledge of the local bird population.



Eastern Rosella



Chestnut-rumped Heathwren,



Gang Gang Cockatoo

Birds Common to the Bundanoon Area

Yellow-tailed Black Cockatoo, Gang-gang Cockatoo, Crimson Rosella, Superb Lyrebird, Chestnut-rumped Heathwren, Varied Sittella, Grey Shrike-Thrush, Scarlet Robin, Eastern Yellow Robin.

Source: Birdlife NSW

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GARDENING IN NOVEMBER

In the Flower Garden:

**deadhead rhododendrons throughout the flowering seasons and you will have lots more flowers next year*

**divide then replant dahlia bulbs*

**fertilise every plant in your garden*

**dig gypsum and organic matter into clay soils to improve drainage*

**feed peonies with a liquid fertiliser*

**feed hydrangeas with flower and fruit fertiliser*

TIP: hydrangeas will last longer inside if you crush their stems, scorch them with a match then placed in deep water for 2 hours

**mulch around azaleas, rhododendrons, camellias and pieris to prevent water loss in hot weather*

**sow celosia, zinnia, gerbera, cosmos, asters and salvia seeds now, ready to plant out in summer*

**plant seedlings of statice, aquilegia, bellis, campanula, daisies, gazania, salvia, hollyhocks, marigolds, poppies, stocks and vinca in garden spaces to create a beautiful summer show*

**lift bulbs when they have completely died down*

**look out for tiny sap-sucking insects that love light-coloured flowers*

Watering:

**water well early morning or evening*

**mist spray wilting plants above and below foliage on very hot days*

**make simple shade cloth tents for sun sensitive plants*

In the Veggie Patch:

** plant beans, beetroot, corn, carrots, cucumber,*

pumpkin, radishes, silverbeet, spring onions, lettuce

**support tall growing tomatoes and pinch off extra side shoots to encourage more fruit - keep watering well*

** water strawberries regularly and use snail pellets to deter snails and slugs or netting or wire for birds*

In the Herb Garden:

**plant rocket, dill, basil, chives*

**keep watering well*

Citrus Trees:

**deep watering is needed as the trees are setting their fruit for next season's crop*

**mulch well with hay or sugar cane*

Native Gardens:

**tip prune grevilleas*

**prune bottlebrush after flowering*

** lightly cut back natives as they finish flowering*

The Rose Garden:

**deadhead spring-flowering roses*

**use liquid fertiliser frequently*

**check for black spot or powdery mildew and treat with an organic spray*

References: Hortico Garden Calendar

The Practical Australian Gardener- Peter Cundall



Thank You

Thank you to all those members who provided flowers for Suzy.

They made beautiful floral tributes.

Peonies



Native to: Cool climate zones of Asia, Southern Europe and Western North America

Climate: Peonies are grown only in the colder parts of Australia – mountain districts, parts of Victoria and Tasmania

Bloom time: November

Peonies are outrageously beautiful in bloom. These perennials may live longer than you do – some have been known to thrive for 100 years. They do not respond well to transplanting. The rules for success are full sun and well-drained soil. Peonies relish cold winters, because they need chilling for bud formation.

Planting

Peonies are usually sold as bare-root tubers with three to five eyes, divisions of a three- or four-year-old plant.

Choose your location wisely as peonies resent disturbance. Provide shelter from strong winds. Plant away from trees or shrubs as peonies don't like to compete for food and moisture. Space them three to four feet apart for good air circulation.

Grow peonies in deep, fertile, humus-rich, moist soil that drains well. Soil pH should be neutral. Plant them in autumn.

The soil will benefit from the addition of organic material in the planting hole. If the soil is heavy or very sandy, enrich it with compost. Incorporate about 1 cup of bonemeal into the soil.

Set the root so the eyes face upward on top of the firmed soil, placing the root just 5cm below the soil surface.

Then backfill the hole, taking care that the soil doesn't settle and bury the root deeper than 5cm. Water thoroughly.

Peonies should be settled into place before the first hard frost. Spring-planted peonies just don't do as well, experts agree; they generally lag about a year behind those planted in autumn.

Care:

Peonies take time to develop – they need a few years to establish themselves, bloom, and grow. Unlike most perennials, they don't need to be dug and divided.

Spare the fertiliser. Work the soil well before you plant, mixing in a little fertiliser, and that should be enough.

If your soil is poor, the time to apply fertilizer (bonemeal, compost, or well-rotted manure) is early summer, after the peonies have bloomed and you have deadheaded. Don't fertilise more than every few years.

Help the stems. Peony stems are sometimes not strong enough to support their gigantic blossoms. Consider three-legged metal peony rings that allow the plant to grow through the centre of the rings.

Deadhead peony blossoms as soon as they begin to fade, cutting to a strong leaf so that the stem doesn't stick out of the foliage. Cut the foliage to the ground in the fall to avoid any over-wintering disease.

Don't smother peonies with mulch. If the first winter after planting is severe, mulch VERY loosely with pine needles or shredded bark. Remove mulch in the spring.

Pests

Peonies are prone to Verticillium wilt, ringspot virus, tip blight, stem rot, Botrytis blight, left blotch, Japanese beetle, and nematodes. Many gardeners wonder why so many ants crawl on the peony buds – they are eating nectar in exchange for attacking bud-eating pests. Never spray the ants; they're helping you nurture peonies to bloom

Recommended Varieties

Although tree peonies are notoriously difficult to grow there are some recommended varieties that are a little more vigorous and so easier to grow. These are all forms of Japanese tree peonies.

'Souvenir de Maxime Cornu' (*Paeonia xlemoinei*) commonly sold as 'Kinshe' – a large, full double yellow flower, tipped with orange

'Happy Days' – yellow flower

'Black Panther' – black-red flower with yellow anthers

'Thunderbolt' – dark red flower

Better Homes and Garden

This is an edited version of an article from *The Old Farmer's Almanac*.

Image from *Pancakes and Peonies*.



*Our Plant Stall at
The Garden Ramble*

The Committee would like to sincerely thank Cosette for all the time and effort she put into propagating and nurturing hundreds of plants for our Ramble Plant Stall. The stall was a huge success and raised \$3275.

*Congratulations to you and
your helpers Cosette.*

BOWRAL ART GALLERY EXHIBITION
Presents

ESSENCE BY JANE WRAY

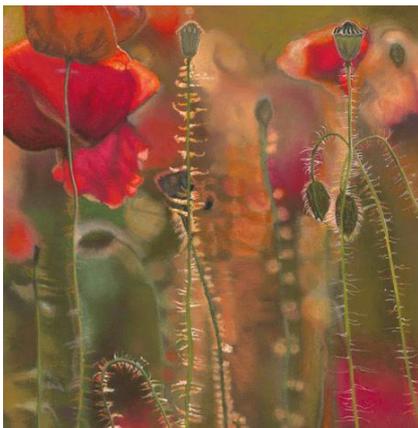
1 Short Street, Bowral
Thursday 2 November - Tuesday 7 November 2017

10am - 4pm daily

Jane Wray is an award winning pastellist whose work is vibrant and intriguing. She is an Exhibiting Member of the Royal Art Society. Jane produces quirky pieces as well as beautiful studies capturing the essence of the natural world. Wendy Sharpe has said of Jane's work it is 'sensitive, skilful...at once soft and dramatic'.

Quite a diverse exhibition, it features an exploration of the juxtaposition of the built environment with the natural world. Jane's works are visually captivating.

Opening Night is November 3 at 6.30pm. Share a wine and a chat with Jane about this stunning collection of her recent works.



WHOPE FARM INVITATION

Bundanoon Garden Club members and their friends are invited to view our 2017 Herbaceous Peony display at our farm on Saturday 18th November at 471 Ellsmore Road, Exeter from 10.30 am to 12.30 pm.

Our Peony blooms are grown for our Distinctive Wedding Flowers floristry business and surplus blooms are available for purchase by the public.

We also propagate and advance Herbaceous Peony plants. Those surplus to our planting requirements are available for sale to the public. These make excellent gifts (Christmas is coming!) We provide complete planting and care instructions. Peonies are not hard to grow if cared for properly.

If you do not already have any Peonies, this is an opportunity for you to become one of the 'Peony People' and to enjoy these superb plants.

Joy and Roger Horne – The Peony People

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

LIBRARY NEWS

Members are reminded that the unlimited number of books, DVDs and magazines borrowed from the library on Thursday do not need to be returned until February.





CHRISTMAS GARDEN PARTY

The Garden Club Committee

Would like to invite all members

To our annual Christmas Garden Party

On

Thursday 7 December 2017 at 3pm

In the garden of Trish and Ken Jessop

At

20 Indigo Lane, Exeter.

We sincerely thank Trish and Ken for their generosity in opening the garden for our social event.

We hope many of you will join us for a lovely afternoon in the garden.

Tickets will be available at the Treasurer's table at the November meeting.

Cost: Members \$20 Non – Members \$30

This includes your choice of drinks and finger food.



Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Bundanoon Garden Club will be held in the hall on Thursday 1st February 2018.

By then our numbers may have exceeded 200

NOTICEBOARD

PERENNIAL HILL, is a one acre, cool-climate garden on Mt. Gibraltar with conifer gardens, rockeries, dry-stone walls, topiary garden, French parterre and beautiful perennial borders in summer. Open weekends in November Cost: Adults \$8 pp – Seniors \$7 pp

GARDENALIA

5 May Street, Robertson -Supporting Diabetes NSW
Open on the last weekend of the month until May 2018
Entry: \$8per person

HARPER'S MANSION

Wilkinson Street, Berrima
Entry: House, Garden & Maze \$8 for adults, \$7 seniors
Accompanied children under18 free
Garden & Maze only \$5 Adults &
Open Weekends & Public Holidays
10.30am – 4.00pm

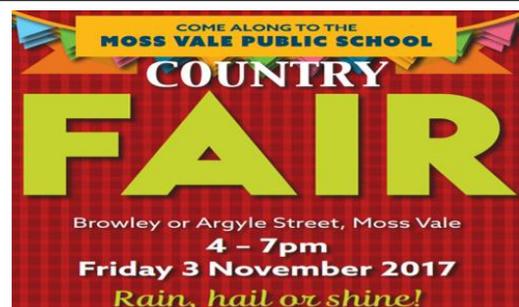
RED COW FARM 7480 Illawarra Hwy, Sutton Forest
Nov: 1-30 Open daily until 20 May 2018
Entry: \$10 Adult, \$8 Seniors & Groups, \$4 Child (4-14)
No Picnics / No Animals Allowed

MOIDART PEONY AND ROSE WEEKEND

19-21 Eridge Park, Burradoo
Saturday 11 November - Sunday 12 November ,
10 am - 4pm

Farm Club Farm Walk

1 Werai Road, Werai
Sunday 5th of November, 10am
Free family farm walk from 10am. ph: 02 4883 4664



SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE

rides, raffles, sideshow alley, spooky haunted house, entertainment from the school and local groups, delicious food and drinks, coffee van, popcorn, fairy floss, slushies, homemade sweets and cakes, showbags, lucky dips, face painting, market stalls, gift boxes, handmade goods, plants, locally-grown produce, a petting zoo, sheep shearing demonstrations, student art on display and much more!

Money raised will go towards our solar project, installing safe heating and cooling in the classrooms, and providing resources for students. Entry is free, so grab your gingham and meet us there!

FRIENDSHIP GARDENS

A short drive to Moss Vale takes us to this month's friendship gardens. Members and their friends are most welcome. Please wear your Garden Club badge and as usual, remember to sign the attendance sheet for insurance purposes.



Our first garden belongs to Alan and Janet Deck
at 5 Cherry Tree Close, Moss Vale.

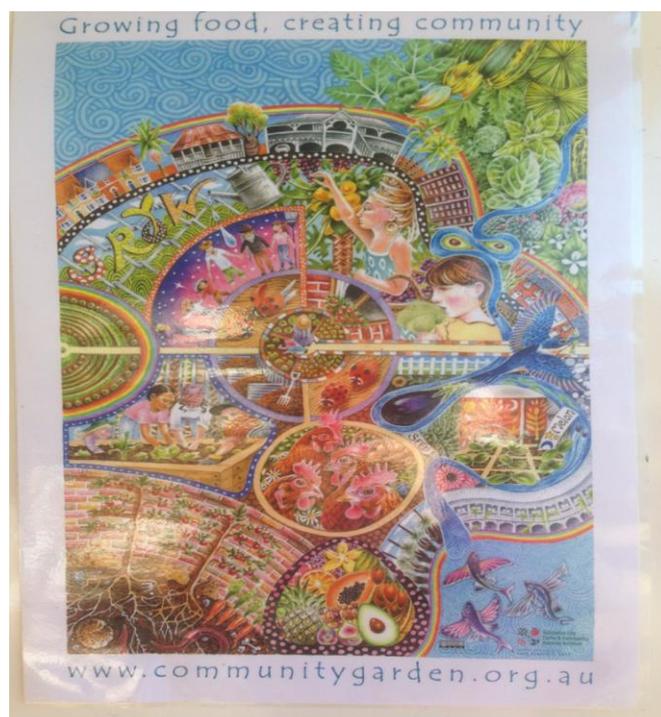
Alan and Janet were berry farmers from Taralga and six years ago settled on half an acre at Moss Vale. They have a lovely private front garden with a variety of deciduous trees. Strolling through the back garden you will admire the fabulous rural views, notice the conversation pit and inspect the veggie gardens.

Our second garden is the Moss Vale Community Garden at 9 – 11 Railway Street, Moss Vale.

Learn about sustainable gardening

This community garden started in 2004 uses an array of recyclable materials and sustainable gardening practices in vegetable production. It features solar power, a straw bale shelter, pizza oven, garden sheds, hot houses, shade houses and a bio swale. Planted in the garden are heritage apple trees, a hazelnut grove, and a wide range of interesting vegetables and seedlings.

There are plants for sale and you can enjoy a cup of tea for a gold coin donation.



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

Where and How to Plant a Vegetable Garden

*Vegetables need at least 6 hours of direct sunlight per day. The more sunlight they receive, the greater the harvest and the better the taste.

*Plant in good loamy soil enriched with compost so that plant roots can penetrate easily, and receive needed nutrients. Proper drainage will ensure that water doesn't collect on top or drain away too quickly.

*Space your crops properly so they don't overshadow or crowd each other, as this will force them to compete for sunlight, water, and nutrition.

*Buy high-quality seeds and follow spacing guide.

