



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

October 2017 Newsletter

A WORD FROM THE PRESIDENT

There is so much to see and do in gardens this month. As Garden Rambles are held each year in Robertson, Bundanoon and Bathurst, it gives each of us the opportunity to view other gardens and glean ideas for our own gardens.

Along with beautiful open gardens, the Rambles at both Bundanoon and Robertson run large plant stalls where we can purchase plants suited to our climate. Later in the month, Harper's Mansion in Berrima will also have plants available at their Open Garden and Fair.

Whilst it seems likely the frosts may have finished for the year, the wind and lack of rain have played havoc on emerging plants and gardens in general.

*Still it's good for the soul to get out into the garden and start all that needs to be done before the hot weather arrives, and 'isn't it oh so wonderful,' wandering about outside and watching trees and plants burst into life, filling the garden with colour and perfume?
We really do welcome Spring!*

Judy



With Deepest Sympathy

**Our hearts are saddened by the loss of our
Garden Club and Committee Member,**

Suzy

Our thoughts and

Prayers are with Tony and his family.

The Committee and Membership

Bundanoon Garden Club



GUEST SPEAKER



Our guest speaker for October is Judy Horton who will take us on a tour of gardens she has visited around the world.

Originally a teacher, Judy's obsession with plants and gardening has taken her on a life time of work in things horticultural. In 1992, she began working at Yates and is still there today.

At Yates, Judy has been a garden tour leader, garden adviser and resident horticulturist and gardening information writer. She is a guest speaker to groups and at garden shows, has conducted radio interviews and presented talkback radio programs for the ABC and stations around Australia.

Added to this, Judy provides product training for retailers and liaises with gardening media personalities around Australia and New Zealand. Last but not least, Judy conducts overseas gardening tours for the travel company Botanica. Judy says, best part of this job is "being with like-minded people discovering some of the most beautiful places in the world."



2017 GARDEN RAMBLE

At the meeting on Thursday, Laurel will distribute information to those who have kindly volunteered to assist at the gardens on Ramble weekend October 21 and 22. Volunteers will also be presented with a complimentary pass to the Ramble gardens.

It would be appreciated if those donating plants for our market stall could bring them to the hall on Friday afternoon. Thank you.



**BUNDANOON GARDEN CLUB
NOTICEBOARD**

October 1 - 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 pp

October 7 – 8

**Robertson Open Gardens and Giant Plant Stall
OVER 1000 PLANTS FOR SALE**

7 Beautiful Gardens Open For Your Enjoyment

Stall and Tickets at Community Tech Centre

Tickets \$20 pp 10.00am – 4.00pm

October 1 - 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.

October 1 – 24 (and last weekend of each month)

Gardenalia Open Garden and Plant Stall

10.00am – 4.00pm Cost: \$8 per person

groups by appointment anytime Ph: 0477213141

October 13 - 15

Historic Retford Park Open Garden

A National Trust House

1325 Old South Road, Bowral Time: 10AM - 4PM

As you venture up the driveway the grand Victorian Italianate homestead appears from a towering arboretum of a magnificent collection of evergreen and deciduous trees, some very rare and unique.

Surrounding the eastern side of the homestead is a patchwork of hedged gardens showcasing everything from a detailed knot garden, exquisite swimming pool and pavilion, sculptures demanding centre stage and even a friendly family of five emus.

Although food and refreshments will be available, you are more than welcome to bring a picnic as there are many idyllic spots to claim for a spring afternoon.

The garden staff will be on hand to answer any questions

Note: The gardens of Retford Park are managed sustainably.

Herbicides and other chemicals have been phased out.

Cost: Adults - \$10 Concession - \$8 Children \$5

National Trust members - \$5

October 21 – 22

Bundanoon Garden Ramble



Join in the 21st Birthday Celebrations

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.

Plant and market stalls in the Soldiers' Memorial Hall, and in some of the open gardens selling a range of goods and plants.

Scarecrows in gardens throughout the Village.

Cost: \$20 all gardens valid for both Saturday and Sunday, or \$5 for a single garden (children under 16 free).

October 21- 22

'Yarrawin' Open Garden Burradoo

The late Paul Ramsay's garden at Burradoo Road and Sunninghill Avenue, Burradoo, will be opening to the public in support of Welby Garden Centre from 10.00 am to 4.00pm.

The garden is filled with year round colour, and has a diverse range of plants sprawling across the property, combining both formal and informal planting.

Challenge Southern Highlands established the Welby Garden Centre to provide vocational training and supported employment to people with disabilities.

Cost: \$10 per person

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

FRIENDSHIP GARDENS IN EXETER

COME ALONG AND ENJOY THESE TWO GARDENS ON SATURDAY 7 OCTOBER FROM 10.30 am – 1.30pm.



Our first friendship garden belonging to Dick and Mary Evans is a wonderful, old, country property set within the rolling pastures of Exeter. This property has been in Dick's family for sixty-four years and over this time, the extensive gardens have been lovingly planted with cool climate trees and conifers, now treasured mature specimens.

Mary's white garden, the walled garden and the gardens surrounding the homestead, with their lovely rural views of the lake will delight, and are suitable for members who may have mobility problems.

Others may like to stroll further afield, through the conifer grove to the sunken garden, then walk under the dogwoods planted around the lake and lastly visit the remembrance garden.

653 Sallys Corner Road, Exeter (Exeter end))

Please follow the signs and park on site.

Please note: This garden is open to Bundanoon Garden Club members only due to insurance restrictions.



Tim and Dianne Day are passionate plant people with extensive horticultural knowledge.

Their well tended, five acre garden reflects their beautiful rural setting and contains unusual and fascinating perennials, cool climate trees and conifers bursting with health and vitality.

This is definitely a garden not to be missed!

22 Little Meadow Lane, Exeter, (off Cornwall Road)

Please park in Little Meadow Lane

Please note: This garden is open to both Bundanoon Garden Club members and their visitors.



Please wear sturdy shoes

Remember to wear your badge and sign the entry form on arrival.



TRADE TABLE

Donations of produce from your veggie garden, eggs, cuttings, plants, jam, pickles, herbs, gratefully received.



GARDEN CLUB CONTACTS

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BUNDANOON GARDEN CLUB LIFE MEMBERS

The following members have received life membership for their contributions to our Club.



Norma Davies, Jean Fosket, Laurel Hones, Noelene Hutcheson, Margaret Murty, Lofty York, Norma Waldon and Graeme Whisker.



CHRISTMAS GARDEN PARTY

Our Christmas garden party will be held on Thursday 7 December 2017 at 3pm in the garden of Trish and Ken Jessop at 20 Indigo Lane, Exeter. We thank them sincerely for their generosity. Tickets will go on sale at the November meeting.

LIBRARY

Designing a new garden? Looking for a shade tree?

Building a chook pen? Creating a veggie garden?

Interested in historic gardens? Need a special plant?

Our library is full of interesting and practical garden books, magazines and DVDs to help you with your project. You may borrow as many as you like!

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*

NANCY KINGSBURY PARK

Nancy Kingsbury Park was a gift to the community of Bundanoon and its visitors.

The Bundanoon Garden Club has responsibility for the maintenance of Nancy Kingsbury Park. Recently, an advisory committee was set up to develop a management plan for the park. This committee visited the park to ascertain the work needed to bring it back to its original design being that of an English style, shade garden.

Work to be carried out includes pruning, repairs to garden furniture and the purchase of plants, fertiliser and soil.



TWILIGHT GET-TOGETHER IN THE PARK

The committee is planning an informal get-together in the park on 10 November at 5.00 pm.

BYO everything! Hope to see you there



HELP CREATE A SPRING SHOW AT THIS MONTH'S MEETING

Bring a flower from your garden, to place on the stage in the hall.

QUALITY LUCERNE MULCH \$14 PER BALE

- ✿ Lucerne hay is a clover-like plant belonging to the pea family
- ✿ Rich in many essential elements, Lucerne hay makes great mulch
- ✿ Increases soil Nitrogen
- ✿ Contains high levels of protein
- ✿ Reduces fertiliser requirements
- ✿ Stimulates healthy root growth
- ✿ Contains natural hormones that help prevent root disease
- ✿ Feeds worms that help keep soil healthy / Plants love it!
- ✿ Suppresses weeds / Conserves moisture
- ✿ Keeps soil cool in summer and warm in winter
- ✿ Easy and quick to lay / Won't blow away
- ✿ Breaks down slowly / Doesn't get slippery or slimy

call Karen on 041 605 6565 or 4883 7970 to arrange pick up
(small quantities can be delivered within Bundanoon)

LEURA GARDENS BUS TRIP



A bus full of Garden Club members enjoyed a wonderful day in the Blue Mountains on Thursday 28 September visiting five private gardens.

Each garden had a different design and features, was very well maintained and in picture perfect condition. As ever with the Leura Garden Festival, the masses of azaleas, rhododendrons, dogwoods, camellias and other cool climate exotics, as well as flowering annuals, perennials and bulbs were a delight.

Thank you to Patricia who once again organised a wonderful bus trip.



GARDENING SUGGESTIONS FOR OCTOBER



Seed Sowing

Try sowing alyssum, aster, livingstone daisies, pansies, violas, snapdragons, verbena, marigolds, begonia, carnation, celosia, chrysanthemum, cineraria, coleus, cornflower, cosmos, dahlia, dianthus, foxglove, gazania, hollyhock, impatiens, lobelia, marigold, petunia, salvia and zinnia.

Planting



Plant seedlings of annuals to help brighten your garden.

If planting evergreen shrubs and trees, construct windbreaks or stakes for their support.

Transplant evergreen shrubs - new roots will develop now the soil is warming.

Plant citrus, fruit trees and vines and tie vines to supports.

Tidy up overgrown plants.

Still time to propagate cuttings from your garden.

Finish cutting back dead winter growth.

Dig up then divide perennials.

Fruit fly season is under way so use exclusion bags or fine weave netting to protect fruit.

Propagation

Hydrangeas strike really well at this time of the year. Simply prune a stem with a healthy growing tip to the length of 10cm, remove lower leaves and cut remaining leaves in half to reduce water loss while roots establish. Plant the cuttings in compost and water well. Place in a protected area until they have rooted, then repot into larger pots.



Annuals are great at attracting pollinators and beneficial insects to your garden. Blue flowers are insect magnets and forget-me-nots and borage attract bees and hoverflies.

Organic Pest Removal.

To get rid of slugs and snails simply bury a jar in the ground so the lip is just above the soil surface and fill with beer! This will attract slugs and snails and then after drinking they fall in and drown.

Feeding

It is time to feed raspberries, blackberries and currants. Keep blueberry bushes moist and top dress with compost. Apply sulphur or iron chelate to make the soil more acidic. Feed citrus trees with pelletised chook manure or well rotted horse manure. Water it in with seaweed extract to provide trace elements, and mulch with sugarcane, lucerne or straw.

Apply general fertiliser throughout the garden and water in well.

Vegetable Planting

There is still time to get in beetroot, carrot, chard, peas, radish, broccoli, and cabbage. Protect against cabbage white butterfly larvae by throwing netting over plants. Think about planting celery, leeks, lettuce, silverbeet, spring onions, brussels sprouts, capsicums, chillies, eggplants, beetroot and climbing beans. Sow climbing beans with a trellis or archway to support them as they grow. It makes it easier to pick the beans at harvest time.

Herb Planting



Try some parsley, chamomile, marigolds, oregano, sage, rosemary, thyme and echinacea.

Plant lemon balm and mint in pots to stop them spreading.

Pruning

Wisteria is usually left unpruned until after their magnificent flowers have appeared in spring. Once the flowers have finished, prune the plant back to the shape or size you want to maintain it throughout the growing season.

Lavender plants look their best when continually maintained. As soon as they finish flowering, remove flower stems and prune the plant back to a constant shape and size. By keeping the plant relatively compact, it will remain healthy with bushy new growth, and encourage more flowering crops to bloom.

Sources:

Sustainable Gardening Australia

Deep Green Permaculture

Organic Gardener

The Practical Australian Gardener – Peter Cundall

Homes to Love – Dale Vine

NEXT MEETING

The next general meeting of the Bundanoon Garden Club will be held in the hall on Thursday 2 November 2017.