



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

SEPTEMBER 2017 NEWSLETTER

A WORD FROM THE PRESIDENT



These warmer sunny days see many of us out in our gardens again. I'm enjoying the daffodils and blossoms while looking for signs of new growth on plants that I put in last autumn.

Our Club is initiating new activities this month. Keep the date for our 'Drop in Afternoon Tea' in Nancy Kingsbury Park on Thursday 21st September at 2.30 pm. It is an informal BYO gathering so bring your own tea/coffee, something to eat and maybe a chair. This is an opportunity to catch up with friends and make new ones who, like you, have an interest in gardens.

Lately we have invited Clubs with interests similar to ours to include our members in their activities so please check the Gardening Noticeboard in the Newsletter for coming events. *Judy*

OUR PLANT STALL AT THE GARDEN RAMBLE

Cosette has been busy nurturing cuttings and caring for plants in readiness for our stall at the Bundanoon Garden Ramble in October.

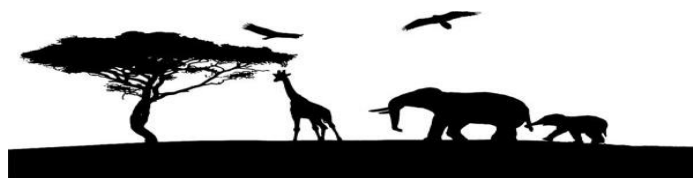
Whilst it is too late to take cuttings from your garden in time for the ramble, it is not too late to purchase a potted plant from a local nursery to donate to our stall.

In particular the stall could do with donations of native plants.



Money raised from our plant stall goes towards assisting our members in their gardens in times of need, supplementing bus trips, the Annual Christmas Party, acquiring books and magazines for the library, hall hire, technology, insurance etc !

GUEST SPEAKER



This month we welcome Lyn Moorhen whose topic is 'Out of Africa', a place where her love of gardening began.

After 35 years as an executive in technology and finance Lyn obtained a Diploma in Horticulture (Landscape Design) with distinction at Ryde Horticultural College, Sydney.

This was followed with a landscape design business called Tallulah Landscapes.

Currently Lyn is a member of The Horticultural Media Association, the Australian Garden History Society, The Bundanoon Garden Club and the Mosman Garden Club.

Lyn has been a member of horticultural committees (including the president of the Mosman Gardening Society, the secretary of the Australian Institute of Landscape Designers and Managers, and a committee member of Open Gardens Australia). She was awarded Australian Computer Society lecturer of the year and now give lectures and talks on matters horticultural. Lyn also writes articles on landscape, design and horticulture for magazines both commercial and professional.



The Garden Ramble Committee needs people to help with the erection of gazebos at the gates of the open gardens on the afternoon of Friday October 20 and after 4.00pm on Sunday October 22.

If you can help please ring John on 0417 406 069 or email jpryce-j@bigpond.net.au.

Many thanks.



September 2

Annual Camellia Show

Bowral Uniting Church - 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 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 pp

September 12 – 24 (and last weekend of each month)

Gardenalia Open Garden and Plant Stall

10.00am – 4.00pm Cost: \$10 per person
groups by appointment anytime Ph: 0477213141
Email: margaret@gardenalia.com.au

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 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 23

Lower Blue Mountains Spring Open Garden Weekend

Spring is a special time in the lower Blue Mountains. Five inspiring garden owners show you how they have taken advantage of their local climate and terrain. Enjoy a relaxing few hours wandering through these very individual private gardens in the Winmalee - Yellow Rock area. Presented by the Rotary Club of Springwood as a fund raiser for the Royal Institute for Deaf and Blind Children.

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 1

Bluebell and Sculpture Walk Burradoo NSW

October 7 – 8

Robertson Open Gardens and Giant Plant Stall
10.00am – 4.00pm Community Tech Centre, Robinson

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.

October 28 -29

Hillandale Garden and Nursery, Yetholme

A visit to this superb perennial garden is a must!



FRIENDSHIP OPEN GARDENS

9 SEPTEMBER 10.30am -1pm

It is with great pleasure, that, along with the start of our Spring Friendship Garden mornings, we welcome you into two Garden Club member's gardens in Exeter.

Garden 1: 5 Invergowie Lane, Exeter

Janis and John McCulloch's charming garden was started in 2010 with the construction of a large, gated veggie garden, green house, potting shed and compost bins. The garden is situated in a very picturesque setting, has a wide variety of cool climate plantings against a fabulous borrowed backdrop.



Note: Please park in the street and avoid the verge if wet.

TRADE TABLE



The trade table will be operating this month. Donations of produce from your veggie garden, eggs, cuttings, plants, herbs, unwanted garden tools or garden bric a brac gratefully received.



Garden 2: 18 Bundanoon Road, Exeter

Ruth and Peter Spence-Stone have been gardeners for only two years and are very passionate about their 1200 square metre garden. They have planted gooseberry, raspberry, blackberry and josta berry plants, and have set up their composting bins. Peter won 3rd place for compost and Ruth for kitchen herbs at the Moss Vale Country Show this year! Peter is a fine wood worker and his work room will be open and Ruth is providing morning tea for visitors.



Note: Please park in the street.



ENJOY A BIG DAY OUT!

No doubt those travelling to Leura in the Blue Mountains on Thursday 29 September are looking forward to their guided tours of some very special gardens. Enjoy!

Timetable: 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.

*Due to cancellations, there are still five seats available at a cost of \$62 pp. If you are interested, please see Jude at the meeting or book on line as follows -
BSB No: 802-101 ACCT No: 358047
Acct Name: The Bundanoon Garden Club
Please ensure 'Bus Trip' is mentioned.*



A LONG FLOWERING, COLOURFUL PLANT FOR ALL GARDENS

ERYSIMUM LINIFOLIUM: WALLFLOWER (BOWLES'S MAUVE)

Erysimums can be grown as annuals, biennials or woody-based perennials.

'Bowles's Mauve' (pictured), is a bushy evergreen perennial reaching 75cm, with narrow, dark grey-green leaves and erect racemes of rich mauve flowers 2cm in width. It is extremely frost and wind tolerant, loves full sun, will grow in just about any soil type and flowers profusely. Propagate by taking semi-hardwood cuttings in spring or summer. Trim lightly after flowering to prevent plants becoming leggy.

SEPTEMBER IN THE GARDEN

FERTILISE

**lightly fertilise azaleas, rhododendrons, magnolias, and camellias after flowering*

**dig organic compost and manure into soil and mulch with straw*

**a generous dose of fertiliser will do all gardens the world of good*

FEED

**lawns in the middle of this month*

**perennials and spring annuals fortnightly with a dose of water-soluble plant food to help maintain vigour and flower size*

SPRAY

**spray apples, pears and quinces as their petals fall in order to guard against codling moth*

**spray soapy water or a garlic spray to get rid of aphids on flowers*

INDOOR PLANTS

**give indoor plants a good wetting then fertilise with soluble plant food as new growth appears*

**repot indoor plants if needed*

PRUNE

**extend flowering by removing dead flower heads*

**flowering shrubs should be pruned as flowering finishes and new growth begins*

**prune winter flowering natives after their first flush is finished*

**cut back fuchsias and geraniums*

**trim camellias and other winter flowering shrubs after flowering*

**trim hedges lightly now, but wait till after the last frost before pruning heavily*

SOW

**time to sow poppy, cosmos, aquilegia, stocks, petunias, marigolds and vinca*

PLANT

**plant these veg: beetroot, cabbage, Cape gooseberry, capsicum, carrot, celery, Chinese cabbage, cress, lettuce, spring onion, radish, rhubarb and silverbeet in the veggie garden.*

**plant bottlebrush in native gardens.*

**plant roses euphorbia, salvia, sedum, lavender and snapdragons*

TAKE CUTTINGS

**take soft wood cuttings of salvias, daisies, herbs, shrubs and perennials*

**clean up old growth of perennial herbaceous plants.*

**spread organic mulch over garden beds.*

DIVIDE

**lift and divide liriopes and mondo grass*

**divide rhubarb, artichoke and ginger*

References: Deep Green Permaculture, Gardening Australia, Sustainable Gardening Australia, Hortico

BUNDANOON COMMUNITY GARDEN WORKSHOP

SPRING VEGETABLE GARDEN WORKSHOP

TUESDAY 19TH SEPTEMBER 9.30AM -12.00PM

Come along and hear about the tips and techniques used in our community garden including:

Crop Rotation

Preparing garden beds for the Spring/Summer vegetables

Succession Planting

Propagation: the 'when' and 'how' of sowing and planting out seedlings

Cost \$5 for Bundanoon Garden Club members.

Morning tea provided - BYO mug

For registration contact Nola Kunnen by 8 September

Ph: 0428623373 Email: bnooncomgarden@gmail.com.

Full details will be emailed to participants.

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*



**Whoever said money can't
buy happiness has never been to a
plant nursery.**

Bundanoon Garden Club Life Members

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



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

A BEAUTIFUL INDOOR PLANT



The Peace Lily: Spathiphyllum

The peace lily has attractive, dark green, lush foliage and a compact habit and is one of the most popular indoor plants grown in homes and offices. They are hardy, low maintenance plants that can help improve indoor air quality and have beautiful, tall white flowers throughout the year.

Place the plant in a warm spot indoors, away from direct sunlight. The pot needs to be double the plant size to give it enough room to grow. Use a mixture of potting mix and dynamic lifter for potting, back fill and firm down.

Water in well and remember to check the potting mix is kept moist. Don't over water in winter. Feeding every two weeks with liquid fertiliser in warmer months and once a month in winter will help to develop healthy foliage and give you lots of beautiful of flowers.

Remove discoloured or dead flowers regularly and try to keep leaves dust free by wiping gently with a moist cloth. Keep the pot out of the reach of children and pets as it is toxic.



Garden Club Contacts

Contact the President: 48836898

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Web site: www.bundanoongardenclub.com.au

WAR ON WAST



Think About Saving Water

**don't cut the grass too short or it will require more frequent watering*

**add water saving crystals to potting mix when potting*

**water pots in the late afternoon or evening*

**install a water tank to collect roof run-off and use on your garden.*

**stand a couple of buckets in the bottom of your shower*

**water the garden early in the morning or in the evening*

**mulch your garden well*

**grow plants with grey or silver foliage and those with leathery, hairy, curled or fuzzy leaves as they usually require less watering*

**layering plants in the garden can provide shade for smaller thirsty plants*

**build mounds around trees and shrubs to prevent run-off*

**makecompost then add to soil to help retain moisture*

References: Home Life, NSW Govt: Office of Environment and Heritage, The Guardian

GARDEN CLUBS OF AUSTRALIA 11TH ANNUAL PHOTOGRAPHIC COMPETITION

The competition is open to all GCA members and subscribers to the Our Gardens magazine. Entries must be received by 6th October 2017. Download the entry form is on the GCA website www.gardenclubs.org.au, or contact Paul Lucas on email photocomp@gardenclubs.org.au No entry fee - Prizes total \$1,200 from GCA and our gardening sponsors!



NEXT MEETING

The next general meeting of the Bundanoon Garden Club will be held in the hall on Thursday 5 October 2017.