



**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

**March 2018 Newsletter**

**FROM THE PRESIDENT**

*The recent drop in temperature has been a welcome respite and enabled many of us to venture out into the garden. Whilst the brief showers we've received lately may have encouraged some flowers to lift their droopy heads, I am sure you were delighted to hear the sound of rain on the roof on Sunday.*

*Have you noticed tinges of colour appearing in the garden? Is it an early sign of seasonal change or an indication that plants have suffered too much sunburn and are failing? Let's hope it's the former and that autumn brings further good soaking rain and we can put our hoses away.*

*Our AGM this month is a time when we look back on a year full of varied activities and forward to the new Garden Club year. New committee members will bring new ideas which will meld with the old and benefit our club.*

*On behalf of the Club, I sincerely thank those Committee members who have worked with me during my time as President. Their dedication has contributed to the betterment of the Club. I wish the Incoming Committee well.*  
*Judy*

**ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTIONS**

*Membership fees for 2018 are set at \$20 (to be voted on at the AGM) and payments are now due.*

*If paying by cheque or in cash, please write your name on an envelope and enclose payment - no form is needed unless your details have changed.*

*Pay by electronic transfer into the BGC account at BDCU as follows:*

*BSB: 802-101*

*Account No: 358047*

*Account Name: The Bundanoon Garden Club*

*Include your name and the word 'membership' in the transaction reference.*

*Thank you*

**GUEST SPEAKER**

*Curly, our guest speaker this month, is well known in the local community. Curly's Compost is widely used in Southern Highland's gardens and its reputation as a quality product is spreading! Come along and meet Curly and find out about the variety of garden features and farm equipment he makes in the forge, examples of which will be on display.*



**COMMITTEE VACANCIES**



***Nominations are called for three executive positions***

***President, Vice President and Secretary***

***and***

***three committee positions***

***Nomination forms are available from the Club's website or from the welcome table. Please hand nominations forms to the secretary before the AGM meeting begins.***

***Becoming a member of the Garden Club committee is a rewarding, enjoyable experience, and not too time consuming.***

***YOUR CLUB NEEDS YOU!***

**MARCH FRIENDSHIP GARDEN**  
**'Allways', Loftus Parade, Exeter**

**Open Saturday from 10.30am - 4.00pm.**



**Hosts: Eleanor and John Dartnell**

***This seven acre property is classified as a Southern Highland's significant garden. It has magnificent cool climate trees, shrubs and perennials, a beautiful lake, vistas, intimate walkways and hidden places to sit and enjoy the serenity. There is also a huge, landscaped veggie patch, a citrus garden, bee garden and an orchard of 250 heritage apple trees.***

***You are invited to visit the display of botanical art in the studio, join in free apple picking in the orchard and enjoy delicious refreshments generously provided by Eleanor in the gazebo near the lake.***



***Directions: Drive approximately two kilometres north of Exeter on the Werai Road and turn right into Loftus Parade then immediately right. Follow the private road around to the back of the property and park at the end of the road close to the buildings.***

***Volunteer parking attendants needed for hourly shifts. Please see Tathra at the meeting.***



***Please wear your badge and sign the attendance sheet so you are covered by insurance.***



## MARCH

3<sup>rd</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup>

### BLUE MOUNTAINS EDIBLE GARDEN FESTIVAL

Visit large, small, school, community, permaculture and more gardens across the mountains from Lapstone to Hartley as well as workshops on composting, companion gardening, worm farming and managing climatic conditions. See face book page for details.

3 – 4 & 31- 1<sup>st</sup> April

### RETFORD PARK OPEN GARDENS

1325 Old South Road, Bowral 10AM-3pm.

Phone: 48611933

10<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup> GOULBURN ROSE FESTIVAL

11<sup>th</sup>

### ROSE SOCIETY OF NSW WORKSHOP

CWA Rooms Winifred West Park, Old Hume Highway, Mittagong. Bookings essential by March 6 Cost: \$30 includes morning tea and light lunch.

17<sup>TH</sup> March – 15<sup>th</sup> – April

### ART IN THE GARDENS

National Botanical Gardens, Canberra  
Botanical Art by Friends of the Garden

Themes: endangered species and other native plants.  
All works for sale Entry: free

24<sup>th</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup> OPEN GARDENS CANBERRA

‘Haven’ 31 Drooka Crescent, Crace is a cottage garden with rare & unusual native & exotic plants, chook run, fruit & veg garden, and potted citrus.

Loraine and Geoff’s Garden, 93 Macfarland Place, Pearce has different garden rooms, steppable plants instead of lawn, a dry creek, ponds and diverse plantings surrounding seating areas.

Open Times 10.00am – 4.00 pm Cost: \$8 per garden

26<sup>th</sup> WILD MEADOW

Little Hartley, NSW

A garden of floral meadows and woodlands  
9.00am – 3.00pm Cost: \$8 pp

## APRIL

7<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> COLLECTOR’S PLANT FAIR

Hawkesbury Race Club, Clarendon

Tickets: Saturday entry - \$14

Sunday entry - \$12 Weekend pass - \$20

Bookings: [www.collectorsplantfair.com.au](http://www.collectorsplantfair.com.au)

14<sup>th</sup> -17<sup>th</sup>

### HUNTER VALLEY GARDENS, POKOLBIN

A fantastic program of activities including a giant Easter egg hunt will be held on Saturday and Sunday.

24<sup>th</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup> OPEN GARDENS CANBERRA

‘Dragonflies and Blue Bees’

19 A’Beckett St, Watson ACT Open 10.00am – 4.00pm

This suburban oasis features a natural water pool, productive veggie & herb garden, orchard, native plantings and an outdoor room with fire pit. Cost: \$8

### SOUTHERN HIGHLANDS BOTANICAL GARDENS AUTUMN GARDENS AND PLANT FAIR

Saturday 21 April - Sunday 22 April , 10am - 4pm

Southern Highlands Botanical Gardens, Cnr Kangaloon Road and Old South Road, Bowral

PH. Peter Scott 0427 240 246

A vast array of rare, unusual and hard-to-find plants will be available for purchase at the Plant Fair at the Southern Highlands Botanic Gardens. These plants have been raised locally by the SHBG Plant Growers Group. The nursery is open from 9am to 4pm Saturday and Sunday. Coffee is also available.

### THE GARDENS

Experience some of the larger gardens in the district that merge with pastoral surroundings, and explore smaller town gardens. This year’s gardens include:

‘Prittlewell’ at Fitzroy Falls, ‘Robertson Park’ at Glenquarry, ‘Bellagio’ at Bowral, ‘Wilderwood’ at Burradoo and ‘Heidi’s Garden’ at Bowral.

Cost: \$35 all-weekend pass entry to all 5 gardens and free entry for school children.

### RED COW FARM

7480 Illawarra Hwy, Sutton Forest

Open daily until 20 May 2018

Entry: \$10 Adult, \$8 seniors & Groups, \$4 Child (4-14)

No Picnics / No Animals Allowed

### GARDENALIA

May Street, Robertson - Supporting Diabetes, NSW

Open on the last weekend of the month until May 2018.

Entry: \$8 per person

## **GARDENING IN EARLY AUTUMN**



*Keep deadheading flowers and cutting back perennials as they wither.*

*Deadheading roses now may give an extra flush through autumn.*

*Take cuttings from herbaceous plants and remember to place them in a protected spot before the cold weather arrives.*

*Give herbaceous borders a dose of lime.*

*Divide bearded irises.*

*Before planting bulbs why not choose a colour palette of your favourites for a wonderful spring display.*

*Make sure pansies, cineraria, poppies and violas are planted in sunny positions.*

*Plant bee-attracting Michaelmas daisies and sedums.*

*Repair and fertilise existing lawns.*

*Newly sown lawns will need to be kept well watered.*

*Keep feeding leafy veg with liquid fertiliser every week or two.*

*Give veggie gardens and fruit trees a dose of lime.*

*Prepare beds for winter vegetables by digging in manures and good compost.*

*Towards the end of the month plant English spinach, broad beans, radish, silverbeet, turnips, cabbage, winter lettuce, spring onions, cauliflower, broccoli and leeks.*

*Grow a crop of green manure then wait until the first week of September to dig in.*

### **Contacts**

*Contact the President: 48836898*

*Email: [info@bundanoongardenclub.com.au](mailto:info@bundanoongardenclub.com.au)*

*Web site: [www.bundanoongardenclub.com.au](http://www.bundanoongardenclub.com.au)*

*Plant herbs including lemon balm, chives, thyme, basil, marjoram, mint, parsley, sage and tarragon,*

*Pick bunches of herbs for drying.*

*Thin any excess growth on birches and maples if needed.*

*Take daphne cuttings.*

*Evergreen trees and shrubs can be transplanted when the worst of the heat has passed.*

*Move citrus, azaleas, camellias and rhododendrons with their root balls intact, at the end of the month.*

*The following references were used to compile the above list and are available in our Garden Club Library.*

*The Kitchen Gardener – Julian Matthews*

*The Practical Australian Gardener – Peter Cundall*

*The Canberra Gardener – Horticultural Society of Canberra*

## **COMPOSTING**

*This is the ideal month for making compost. Start with about twenty centimetres of basic material such as grass, weeds, leaves, straw etc and wet it thoroughly. Spread over a thin layer of manure (chook, horse or blood and bone) and water in. Next add a layer of kitchen scraps (no cooked food), torn paper or cardboard, followed by green waste such as grass clippings. Layer until the heap is about two metres tall then keep watering and turning to aid decomposition. Compost can be used before it has completely broken down. This takes approximately two months using this method.*

**make your own  
FREE  
COMPOST**  
and have  
**HEALTHIER  
SOIL**  
in only  
**10 MINUTES**  
per week  
eliminating up to  
**30 PERCENT**  
of your garden  
water bill  
and up to  
**30 PERCENT**  
of your garbage

**EARTH DAY,  
EVERY DAY**

## **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, Graeme Whisker, Marian Talintyre,  
Cosette Morris and Marina Beaumont*

## **GARDEN MAINTENANCE DIRECTORY**

*The following contractors provide a range of gardening services in large and small gardens.*

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

*Kristy Connelly: 4883 6354 or 0449 274 339*

*Courtney Whip: 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*



*As this is my last newsletter for Bundanoon Garden Club I would like to take the opportunity to thank those who have welcomed me into their gardens, shared their stories, offered suggestions and tips and made written contributions.*

*Cheers,*

*Lyn*

### **IN SEASON NOW**

*Many of us choose to grow our own fruit and vegetables. We recognise the economic, environmental and health value of eating seasonal foods grown organically and can really taste the difference.*

*Autumn's huge range of available produce provides plenty of choices for delicious dishes. Choose from apples, berries, kiwi fruit, pears, persimmons, strawberries, asian greens, beans, broccoli, cabbage, cauliflower, capsicum, chilli, lettuce, mushrooms, parsley pumpkin, radish, rhubarb, white turnips, sweet potato, fennel, maybe some tomatoes, parsley and other herbs. Wow! Enjoy!*



## ***Worst Environmental Weeds in the Southern Highlands***

### ***VINES:***

*English Ivy (Hedera helix)*

*Cape Ivy (Delairea odorata)*

*Japanese Honeysuckle (Lonicera japonica)*

### ***TREES:***

*Hawthorn (Crataegus spp.)*

*English Holly (Ilex aquifolium)*

*Willows (all species) (Salix spp.)*

*Box Elder Maple (Acer negundo)*

### ***SHRUBS:***

*Cotoneaster (Cotoneaster spp.)*

*Montpelier Broom (Genista spp.)*

*Large Leafed Privet (Ligustrum lucidum)*

*Cherry Laurel (Prunus lauracerasus)*

*Small Leafed Privet (Ligustrum sinense)*

### ***LILY:***

*Monbretia (Crocosmia x crocosmiiflora)*

### ***GROUND COVERS:***

*Wandering Dew (Tradescantia fluminensis)*

*Blue Periwinkle (Vinca Major)*

***The Wingecarribee Shire Council website provides detailed information on the problems associated with environmental weeds, methods of control, responsible disposal and alternative plants for your garden.***

***Join a local Bush care group!  
Contact council for details of your  
nearest group: Call 4868 0888 or visit  
[www.wsc.nsw.gov.au/environment](http://www.wsc.nsw.gov.au/environment)***



### **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.

### **Trade Table**

Thank you to all those members who make donations to the trade table. It is greatly appreciated.

**Reminder:** The trade table will be selling tulip bulbs at the April meeting.

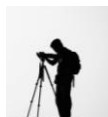


### **Library**

A reminder that we have unlimited borrowing of books, magazines and DVD's and all may be reserved.



Please check your bookshelves for club library books and return them on Thursday.



### **Garden Clubs of Australia 2018 Photography Competition**

You may enter any number of photos (taken anywhere in the world) in the following categories:

1. Garden Scenes from around the world
2. Garden Visitors: birds, bees, bugs, animals
3. Abstract image of flowers or foliage
4. Close-ups of flowers, foliage or floral/flower arrangements
5. Productive Gardens or Edible Plants: fruit, vegetables, herbs

**PLEASE SEE NOTICE BOARD AT THE BACK OF THE HALL FOR FURTHER DETAILS**

### **Next Meeting**

The next meeting of the Bundanoon Garden Club will be held on **Thursday 5th April** in the hall. We hope to see you all there.



**CAN YOU NAME  
THESE FIVE AUTUMN  
FLOWERING PLANTS?**

