



# *The Bundanoon Garden Club Inc*

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*Friendship Through Gardens*

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## **SEPTEMBER 2018 NEWSLETTER**

### **FROM THE PRESIDENT**

As I write the sound of rain is music to my ears, and knowing how much the trees, plants, animals, birds and insects must be absorbing this longed-for moisture, is a comfort. And my thoughts turn to the farmers and their stock, the desperate plight of the country and all its creatures. We gardeners are so aware of the changes in the environment and have such an intimate connection with our own patch.

With heart and strength we can, each one of us, embrace the latest, tried and true knowledge and techniques and do our best to bring health and vitality to our own piece land in our care. 'From little things big things grow'.

It is a good time to look around and see what is faring well without rain. Drought-tolerant plants, many of which are Australian natives, will be a good choice now and into the future as we suffer higher temperatures and more droughts as predicted with climate change. Armchair gardening is a wonderful occupation on cold and wet winter days, which do still happen even with climate change. There is something soothing and inspiring, sitting in front of a fire, book on lap, cup of tea to hand, working out designs and plantings that can be done later. And one of the best choices might be to plan a special drought tolerant, no water garden to fit into your scheme. No water gardens are one of my favourites as I'm not too keen on watering. Some people see it as relaxing to stand with a hose at the end of the day, I'd rather sit with a glass of wine.

Happy planning and happy gardening!

Robin

Robin Coombes, Email: [info@bundanoongardenclub.com.au](mailto:info@bundanoongardenclub.com.au)

### **OCTOBER'S MEETING'S GUEST SPEAKER is Sarah Ryan**

Our Guest Speaker this month is Sarah Ryan from the perennial nursery and garden at 'Hillandale'.

The property has a 2.5-hectare garden, including a 120-metre long herbaceous perennial border with over 300 species of plants. Sarah's wonderful garden has been on ABC's Gardening Australia and this month she will share the joys of growing perennials.



**PARKING:** Could members be aware of where you park in the village on garden club morning. Have a look at the parking signs and make sure, for the 2-3 hours your car is parked, that it is in a space that allows for this length of time please.

**'I T' PERSON** - We now have a member to keep our website up to date and looking good, thank you Tony Millwood for volunteering. Have a look at our website and Facebook page.

Thank you Tricia Duncombe, our food and beverage expert, Kay Millwood and Jan Longton and all members who bring a delicious plate for morning tea. By the throng around the table during the break, it is much enjoyed and appreciated. So members, bring a plate, it is one way of volunteering!

BRING YOUR OWN MUG for morning tea, just like our adjustment to bringing our own bags to supermarkets, let's be mindful around waste at our club meetings too. If we all bring our favourite mug or our eco-friendly coffee cup, we save around 100 throwaway mugs each month!

## **SEPTEMBER SPRING FRIENDSHIP GARDENS**

**Saturday 8 September, 10.30am to 1pm**

Come and visit 2 wonderful spring gardens in Bowral and enjoy a delicious morning tea. Two, never before visited, spring gardens of our lovely, enthusiastic garden club members are opening for us. Please plan a trip to Bowral and support Elaine and Pam, who have been very busy in their gardens getting them ready for us to enjoy.

\*Strictly between 10.30am and 1pm.

\*Please wear your badge

\*Each member and visitor must sign the insurance sheet to be covered by insurance

**Elaine & Tony Lye**, 'Abbi Park', 26 Boronia Street, Bowral Directions: Western side of railway line  
Abbi Park was named after their granddaughter when Elaine and Tony purchased this property 3 years ago. Once in the Open Gardens Scheme, this one-acre garden is being transformed to Elaine and Tony's taste and style. Treasured mature trees have been kept, lawns reduced, more informal beds with cool climate plantings and a woodland with 26 Silver Birches has been created. Don't miss visiting the Koi pond and rill. Elaine is generously providing morning tea for all her visitors.



**Pam & Bob Cornette** 'Glenora' 63 Shepherd Street, Bowral Directions: Eastern side of railway line





Pam started her garden 5 years ago and has carried out all the work herself, including paving, tile work, stick fencing, painting and hand made the lovely birdbath. All the lawn was dug up to create a very individual cottage garden with elevated views of Mt Gibraltar. Pam says she has engaged in a “lot of roadside shopping”, and artistically created a most delightful garden with surprises at each turn

### **BUS TRIP TO FLORIADE, CANBERRA 11th OCTOBER**

We have a 48-seater luxury coach booked for our trip to Floriade, so hope that this bus outing will be well supported. Leaving Bundanoon at 8am, with a lovely morning tea by Lake George, we will be dropped and picked up again at the entrance, returning before 5pm.

Mobility scooters will be available to hire at the entrance, but full details are not yet available. I will email everyone as soon as I know.

Entry to Floriade is free, and the cost of the coach including morning tea is only \$30.

Jude Myers will be pleased to receive your names and payments. If you are not able to get to the monthly meeting and would like to reserve seats and pay by bank transfer or BPAY, Bundanoon Garden Club BSB is 802-101, Account No.358047, quoting Floriade.

I hope my first trip as your travel organiser will be a success.

David Humphrey

**BGC'S celebration of NATIONAL GARDENING WEEK - Save this date, SATURDAY 6th OCTOBER 10.30 - 1pm.** There will be 3 fabulous Bundanoon Friendship Gardens open for us to enjoy, and we will be putting on a Big Morning Tea in a lovely enclosed courtyard. Meet your garden club friends and make new ones on this lovely occasion.

Graeme Whisker, a BGC member, and resident of Bundanoon, is Garden Clubs of Australia Senior Vice-President, Publicity Officer and Zone Co-Ordinator, all volunteer positions. As one of 100s of garden clubs around Australia, we are proud to be able to say that Graeme is doing such important jobs to support all of these clubs.

### **Celebration of National Wattle Day, 1st September**

How about members wear a sprig of wattle on their clothing at Thursday's meeting, to celebrate Wattle Day.

A happy group of enthusiastic people celebrating Wattle day at Gambells Rest in the Morton National Park on Saturday, 1st September. The Golden Wattle, *Acacia pycnantha*, was officially proclaimed Australia's National Floral Emblem in a ceremony held at the National Botanic Gardens, Canberra in 1988. 'Long valued by Indigenous Australians, the wattle has been part of Australia's national identity ever since it was officially celebrated in Sydney, Melbourne and Adelaide on September 1, 1910' - Peter Garrett AM MP Foreword in the book 'A Celebration of Wattle' by Maria Hitchcock.



**\*Jude's Jaunt to Australian Galleries in Woollahra, Thursday 20 September,** to see our member Pam Tippet's art works (see 'Save the Date' emails). Jude and friends will catch the 8.17am train from Bundanoon and the return train at Central at 4.01. All welcome to join her for another great outing.

**Please Note:** A new heating system has been installed in the hall, and we are advised it is having 'teething problems', so could we suggest you bring an extra layer, just in case.

At our next meeting, in the Memorial Hall on Thursday, 4th October Steve Falconi, owner of a company called Organic Crop Protectants P/L will talk about organic pest and disease control, weedkillers, fertilizers, soil improvers, water saving help and live "good" bugs that can be shipped to you.



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# **SEPTEMBER 2018 EXTRA ADDITION TO NEWSLETTER**

## **BUNDANOON 2018 GARDEN RAMBLE**

The Bundanoon Garden Ramble, Bundanoon's open garden weekend is to be held again on Saturday 27 & Sunday 28 October 2018. Eight lovely private gardens will feature, with four of these being new gardens.

The Garden Club provides the majority of garden gate sitters, who look after the visitors as they arrive at each garden. Two members staff each garden gate on both the morning and afternoon shifts over the two days. The gate sitters' value to the weekend is enormous, as they are the ears and eyes of the Ramble Committee. They welcome, provide advice, gather statistics, provide liaison between garden owners and committee and are the first and last point that the visitor sees at each Garden.

With your help, the Ramble Committee look forward to another very successful event. ❀



