



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

January 2019 Newsletter

FROM THE PRESIDENT

Welcome everyone to a new Garden Club year. The little rain we've had this month has been most welcome, but we have experienced some very hot weather as well. I don't know how everyone else has fared, but it has played havoc with my vegetable patch, except for the tomatoes, which have flourished. I'm sure that our water bill is going to be a little higher than normal, I guess it's the price we pay to have a nice garden.

The Christmas Garden Party in December last year was a great success, we would like to thank everyone for attending and hope that you all enjoyed yourselves. Many thanks to Brian for providing his garden and the school band for providing the entertainment.

Margaret

Contact Numbers

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CHRISTMAS GARDEN PARTY

Thursday 6 December 2018

We sincerely thank Brian for his generosity in opening the garden for our social event. A great time was had by all. A big thank you to the local school band, who performed for us.



Friendship Gardens

9 February

between 10.30 - 1pm

Please wear your badge, and sign the insurance sheet at the garden entrance

Charlie and Winnie Foreman 'Penniless Porch'
(name taken from Well's Cathedral), 5 Lansdown Place, Moss Vale

Inspired by the style of their neighbours' gardens and the landscaping advice of Arthur Lathouris, the Foremans are very pleased with how the garden makes the most of the big sky and view. There is a pebble walkway, pergola and statue, sedums and herb garden and a beautiful well-kept lawn to set it all off.



Brian and Liz Pattinson

'Dilkusha', (Happy Heart), 6 Lansdown Place, Moss Vale

The Pattinsons were vegetable growers from Dubbo. It is obvious that Liz has great imagination and Brian has green thumbs! You will be amazed at what was a bare block 4 1/2 years ago to a thriving, well tended, delightful garden. The cycads and the green house are a must to see.



Giselle and Graeme Millard

13 Lansdown Place, Moss Vale

Another entirely different Lathouris creation, the landscaping takes advantage of the view to Oxley Hill. A mixture of thriving native and exotic plantings, very well maintained, manicured and attractive, with a lovely outdoor 'room' taking advantage of this productive and tranquil garden.



Lavinia and Roger Roberts

7 Daylesford Drive, Moss Vale

Lavinia and Roger love gardening, and having come off a property in Broke, where they opened their garden. They have set about creating this town garden with the help of local landscape designer Arthur Lathouris. This is a garden without lawn just all the exotic plants that the Roberts desired.



Morag and Christian Rasmussen

9 Daylesford Drive, Moss Vale

With Morag's artistic eye, husband Christian the builder, and Arthur Lathouris the landscaper, this house and garden complement, reflect and display the personalities of the Rasmussens. The garden is set around a huge Pistachio tree, and with lovely pots, Morag's creative embellishments, an exclusive white and green planting, it is all a delight. Come and see what can be done with a small garden! Morag is providing a delicious morning tea for all her visitors.



VEGGIE MAN.

Veggieman – February 2019

A good year in my veggie patch, despite the prolonged heat of the last couple of months. The most important thing of course is not to let anything dry out, to avoid stressing plants that will either go to seed or become woody. Also, some vegetables will benefit from shade, especially salad crops. Hot weather contributes to poor climbing bean pollination, so I do repeat sowings of bush beans. My onions are ready for lifting and thoroughly drying or 'curing' before storing in a cool dark place, preferably in a net so that air can circulate. My potatoes and carrots will see us through for the next six months, and we will again have a bumper crop of butternut pumpkins that will last all year.

The rotation bed where I grew this year's broad beans and peas (that fix nitrogen in the soil through their roots) is being prepared for brassicas, which I will begin planting soon. With broccoli the main florets all seem to come at once, so I plant a few at a time of different varieties. So far, I have not succeeded with Brussel sprouts, and only partially with cauliflowers, but cabbages both green and red have done well.

My aim is to grow vegetables so that there is always something to harvest, and with my greenhouse I am able to extend the season, especially for salad crops and bush beans. We are not keen on Asian vegetables, but their growing season is similar to perpetual spinach and mixed lettuce leaves.

This is my usual outdoor sowing/planting schedule:

February Last sowing Bush Beans, Lettuce, Rocket and Radish.

February – April Broccoli, Cabbage, Cauliflower, Brussel Sprouts(?)

May Broad beans, Sugar Snap Peas

Aug/Sept/Oct Potatoes

August/September - when soil warmed up and protect with fine netting to create a micro climate against frosts – sow rows of Carrots (early season), Spinach (English and Perpetual), Parsnip, Beetroot, Lettuce, Radish, Spring Onions/shallots, Rocket, Leeks and Onions (red and brown)

October - more sowings of above as required. Plant out Tomatoes, Cucumbers and Zucchini protecting from frosts. Sow Bush Beans.

November Sow Climbing beans, plant Pumpkins

December – Feb - repeat sowings as August/September (except Leeks and Onions)

I grow all Cucumbers, Zucchini, Pumpkins, and Leeks, and some Climbing Beans, Bush Beans and Tomatoes inside under a grow light, to transplant as soon as frosts end. For the greenhouse I buy Tomato plants as soon as available and protect from cold nights with bubble wrap. Also, I always transplant Bush Beans into the greenhouse for an early crop.

I rotate three beds every year, Potatoes, Climbing Beans / Pumpkins, and Broad Beans / Sugar Snap Peas followed by Brassicas. Two further beds are used for everything else, with a last bed permanently for Asparagus. My seep hose automatic watering system is essential, and I use lots of shade protection from pests, and my cat!

If any members would like to view my veggie patch, give me a ring– Tel: 48836634.



David Humphrey.

GUEST SPEAKER

OZ STYLE REPTILES

Ray McGibbon

(the snake catcher)

Tel: 0400 734 225

Mr McGibbon, who runs Ozstyle Reptiles, works to educate people about snakes to ensure the safety of both.

“They’re not out to hurt anyone they don’t want to hurt anyone, they just want to do their own thing,” he said.

“If people can just take the time to understand these reptiles the better we both will be, as the conservation of reptiles is as just important as the cute and cuddly koalas we share the area with.”

Mr McGibbon said if people came across a snake, they should stand still as snakes reacted to rapid movement, and then slowly back away in the opposite direction they came from.

“Stay at a safe distance and call your local licensed snake catcher to come and remove the reptile,” he said.

“Also keep an eye on the reptile so the catcher knows the location of that said snake in your yard or wherever it may be.”



Gardening Events

— see notice board

Rose Festival

Sat 9th March

11 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Sunday 10th March

10 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Veolia Arena

47 Braidwood Road,

GOULBURN

Plants * Gardening Tools * Crafts

www.goulburnrosefestival.org.au

Tel: 1800 353 646

Every March roses bloom in a spectacle that is Goulburn’s Rose Festival, now a major annual attraction for all rose fanciers and their families. The Festival features thousands of named roses on display including the City of Goulburn Rose. The rose is a flower that sits comfortably with Goulburn’s heritage buildings, broad streets, spacious parks and majestic trees.

The Goulburn Rose Festival showcases the roses of Goulburn and includes a strongly contested Competition in which anyone can enter roses for judging, from Champion growers to ordinary home gardeners and even children. Prizemoney is donated by local businesses, organisations and individuals.

The Goulburn City of Roses Committee has been responsible for the establishment of extensive rose gardens throughout the city. Many thousands of roses planted in the city make a spectacular show during the months of October to April.



Notice to Members

Missing Club Banner

Has anyone seen this? If so, can you please inform our President of its location.



MEETING MORNING TEA

Please remember to bring your coffee/tea cup to the meetings. This assists the club by not having to provide disposable cups, saves us money and also plays a small part in the prevention of pollution.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION **Garden Club Web Site**

The Garden club web site is currently in the process of being updated by Tony Millwood, why not take a look.

Garden Maintenance Directory

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

Petite Tree and Lawn Services

Mobile: 0407 118 965

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 0427 979 419 A/H 4841 0328

Marc Varnhed: Total Tree Services qualified local arborist 0449 221 420 or 4883 4743

Chris Mitchell: is small garden specialist and can be contacted on 0437 930 100.

Discounts for Members

The following local businesses give a 10 % discount to Bundanoon Garden Club members.

Roses and Friends: 881 Nowra Road, Fitzroy Falls

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.

Next Meeting:

The next meeting of the Bundanoon Garden Club will be held on **Thursday 7 March 2019.**