



**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**

*June 2018 Newsletter*

***FROM THE PRESIDENT***

The autumn colours have been inspiring, even though they were a little later this year. Driving around the Highlands at this time of the year is a wonderful reminder of why so many of us choose to live in a cold climate. As the trees take their rest in preparation for spring, so we can use this time preparing our gardens for spring, planting bare-rooted trees and shrubs. I also find it the best time for structural work in the garden while the weather is cold. There is building work going on as part of the development of the Southern Highlands Botanic Gardens, and Charlotte Webb, our guest speaker this month, is going to update us on what is happening there. It will be great to have such a wonderful resource close to home, a place where we can see the plants that do well in our climate.

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***Farewell to a valued Club Member***

Farewell to Janis McCulloch who has been an active member of the garden club for many years and is now leaving the area. We would particularly like to offer a big thank-you to Janis for her help with the raffle at our monthly meetings.

***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.

***Guest Speaker***

This month our guest speaker will be Charlotte Webb from the Southern Highlands Botanical Gardens (SHBG).

Charlotte will give us a progress report of the SHBG and provide us with an insight into the plans for SHBG both past, present and future. If you would like more information, please use the link below.

[info@shbg.com.au](mailto:info@shbg.com.au)



***Guest Speaker – July***

Next month's guest speaker is Kathy Finigan from My Productive Back Yard (MPBY). The topic of her talk is "Your backyard supermarket – how to pick something to eat from your garden every day".

***Proposed trip to Floriade  
15 September – 14 October***

David Humphrey is proposing to organise a bus trip to Floriade in October. This will be discussed at the meeting on Thursday to gauge the level of interest and discuss the proposed cost involved.



In the 21st century National Wattle Day is celebrated as a day to celebrate Australia - its land and its people.

**In 1910** wattle day was celebrated on 1 September in NSW, Victoria and South Australia.

Plans in 1913 to proclaim the wattle a national emblem and celebrate Wattle Day nationally were interrupted by World War I, but wattle remained a strong symbol of patriotism during the war years. Sprigs of wattle and colourful badges were sold on Wattle Day to raise money for the Red Cross. NSW changed the date to **1 August in 1916** because that allowed the Red Cross to use the earlier flowering and more familiar Cootamundra Wattle rather than Golden Wattle.

In **1988** the Golden Wattle (*Acacia pycnantha*) was officially gazetted as Australia's national floral emblem.

In **1992**, the first day of September each year was officially declared 'National Wattle Day' throughout Australia by the Commonwealth of Australia.2010

Wattle Day is also used to raise money for community causes such as local bush fire brigades, and charities for women, children and disabled people. A century ago sprigs of wattle and wattle badges were sold to raise money for wounded soldiers during the First World War.

## National Wattle Day A celebration of Australia and Australians SEPTEMBER 1st

### National Wattle Day - why do we celebrate?

- Wattle is our national floral emblem. It is a symbol that comes directly from our land;
- Wattle is Australian and represents us all. Unlike other national days, National Wattle Day excludes no one;
- Like our people, wattle has great diversity (with more than 1,200 species) and resilience;
- Wattle welcomes in the spring and is among the first plants to regenerate after fire, reminding us of the importance of renewal as it paints our national colours across our land; and
- Wattle is a unifying symbol for all Australians. There is no other symbol that says so much about us and our land, Australia.
- Wattle is a symbol of Australia and Australians.



### FRIENDSHIP GARDEN

Unfortunately, there is no friendship garden to visit this month, however, more garden visits are being organised for the coming months.



### *Gardens open for Inspection*

Sturt Range Rd, Mittagong – Ph: 4860 2083 Entry Free Open Year Round

Harpers Mansion Wilkinson St, Berrima – Ph: 4877 1508 Entry to House, garden and maze.

Open: Every Weekend

5TH Chapter Estate 217 Walkers Lane, Avoca (unsealed road access) Open March to August weekdays by Appointment only Open: 10am – 3pm Entry \$10pp (donated to Garvan Cancer Institute)

Email [garden@fifthchapter.com.au](mailto:garden@fifthchapter.com.au) or Ph: John 0435 107 456 or Cindy 0418 483 923

#### THE HOME AND GARDEN SHOW

The Home & Garden Show returns to the Bong Bong Racecourse on the 3rd weekend of September.

A great family day out with so much to see, do, learn and buy!

A showcase of everything home and garden. Plus, don't forget your fur family as leashed dogs are welcome.

Full Program and More details to come!

Also, you might like to visit one of these gardens that are open regularly, or by appointment:

- [Bebeah](#) : Mt Wilson
- [Bundanon Homestead & Garden](#) : Illaroo
- [Constable Estate Gardens](#) : Pokolbin
- [Everglades Historic House & Gardens](#) : Leura
- [Mayfield Garden](#) : Oberon
- [Merribee](#) : Numbaa
- [Nooroo Garden Mt Wilson](#) : Mt Wilson
- [Perennialle Plants Nursery](#) : Canowindra
- [Secret Garden and Nursery](#) : Richmond
- [Tablelands Trees and Shrubs Garden & Nursery](#) : Cooma

Click on the links provided to get the full details about open days and times. Events are selected because they are within about 300kms of your postcode area. Please double check our listing, and an events own website if available, prior to going to make sure that it is open when you are planning a visit.



### *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 made.

### *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](mailto: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.

### *Next Meeting:*

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