



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
August 2018 Newsletter

FROM THE VICE PRESIDENT

During the past few weeks haven't we had a variety of weather conditions but today, after some very welcome rain last night, the sun is shining brightly but unfortunately the wind has now picked up.

Some gardening tips for August:

1. A time for sharpening your secateurs and to prune your roses towards the end of the month. If you are nervous about pruning, perhaps a Rose Pruning Workshop might be the answer for you. Details for such events may be found on the internet. The general principle for bush and standard roses is to remove old unproductive wood back to the graft and then shorten other stems by half, always cutting at an outward facing bud.
2. I regard this month as the time to tidy and weed so that you are prepared for Spring and can then keep your garden relatively weed free. It is important to weed your clumps of bulbs before they flower so that you do not damage the emerging flowers. Fertilize bulbs when the new growth appears with blood and bone with potash.
3. Prune crepe myrtles now if they were not trimmed after flowering. They flower on new wood so if pruning is left any later it will be detrimental to next seasons flowers. Trimming encourages better flowering.
4. Winter flowering ericas and heathers are still putting on a good show of blooms but trim them as soon as they finish flowering to keep them bushy and compact.
5. Divide overcrowded waterlilies and replant in aged cow manure into which a few granules of Osmocote Plus has been mixed. Fertilizer tablets suitable for pond plants are also available.
6. Fertilize stone fruit 5 to 6 weeks before flowering and clear any grass and weeds from around the trunks.

Kaye

GUEST SPEAKER

Warren Walker
Founder and Managing Director
Wariapendi Nursery, 33 Church Avenue,
Colo Vale.

<http://www.wariapendi.com.au>

For over four (4) decades Warren has been passionately working towards preserving and enhancing the natural environment of the Southern Highlands along with establishing sustainable gardens with a strong focus on using indigenous plants.

Along with many private landholders, developers and Government Departments have enjoyed the benefits of Warren's expertise in our local flora. He also has a passion and is an expert when it comes to using native plants to create colourful, low maintenance gardens that provide a positive benefit to our local environment along with positive lifestyle benefits for present and future generations to enjoy.



VEGGIE MAN.

I hope that many club members, who attended last month's meeting were inspired by Kathy Finigan to either start or increase growing vegetables this coming season. Her publications, which can be down loaded from www.myproductivebackyard.com.au are a great source of the 'how's' the 'do's' and the 'don'ts' for a very small fee.

Soil warmth is a critical factor when sowing seed or planting out, and a layer of black plastic for a couple of or more weeks works well. My broad beans and sugar snap peas planted last April, protected though frost hardy, are growing well, and I will plant my potatoes and a first sowing of salad items at the end of August, again with protection and having warmed the soil. Tomato plants should be available for the greenhouse, and I will sow bush beans inside to transplant into the greenhouse for an early crop.

The presentation last meeting reminded me of one of my greatest failings, sowing seed too thickly and forgetting successional sowing. I am determined to overcome this 'all or nothing' syndrome and have also decided to plant my potatoes in two halves, two months apart, to enjoy the pleasure of 'new' potatoes for longer.

Some members came to look at my plot a couple of months ago, and by the end of September there should be something else worth seeing.

David Humphrey (4883 6634)



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Floriade Visit

Thursday 11th October

We have a 48-seat luxury coach booked for our trip to Floriade, so hope that the club 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. The daily programme is not yet published, so will let you know the highlights when available.

- Mobility scooters will be on site, booking details to follow.
- Entry to Floriade is free, and the cost of the coach including morning tea is \$30.
- Jude Myers will be pleased to receive your names and payments.

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

David Humphrey

'Stacking Chairs'

Would everyone, at the end of each meeting, please stack their chairs at the end of each row.

At the last meeting this was carried out very well and made the putting away of all those chairs so much easier. Thanks to all.

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 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.

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

- [Clover Hill](#) in Katoomba will open from Sat, 25 Aug 2018.
- [Bebeah](#) : Mt Wilson
- [Bundanon Homestead & Garden](#) : Illaroo
- [Campbell Rhododendron Gardens](#) : Blackheath
- [Everglades Historic House & Gardens](#) : Leura
- [Mayfield Garden](#) : Oberon
- [Merribee](#) : Numbaa
- [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.

DAFFODILS AT RYDAL www.rydal.com.au

The village of Rydal is celebrating the arrival of Spring with a “Daffodils at Rydal Festival”. The picturesque village with its private gardens and public parks has thousands of daffodils in all shapes, sizes and colours of both new and old favourite varieties. Colourful gardens with stunning daffodils are spread throughout the heritage village and country landscapes.

Its location is on top of the Great Dividing Range, which gives it the ideal climate for growing these beautiful flowers.

The gardens are open on the weekends of 8/9 September and 15/16 September between 10 a.m. & 4 p.m. The \$10 pp entry takes you to the gardens, musical events, art show, sculptures in the scrub and unique rural displays. This is a great outing for individuals, families and groups and is worthwhile visiting.

The village doesn't have any shops. Catering is by Daffodils at Rydal members with an all-day BBQ, hot soups and morning and afternoon teas. Group organisers can also pay for garden entry and catering in one payment. Morning and afternoon tea with cakes and slices is \$6.00 pp. Lunch of steak sandwiches, tea or coffee, cakes and slices is \$15.00 pp.

The garden entry fee supports charities in the Lithgow district and since 2002 nearly \$200,000 has been donated to various charities by Daffodils at Rydal.



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.

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.

Next Meeting:

The next meeting of the Bundanoon Garden Club will be held on **Thursday 6th September** in the Bundanoon Memorial Hall.