



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
October 2018 Newsletter

FROM THE PRESIDENT

The little rain we've had this month has been most welcome. A bit more would be better, but then true gardeners, I think, would always like a bit more – but not always water. A few more plants to be tucked in between the existing ones, another shrub that is so interesting and very different from the others in the garden that you just had to buy it.

And then, another garden bed would allow space for more plants. I have just moved into a new house – new to me but with an established garden waiting to be loved once again. There are many, many trees on the block as a large part of it is a natural bush corridor for wildlife to roam freely, which they do in abundance. But, even though there are so many trees, I bought another four this week as I *need* them for a screen for a particular spot that doesn't have the type of cover I'd like. Sound familiar?

Then, with all the wildlife about, I had to buy some fencing to protect my little trees from the wildlife, in this case lyre birds. Then, I had to buy stakes to hold the wire firmly in place so the birds couldn't expose the roots while searching for food in the nicely disturbed ground I prepared for my trees.

As I watch the lyre birds running and chasing each other around the garden, and listen to their calls (the latest, the sound of a nail gun used by contractors laying a new floor in my studio), I marvel at the setting I now live in and think the little extra work to protect my trees is worth it. I may change my mind as I go along, but for now it's worth it.



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Friendship Gardens

6 October

between 10.30 - 1pm

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

Frankie and Mike Swindon

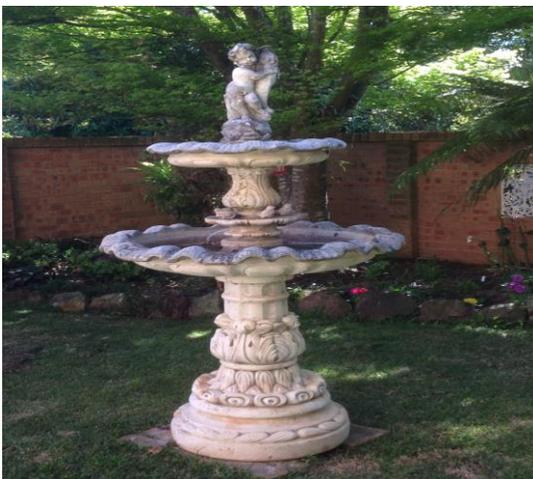
6 Broughton Street, Bundanoon

Frankie's garden is a charming woodland, blooming with spring flowers and featuring a mature Copper Beech. Frankie is a passionate vegetable gardener and propagator of seeds. Come and see what is growing in her veggie patch. Please wear sensible shoes as the garden is on a slope. Frankie has been working away getting her garden ready for us all to visit.

Tricia and John Ashley

16 Ben Nevis Cct, Bundanoon

To celebrate National Gardening Week BGC is holding a Big Morning Tea in Tricia's walled garden. Come and have a slice of cake and a cup of tea while you explore this 1/2 acre spring garden. Special features are the embankment of azaleas, camellias, weeping elms and a standard weeping grevillea.



Floriade Visit

Thursday 11th October

We still have seats available for our trip to Floriade, so hope you will join us.

The coach will leave Bundanoon Railway Station at 8am and return approximately 4.30pm. We will have morning tea by Lake George, and Marulan Coaches will drop off and pick up near the entrance. This is a great opportunity to visit Floriade without the problem of car parking and a long walk to the show.

Mobility scooters are for hire on site, please ask me for details.

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 meeting but would like to reserve a seat and pay by bank transfer or BPAY, Bundanoon Garden Club's BSB is 802-101, Account No.358047, quoting Floriade.

David Humphrey (Tel:48836634)



GUEST SPEAKER

Steve Falconi
Organic Crop Protectants Pty Ltd
ecoorganicarden.com.au

Steve is going to talk about the products his company provides, all of them organically based and used for pest and disease control, weedkillers, fertilizers, soil improvers, water saving help and, interestingly, live “good” bugs that can be shipped directly to you.



VEGGIE MAN.

If any members would like to view my veggie patch, I will be hosting another open morning on Monday 15th October at 10am
20 Bromhall Road – Tel: 48836634.

We are advised in numerous publications the correct time to sow and plant vegetables in the cool temperate climate of the Southern Highlands. But we know from experience that the weather in Bundanoon is unpredictable, and often late frosts and little rainfall can disrupt our plans.

I am at the beginning of my sixth growing season since arriving from the UK, and the previous five have all been challengingly different. So this year, through the growing months I will be letting you know what I am doing in my veggie patch, so that you can do something similar if you wish.

Harvesting at the moment consists of broccoli, asparagus, perpetual spinach, spring onions and red cabbages. Broad beans are in flower (the plant tops are good steamed or in stir fry) and sugar snap peas are growing well. The peas and beans were planted in April (both frost hardy) but it is not too late to plant seed now for a later picking.

Veggie Man - Cont.

I prefer sugar snap as you eat the delicious pods full of peas. The asparagus will produce spears for around six weeks but do require frost protection. New crowns can be planted now, need two seasons before harvesting, but will then last for years. I still have carrots and butternut pumpkins in storage.

I have sown my first salad bed, consisting of lettuce, rocket, radish, carrots, parsnips, spring onions, English spinach and beetroot. My first row of potatoes planted three weeks ago are showing, and also need frost protection. Inside in pots and trays I am starting dwarf beans, cucumbers, zucchinis, tomatoes, leeks and lettuce. These are grown next to a window in the garage on heat pads, and as an experiment I have bought an inexpensive ‘grow’ light to increase photosynthesis to avoid ‘leggy’ seedlings.



The photograph shows broad beans and peas in the foreground, with two salad beds beyond that will later also contain dwarf beans, zucchinis, sweetcorn, onions and leeks. The first bed left has the remains of the brassicas (which will soon be prepared with plenty of home-made compost for climbing beans and butternut pumpkins), the next bed has mostly asparagus, and the last bed potatoes.

Beds are usually prepared using Curly’s compost and blood and bone, and crops are watered weekly with a Seasol solution. I will be trying to grow more plants from seed, but have so far relied on buying brassicas, tomatoes, onions and of course seed potatoes.

David Humphrey

[Galston](#) [Open Gardens](#)

www.galstongardenclub.com.au

2018 Open Garden Convenor: Bill Fleming
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This year the Galston Garden Club will be opening nine outstanding gardens with all proceeds being distributed to a wide range of charities. Gardens are open from 9.30 am to 4.30 pm on each day at a cost of \$5 for individual gardens or \$20 for a ticket allowing entry to all the gardens (this can be distributed over the three days). Most are large acreage gardens covering a wide range of styles, with something to interest everyone.

1. Julie and Rod Cartledge, 24 Sagars Road, Kenthurst
2. Janet and John Sefton, 7 Hunt Avenue, Dural
3. Dot and Bob Butler, 28 Glen Street, Galston
4. Bill Fleming, 21 Fishburn Road, Galston
5. Sue and Ian Fisher, 11 Ballanda Place, Dural
6. Christine and Rob Murray, 10 Venetta Road, Glenorie
7. Trish And Graham Piper, 25 Harrisons Lane, Glenorie
8. Craig Teece, 20 Wylds Road, Middle Dural
9. Karen Lindley, 2 Marrakesh Place, Arcadia

Tickets are available on the open days at the Galston Club, 21 Arcadia Road, Galston and at any of the gardens. No pre-booking is needed, just get yourself to any of the gardens and get a ticket and the brochure which includes a map. Food is available at many local locations which are listed in the brochure, or you can bring a picnic to have in one of the gardens. Light refreshments are available at Garden 7.

[Gardens open for Inspection](#)

The following gardens or events that will open this week:

- [Campbell Rhododendron Gardens](#) : Blackheath
- [Chinoiserie](#) : Mittagong
- [Gory'u Japanese Gardens](#) : Little Hartley
- [Leura Gardens Festival](#) : Leura
- [Merribee](#) : Numbaa
- [Perennial Hill](#) : Mittagong
- [Retford Park - National Trust of Australia \(NSW\)](#) : Bowral
- [The Royal Horticultural Society NSW Spring Show](#) : Concord West
- [Wildwood Garden](#) : Bilpin

Then, coming up in about 4-5 weeks time the following events are due to open:

- [Millthorpe Garden Ramble](#) : Millthorpe : from Sat, 3 Nov 2018
- [Rainbird Lodge Labyrinth](#) : Heatherbrae : from Sun, 4 Nov 2018
- [Retford Park - National Trust of Australia \(NSW\)](#) : Bowral : from Sat, 3 Nov 2018

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

- [Bebeah](#) : Mt Wilson
- [Bundanon Homestead & Garden](#) : Illaroo
- [Campbell Rhododendron Gardens](#) : Blackheath
- [Everglades Historic House & Gardens](#) : Leura
- [Harpers Mansion](#) : Berrima
- [Mayfield Garden](#) : Oberon
- [Merribee](#) : Numbaa
- [Perenniale Plants Nursery](#) : Canowindra
- [Secret Garden and Nursery](#) : Richmond
- [Tablelands Trees and Shrubs Garden & Nursery](#) : Cooma

Click on the link(s) 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.

[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.

[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.

[Raffle Tickets at Meeting](#)

This month revenue from the sale of raffle tickets will be donated towards drought relief. An organisation is yet to be selected, so let's all be generous.

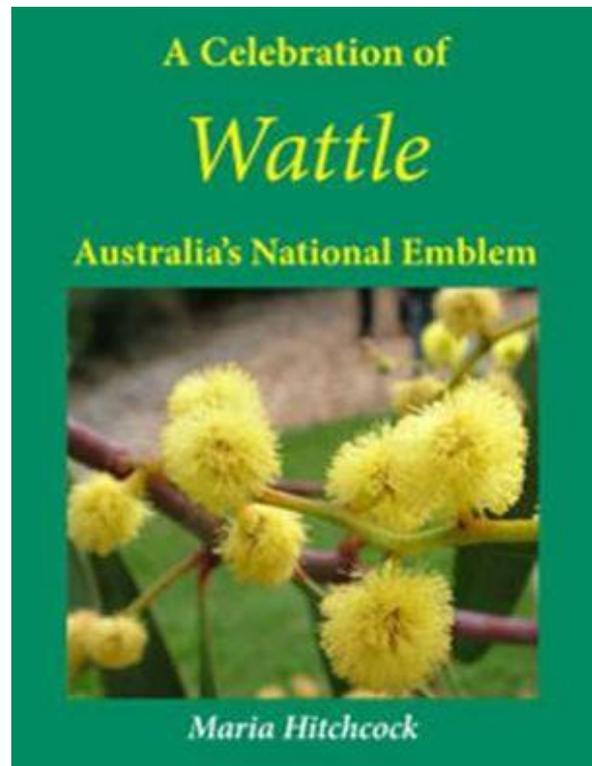
[New Library Books](#)

- [The Australian Native Bee Book](#)
[By Tim Heard](#)

www.nativebeebook.com.au



- [A Celebration of Wattle](#)
[By Maria Hitchcock](#)



[Next Meeting:](#)

The next meeting of the Bundanoon Garden Club will be held on [Thursday 1st November](#) in the Bundanoon Memorial Hall.