



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

November 2018 Newsletter

FROM THE PRESIDENT

The gods smiled down on Bundanoon this weekend for the Ramble. Even though the Ramble is a Bundanoon Community Association event, it feels as though it is linked to the Garden Club as so many of our members sit at the gates. And I must say that I sat next to a magnificent pair of gates. It is always lovely chatting to the visitors who come from far and wide. One young family were so impressed with Bundanoon that they plan to buy a house in town so they can be part of our lovely community. The spirit of the volunteers is infectious, and the camaraderie of the weekend is also catching. Joy bubbles over with strangers reaching out in friendship to fellow gardeners.

This is the same joy and friendship we experience in our club. But, it takes a lot of volunteers to make it all happen “seamlessly”. There are about 25 volunteers, including committee members, who help at our regular monthly meetings as well as some casual helpers. There are so many in our Club who want to help it is wonderful. It is a particularly good way for new members to the area, and the Club, to form friendships.

As we are nearing the end of the year, it is time to think about new committee members for 2019. At the 2018 AGM I put up my hand to take on the role of President, for the second time, as no other hand was raised. It was intended as a stop-gap measure to help out until someone else could take up the mantle and be the spokesperson for the club. So far, all my efforts to find a replacement have come to naught. The current Secretary also put up his hand at the last moment, to ensure the Club continued to exist. He will not be standing again in 2019, so we are also seeking a Secretary for next year.

I am calling on a public-spirited person to take a turn at being President and one to be Secretary. There are 201 members in the Garden Club and if we all take a turn helping out, the club will be able to continue as an active venue for friendship and gardening. Please come and talk to me about what is involved. Each person on the Committee is supported by the whole Committee, but the Committee and the Garden Club cannot exist without a President or Secretary.

Judging by the number of people who are at each meeting, the community wants the Garden Club to continue. Therefore, WE NEED YOU!

Robin

Contact Numbers

President: Robin Coombes 0488 508 598 Email: info@bundanoongardenclub.com.au

Garden Clubs Australia
Big Morning Tea
6 October 2018

Many thanks to Frankie and Mike Swindon and Tricia and John Ashley for making their gardens available for viewing and a special thank you to Tricia and John for hosting our Big Morning Tea to celebrate Garden Clubs Australia Garden Week.

Our morning tea was a big success and everyone who attended enjoyed both gardens and the morning tea which was made special with a celebration cake (see picture below) and a selection of finger food. Many thanks also to Tricia Duncombe for organising the catering.



GUEST SPEAKER

Robert Curll

robertcurll@bigpond.com

He is the president of the NSW Dahlia Society and lives at Robertson. As a passionate dahlia grower, and a local gardener, Robert will talk about the variety of colours, size and shape of dahlias. He said he will bring live plants, but also has picture boards to show. I will contact him closer to the time and maybe discuss a power point presentation.

Next month is our Christmas Party, so there will not be a guest speaker.



CHRISTMAS
GARDEN PARTY

*The Garden Club Committee
would like to invite all members
to our annual Christmas Garden*

Party on

*Thursday 6 December 2018
from 3pm to 5pm*

*In the garden of Brian Banting at
Spinning Hill Farm,
5 Evelyn Avenue,
Bundanoon.*

*We sincerely thank Brian for his
generosity in opening the garden for
our social event.*

*We hope many of you will join us for
a lovely afternoon in the garden.*

*Tickets will be available at the
Treasurer's table at the November
meeting. If you are not able to attend
the meeting you can pay by direct
debit to Bundanoon Garden Club
BSB 802-101, Account 358047,
quoting "party".*

Cost:

Members \$20 Non-Members \$30

This includes your choice of drinks and finger food.

Christmas Party Tickets

For the last few years the Christmas Party has been heavily subsidised by the Garden Club as the ticket price has been kept low to encourage members to participate in this special, end of year social event. Due to the size of the subsidy required, the balance of our funds are steadily falling. Therefore, the Garden Club cannot provide any complimentary tickets.

VEGGIE MAN.

Gardening, and especially growing vegetables, is a wonderful hobby. With lots of 'home' hobbies you end up with piles of finished items that need displaying, or maybe destined for that bottomless drawer. With vegetable growing you literally have nothing to show for the effort, because you have eaten it all! But what pleasure you have had, and you get to do it all over again next season, but with more knowledge and confidence for a better crop.

This, my sixth season in the Southern Highlands, is certainly the best so far. I have not quite filled the 'famine' gap of early spring, with only late cabbages, leeks, perpetual spinach and asparagus to harvest, but any moment broad beans and sugar snap peas will be ready. There are plenty of salad items, rocket, mixed lettuce leaves, English spinach, radish and spring onions to gather. The stored carrots have finished, but still some butternut pumpkins remain.

The weather has been kind, and there seems little likelihood of a late frost. So, you can get the tomato, cucumber, zucchini and bean plants or seeds out into the much warmer soil. We also have been blessed with decent rain, but soil soon becomes dry and frequent watering is required for consistent growth. Most vegetables do not like dry roots, which brings plant stress and wilting or going to seed.

So, in the last week or so I have planted a second row of potatoes, and brown and red onions. Raised from seed I transplanted zucchini, cucumbers and lettuces, and sowed more salad crops, bush beans and three varieties of climbing bean. Also seed raised, there are more leeks and tomato plants not quite ready for planting out. Under the grow light, which has been a success, I have sown butternut pumpkins, and perpetual spinach to replace the old plants. The purchased tomato plants in the greenhouse are doing well, as are the bush beans transplanted from the nurture of the grow light three weeks ago.

Looking forward to all the harvesting, but meanwhile lots of T.L.C. required!

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

David Humphrey.



[Gardens open for Inspection](#)

The following gardens or events that will be open this week:

- [Bathurst Spring Spectacular Garden Weekend](#) : Bathurst
- [Bundanoon Garden Ramble](#) : Bundanoon
- [Campbell Rhododendron Gardens](#) : Blackheath
- [Chinoiserie](#) : Mittagong
- [Gairloch Garden](#) : Oberon
- [Gardenalia Open Garden and Plant Stall](#) : Robertson
- [Goryu Japanese Gardens](#) : Little Hartley
- [Hillandale garden and nursery](#) : Yetholme
- [Mayfield Garden](#) : Oberon
- [Old Graham](#) : Hovells Creek
- [Perennial Hill](#) : Mittagong
- [Private Gardens of Monaro - Private Tour Dates](#) : Cooma
- [Riverina Iris Farm](#) : Wagga Wagga
- [Wildwood Garden](#) : Bilpin

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

- [Eryldene Historic House and Garden](#) : Gordon : from Sat, 24 Nov 2018
- [Gardenalia Open Garden and Plant Stall](#) : Robertson : from Sat, 24 Nov 2018
- [Hillandale garden and nursery](#) : Yetholme : from Sat, 24 Nov 2018
- [Private Gardens of Monaro - Private Tour Dates](#) : Cooma : from Thu, 22 Nov 2018
- [Yellow House Perennials Nursery and Garden](#) : Nowra : from Sat, 24 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.

We hope you have a chance to enjoy one or more of these gardens/events.

... and when you visit don't forget to let the garden owners or event organisers know that you heard about them on My Open Garden! Then afterwards why not add a comment to their profile page on our website.

[Friendship Gardens](#)

[3 November](#)

between 10.30 - 1pm

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

Mary and John Madeley
'Blytheswood', 42 Bundanoon Road,
Exeter

Mary, a club member, has invited us into her 10 acre property which they have owned for 21 years. Once the property of Charlotte Webb, a very well known Southern Highlands landscaper and active member of the SH Botanic Gardens. This property has lovely rural views, majestic old trees including oaks, aspens and conifers. Thank you Mary for allowing us to enjoy a private and original Exeter garden.

John and Cherrelle Kemp
'Oak Grove' 40 Bundanoon Road,
Exeter

We are fortunate indeed to be welcomed into this private, lush, intimate and flourishing property of John and Cherrelle. This garden boasts a tranquil pond with a giant oak as its companion, an elegant courtyard, fountains, roses and many beautiful plantings.



[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.

[Gardening Events](#)

– see notice board

The Longest Row

Cut flower professionals – are now selling gladioli bulbs online, website details:

www.thelongestrow.com.au

Scones & Roses

A Heritage Rose Event

Saturday 24th November 2018

10 a.m. – 11.30 a.m.

Sanctuary Point Garden Centre

118 Macleans Point Road

Sanctuary Point NSW 2541

Tel: 4443 9032

www.sanctuarypointgc.com.au

High Tea in the Gardens

Ulmarra (near Grafton)

Sunday 5th May 2019

Tel: 0432 741 947

www.avast.com

Nooroo Mt Wilson

Spring Wonder

15 September until 11 November

10 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Entry fees: Adults \$10 Kids \$2.00

Tel: 4756 2018

Email: nooroo@m@gmail.com

[Next Meeting:](#)

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