



BUNDANOON GARDEN CLUB INC

"Friendship Through Gardens"

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**Meetings are held on the first Thursday of the month
9.30 for 10.00am**

AUGUST 2019 NEWSLETTER

Oh what a lovely Seminar!

Such good speakers, great organisation and a 'sell out' appreciative audience.

Memorable quotes:

Simon Rickard - An English garden is a voluptuous woman in a tight corset...

A Japanese garden is not finished until nothing else can be left out.

Meredith Kirton - Art and Nature combine - come to Eden Unearthed

Tino Carnevale - A dead plant is not a failure, it is compost - and 'gardening' is a verb!





Photos with thanks to Rosanna & Joe Mercieca and Sandy Berry



[This is an extremely interesting article, click on the picture to follow link:](#)



Signs your plants are struggling — and how to save them - ABC Life

Like a new parent trying to understand the cries of a new born, you need to learn to interpret the signs plants give to understand what your plant is experiencing. Here are a few common symptoms and ...

Open Gardens

Not much happening locally at this time of year, but you might like to visit one of these gardens that are open regularly, or by appointment. Please confirm times before you travel!

- [Bebeah](#) : Mt Wilson
- [Campbell Rhododendron Gardens](#) : Blackheath
- [Everglades Historic House & Gardens](#) : Leura
- [Gory'u Japanese Gardens](#) : Little Hartley
- [Harpers Mansion National Trust \(NSW\)](#) : Berrima
- [Mayfield Garden](#) : Oberon
- [Perenniale Plants Nursery](#) : Canowindra
- [Retford Park - National Trust of Australia \(NSW\)](#) : Bowral
- [Secret Garden and Nursery](#) : Richmond
- [Tablelands Trees and Shrubs Garden & Nursery](#) : Cooma

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

Coming Events

Retford Park - National Trust of Australia
Gardens open first weekend each month:

10:00am - 4:00pm

Adults \$15, Concession \$10, National Trust Members - free, Families \$35

Please note the house is not open except on specially advertised dates.

Berry Gardens Festival

Eight beautiful gardens in and around Berry.

Thursday 17th to Sunday 20th October, 2019.

10am to 4pm. \$20 for all 8 gardens. \$5 for individual gardens. Free for children under 18

<https://berrygardens.org.au/berry-gardens-festival/>

A presentation by Fergus Garrett, 'The Dynamic Plantsman'

Saturday, 16 November 2019 at 9.30am

Annesley Bowral

\$120 per person, includes lecture, book and morning tea. A fundraising event for Great Dixter Charity- bookings at www.trybooking.com/BBCJB

Friendship Gardens

As usual, there will not be any garden visits during the winter months. We will begin again in September with an early spring garden, and gardens for October and November have been confirmed. If members or friends would like to share their gardens in February or March, please let me know. – David

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Please join us on the
28th and 29th of September 2019
To view
10 Inspirational Gardens
in the Gosford Area

For further details please email:
gosfordopengardens@gmail.com

 Gosford District Open Gardens



Organised by Gosford District Garden Competition Inc.
and Proudly Supported by Central Coast Council

[Our Speaker for this month](#)

Teresa Miller is our speaker on Thursday and the topic of her talk is 'Creating a Show Garden'. Teresa has significant experience working as a gardener which includes spending time as a gardener at new Parliament House in Canberra where she gained significant experience in formal gardening.

In 2014 Teresa travelled to the UK where she worked with her daughter Amanda Miller who studied garden design in England, to help build her first show garden at RHS Hampton Court Flower show. Her conceptual garden 'Breaking Down the Barriers of Pride' won a Gold medal.



Teresa will tell us about this amazing adventure and what it was like to be a part of this fantastic design & to help build a gold medal winning garden.

Teresa has also worked in gardens throughout Canberra, completing general maintenance, renovating & restoring gardens.

[Future Speakers](#)

September 5

Robin Bible - Geraniums

October 3

Atherlie & Sylvia David, and Frankie Swinden - Propagating Natives Workshop

November 7

Dr Tanya Latty - Insect behaviour

[Simon Rickard's Tours](#)

Some members who attended the Garden Seminar on Saturday asked to obtain information about Simon Rickard's tours.

Below is a link to the information if you are interested. You can order a brochure and it will be sent directly to you or you can view it online:

<https://www.botanica.travel/your-experience/brochures>

[Gardening during the drought](#)

Many areas across Australia are suffering from months (or years) of drought and water restrictions are now in place in multiple cities and towns.

It can be challenging gardening during such harsh conditions, however here are a few tips to help conserve water, choose plants that are more tolerant of dry conditions and keep your garden going until the rain eventually arrives:

- Apply a generous layer of mulch over garden beds, vegie patches and pots to help reduce the amount of moisture lost from the soil or potting mix.
- Apply a soil wetting agent, like **Yates® Waterwise™ Soil Wetter**, which helps to break down the waxy, water repellent layer that can develop on soil and potting mix. This helps makes the most of any rain or irrigation by enabling water to penetrate down into the soil much more evenly and effectively.
- Soil that contains lots of organic matter can hold more moisture, so regularly mix concentrated sources of organic matter into the soil such as **Yates Dynamic Lifter®**
- Water your lawn and garden in the cool of the early morning, rather than in the heat of the middle of the day, to reduce evaporation. Be mindful of any watering rules that might apply in your area.
- Apply **Yates Waterwise DroughtShield™**, which is a specialised polymer film, over the leaves of sensitive plants to help reduce moisture loss.
- Keep a bucket in your shower to collect the cool water until it runs hot, that would normally be lost down the drain. You can then use this water on your garden.
- When planting new plants, look for varieties that are described as being 'dry tolerant'. These plants will often have leathery, small or hairy leaves and are better adapted to grow in drier conditions. Drought hardy plants include Australian natives like banksia, bottlebrush and westringia, Mediterranean plants like lavender and rosemary and also many cacti and succulents. Click here for more [drought tolerant plants](#).

No prizes for guessing the sponsor of this article!

Nowra Bus Trip

Wednesday 18th September, Itinerary in last month's Newsletter – \$60 which includes entry fees and morning tea at Terrara House. A full day but lots of great things to enjoy. Our lunch stop is a 'bring your own' picnic in the park, or buffet where we seniors can fill our boots for \$14.50 at the Shoalhaven ex-Servicemen's Club. Book at the meeting or by direct debit to Bundanoon Garden Club, BSB 802-101, Acct No. 161143 (please include your name and the words 'bus trip').



**BUNDANOON
Garden Ramble 2019**



Saturday 26th & Sunday 27th October

A wonderful opportunity to visit and enjoy eight delightful village gardens and browse around the plant and gift stalls at the garden market in the Hall



\$20 for all 8 Gardens
or \$5 per garden

Valid for 2 Days

Tickets available from 9:00am at the Soldiers' Memorial Hall and at all the gardens

www.bundanoongardenramble.org.au

Bundanoon Garden Ramble is an initiative of Bundanoon Community Association (BCA)

Newsletter Inclusions

If you would like a topic included in the newsletter, or would like to send us a photo to include, please email to: David Humphrey - dghumphrey@hotmail.com

Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Bundanoon Garden Club will be held on Thursday 5th September.

Tulip Time

Tulips are the stars of spring. Experience a kaleidoscope of tulips carpeting public gardens and premier private gardens during Tulip Time in the Southern Highlands.

The 75,000 mass-planted tulips nestled among blossoming mature trees in Corbett Gardens are the centrepiece of the Tulip Time Festival where there is daily live musical entertainment, an array of market stalls and lots of photo opportunities.



Bowral is where the idea for the Mary Poppins character originated when the author, P L Travers lived there during her teens. Celebrating 85 years since the first book was written, the magic of Mary Poppins will transform Corbett Gardens into a wonderland of colour, music and fun in 2019. Join us for a **supercalifragilisticexpialidocious** adventure.

Tuesday 24 September - Monday 7 October,
9am to 4pm Sunday to Friday & 9am to 5pm
Saturdays (last entry 30 mins prior to closing)

The Home & Garden Show



H&G returns to the Bong Bong Racecourse. 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.

Saturday 7 September - Sunday 8 September
10am - 4pm Entry fee \$10

[Macquarie Park's annual outdoor sculpture exhibition brings extraordinary art to the outdoor gallery of Eden Gardens – Meredith Kirton is the Curator](#)

You know Sculpture by the Sea and you know Sculpture at Scenic World. Perhaps you even know Hidden at Rookwood Cemetery. But do you know about Eden Unearthed at Eden Gardens? It's the annual outdoor sculpture exhibition that takes place among the flowers and plants at Macquarie Park's popular display garden **Eden Gardens**. Celebrating its fourth year in 2019, the free exhibition showcases 40 artworks from August 1 up until January 31, 2020. Well-known artists will be presenting cutting-edge works ranging from giant birds and 'Frankensteined' trees to water dragons, yarn-bombed gardens and spider-like creatures created from birds' nests.

The works focus on environmental issues such as recycling, drought and climate change, and many utilise recycled materials and plant products. The largest privately funded exhibition of its kind in Australia, Eden Unearthed is a competitive exhibition, with a first prize of \$10,000 to be awarded at the launch event on August 5 from 4.30pm. The launch event has a ticket price of \$20, but includes canapés, bubbles, a guided tour and a Q&A with the artists hosted by landscape architect and TV star Costa Georgiadis – **tickets are available now**.



Never been to Eden Gardens? Located beside Lane Cove National Park, 20 minutes' drive from the Sydney CBD, the centre includes lifestyle retail, café, display garden, florist, corporate meeting rooms and wedding and function venue hire. The display garden has an orangery, elaborate water gardens, grotto, native garden, forest and woodland garden. Most of it is wheelchair accessible, and there is also an elevated skywalk for a bird's eye view.

During Eden Unearthed the display gardens at Eden Gardens are open daily 9am to 5pm, and you can find a full list of the featured artists on the **website**.

[An interesting article by Deborah Bogle, The Advertiser, August 24, 2018](#)

I had plenty of time to ponder the use of glyphosate last weekend. On hands and knees weeding the native garden on the verge, I thought how quickly those winter grasses could be eliminated with a quick spray. The alternative, digging them out with my weeding knife, is laborious, tedious and leaves me with a sore wrist.

Of course, there's a third alternative, one that's looking more and more attractive, and that is to accept a certain number of weeds, and simply wait for the summer sun to burn them off. They'll set seed, and there will be more next year, I know, but isn't that preferable to breaking out the poison? And so my thoughts ran last Sunday, as I crawled on, digging and discarding. The US verdict against Monsanto for its failure to warn a former school groundsman, now dying of cancer, that its Roundup herbicide could be carcinogenic has prompted fresh discussion about the safety of glyphosate.

The Monsanto case has prompted fresh discussion about the safety of glyphosate as a weed killer. Bayer, Monsanto's parent company, is appealing the verdict, which requires it to pay millions in compensation to the dying man. The company claims Roundup is safe, but the verdict is a further incentive for public authorities to reduce their reliance on the chemical.

Apart from potential risks to human health, over use of glyphosate has caused many weeds – like annual rye grass and northern barley grass, found on roadsides and fence lines in country SA – to develop chemical resistance, meaning more potent and possibly more dangerous herbicides must be employed to control them. I also wonder about the effect of chemicals on the soil biota, particularly the subterranean networks of fungi. The more I read about what goes on underground, the more conscious I am about what I do above ground.

As a home gardener, I think I should be able to manage without resorting to poisons. My bottle of glyphosate will stay on the shelf, and I'll either dig up the weeds, or learn to live with them.

Veggieman – August 2019

You will not be surprised that Tino Carnevale's presentation at our very successful Garden Seminar was my favourite. His lively banter was part personal stuff, and part sensible veggie growing common sense. He explained his views on hybrid versus heirloom, and the wonder of seeing seeds grow versus buying plants.

He picked on four vegetables (one called a fruit for the purist), corn, tomatoes, lettuce and carrots. Corn only becomes 'sweet' corn in a hybrid form, therefore no argument. Tomatoe hybrids are bred for uniform size, colour, and pest and disease resistance, often at the expense of taste, where as the hundreds of heirloom varieties all have different tastes and characteristics to be discovered. Tino says he would like to grow every one, but there are just too many! Lettuce and carrots have been hybridised over hundreds of years. Pick the right lettuce for the season. Tino likes Iceberg, but they can only be grown spring to summer, so grow quick salad leaf varieties in autumn and winter. As for carrots (straight ones preferrably!), dig deep and no compost. These things I already do, but Tino reminded me that it is good to follow brassicas with carrots, because the soil is depleted of nutrients which help keep carrots from forking, so my three bed rotation will become four this year – we eat lots of carrots!!



I mentioned to Tino that his segment of Gardening Australia is of special interest because of our climate similarities. I also asked him how his home-made winter soup bed at The Patch was going. He reported good growth at the beginning, slowing with the cold weather. I think the soup will be ready for **next** winter!

So what's happening in my veggie patch. Outdoors I am harvesting cabbage, broccoli, leeks, spinach, spring onions and carrots. From the greenhouse my 'mesclun' mix is amazing, lots of different lettuce and rocket leaves, with the best radishes I have ever grown, large, crunchy and hot. Obviously slow, cool growth is the answer. From my store there are plenty of butternut pumpkins and potatoes, some onions that have not sprouted (I didn't cure them sufficiently), and broad and bush beans in the freezer.

Planting in August - reminders from Gardenate.com.

Beans - broad beans, fava beans (also <i>Fava bean</i>)	Sow seed	Harvest from November
Cabbage	Start undercover in seed trays and plant out in 4-6 weeks	Harvest from October
Kohlrabi	Sow seed	Harvest from October
Lettuce	Start undercover in seed trays and plant out in 4-6 weeks	Harvest from October
Mustard greens (also <i>gai choy</i>)	Sow seed	Harvest from September
Onion	Start undercover in seed trays and plant out in 4-6 weeks	Harvest from February
Peas	Sow seed	Harvest from October
Radish	Sow seed	Harvest from September
Rutabaga (also <i>Swedes</i>)	Sow seed	Harvest from November
Snow Peas (also <i>Sugar Peas, Mangetout, Chinese Peas</i>)	Sow seed	Harvest from November
Spinach (also <i>English spinach</i>)	Sow seed	Harvest from September

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