

Friendship through gardening

NEXT CLUB MEETING

Thursday 7th September –
9.30 for 10am at
Soldiers' Memorial Hall Bundanoon

FRIENDSHIP GARDENS

Saturday 9th September – 10am - 1pm

ANNESLEY RETIREMENT VILLAGE

TOUR – Wednesday 13th September
10am-12noon

COACH TRIP TO NOWRA

Thursday 28th September

HELPING HANDS WORKING BEE

None this month

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From the President

Well, the warm weather is here! Spring has arrived in the Highlands and everywhere you look buds are bursting open and garden beds are coming to life. I always marvel at the way some of our plants seem to die right back and sleep through the winter months in the cold soil. One of my favourites is the hosta.

These herbaceous perennials from China, Japan, Korea and the far east of Russia first came to the attention of Western botanists in the 1800s. Known as Giboshi in Japan, they quickly became collectables for the Victorian gardener. They come in a variety of sizes, with leaves as small as a few centimetres to giants getting up to 1.4 meters in height.

I first bought hostas as pots of dirt and a lot of hope. The nurseryman showed me pictures of what to expect and assured me all would be good come spring, and so I waited. My pots of dirt sat under our crab-apple that first winter. I didn't want to pot them up to a nicer terracotta until I knew that I did actually have a living plant in the black plastic container.

Then, as promised, just at the very start of warmer weather, tight cones pushed through the soil. Soon there were a number of these in each pot. The first season was dry, the second spring wet and soon my hostas were the desire of every snail in our garden. If a snail has a favourite plant, it must surely be a hosta. They can decimate a mature specimen overnight.

My solution is three fold. 1 – I use copper tape around the top of the pot, 2 – I spray my hostas with an organic snail deterrent (EcoSnail) and 3 – Close inspection at dusk.



My collection of Hostas has grown over the years and I now have multiple pots of these lovely plants. Some variegated, some in pale greens, others with dark green speckled leaves. When they flower in summer, there is a riot of colour under the shade of our crab-apple.

Give them a try.

Ted Ayers

President

President's Round-up

SEPTEMBER GUEST SPEAKER – Ray Stanton, President of the Southern Highlands Orchid Society

Ray will be talking about what makes orchids a little different to other plants and demonstrating how to repot a cymbidium. Also, how to grow orchids in the cold climate of the southern highlands.



TOOL SALE

We are trialling a Tool Sale at the September meeting; this was a great suggestion from a club member. Remember to bring any unwanted gardening hand tools that need a new home.

- no electronic tools
- to be sold for a small amount
- unsold tools to be collected after the meeting

The Tool Sale Table will be in front of the stage.



Friendship Gardens – Saturday 9th September – 10am-1pm

Welcome back to Friendship Gardens. For the next three months we are promised lovely local gardens that we will not want to miss. Our insurance requires us to sign in at each garden, so please try to remember your club badge. Friends are welcome, accompanied by a member. Much organisation by your committee and heaps of TLC from our hosts are freely given for members' enjoyment, so please come and appreciate Friendship Gardens.

Olaf and Louise von Sperl – 36 Erith Street

Olaf Von Sperl and his wife Louise have recently moved from Sydney to Bundanoon. Olaf has had a landscaping and landscape design business for many years and has worked in his homeland of Germany and here in Australia.

Both are advocates for chemical free living. They only use products which are not harmful to the body and environment, which are infused with 100% pure essential oils.



Therefore, they are promoting a chemical free Weed Control System as an alternative to harmful weed killers currently used, which Olaf will demonstrate.

This is an excellent opportunity to see Olaf and Louise's vision for their garden 'in progress', already with many finished design features.



Tathra and Denis Fletcher – 26 Church Street

A passion for landscape design and gardening, we wanted to reflect the 1934 home, cool climate, the bush and valley views and the close-by Morton National Park.

In this 1/2 acre property, the front garden has the original sandstone fence and old camellia trees, and with standard roses it is more formal. The back has a large flat, lawned area leading onto the sloping gardens which have large terracing and meandering pathways. Stroll amongst the many exotic plants, an intensive veggie garden, tree fern gully and native section.



Please wear sensible shoes and park on the main road (not the private dirt road) and enter through the main gate.

Come for a cuppa on the back veranda and enjoy the peace and quiet while contemplating the vistas and birds that visit the garden. You are most welcome.

Denis will also show us his inventive seed raising unit.

Tathra and Denis.



Last month's speaker was Olaf von Sperl who has a landscaping and landscape design business. A few years back he started to incorporate "She Sheds" into his designs and found a niche in the market.

So, what's a "She Shed"? These sheds can be anything you want them to be. "She Sheds" were originally converted gardening sheds, small structures outside the main house where gardening supplies were typically stored. Olaf has taken that one step further and now custom designs each "She Shed" to the owner's requirements, needs and desires.

Olaf also introduced us to his Steam Weed Kill system that is an efficient and environmentally friendly alternative to the back braking task of weeding. We have an excellent opportunity to see it in action and his 'garden in progress' with its many design features at our **Friendship Gardens on Saturday.**



WINTER IN A JAR

A good number of entries was judged by Olaf, who chose the simplicity of Penny Baker's perfect white posy.



Everything frost hardy is growing well with the warmer days, and will appreciate watering with a fish based fertiliser like Charlie



Carp (my choice). My potatoes are planted; bush beans are sown in the greenhouse; onions and leeks are sprouting under the grow light; broad beans, snow and sugarsnap peas are flowering; still lots of cabbage and sprouting broccoli; asparagus is showing; so let's hope the weather doesn't bugger it all up!



Planting in September – protect from frost and warm the soil in exposed beds

Artichokes (Globe)	Sow seed	Harvest from July
Asparagus	Plant crowns	Harvest from 24 months
Basil	Start undercover in seed trays and plant out in 4-6 weeks	Harvest from November
Beetroot (also Beets)	Sow seed	Harvest from November
Capsicum (Sweet peppers)	Start undercover in seed trays and plant out in 4-6 weeks	Harvest from November
Carrot	Sow seed. Broadcast sow	Harvest from December
Cauliflower	Plant out (transplant) seedlings	Harvest from December
Chilli peppers (also Hot peppers)	Start undercover in seed trays and plant out in 4-6 weeks after risk of frosts	Harvest from November
Chives	Sow seed	Harvest from November
Eggplant (also Aubergine)	Sow seed. Bring on in pots – need a long growing season	Harvest from December
Kohlrabi	Sow seed	Harvest from November
Leeks	Start undercover in seed trays and plant out in 4-6 weeks	Harvest from December
Lettuce	Start in seed trays or plant out (transplant) seedlings or sow seed	Harvest from October
Mint (also Garden mint)	Start undercover in seed trays and plant out in 4-6 weeks	Harvest from November
Mustard greens (also gai choy)	Sow seed	Harvest from October
Parsnip	Sow seed	Harvest from January
Peas	Sow seed	Harvest from November
Potato	Plant seed potatoes	Harvest from January
Pumpkin	Sow seed	Harvest from December
Radish	Sow seed	Harvest from October
Rocket (also Arugula/Rucola)	Sow seed	Harvest from October
Rutabaga (also Swedes)	Sow seed	Harvest from December
Silverbeet (also Swiss Chard)	Plant out (transplant) seedlings or sow seed	Harvest from October
Snow Peas (also Sugar Peas)	Sow seed	Harvest from December
Spinach (also English spinach)	Sow seed	Harvest from October
Spring onions (Bunching onions)	Sow seed	Harvest from November
Turnip	Sow seed	Harvest from December



Annual Orchid Show

Southern
Highlands
Orchid
Society

Saturday, September 23 9am - 2pm - Mittagong RSL
Entry by Gold Coin donation - Plants for sale, raffle prizes.

With dry, hot weather set to arrive earlier this year, here's what you should be doing to prepare for bushfire season



Prepare your home for summer:

- Clean your gutters of leaves and twigs
- Install metal gutter guards
- Repair damaged or missing tiles on the roof
- Install fine metal mesh screens on windows and doors
- Fit seals around doors and windows to eliminate gaps
- Enclose the areas under the house
- Repair or cover gaps in external walls
- Attach a fire sprinkler system to gutters
- Keep lawns short and gardens well maintained
- Cut back trees and shrubs overhanging buildings
- Clean up fallen leaves, twigs and debris around the property
- Have hoses long enough to reach around your house

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<https://youtu.be/E7LmmU0eEos>

Get Ready to Ramble!

Eight lovely gardens in and around Bundanoon will open to visitors on **October 28 and 29**. There is lots to see and do on Ramble weekend with plant and gift stalls in the Hall and in the gardens and scarecrows popping up around the village.



Tickets are \$25 for all gardens and \$5 for a single garden.



A small sub-committee works to find the gardens and stall holders and organise publicity, signage and shuttle buses. But it simply wouldn't happen without over 70 volunteers, mostly Garden Club members, who welcome visitors to the gardens and drive the shuttle buses.

Visitors come from as far as Sydney, the South Coast and Canberra to wander through jewels of gardens in the village and big country gardens on Bundanoon's outskirts. Last year over 1500 tickets were sold, raising \$18,000 for the BCA and projects like the new mural, Winterfest and maintaining the Hall.



This year additional parking is available at the Bundanoon Club with the Shuttle Bus stopping to take visitors to the gardens and the village. The Bundanoon Club is also offering a combined High Tea/ Garden Ramble ticket for \$50.

Volunteers receive a free ticket to the Ramble –
E: bundanoongardenramble@gmail.com

More details and tickets:
www.bundanoongardenramble.org.au

Thanks to our 2023 sponsors – Henderfields, The Bundanoon Club, Potter's Pantry, Mt. Murray Nursery and The Bundanoon Hotel.

Tessa.

MEET OUR MEMBERS

Say Hello to **Richard Paddle**

HOW long have you been in Bundanoon and what brought you here?

We have been here for 10 years and, on the recommendation of a Southern Highlands real estate agent that we were “Bundanoon People”, we came for the seasonality, civility, privacy and quiet.

The ‘Welcome to Bundanoon’ garden at the entrance to the village sealed the deal for my better half, the grower of dahlias and cyclamen.

WHERE did you come from and was there a garden?

We were on the Northern beaches for 30 years on a regular suburban block which was packed with plants, a truckload of which we brought with us.

WHAT type of garden did you inherit?

One and a quarter acres with a Photinia hedge, large established trees including a spectacular Mexican Weeping Pine (Pinus Patula), conifers and roses but otherwise a bare canvas.



WHO inspired you to garden?

I come from a family of gardeners on both sides. When family came to visit, as soon as greetings were exchanged, it was always “let’s take a turn around the garden”.

BEST thing about gardening?

The joy of seeing the garden grow and develop. I’m in the garden every day and can’t imagine not being there, and when it rains I fertilize or spend time reading and researching.



FAVOURITE Season and plant:

It’s very hard to choose one, Spring. Leptinella pyrethifolia for the response it always gets from visitors to my garden and Coopers Squill for its striped leaves and tiny pink flowers.

BOOKS/resources you recommend:

Flemings Tree Growing Guides (found at Flemings.com.au search under Nurseries then Resources), Stirling Macoboy - Flowering Shrubs and Australian Gardening Encyclopedia.

GARDEN TIP for us:

Enjoy what you are doing and listen, don’t talk, when in the company of wise gardeners.

“GARDENING” makes me think of:

My family, perpetuity and that Mother Nature will always prevail.



Richard is a passionate and knowledgeable gardener whose beautiful garden is filled with a huge variety of exotics and native plants with repeat plantings, as well as multiple varieties of many species, the botanical names of which roll off his tongue.

Garden mounds, rather than dug beds, form islands of plantings connected by curving lawn and mulch paths, encouraging wandering and exploring. He uses Japanese gardening philosophy to draw the eye and create focal points, of both man-made structures and seasonal interest. The garden provides many resting and viewing places as well as intriguing sculptures and water features with plantings carefully positioned to provide ‘pictures’ for the house windows.

Richard employs a range of pruning and shaping techniques to lift foliage and soften hedging to create ground to canopy interest, with herbs and colour palette planting adding further layers.

Donning his gloves with the Bundanoon Green Group, as a BGC workshop leader and regular town garden working bee-er and this year a Ramble Garden host, Richard is well and truly planted in our community.

Penny Baker
Cub Reporter.

How to plant, grow and harvest lavender



Looking into adding lavender to your plant collection? Follow our tips on how to plant, grow, harvest and plant lavender from cuttings

[How To Plant, Grow And Harvest Lavender - Bunnings Australia](#)

Weeds and Waste to Work



When it's time for a garden clean up, instead of putting all your prunings, garden waste and weeds in the green bin, why not put them back to work in the garden!

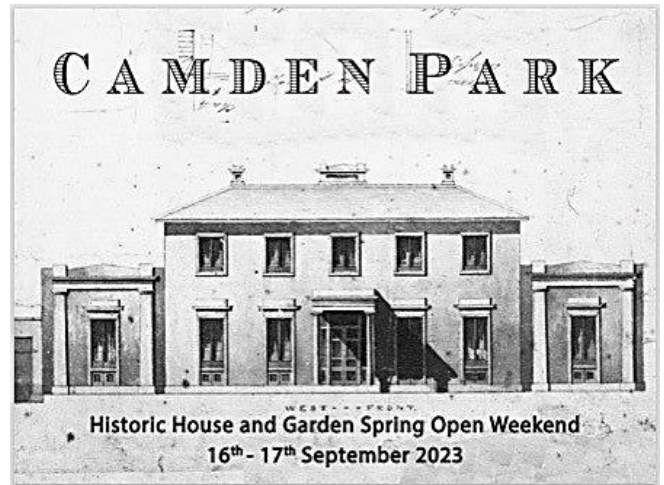
Prunings and weeds are a great source of organic matter that our gardens are screaming out for and with the right treatment, these can safely be re-used in the garden.

[Weeds and Waste to Work - Gardening Australia \(abc.net.au\)](#)

How to get ready for spring



[How To Get Ready For Spring - Bunnings Australia](#)



CAMDEN PARK HOUSE & GARDEN
Visit historic Camden Park (c1835) on the weekend of 16th - 17th September 2023.
Designed by colonial architect John Verge, and built for wool industry pioneers John & Elizabeth Macarthur, Camden Park is one of Australia's most important and intact Georgian houses. Whether you are a history enthusiast, garden and nature lover or are simply seeking a memorable day out in a beautiful setting, don't miss Camden Park Spring Open Weekend.

Tickets available online at camdenparkhouse.com.au
Guided House Tour & Garden Entry: \$60 / \$55
Garden Entry: \$15 (Children under 16 free)
Limited house tour tickets
Garden tickets also available at the gate

- Guided House Tours
- Guided Garden Tours
- Devonshire Teas & Barista Coffee
- BBQ & Home Baked Goods
- Macarthur History Talks
- Camden Park Heritage Plant Stall
- Gift Stalls
- Live Music & Children's Activities
- Art Exhibition
- St John NSW Interactive Display

Saturday 16th & Sunday 17th September: 10.00am - 4.00pm
Enquiries: camdenparkinfo@gmail.com
[@camdenparkhouse](#)
Follow signs from Elizabeth Macarthur Avenue, South Camden

EXETER VILLAGE ASSOCIATION PRESENTS

MEET A LOCAL

Eloise Rankine @ Elph Ceramics & Always Garden

Saturday 9 September
10am - 12.00pm

Elph Ceramics Studio & Always Garden
Loftus Parade, Werrai

Bookings essential at Trybooking

What to do in the garden in September



September is the time of year when the garden experiences a revival, and as the weather warms up, there are more gardening days. This is the time to start planting your summer crops, mulching in preparation for summer, planting edible annuals, and doing a general clean-up to get your yard in top shape.

What to Plant

While the transition from winter to spring can bring with it unstable weather, now is the time to prepare your summer veggie patch. Start by planting basil, corn, climbing beans, zucchini and tomatoes. **Keep in mind that if you are planting seeds, they will require warm soil to start growing.**

For temperate climates, you can sow seeds for broccoli, beetroot, spring onion, carrot, lettuce, potato, silverbeet, tomatoes and peas to name a few. And almost all veggie seedlings can be planted now. For first-time tomato growers, [here's some advice on how to plant them.](#)

Consider planting popular natives bottlebrush and Correa for a splash of colour. Roses, lavenders and a large array of [annuals](#), such as snapdragons and petunias, are available as seedlings. Another favourite is [potted colour](#) (including impatiens) for a quick spring display in the garden, pots or hanging baskets.

To work out what's best to plant based on your climate, ask your local Bunnings team for advice, as they can help you plan to plant while taking frost, wind, soils and humidity into consideration.

What to Pick

A range of [camellias](#), [cyclamen](#), and agapanthus, are in bloom. It's also the perfect time to harvest asparagus, celery and dill. Raid the veggie patch as Asian greens, lettuce, chicory, English spinach, mustard lime streaks, broad beans, cabbage, leek, parsnip, pineapple, star fruit and a variety of citrus are also in season.

Divide and conquer

September is the time to divide plants such as rhubarb, horseradish, artichoke, ginger and arrowroot.

Fertilise

Give your perennials a head start with liquid fertiliser every fortnight, as well as general fertilising for garden beds and lawns before you [start mulching](#) in October.

Cover up

Keep an eye on the weather forecast in temperate climates as a late frost can wipe out an entire crop. The best way to combat this is using hessian or gardening [shade cloth](#) to cover your seedlings so they have the best chance of survival.

Clean up

If you have a chook shed, now is the best time to give the enclosure a thorough clean out. You can also use dynamic lifter on your citrus trees now. To get started this September, check out our extensive [garden range](#).

Check out [Garden Corner on the Bunnings website](#) for planting advice tailored to your area and climate.

Robertson Garden Club

SPRING
PLANT SALE

7th - 8th OCTOBER

71 Hoddle St - Opposite the CTC

***Sat 9am - 3pm *Sun 9am - 1pm**

Available for sale: Beautiful Highlands perennials, rare and unusual ornamentals, seasonal edibles and a selection of Australian natives.

How to revive your lawn



[How To Revive a Lawn - Bunnings Australia](#)

Headphones on: Witness a lyrebird singing lesson



Lyrebird calls echo through the forests of south-east Australia. But the passing of these songs from one generation to another is at risk.

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Could artificial intelligence help solve the world's hunger problem?



While some fear artificial intelligence could lead to human extinction, two Queensland agricultural scientists say it could hold the key to feeding the planet's growing population, which is expected to balloon to 10 billion people by 2050.

Researchers from the Queensland Alliance for Agriculture and Food Innovation believe AI could help tackle climate change and pest challenges by developing plants that are more sustainable and profitable.

University of Queensland geneticist Lee Hickey said plant breeders faced major challenges around climate change and improving the sustainability of crops for the future, as well as reducing nitrogen fertilisers.

"We see AI as a really promising technology to help us accelerate the development of more productive and sustainable plants and animals," he said.

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'Inability to think long-term': Politicians lashed over lack of climate change targets on Q+A

Australia's chief scientist Cathy Foley has issued a stark warning on climate change during an appearance on Q+A.



[With wildfires having razed Maui's historic Lahaina town,](https://apple.news/AaJnUH_BwTBGkfVcqlfrtZg)

resulting in the deaths of nearly 100 people in an area not usually prone to fire, Dr Foley said the incident should act as a further warning that action, not planning, was needed now.

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Packaging made from food waste could save millions of tonnes of produce from landfill



The browning bananas on your kitchen counter could be transformed into the plastic packaging that contains your next garden salad.

Scientists say they have found a way to divert food from landfill and convert it into biodegradable plastic wraps and cellophanes.

Food waste accounts for about 3 per cent of the country's annual greenhouse gas emissions and flushes away more than 6 trillion litres of water — emptying 1,000 Olympic-size swimming pools would only use 2.5 billion litres.

Almost 8 million tonnes of food worth about \$40 billion are wasted each year in Australia, through on-farm and supply chain losses, in restaurants and supermarkets.

But households discard the most food, throwing away about one-third of all organic refuse.

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FOR LOVERS OF ORCHIDS



Join a club with fellow orchid lovers. Grow your collection, nurture your passion and learn how to better cultivate these beautiful plants.

MONTHLY CLUB MEETINGS

1ST SATURDAY OF THE MONTH
At the Mittagong CWA Rooms, 1.30pm
98B Main Street, Mittagong

MITTAGONG MARKET DATES

APRIL 29TH JULY 29TH SEPT 30TH

ANNUAL ORCHID SHOW

SEPTEMBER 23RD
At the Mittagong RSL 9am - 2pm
Cnr Hume Hwy & Bessemer St, Mittagong

FOR MORE INFORMATION
facebook.com/orchidssouthernhighlands
or
Contact Bronwyn on 0427 849 755



October Meeting

Thursday, 5 October
9:30 am for a 10 am start
Soldier's Memorial Hall

Speakers: Bronwyn and Helen from Wynlen House in Bundanoon will talk about Vegetable Growing and the new thinking about soils: A look at Regenerative Horticulture.

SAVE THE DATE

Tuesday, 17 October - 10:30am

Visit Wynlen House to see the Organic Veggie Gardens and learn more. Morning Tea incl.



Bundanoon History Group Inc

Gardening in Bundanoon

A New Exhibition in The Old Goods Shed

As part of the reinvigoration of The Old Goods Shed we are looking to have a new exhibition in the OGS at least every six months. The current exhibition with items from the guest houses will be replaced towards the end of October with a new exhibition celebrating gardening and garden history in Bundanoon. We hope to have the exhibition in place to coincide with the Garden Ramble (28 and 29 October).

We are very keen to hear from anyone who would be prepared to lend historical garden memorabilia for the exhibition. The exhibition will have two themes, but we are happy to consider any garden history items –

“The Berrima Bridge Nursery and the impact it had on Southern Highlands Gardens” Claude and Isobel Crowe, celebrated horticulturists began Berrima Bridge Nurseries in 1943 and operated it for more than 50 years, building, in particular, a state-wide reputation for growing and retailing cold climate trees and shrubs. We are keen to discover what connections there might be for gardeners in Bundanoon and the Berrima Bridge Nurseries– no matter how tenuous!

“Bundanoon’s Town Gardens”- (Nancy Kingsbury Park and The Garden of Memories -including the Remembrance Garden). Perhaps we can include in the exhibition that both Town Gardens are in the care of the Bundanoon Garden Club? Maybe some of the garden club members have items in relation to the town gardens or have information/memories about working in the gardens, how they came about?

If anyone has any items, photographs or even memories on our two themes or even something unrelated but important to gardening in Bundanoon, please get in touch with Steve Press, the Secretary of the Bundanoon History Group at historygroupbundanoon@gmail.com or phone 0455 155 897



Ever wondered what goes into making your polyester T-shirt?

Many of us are now dressed head to toe in plastic.

A textile derived from the same non-renewable source as takeaway containers, has grown to make up more than half of the clothes bought in Australia.

Polyester is durable, cheap, and dries quickly. It's also easy to print patterns on.

It's commonly used by itself or as a blend with other textiles. It's used for gym clothes and sports uniforms, party dresses, work attire, and many cheap fast fashion items.

And every purchase is taking an environmental toll.

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No regulation of the word 'organic' creates costs for farmers, confusion for consumers



Unless "certified" is on the label, there is no guarantee an Australian product is organic.

Mick Dan is passionate about farming without synthetic pesticides or fertilisers, and especially proud that Australia contains 70 per cent of the world's certified organic farmland, or about 53 million hectares.

But the 2021 Australian Organic Limited Farmer of the Year is deeply disturbed that Australia is the only developed country not to have a standard regulation around the word "organic".

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Fish farts, snorting koalas, bonking frogs: How do animals make these crazy sounds?



'Hooting' batfish? You can hear them in the audio.

In the animal world making sound is key to survival.

Cicadas do it, lyrebirds do it, and even fishes in the ocean do it.

Male animals are especially vocal when they're trying to attract a mate.

So let's take a closer look at the ingenious ways animals make noise including fish farts (yes, really!)

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Could this native pollinator be an alternative solution to the under-threat European honey bee?



Scientists are backing native stingless bees as an effective alternative to European honey bees for pollination of some crops amid varroa mite outbreaks.

The European honey bee has [been in Australia for about 200 years](#) and, as the main pollinator of crops, is responsible for about a third of the volume of food we eat in Australia.

Since varroa mite was [discovered at the Port of Newcastle in June last year](#), more than 25,000 hives have been euthanised in New South Wales, affecting beekeepers and also the fruit and vegetable growers who rely on bees for pollination.

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Integrated Pest Management

Insects are always part of the garden and it's only natural they'll want to share your produce! A few holes here and there aren't a problem, but if you end up with more hole than leaf, then it's time to take action!

A good approach is to treat one problem at a time, as one solution is unlikely to fix everything.

So, the first step is to investigate the garden and identify what visitors you have.



If you find snail and slug trails check under the leaves, at the bottom of the plant and in nooks around rocks, where they might be sheltering during the day. While you're there, keep an eye out for caterpillars or the poo they leave behind which can help you find them.

You can also use the tell-tale signs of damage on plants to help you identify pests. This is because different insects have different mouths that cause different damage to plants.

[Integrated Pest Management - Gardening Australia \(abc.net.au\)](https://www.abc.net.au/gardening/integrated-pest-management)

GABION ROCK CAGES

I put together a couple of Gabions this month to complement a drainage channel, should we ever have flooding rains again. I was sent so many rocks I put together two more, this time as seating elsewhere.



The wire cage came as a flat pack from a company called Gabion1. The rocks were delivered from Moss Vale. It took me about 4 days with rest stops to complete the four, using my trusty Rat Barrow motorised wheelbarrow to move the rocks.



The Gabion cages come in various sizes to suit. Mine were 300cm x 30cm x 30cm, and 300cm x 37.5cm x 37.5cm.



I still had heaps of rocks left so I made some more to put under bird baths.

Marilyn Steiner.

War on Sydney golden wattle rages in WA, as its native counterparts fight for space



- The Sydney golden wattle is one of around a thousand species of acacia native to Australia
- It was introduced to WA from the eastern states and has become a pest
- Environmentalists say it is choking out indigenous wattle species and is hard to eradicate

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Teabags can shed microplastics. Luckily there are easy ways to go bag-free.

By now, most of us know that microplastics in the environment are a major issue, with concerning levels being found in some of our deepest oceans and most remote corners of the wilderness, far from human habitation.



Dehydrating a selection of different ingredients to store means you can make new tea blends all year round.

But did you know that many teabags sold in Australia contain synthetic fibres like polypropylene?

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'Absolutely impossible' for toxic mushrooms to enter Australian supply chain, growers say



Supermarket suppliers of mainstream mushroom varieties and exotic fungi producers argue they operate to the highest safety standards, and there is no chance that toxic mushroom varieties could wind up in stores.

The industry is defending its supply chain standards after a woman who prepared a fatal lunch containing suspected toxic mushrooms at Leongatha told police they were purchased, not foraged.

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From the Library

We have recently had three books returned that we thought were lost forever, so thank you to that member who returned the books they'd had since 2019.

It's never too late to return your books, and we do have a few that have been missing for a while. The books that have been re-added to our collection are:

- The Australian Native Bee Book** by Tim Heard
- Waterwise Gardening** by Kevin Walsh
- Garden Design made easy** by Tim Newbury



Three very practical and useful books.

Our books are organised and displayed around eight different categories and corresponding colours which are **Animals and Birds**, **Native Plants**, **Trees Hedges and Grasses**, **Special Gardens**, **Garden Design**, **Flowers and Shrubs**, **Practical Gardening** and **Vegetable and Fruit**.

This makes it easier when looking for a particular book. Annette and I are always available to help you find something specific.

See the complete list of our club's library books here: <https://bundygardenclub.libib.com/>

Wendy.

From our Treasurer

Hello Everyone

Here are the Financials for July 2023.

BGC Opening Balances 25th July 2023

Rediaccess Account	\$ 19179.99
Income:	\$ 1001.58
Expenditure:	\$ 487.22
Balance as at 24/4/23	\$ 19694.35

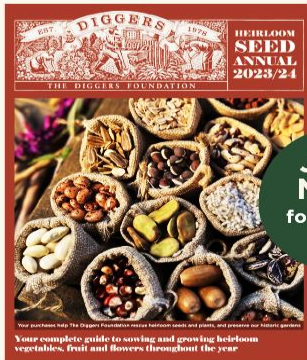
Add: Petty Cash	\$ 115.00
Add: Trade Table Float:	\$ 40.00
Add: Raffle Float	\$ 20.00
Add: Visitor Entry Fee Float	\$ 5.00

Funds held as at 27th July 2023 **\$ 19,874.35**

Regards

Alison.

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Collector's GARDEN GATHER UP Market

Spring is here and it's time to get out into the garden, prepare garden beds, plant seedlings, and pot on those plants that have grown. Come along for inspo and garden goodies!

Collector Markets
Murray St, Collector - opposite Some Cafe

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I'm writing to let you know about a special garden-themed market at Collector, 9am to 2pm on Sunday, 24 September 2023.

The market will feature a variety of stalls including bonsai, seedlings and cuttings, preserves, garden artistry, gardening magazine, wine tasting, and more.

If you're heading along the Federal Highway to the Tulip Top Gardens or to Floriade in Canberra on 24 September, you may like to stop in for a cuppa at our local cafes and visit the markets.

Gillian Drew
Collector Markets Coordinator - Ph: 0414 881 512

Workshops



We had a lovely morning exploring Pam Tippet's gorgeously rampant garden benefitting from her extensive knowledge at our native plants workshop. We were able to discuss questions about fertilizing, pruning, plant selection and choosing native alternatives for hedging and specific conditions and see native plants growing in different locations including amongst exotics.

Thank you to Pam and our keen attendees for another opportunity to share our passion for natives. The spring flowering in the Morton is really ramping up if you are looking for further inspiration.

Penny.

As seen on Gardening Australia! Illawarra Grevillea Park



FINAL OPEN DAYS FOR 2023
Sept 2, 3, 9 & 10

The Park is at its peak in spring, so it's a wonderful time to spend a few hours or a day in the park! The new sensory walk and information shelter will be open for the first time. The tropical grevilleas will be in full bloom, but explore the gardens and grounds and you will soon realise there is so much more to see.



[About the park \(illawarragrevilleapark.com.au\)](http://illawarragrevilleapark.com.au)

Tulip Time 2023



19 Sep - 2 Oct 2023, 9:30 am - 4:30 pm



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