

Friendship through gardening

NEXT CLUB MEETING

Thursday 3rd November - 9.30 for
10am at Harper's Mansion, Berrima

FRIENDSHIP GARDENS

Sorry, none again this month

HERITAGE ROSE BED DEDICATION

honouring **Sue Kingsford** on Thursday
10th November 10.30am, at Harper's
Mansion – invitation in last month's
Newsletter

HELPING HANDS WORKING BEE

Thursday 17th November 9am Nancy
Kingsbury Memorial Park

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From the President

What a wonderful time of year! The rain has stopped (temporarily) and the sun is out. The mornings are still crisp and the afternoons are glorious. In our garden, the wisteria is in bloom and the scent under the arbour is divine. Our roses are budding up and perennials are bursting forth from the cold earth.



In our veggie patch, we're harvesting buckets of snow peas, carrots, radishes, and the last of the English spinach. The broad beans are coming on, as are the potatoes, shallots, fennel, Chinese cabbage, onions, and purple cabbage. We've just sewn yellow, purple, and green beans, sweet corn, and snake beans.

Ramble is upon us as I write and my garden will be part of this year's program. We have been preparing the garden for the last three years, so if it's not done by now, well, it's not done! I'm sure everyone is going to enjoy this year's Ramble. Having visited all the other gardens earlier this week, I know that locals and visitors alike will be impressed by their diversity. The Ramble Committee has done a wonderful job and I congratulate them wholeheartedly.

It's a wonderful thing that all seven gardens in Ramble are members' gardens.

Our next meeting in November will be the last for the year and I pray to the weather gods to give us at least a rain-free day so we can enjoy Harpers Mansion and our speaker, head gardener Chris Thompson.

It's been wonderful this year to see so many new members and old members returning. We have our Christmas Party coming up on Thursday, 1st December and I'm sure it will be a great social outing.

I look forward to seeing everyone at our November meeting, stay dry and enjoy the season.

Ted Ayers – President.

President's Round-up

NOVEMBER GARDEN CLUB MEETING – AWAY-DAY AT HARPERS MANSION

Our November meeting will be held in the garden at Harpers Mansion in Berrima.

Harper's Mansion was built by James and Mary Harper soon after 1834 when they bought land in Berrima township. Harper's Mansion is set in two acres of gardens made for strolling, full of cool climate heritage plants, and features one of the largest hedge mazes in Australia.

To keep our carbon footprint to a minimum, could we please carpool? If you are having trouble getting a ride, please contact us and we'll try to find you a lift.

Maria Marks and her team will be providing morning tea. **Please bring a mug.**



Our guest speaker is the Gardener and Volunteer Chris Thompson. Chris has been at Harpers Mansion for many years and has been instrumental in the development of the gardens. As it will be November, we can expect some lovely roses in the garden. After our morning tea and Chris's talk, we'll be free to wander through the gardens. The National Trust will have volunteers on hand as guides and to help answer your questions.

*If it's a rainy day, we will hold the November meeting at the hall and re-schedule this event. Check your email before travelling that morning.

Pot Recycling is now at Bunnings Mittagong



Good news – Bunnings Mittagong has commenced its pot recycling program. You might remember that a few months back we had Gregory Olsen from Plastic Free As We Can Be – a subcommittee of the BCA - along to talk about the need to remove as much single-use plastic as we can from our environment and lifestyle. I was motivated to see what I could do to reduce plastics in my life. As you may be aware, gardeners are responsible for a massive amount of plastics – fertilisers and potting mix bags, plant tags, and of course plastic pots. With a bit of research, I found a recycling company that specialised in soft plastics and in particular plastic garden pots. With a bit of lobbying, I was able to negotiate a collection point being set up in our area.

You can now take your pots that have a recycle 5 symbol on their bottom along to the collection point located in the car park at the end of the garden centre at Bunnings Mittagong. Bunnings will then arrange for the pots to be sent to PP5, a recycling company that will recycle the pots into new nursery pots and bags for the gardening industry.



You can also take your soft plastics to Coles or Woolworth's to be recycled through RedCycle. If you're taking in old soil bags, you need to rinse the soil off them and cut them up to be no bigger than A3 (double A4).

Working Bee



A big thanks to all who attended the last working bee at Nancy Kingsbury Memorial Park. I was unable to be there due to a bad back. From the reports I've heard it was a lovely social day. A big thanks to Richard Paddle. Richard has not only taken over the planning of the planting for the back section of the park but also he's been back since the working bee to give it a once-over before the Ramble this weekend. If you are motivated, please jump into one of the town gardens and pull a few weeds, trim a hedge, or pop in a plant. You don't have to wait for a working bee.

Our next group Working Bee is on Thursday 17th November. You can join us any time from 9.00 am in Nancy Kingsbury Memorial Park.

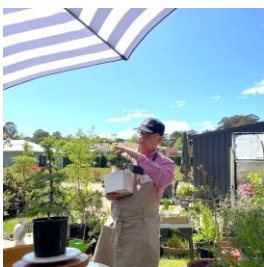
Perennial Workshop



The Perennial Workshop at The Shrubbery was an excellent affair. Billy Nichol took us on a tour of the gardens and talked to us about how he and Jason took a bare paddock and turned it into a little slice of heaven in just three years. We then learned why, when, and how to dig up perennials and the benefits to not only the plant but also to the hip pocket of the gardener. Then it was off to

the workbench to learn firsthand how to cut, divide and pot up perennials. We had a wonderful afternoon tea with scones from Jo Le Cheminant, egg sandwiches from Carlie Gould, and ham and (homemade) green tomato pickles by yours truly. To top off a great afternoon, Billy gave us some of the plants we divided and a 20% discount on any purchase.

The Art of Bonsai Workshop # 2



Another great success was the second workshop by George on Bonsai. It was a sunny Saturday morning that saw the second workshop in this series in George's garden. The group took their plants from plastic pots to Bonsai pots. They learned how to trim the roots, tie the plants in and care for them. We hope to see the results at a meeting soon. Thanks to George and the catering team for all their efforts.



Spring in a Jar

Sue Crase was the winner of our "Spring in a Jar" posy competition, decided by our judge, Charlotte Webb. There were many lovely entries, including a bunch of brassica flowers from our own Veggieman. Thanks to everyone who entered, picking blooms on a wet morning.

Summer in a Jar will take place at our February meeting.



Christmas Party 2022

Tickets are selling fast for this year's Christmas Party. It will be held on **Thursday 1st December, at Exeter Hall, from 3 pm – 5 pm**. Tickets are limited: \$20 for members and plus-ones, \$30 for additional/ extra non-members. To be fair for members, additional non-members will be waitlisted.

Bookings through the Membership Desk (cash or credit card) at the November meeting or via direct deposit to our account.

Account Name: Bundanoon Garden Club BSB: 802 101 ACC: 358047S90
Please use your "surname, first initial" and "XMAS" in the descriptor.

Christmas Raffle

Sue Crase has kindly donated one of her intricate artworks, "The Tree of Life," as a special raffle prize, to be drawn at our Christmas Party on Thursday 1st December. Please see Lyn York at Harpers Mansion in November for tickets.

Sue creates her artwork by cutting intricate shapes from paper, which are then layered to develop a 3D effect.

Sue describes her work thus, "The Tree of life is a layered mandala. The tree has 9 layers of different colours, with varying parts of the tree starting with a base layer, with each layer added being more intricate in design, eventually giving you a 3d effect. I then adhere it to a background card stock and put it into a shadow box frame."

Sue exhibits and sells her artworks at the Mulwarree Arts and Crafts Gallery in Marulan.

Ted.

Rain is certainly a major requirement for growing vegetables, and this year with my record crop of peas, and probably also broad beans, I am wondering if I have given these two veggies sufficient water in past seasons. This year they have grown taller, bearing more flowers, and with the warmer weather are setting lots of pods. Raised beds prevent the roots from sitting in water, and applying blood and bone has replaced nutrients that have been washed away. Also this has been the shortest frost season since I started, so I don't have much to complain about!



Heavy rain does compact the ground, so work on the soil to let in oxygen and aid drainage, and add plenty of compost. Now is the time to plant or sow just about anything that succeeds in cool climate conditions, with a sunny position, support if necessary and protection from pests. Remember to rotate crops if possible, and to follow soil nitrogen fixing peas and beans with your brassicas.

This year with the excessive rain I am growing more seeds inside. Sweet corn and pumpkins will be ready for transplanting soon, and I will try seeding climbing beans in the ground with back-ups in the greenhouse. The secret to continuous cropping is successional sowing, and keeping a diary of 'what' and 'when' is the best way to remember.



Sun is the other pre-requisite for healthy vegetables, but needs to be balanced with sufficient water.

Protecting Plants from Heat and Sun

Too much heat and sun exposure can dry out plants. Excessive heat causes leaf wilt as plants transpire moisture to protect themselves from high temperatures and sun. At temperatures over 30° C (about 90° F), tomatoes and peppers often become sunburned and stop flowering.

- **Provide shade for garden plants** when it is hot. To alleviate heat, cast a shadow over plants with an umbrella, shade cloth, or any light fabric stretched out along a support. Tall flowers or trellises can also provide shade for seedlings and vulnerable transplants.
- **Mulch around vegetable plantings** with straw, leaves or dried grass clippings to cool and keep the soil moist. In very hot conditions, use a thick mulch 10–15 cm deep to provide protection.
- **Water consistently to create a stable environment** for plant growth. During hot periods, water in the morning or early evening so moisture can reach the plant roots without evaporating. Deep watering 2-3 times per week keeps the soil more evenly moist than superficial watering.

Planting in November – everything from last month plus...

Beans - climbing (also Pole beans, Runner beans, Scarlet Runners)	Start in seed trays or plant out (transplant) seedlings or sow seed	Harvest from December
Beans - dwarf (also French beans, Bush beans)	Start in seed trays or plant out (transplant) seedlings or sow seed	Harvest from December

Bundanoon Garden Ramble

It was a magnificent weekend for our very successful Garden Ramble this year – a perfect way to celebrate the rare weekend of sunshine. Garden owners metaphorically opened their arms wide and welcomed crowds of visitors into their own private spaces.

Instead of peeking through the gate, over hedges or around structures and trees, visitors wandered down pathways, beyond the show of the front garden to view the hidden treasures beyond. A wealth of plants beamed in the sunshine with colours stronger and forms clearer as they were kissed by the sun.

There is a lot of organising that goes into the one weekend of activity for our local community and beyond. Over the year, the committee plans and brings together all the disparate sections to create a successful event that benefits the whole town.



Garden owners are the focus of the weekend, as without them there wouldn't be a Ramble, but there are about 80 volunteers needed to make the weekend successful. Many of those were from the Garden Club although the event is one that raises money for the Bundanoon Community Association.

The Lions Club also contributes to the festivities with their scarecrow competition and the café that was in Garden 8. The History group had the Goods Shed open for visitors, too.

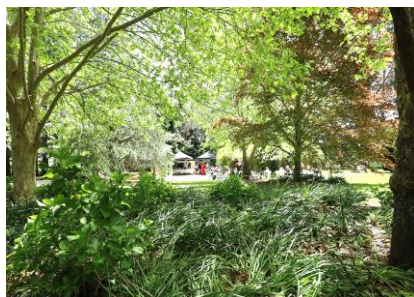


Photo: Sandy Berry

Thank you to everyone who contributed to this major fundraising event for the community. The gross income was approximately \$26,000 with a profit of approximately \$12,500 after expenses.

Robin Coombes
Convenor

Scarecrow Competition

Congratulations to our well loved life member **Laurel Hones** for winning the Lions Club Scarecrow Competition Open Division.



“Too tired to scare the crows!”

LATE QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE TREE PLANTING

The project to plant trees to mark the Queen's Platinum Jubilee this year, funded by the Commonwealth Government and co-ordinated by the Bundanoon Community Association, has involved other Bundanoon organisations, including our own Garden Club.

The trees are about to be planted in an area near the RSL Hall at the Bundanoon Oval. The planting is to be carried out by The Shrubbery at Exeter.



The project co-ordinator Bruce Marshall is looking for volunteers to join a roster to keep the newly planted trees watered. It will take about one hour to do the watering: the more volunteers we get, the more the task can be spread out.

If you are willing to be involved in this community project and can help with the watering, please contact Bruce on 4883 7747 or bruce@spin.net.au or speak to him at the next Garden Club meeting this Thursday.

There will be an official event in early December to mark the planting, to which all members of the community will be invited. Watch this space!

Bruce.



Imagine a house that grows its own food. That's the vision of environmental campaigner Joost Bakker, who was once dubbed the 'Poster Boy of Zero Waste Living' by The New York Times. This inspiring feature documentary follows Bakker as he builds a self-sustaining home, an ecosystem that provides its occupants with water, energy, shelter and nourishment. Joined in his work by internationally acclaimed chefs Matt Stone and Jo Barrett, Bakker faces his fair share of challenges to finish the home. Bureaucratic delays, COVID shutdowns and blackouts all threaten the build. But ultimately, GREENHOUSE BY JOOST is an uplifting look at the teamwork and ingenuity behind a paradigm-shifting project that bursts with life. GREENHOUSE BY JOOST is the winner of the Audience Award at the Melbourne International Film Festival and comes from the award-winning producers of 2040, The Australian Dream and That Sugar Film.

"I want to prove that we can live zero waste." Joost Bakker's incredible vision of a self-sustaining home comes to life in GREENHOUSE BY JOOST

See Joost Bakker in conversation at a screening of GREENHOUSE BY JOOST on November 13. Tickets on sale now.



Sunday 13 November

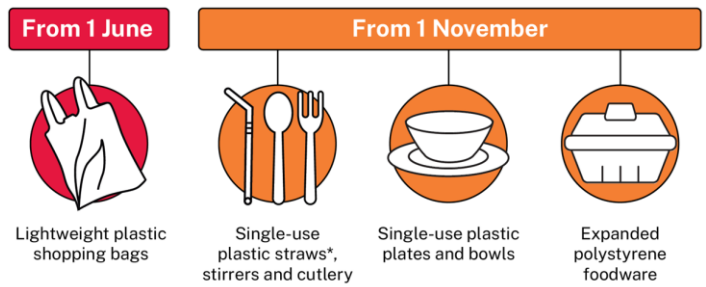
**Film starts at 4.00pm,
followed by a Q&A**

featuring Craig Reucassel.

Adults: \$15.00,

Concessions: \$13.00

In **2022**, NSW is banning certain single-use plastics.



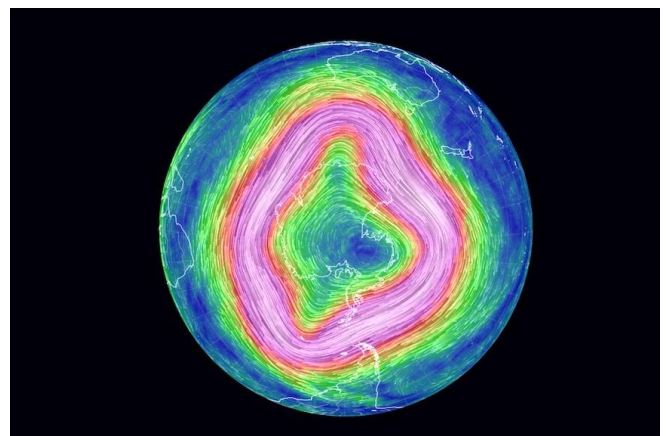
It's the end of the road for single-use plastics, including bags, straws, cotton buds, plates, bowls, and cutlery.

In November 2021, the NSW Government passed the Plastic Reduction and Circular Economy Act 2021. This legislation aims to address the problem of plastic waste and provides a comprehensive framework that will help transition NSW towards a circular economy.

From 1 November 2022, the supply of single-use plastic straws, stirrers, cutlery, bowls, and plates and expanded polystyrene food service items will be banned in NSW.

Read more below to learn more about the bans and what they mean for you, or visit dpe.mysocialpinpoint.com.au/plastics-ban-nsw

Strong Antarctic polar vortex adds to south-east Australian rainfall and flood risk, BOM says



The Antarctic polar vortex, shown here in pink, is spinning at 200kph

A band of high-altitude winds that's surrounding Antarctica, known as the stratospheric polar vortex, is adding to the risk of increased rainfall in Australia's south-east this spring, according to the Bureau of Meteorology (BOM).

[Strong Antarctic polar vortex adds to south-east Australian rainfall and flood risk, BOM says - ABC News](#)

Five ways to enhance your garden with potted plants



Potted plants can transform the look of your outdoor space. Here are five ways to give your backyard an easy beauty boost, thanks to Northcote Pottery pots and Cyclone hand tools.

[Five Ways To Enhance Your Garden With Potted Plants - Bunnings Australia](#)

Wild flannel flowers create eye-catching sight in huge display near Port Macquarie



Wild flannel flowers have burst into bloom in huge numbers in a bushfire-affected area of northern NSW for the second year in a row.

The iconic Australian flowers have created a stunning sight in the Lake Innes Nature Reserve south of Port Macquarie on the Mid North Coast.

The reserve was impacted by a severe bushfire in late 2019 and has received high amounts of rainfall during the past two summers.



[Wild flannel flowers create eye-catching sight in huge display near Port Macquarie - ABC News](#)

How to make garden soil and how to make it right



Creating and maintaining a healthy soil bed can feel like a bit of a mystery. But it doesn't need to be all that tricky – you just need to know what you're looking for. In this article, we're going to break down the basics of determining what you need to do to generate ideal conditions in your garden.

[How to Make Quality Soil | Mitre 10](#)

NSW landholders signing up for free habitat planting program in effort to increase koala populations



A new project is aiming to tackle climate change and help save koalas at the same time.

Landowners in New South Wales can earn carbon credits by planting koala habitat on their properties.

The cost of the trees is covered, as is maintenance for the first three years.

This pilot program is called the Koala Friendly Carbon Farming Program.

It's planting a bio-diverse koala and rainforest habitat on private land, free of charge.

Those trees will earn carbon credits for the landholder over a 25-year period.

To qualify, owners must have at least 25 hectares that can be set aside for tree planting and show evidence of koalas nearby with a focus on reconnecting fragmented habitat.

<https://apple.news/A5xfcPNmbSau86Ndxpp1kBw>

WORMS

Can you guess how many different worms there are in Australia?

Well, there are **over 1000 species** of native worms in Australia and approximately 80 introduced species that are beneficial as well. They are not all small and brown – some Australian native worms are enormous.

While staying on Tamborine Mountain near Brisbane with friends recently, we were introduced to the giant worm that our hosts sometimes stop their car to remove from the road, so as not to run over them.



They are a bit over a metre in length, about 30mm in diameter and they live deep in the rainforest soil. They burrow down in the ground and when it gets too wet below, they come up.

Earthworm Types

There are 3 main types of earthworm; the compost worm, the earthworker worm and the root dwelling worm.

Important - composting worms are not the same as common garden worms that you dig up in the soil in your garden.

The Compost Worm

There are 4 species of compost worm. They live in the first 12 cm of topsoil on a rich diet of rotting vegetable matter, but don't eat soil. They can be found in manure heaps and leaf piles, but you won't find them in normal garden soil. To a compost worm protozoa, bacteria and fungi are like salt and vinegar on fish and chips – delicious.

They do not build permanent burrows in their habitats, but prefer to burrow randomly through the topsoil and rotting matter.

When it's cold or really hot they will burrow deeper down and ball up, covering themselves with slime to protect themselves from drying out and hibernate to conserve energy.

There are four main species of compost worms available:-

Eisenia fetida

common names - Tiger worm, manure worm,
colour - rust brown with yellow stripes around it's body- just like a Tiger!
Length - up to 130mm
ideal working temperature range - 15-25°

Dendrobaena venta

common names - dendras, blue noses
colour - violet, purple or olive brown and sometime striped
length - up to 155mm
ideal working temperature range - 18-25°

Lumbricus rubellus

common names - redworm, bloodworm, red wiggler
colour - dark red to maroon, no strips and light yellow underneath
length - up to 105 mm
ideal working temperature range - 18-23°

Eisenia Andrei

common names - red tiger worm
colour- dark red to purple with maybe some stripes
length - up to 130mm
ideal working temperature range - 18-23°

The Earthworker Worm

This type and the *Lumbricus terrestris* in particular, is the earthworm you are most likely see in your garden, busy at work tilling the soil making it more airy and nice for plants to grow in. They make long vertical burrows of up to a few feet deep, leaving their poo, known as worm casts at their entrances. They eat some soil and are particularly partial to leaves, even preferring some varies over others.

They come up to search for food at night and Darwin, whose studies were mainly carried out on these worms found that they can even find the best shaped leaves for bunging up their burrows with.

The Root Dwelling Worm

Most of these worms are deep burrowers, inhabiting the areas around plant roots, rich with decaying roots and fungi and are widespread in rain forests and farmlands. You won't normally see these worms, as they hardly ever venture above ground.

But just occasionally, when too much water penetrates their domain, as in the case on Tamborine Mountain, up they pop!

David.



National Recycling Week 7-13 November 2022

This year, National Recycling Week explores the idea that *Waste isn't Waste until it's Wasted*.

We invite you to get involved and join your community on all events on how you use resources by giving them a second life, reducing the need for newly produced resources, and recycling.

This year it is all about quality over quantity; it is not about recycling more, but recycling better.

Reducing our waste not only keeps valuable materials out of landfill, it also benefits the environment by reducing greenhouse gas emissions.

Thinking that waste isn't waste until it's wasted also provides some valuable insight into how the recycling and resource management industry works in conjunction to your efforts.

[- Planet Ark Recycling Near You](#)

NOVEMBER IN YOUR PATCH


We're always being told to eat more fruit and veggies and get more exercise with this diet or that exercise program. If the thought of donning the Lycra and heading to the gym has you reaching for the chocolate cake, what about green gym? Get out into your sustainable garden for your daily workout in November in your patch.

Sustainable gardening is not only good for the planet; it's good for your health. There are more and more people using their gardens and growing fruit and veggies to help manage chronic diseases such as type 2 diabetes. Think



about all the weeding, digging, mulching, planting, and raking you can do in your garden. Wow, what a workout! Not only that, but your sustainable garden is also a great mood booster, so it's good for your mental health as well.

November is one the best months to be starting your green gym in this part of the Australia, the soil and temperatures are warming up, but it's still cool enough for a good garden workout.

- Use your workout to plant some healthy herbs: dill, chamomile, parsley, oregano, rosemary, rue, thyme and sage. Plant some lemon balm and mint into pots....or you'll get an even tougher workout pulling them out when they take over your patch.
 - Time to plant some home-grown vitamin powerhouses: capsicum, chilli, beetroots, carrots, cucumber, eggplants, lettuce, potatoes, pumpkins, leeks, silverbeet, squash, sweet corn and zucchini.
 - Some colour in the patch isn't only pleasing to the eye, but will attract pollinators and other good guys, try some chamomile, petunias, snapdragons, phlox or marigolds.
 - Get a super workout, top up your mulch on all your garden beds. Make sure you choose sustainable, low environmental impact mulch, that'll enrich your soil as it breaks down
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- Before you know it, it'll be hot, so plan for the heat by making a couple of shade cloth tents. They don't have to be elaborate, just a simple, moveable structure that you can pop over the top of some of the sun sensitive veggies.
 - Got grafted fruit trees? Check for shoots growing up from below the graft and cut them off. The rootstock will take over your trees if you let them go.
 - Want a great mind and body workout? Pull out those weeds. It's good for your muscles and relieves stress!

Staying active is important for us all, whether we're managing a chronic disease or not. So next time you read about a new miracle diet, superfood or exercise program and feel like hiding under the doona, remember you have your own green gym in your patch.

Exercise, fresh air and growing your own tasty and healthy superfoods. Who needs fad diets or crowded gyms?

[November in your patch | \(sgaonline.org.au\)](#)

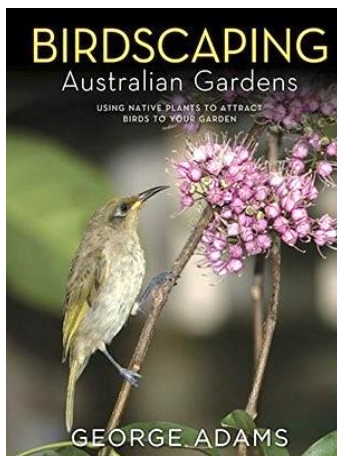
From the Library



It's great to see so many members borrowing books, magazines and DVDs from our library each month. Thanks again to Annette for her amazing help with running the library table. To see the full list of items in our collection, go to www.bundanoongardenclub.com.au and choose the Resources tab, then the List of Books in the Library. You will be directed to our Libib site. Or here's the direct link to the collection: <https://www.libib.com/u/bundygardenclub>

Book Review: Birdscaping Australian Gardens by George Adams Viking 2015

Following on from our guest speaker Dr Holly Parsons from Birdlife Australia in September, this beautiful book of 357 pages is a visual delight as well as being informative. It covers everything you need to know regarding what native plants to grow to suit a range of native birds and thereby attract them to your garden.



One chapter has a list of native plants alongside stunning photos of crystal clear birds interacting with those plants as on the cover. Landscaping considerations such as the use of water, providing shelter for nesting and protection, food sources including insects and so on are covered in the birdscaping section. There is even a table of dimensions for building nesting boxes to suit each type of bird.

An alphabetical list of native birds is in another chapter detailing their appearance, feeding and nesting habits, next to more stunning photographs and drawings. Finally, tables that break down specific plants for specific types of feeders from insect, nectar and seeding eating.

An inspiring and informative book!

Wendy Norris

Next Month's Newsletter

Our December/January Newsletter will be emailed during the first week of December, to include a photographic record of our Christmas Party and Photo Competition winners.

Last Month's Speaker was

Charlotte Webb, who gave us an illustrated talk on making Alpine Troughs.



Stone troughs can be very expensive, and Charlotte demonstrated how to simulate one from a polystyrene box.

Below is the list of some nurseries supplying plants suitable for trough gardens

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| Frogmore Gardens | frogmoregardens.com.au |
| Lambley | lambley.com.au |
| Lynn's Rare Plants | lynnsrareplants.com.au |
| Lynwood Garden | lynwoodgarden.com.au |
| Moidart's Nursery | moidartrareplantsandgarden.com |
| Nutshell Nursery | nutshellnursery.com.au |
| Perenniale | perenniale.com.au |
| Southern Highlands Botanic Gardens | shbg.com.au |
| White House Nursery | whitehousenursery.com.au |
| Woodbridge Nursery | woodbridgenursery.com.au |
| Yellow House Heritage Perennials | yellowhouseheritageperennials.com.au |





Photographs of Thenford Lodge Visit

by Jenny Jones

I was pleased to take the opportunity to visit the beautiful gardens of Thenford Lodge, Exeter opened for a rare viewing day on Saturday 24th September. Thankfully rain held off for the earlier hours, until the skies opened around 3.30pm.

The Hon John Sharpe's magnificent garden has been substantially added to over the past 4 years, many new trees, notably some species of rare and specialist plants added to established and ancient trees amongst mass plantings of flowering perennials. So much to enjoy now, however as Spring advances more delights will evolve amongst the park-like gardens – ponds, sculptures fountains all adding to the magnificence.

Very much one of Southern Highlands' Garden gems.



From our Treasurer

Hello Everyone

Here are the Financials for September.

BGC Opening Balances 26th September 2022

Rediaccess Account	\$ 15652.90
Income:	\$ 2122.00
Expenditure:	\$ 3648.30
Balance as at 24/10/22	\$ 14126.60

Add: Petty Cash	\$ 115.00
Add: Trade Table Float:	\$ 45.00
Add: Raffle Float	\$ 20.00
Funds held as at 25th Oct 2022	\$ 14306.60

Special Events Account	nil
Income:	\$ 3260.00
Expenditure:	\$ 300.00
Balance as at 25/10/22	\$ 2960.00

Total Funds Held at 25th Oct 2022 **\$ 17266.60**

Regards

Alison.

Final Reminder for our Photo Competition - Subject: SPRING

Category A – Gardens (anything from a single shrub to a garden vista)

Category B – Flowers (anything from a bunch to a single bloom)

Most members will be using their mobile phones, and as you can see above, there is nothing in your garden that cannot be photographed successfully, so choose a subject and give it a go!

Email your entries to:

gardenclubbundanoon@gmail.com

with your name and anything you would like to say about your photograph (optional).

Entries will be judged anonymously, and the choice of subject, lighting and composition will be considered. Images will be displayed as a slide show at meetings, and the winner of each category, who will receive a **\$50 Mt Murray Nursery Voucher**, will be announced at the **Christmas Party on 1st December**.

**Entries needed by
Saturday 12th November please**

Friendship Gardens

There will not be any Friendship Gardens to visit for the rest of this year. Due to the excess of rain, most gardens are either too squelchy or late in flowering. Looking back to the last two years, we had four gardens to visit each November, and they were a delight. I cannot ask gardeners to show their gardens when not at their best, and we have twice had to cancel with the bad weather, the safety of members a primary consideration.

Let's hope for better in 2023!

David.



This is your automated alert to let you know about Open Gardens and Gardening Events.

First, we would like to remind you about the following gardens or events that will open the next few weeks:

- [Bathurst Spring Spectacular](#) : Bathurst
- [Bundanoon Garden Ramble](#) : Bundanoon
- [Central Tablelands Garden Trail](#) : Lithgow Area
- [Gairloch Garden](#) : Oberon
- [Hartvale](#) : Little Hartley
- [Highfield Gardens](#) : Little Hartley
- [Riverina Iris Farm](#) : Wagga Wagga
- [Secret Garden and Nursery](#) : Richmond
- [Southern Highlands Botanic Gardens](#) : Bowral

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

- [Private Gardens of Monaro - Private Tour Dates](#) : Cooma : * Tue, 22 Nov 2022
- [Yellow House Perennials Nursery and Garden](#) : Nowra : * Sat, 26 Nov 2022

Note: May open for one or more days, please check the listing.

Snake season in Australia

- September to April

When the weather warms up and spring arrives, we begin to see snakes emerge from their brumate period. Brumation, which is a form of dormancy in reptiles, it is similar to hibernation.



Because snakes require a stable temperature to regulate their bodies, snakes spend the winter underground to keep their bodies at around 25 degrees. When the weather is colder, snakes will burrow in the ground or sleep under a log and emerge only to eat, drink or metabolise.

Snakes can go months without eating, but they must come out to drink water. The brumation period can last anywhere from one to eight months, depending on a variety of factors such as air temperature, reptile size, age, and health.

In Australia, snake season typically runs from September/October to April, depending on region or state. Spring is also the season when many snakes mate. The gestation period (depending on the breed) for the juvenile snakes to hatch is approximately 8-11 weeks after the female snake lays her eggs. In Victoria, for example, the Brown Snake lays eggs in late spring/early summer.

Some snakes, like mammals, give birth to living young. This is appropriate for the Australian Tiger Snake, which can be found in many states. They can give birth to 20 to 30 young at the end of summer or beginning of autumn. Immediately after birth, the children become self-sufficient and no longer require their parents. Although some babies may initially remain close to their mothers, adults snakes do not protect their young.

Therefore, as the temperature rises, you may see more snakes as they emerge from their deep slumber, warm their bodies in preparation for mating, and begin their search for food and water.

Snakes, on the lookout for prey such as mice, insects, and other small animals, have been known to cross or lie on warm roads, open areas, and even near your home. Sometimes snakes, whether they be hatchlings or adults, will seek refuge in infrastructure and housing because they are dark, damp, cool, and provide a variety of delicious menu options. This could include your attic or the space under your house.

There are measures you can take to prevent snakes from entering your home during the warmer months.

- Keep the vegetation around your home short, it will be less attractive to small animals and snakes.
- If you suspect a snake may frequent your neighbourhood, you should minimise or eliminate the snake's potential food and shelter sources. Then you need to make it impossible for them to sustain themselves with food and shelter.
- Remove rubbish and debris from your yard.
- Create a clearing around your home.
- Plant native trees which attracts more snake-eating bird life.
- Remove water sources like ponds.
- Seal potential entrances to your home, livestock/chicken pens.

Snakes are not territorial. They may have a home range or a specific area that they frequent often for food and shelter, usually within a few kilometres. So, if the snake has nothing to do, there is less of an incentive or need for it to visit your home or surrounding area.

When you come across a snake, what should you do?

Leave it alone; snakes are generally shy creatures who will only attack if provoked or threatened. If you see the snake before it sees you, stay still and back away slowly if it doesn't move toward you. Allow the reptile time to move away from you; if they are not threatened, they will usually do so.

If you find a snake in your home, do not try to remove or kill it. Instead, evacuate all people and pets from the area and try to contain the snake within one room by sealing the doors and windows with a towel.

Your family dog or cat may be curious or protective and wish to scare or attack the snake. Remove them from the area to keep them safe.

Snake bites can be extremely dangerous and, in some cases, fatal to pets and humans. Once you and your pets have been safely removed from the wild snake, contact your local snake catcher, wildlife services, or police to assist with the snake's safe removal.

If you or your pet is bitten, seek medical attention right away. Make a detailed description of the type of snake it was, or take note of the colour of its head, tail, and body, so that you or your pet can receive the best and most accurate treatment and anti-venom.

If you live in an area where snakes are common during this time of year, it may be worthwhile to consider pet insurance for your dog, cat, horse, or exotic pet, which may come into contact with snakes inside or outside your home. Insuring your pet will help pay for medical expenses in the event of an unexpected snake bite or treatment.

[Pet Insurance from Petcover - For Animals of All Shapes and ... https://www.petcovergroup.com](https://www.petcovergroup.com)