

Friendship through gardening

NEXT CLUB MEETING

Thursday 6th October - 9.30 for 10

FRIENDSHIP GARDENS

Saturday 8th October 10am-1pm

PERENNIALS WORKSHOP

Thursday 13th October 2-3pm

SECOND BONSAI WORKSHOP

Saturday 15th October

HELPING HANDS WORKING BEE

Thursday 20th October 9am

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From the President

THE BIRTH OF SPRING

We've had a busy month this September! First up, our monthly meeting was very well attended with more than one hundred members turning up to hear Justin Hartley talk to us about his farming project – Duckfoot Farm. We learned how Justin's no-till method helps improve the farms' soil and his use of cardboard reduces weeds. He had some amazing photos documenting the process from seed to plate. Jonathan Melrose-Rae was the lucky member who won the veggie box.

Dr. Holly Parsons gave us an amazing and in-depth presentation on local birdlife and even though the videos in her presentation didn't cooperate, there was plenty to take in. We've been so lucky to have so many passionate and knowledgeable speakers this year.

Our Working Bee on Thursday 15th Sept saw 12 members out in the Uniting Church and the A.N.Z.A.C Memorial. Weeding was the main priority and thanks to Paul Marks, we rounded the morning out with some good woodchip. Morning Tea was provided, and we tried out our new pump-pots for tea and coffee.

Friday 16th was our Spring Dinner at the club. The capacity crowd savoured the new Spring Menu created by Head Chef Anthony Pellegrino. People raved about the duck (on the specials board), the 'wellness' bowl, and the eye-fillet steak. MPT performed "Persephone and the birth of Spring," which was well received by all. We made \$557 to go against the cost of this year's Christmas Party, so a great success all around.

The fun continued the following week with our self-drive trip to Tulip Top Gardens at Sutton. The weather was perfect and the gardens magnificent. After a lovely stroll along the paths, past the many beds of tulips, I met up with other members at the main café. One of my personal highlights was the avenue of forsythia. Last year I planted eight 10" plants along our boundary. After seeing how impressive they can look when mature, I think I've made a good choice! Some of us continued on to the National Arboretum to see their bonsai collection. We marvelled at the size and shapes of the trees, in particular a eucalyptus, which is not a traditional tree to bonsai.

That trip dove-tailed into the Bonsai Workshop with George Williams on Saturday 24th. Seven enthusiastic members brought along their trees and plants. George demonstrated how to prune and wire the branches and trim the roots. Session two on the 15th of October (sold out) will cover potting up and styling. See George's report later in the newsletter. We also had the fantastic Veggie Workshop with David Humphrey – read on for his report.

Ted Ayers – President.



President's Round-up

OCTOBER GUEST SPEAKER – Charlotte Webb, making an Alpine Trough

Charlotte Webb from Southern Highlands Botanic Gardens will be showing us how we can create a beautiful Alpine Trough. Trough gardening is a great way to garden in confined spaces or to provide a wonderful display of those very small, exquisite plants that often just get lost in the garden – swamped by larger plants and never seen again after the day they were planted. After experiencing the heartache of losing plants bought from collector nurseries', Charlotte soon took up the traditional way to manage these lovely small plants so they survived, thrived, and could be enjoyed. Charlotte will share with you how to manage these 'often lost' plants in the gardens by creating garden troughs which are traditionally made of volcanic rock (hypertufa) planters.



Through many years of experience, Charlotte has developed methods to convert everyday containers into apparent stone troughs suitable for the Australian climate. Once the troughs are created the art of planting starts, including design and plant selection. Charlotte will outline what to look for in suitable plants for trough gardens like Lewisia, Azorella, dwarf hebe, and creeping thyme. Charlotte will also provide a list of nurseries that frequently sell plants suitable for trough gardening. Bring your notepads and pencils.

Charlotte and Chris Webb are landscape designers based in Bowral. Aside from their business they also run a small mail-order nursery sourced from their 5-acre garden near Moss Vale. lynwoodgarden.com.au offers plants suitable for trough gardens generally for the Southern Highlands. They are also founding members and current board members of the Southern Highlands Botanic Gardens, of which Charlotte is the CEO.

NOVEMBER GARDEN CLUB MEETING – AN 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 for November 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.**

WORKING BEE 20TH OCTOBER 9AM – NANCY KINGSBURY



It's been six months since we had a Working Bee in Nancy Kingsbury Memorial Park. There's plenty of gentle gardening that needs to be done and we'll hopefully have a plant planning meeting to discuss what to put along the back fence. September's Working Bee in the Garden of Memories was well attended and the weather was marvellous. It would be great if we can have as many members as possible to get the park garden back into shape for the community and visitors alike. Hopefully, the council would have fulfilled its obligation to mow the lawn. Morning tea will be provided, so please bring a mug!



CHRISTMAS PARTY 2022

The committee is in full planning mode for this year's Christmas Party. It will be held on Thursday 1st December, at Exeter Hall, from 3 pm – 5 pm. We're planning to have a fully catered party for the membership. To offset the ticket price, we've been raising money from our Trade Table, The Spring Dinner, and our Raffles, so please pick up a new plant from Trade Table or buy a few raffle tickets. The total cost of the Christmas Party is around \$4,000 and the club is contributing approximately 50% to keep the ticket price down.

Tickets are limited: \$20 for members and plus-ones, \$30 for additional/ extra non-members. To make it fair for members, additional non-members will be waitlisted. Bookings through Membership Desk (cash or credit card) 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.

I can't believe that Christmas is upon us again! It feels like only a few months ago that we were in Kaye and John's beautiful garden, but I am looking forward to this year's festivity.

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 the raffle desk for tickets. Sue creates her artworks 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.

"SPRING IN A JAR" – OCTOBER COMPETITION

This came from our Suggestions folder at the last meeting, an excellent but anonymous idea – we'd love to know which member had this inspiration. What does Spring in your garden look like? Please bring in a posy from your garden, arranged in a small plain jar – no fancy vases. We will display these along the stage during the meeting and ask our guest speaker to judge the best posy. We will call for posies four times throughout the year. What a lovely way to track the seasonal changes in our gardens. "Summer in a Jar" will be held in February.



POSITION VACANT

Bunnings Mittagong is in the process of recruiting and is looking for a few part-time team members who would like to work in their nursery and plant & garden care sections. They would love to talk to anyone who is physically fit, customer friendly, available Friday and Saturdays, and knows something about plants! It is a customer service role that requires the candidate to be physically fit, meaning they can lift no more than 20kg (bags of mulch/soil). It is part-time, and requires you to work every Friday and Saturday. Could you wear the Bunnings uniform? Please ask them to apply at <http://bunnings.com.au/> and follow the links to join the Mittagong team. If you have any more questions please ask them to call Kelly-Jane Mann on (02) 48896100.



COACH TRIP – Thursday 13 October by Australian Garden History Society (SH Branch)

A visit to the National Arboretum, a Private Garden at Griffith, and the Rose Gardens at Old Parliament House Canberra, Thursday 13 October 2022, departing Sally's Corner (Shell Service Centre) – 7.45 am - Returning approximately - 5.30 pm Cost \$65 - includes coach travel, morning tea at Lake George, a coach tour of the Arboretum, and garden admission at Griffith and Old Parliament House Rose Gardens. Lunch at your own expense or bring a picnic lunch to enjoy at the Arboretum.

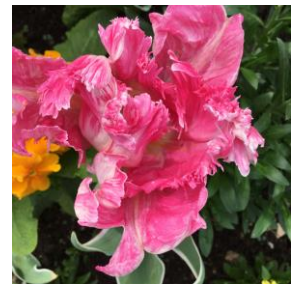
Sign up forms at the membership table or email for more details aghs.sh.info@gmail.com

Q&A

We ran out of time at the September meeting and missed Q&A.

This is a very timely question. **Do Tulip bulbs flower more than once?** Yes. And no. The big display gardens such as Tulip Top and Corbett Gardens treat tulips as an annual and plant fresh bulbs each year to ensure their displays.

Tulips are a perennial bulb and to get repeat seasons there are a few things you can do. Choose old fashioned heritage varieties – modern hybrids are less reliable. After the flowering period – around six weeks – leave the plants in place and fertilise. Deadhead the spent flower heads so the plant won't form seeds and can push all its energy into the bulb for next year. Leave the stem and leaves to wither naturally. Some gardeners like to lift, dry, and store the bulbs, once the leaves have withered away. You can also leave bulbs in place to naturalise in the garden, lifting every few years to divide new bulbs. Plant stored or new bulbs in April, in good rich compost. Plant to a depth three times the height of the bulb. Deep tulips are happy tulips.



If you have left bulbs in the ground, fertilise in April. If your bulbs don't perform well in the second year, they may be in the wrong place. You can move them, but may lose a season as leaves will grow and replenish the bulb, without a flower. Be sure to place them where they get full sun, with good drainage and rich soil.

Any other tips from members? Let us know how your tulips are going in your gardens.

Ted.

BONSAI WORKSHOP REPORT BY GEORGE WILLIAMS

On Saturday the 24th of September, I launched the magnificent seven, David, Maggie, Trish, Trisha, Johnathan, Cynthia and Desley in Bonsai space, and they were ably assisted by my trainees, Peter and Lana.

We explored the ancient art of 4000 years of bonsai (Japanese) and / or Pensing (Chinese). The trees were styled by root pruning, clipping, pinching, and wiring using the principles for multiple trunks, informal upright, slant, and semi-cascade. The trees that required the makeovers were: Grevillea 'Poorindia Royal Mantle', Juniper x media "Gold Coast", Cupressocyperus leylandii (Castlewellan Gold), Azalea Kirin, Azalea Juniperus chinensis, and Hebe speciosa.



On our second launch on the 15th of October, we will explore containers, root pruning, planting, and maintenance. Q and A will reveal the best artists and prizes will be awarded. I have many favourites, but Papa Meiland did not disappoint.

Friendship Gardens are back (weather permitting)!

Saturday 8th October – 10am-1pm – Two Bundanoon Gardens

GARDEN 1 – Juanita and Brian are very kindly offering morning tea

Juanita and Brian Manahan, 'Netherall', 16 Osborne Street - ENTER FROM VICTORIA STREET



I (Juanita) grew up with wonderful memories of my grandma's garden in Sutherland which grew all kinds of flowers and veggies. We would get prickles gathering chokoes and delight in digging up potatoes and picking beans. It's where I learnt the names of marigolds, gladiolus and buddleja. As an adult I didn't have the opportunity to have a garden until we moved out of Sydney. My criteria for the imagined dream property was somewhere I could have 'puppies, piano and peonies'. Property keyword searches for 'heritage', 'established' and 'trees' eventually led to 'Netherhall' in Bundanoon in 2015. Soon after we heard that local horticulturalist, Stuart Shepherd had worked on the garden, and so we employed him to do a walk around - he talking about the various plants, me taking copious notes.

Since then I've tamed the wilderness around the pond, planting water irises, cannas, azaleas, magnolias and hellebores. Directly in front of Morton Cottage was an unsuccessful native garden which has been transformed into a Japanese garden with miniature maples and rock sculpture. I've attempted veggies in the raised beds (overgrown with summer daisy when we arrived) to varying degrees of success due largely to voracious bower birds. Things that thrive and spread, I've transplanted to cover areas which needed constant weeding. We've planted an elm (I felt sorry for it on the 'poor plants' table at Bundanoon Bloomery) and a metasequoia to give shade to the cottage parking area, both going well.

I think of this as a 'shape' garden rather than a flower garden. It has a kind of Edna Walling sensibility with leaf texture and 'views through' and the odd pop of colour. I'm constantly making decisions about which branches to cut, and to trim or not to trim bushes to achieve the desired feel of contained wildness. It's also very much a shade garden. Sunlit positions are few, but in a couple of prime spots I finally got to plant my longed-for peonies!

GARDEN 2

Robyn and Bruce Whitehead, 'Alder Grove', 25 Gullies Road – WALK IF POSSIBLE



An invitation is extended to the members of the Bundanoon Garden Club by owners Bruce and Robyn Whitehead to view their enchanting garden in Gullies Road.

Set amid a natural amphitheatre of native gums and cool climate trees and shrubs, peace and serenity reign here complete with ornamental lake.

Bruce and Robyn purchased the property previously known as Alder Grove in April 2021 and set about putting their mark on the garden – it is still in working progress.....

There is minimal parking by the house at Garden 2, and Gullies Road is mostly too narrow to park in, so if possible, please park in Church Street from where both gardens are easy walks. However please drive down Gullies Road and into 'Alder Grove' if walking is at all a problem.



The weather was unusually kind for our Veggie Workshop on 17th September. We inspected the newly planted potato bed and the last of the broccoli as pictured, then moved on to the asparagus and snow peas that were about to produce first pickings. Gwenneth and I have since been away for ten days, and everything seems to have had a growth spurt. Warmer temperatures and 50ml of rain no doubt helped.

So the asparagus, and snow peas in the greenhouse are producing well, and the purple sprouting broccoli will continue for the month. The sugar snap peas are beginning to set, and shoots of the bush beans in the greenhouse have appeared. The potatoes are in leaf and will need protection if we get the usual late frost. My first protected outdoor sowing of carrots, beetroot, cos lettuce, rocket, spring onions and radish have germinated, and I will make a second successional sowing in a couple of weeks.

It will soon be tomato time, and I will be on the lookout for Mighty Red plants as soon as available in the nursery for my greenhouse. I already have germinated cucumber and zucchini plants and will sow some tomatoes next week, to raise for outside after last frosts.



There are lots of websites giving veggie growing guidance for different climate conditions, but nothing beats local knowledge. If you don't have enough veggie space in your back yard, why not join the Community Garden which will soon be re-established behind the Child Care Centre in Ellsmore Road? Shared expertise and local knowledge! Anyone is always welcome to have a look at my plot – just ring me – 4883 6634

Planting in October

Artichokes (Globe)	Start undercover in seed trays and plant out in 4-6 weeks	Harvest from August
Asparagus	Plant crowns	Harvest from 24 months
Basil	Start undercover in seed trays and plant out in 4-6 weeks	Harvest from December
Beetroot (also Beets)	Start in seed trays or plant out seedlings or sow seed	Harvest from December
Borage	Start undercover in seed trays and plant out in 4-6 weeks	Harvest from December
Broccoli	Start in seed trays or plant out (transplant) seedlings	Harvest from November
Cabbage	Start in seed trays or plant out (transplant) seedlings	Harvest from November
Capsicum	Start in seed trays or plant out (transplant) seedlings	Harvest from November
Carrot	Sow seed	Harvest from January
Cauliflower	Start in seed trays or plant out (transplant) seedlings	Harvest from December
Celery and Celeriac	Start in seed trays or plant out (transplant) seedlings	Harvest from December
Chilli peppers	Start in seed trays or plant out (transplant) seedlings	Harvest from November
Chives	Start in seed trays or plant out seedlings or sow seed	Harvest from November
Collards	Start in seed trays or plant out seedlings or sow seed	Harvest from November
Coriander	Start in seed trays or plant out seedlings or sow seed	Harvest from October
Cucumber	Start in seed trays or plant out seedlings. Frost risk	Harvest from November
Dill	Start in seed trays or plant out seedlings or sow seed	Harvest from October
Eggplant (Aubergine)	Sow seed	Harvest from February
Jerusalem Artichokes	Plant tubers	Harvest from February
Kale (also Borecole)	Start in seed trays or plant out seedlings or sow seed	Harvest from November
Kohlrabi	Start in seed trays or plant out seedlings or sow seed	Harvest from November
Leeks	Start in seed trays or plant out seedlings or sow seed	Harvest from January
Lettuce	Start in seed trays or plant out seedlings or sow seed	Harvest from November
Marrow	Start in seed trays or plant out seedlings or sow seed. After risk of frost	Harvest from December
Mint	Start in seed trays or plant out seedlings or sow seed	Harvest from November
Warrigal greens	Start in seed trays or plant out) seedlings or sow seed	Harvest from November
Parsley	Start in seed trays or plant out seedlings or sow seed	Harvest from November
Parsnip	Sow seed	Harvest from February
Peas	Sow seed	Harvest from November
Potato	Plant seed potatoes	Harvest from February
Pumpkin	Start in seed trays or plant out seedlings or sow seed	Harvest from December
Radish	Sow seed	Harvest from November
Rhubarb	Plant crowns	Harvest from 12 months
Rocket	Sow seed	Harvest from November
Silverbeet		
/Swiss Chard	Start in seed trays or plant out seedlings or sow seed	Harvest from October
Snow Peas	Plant out (transplant) seedlings or sow seed	Harvest from December
Spinach	Plant out (transplant) seedlings or sow seed	Harvest from October
Spring onions		
/Scallions	Start in seed trays or plant out seedlings or sow seed	Harvest from October
Squash	Start in seed trays or plant out seedlings or sow seed	Harvest from October
Strawberry Plants	Plant out (transplant) seedlings	Harvest from January
Sunflower	Start in seed trays or plant out seedlings or sow seed	Harvest from December
Sweet corn	Sow seed. After risk of frost	Harvest from January
Thyme	Start in seed trays or plant out seedlings or sow seed	Harvest from July
Tomatillo	Start undercover in seed trays and plant out in 4-6 weeks	Harvest from December
Tomato	Start undercover in seed trays and plant out in 4-6 weeks	Harvest from December
Turnip	Sow seed	Harvest from November
Zucchini - Courgette	Start in seed trays or plant out (transplant) seedlings	Harvest from October



Last month Dr Holly Parsons gave us a fascinating insight into the numerous feathered friends that we might see in our Backyards. Her very favourite is the Superb Fairywren, about which she completed her PhD, looking at the impact of urbanisation.

Holly asked us all to join in the Aussie Backyard Bird Count from 19 – 25 October.

Download the Aussie Bird Count app – then this link will show you what to do.....

<https://youtu.be/s4ziO5ebxnc>

Heritage Roses in Australia

Our Heritage Rose group has funded and built a new Rose bed at Harper's Mansion honouring Sue Kingsford, who was a well-known member of BGC. There will be a dedication at Harpers on November 10th, and I have attached an invitation to Bundanoon Garden Club members.

Peter Rezek.



HIGHLANDS GARDEN SOCIETY BOWRAL INC.
In association with
SOUTHERN HIGHLANDS REGIONAL ROSE SOCIETY
Rose Show
Friday 18 November 2022
To be held at Mittagong RSL Club
Bessemer Street, Mittagong

*Entries are welcome from members of the Societies
and the public*

Staging of exhibits between 9.00am and 10.00am
Judging will commence at 10.00am
Presentation of trophies and awards—11.30am

Public viewing of exhibits 11.30am—4.00pm

Enquiries and schedule available from:
Rose Exhibits - Ray Bradley (T) 0416 191 905 (E) rbb1945@bigpond.net.au
Floral Art - Judy Keast (T) 0429 461 927 (E) judykeast2576@gmail.com

INVITATION

Sue Kingsford Dedication

Many of you knew Sue as an active member of many garden clubs and groups in our region, as well as an ardent supporter of roses, and as a friend.

A new rose bed has been established at Harper's Mansion in her memory, a dedication for which, will be held on **Thursday November 10 at 10:30am**. Tea and coffee will be provided.

Free entry to all garden group or club members and friends of Sue Kingsford.

Harper's Mansion
9 Wilkinson Street Berrima

Peter Rezek
Heritage Roses in Australia
Ph: 0413 153 650

Yellow Shines with Optimism!

As I was looking out the window at home and musing what I'd write about this month – see a mere male CAN do more than one thing at a time!! – the daffodils caught my eye. Yellow, such a wonderful colour, shines with optimism, enlightenment, and happiness. Why not spend a few moments thinking about its use in the garden? Shades of golden yellow carry the promise of a positive future. Yellow will advance from surrounding colours and instil optimism and energy as well as spark creative thoughts.



Yellow is said to: stimulate both mental activity and the nervous system, activate memory and encourage communication.

The late Christopher Lloyd [in his book 'Colour for Adventurous Gardeners' (BBC 2001)] agrees. He suggests there is a snob element about the word 'yellow' as it 'doesn't fall agreeably on the ear'. The German 'gelb' is no better. The French 'jaune' is luckier.

'All those yellow daisies,' the self-appointed arbiters of good taste sneer. Yes, yellow in gardens is seen by many as common - the people's colour. But surely, it's an emotional colour lifting the spirits. Think of the effect of daffodils in Spring; rudbekias in Summer. If you know the Winter Aconite – *Eranthus hyemalis* – you will also know how its small yellow flower lights up woodland places. Think of primroses. Think of 'Brazen Hussy' – the lesser celandine whose bright yellow flowers are set off wonderfully by dark purple leaves. Think of dandelions!

Next to green, yellow is the colour most easily produced by a plant. In Spring, yellow often precedes green and in Autumn the reverse is true. Think of *Ginkgo biloba* - the Maidenhair tree; *Liriodendron tulipifera* – and the wonderful yellow leaves that shine in Autumn gardens.

Some find yellow a difficult colour to use in the garden. I have that difficulty about orange but I'm learning to get over it(!!). Yellow though is one of my favourites. There is, however, one plant I will not have in my garden – the *Robinia pseudoacacia* 'Frisia'. Many love it but its colour is just too 'in your face', too acidic for my taste.



As always people's reactions to colours are different. Pablo Picasso is quoted as having said

"There are painters who transform the sun to a yellow spot, but there are others who with the help of their art and their intelligence, transfer a yellow spot into the sun." "How wonderful yellow is. It stands for the sun." - Vincent Van Gogh. Monsieur Edgar Degas quite definitely disagreed! " 'Quelle chose horrible jaune est.' What a horrible thing yellow is."



Chinese culture associated yellow with earth and gave it predominance. It was the colour of emperors during the Ming and Quing dynasties. In India, yellow is the colour of the Vaisya caste, or farmers, and is the colour Hindus wear to celebrate the Spring Festival.

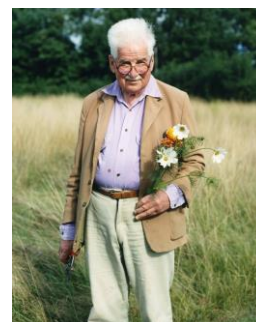
In the USA, taxis and school buses are often yellow. During the 1357 Japanese 'War of Dynasty,' warriors wore a yellow chrysanthemum as a pledge of courage. In Aztec culture, yellow symbolized food because it was the colour of corn, the Aztec staple.

Bellbirds – a poem by Henry Kendall (1869) the third stanza –

October, the maiden of bright yellow tresses,
Loiters for love in these cool wildernesses.
Loiters, knee-deep, in the grasses, to listen,
Where dripping rocks gleam and the leafy pools glisten:

Then is the time when the water-moons splendid
Break with their gold, and are scattered or blended
Over the creeks, till the woodlands have warning
Of songs of the bell-bird and wings of the Morning.

Australia has more than its fair share of yellow in the landscape, the wattle being one such. I contacted a horticulturist at the Mt Annan Botanic Garden to see whether a list of yellow flowering Australian plants could be obtained. 'Of course', was the response. Email address provided, the list arrived the next day naming and describing briefly 372 plants that have flowered in the garden!



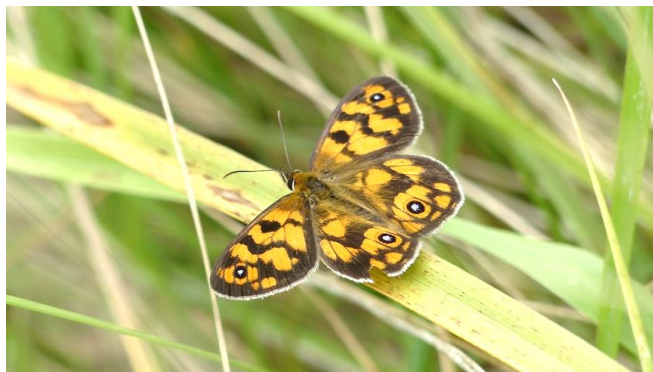
Christopher Lloyd urges us to 'try not to dismiss yellow as beneath our notice. It's hugely invigorating ... Alfred Hitchcock admits 'I'm frightened of eggs, worse than frightened, they revolt me. That white round thing without any holes. Have you ever seen anything more revolting than an egg yolk breaking and spilling its yellow liquid? Blood is jolly, red. But egg yolk is yellow, revolting. I've never tasted it ... and finally

- Johann von Goethe, in his Theory of Colours, 1840 'It is the colour closest to light. In its utmost purity it always implies the nature of brightness and has a cheerful, serene, gently stimulating character. Hence, experience teaches us that yellow makes a thoroughly warm and comforting impression. With yellow the eye rejoices, the heart expands, the spirit is cheered, and we immediately feel warmed.'



Perhaps you agree. **Graeme Whisker.**

Fancy a flutter this spring? Your butterfly spotter's guide for south-eastern Australia



A spring carnival of a different kind is about to brighten your backyard. The butterflies of south-eastern Australia are getting ready to burst forth in their annual race to reproduce. But there are worrying signs the carnival may soon be over for several species, according to Nature Glenelg Trust senior ecologist Bryan Haywood, who co-authored the report Butterflies on the Brink.

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Robertson's Big Potato gets new owner as 'Australia's Sh*ttest Big Thing' sold to developer

The Big Potato made national headlines in July when comedy website Sh** Towns of Australia proclaimed it "'Australia's Sh*ttest Big Thing".

While owner Ms Tait preferred to call the award "the most recognisable big thing", she said winning it had increased tourism in the town.



Her daughter Melanie is a playwright who has jokingly referred to herself as the "Heiress to the Potato". She recently appeared on Channel Ten show The Living Room and gave the Big Potato another plug.

"We know by the merchandise we sell in the shop, after Mel was on The Living Room talking about it, the weekend following that brought people in who had seen it," Ms Tait said.

"Any publicity is good publicity to bring tourism to the Highlands."

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How To Grow Dahlias From Seed Or Tubers



Dahlias are one of the most popular and spectacular perennial Summer flowers you can grow at home. They are easy to grow and will reward you with an abundant show of flowers throughout the warmer months. Here are our tips on how to grow Dahlias from seed or tubers.



Dahlias come in a huge range of colours from bright whites and yellows to deep pinks, purples, reds, and everything in between. Their shapes and sizes are equally as varied with bloom shapes such as cactus, anemone, single, collarete, decorative, ball and pompon (pompom). Sizes also range from compact dwarf shrubs 35cm high to trees towering well over 2 metres. Their flowers can reach the size of dinner plates right down to small delicate balls.

[How To Grow Dahlias From Seed Or Tubers - Latest Help & Advice](#)

Out and About - Thenford Lodge



In September, a rare occasion to visit Thenford Lodge in Exeter occurred. Despite the rainy weather it was an amazing experience to stroll the 13 acres of vast lawn areas surrounded by purpose built sections of garden

for different purposes. The property is surrounded by hundred year old cedars and pines and planted mainly with exotics.

Entering the property, you go past the polo field, complete with its own lake and bridge. Coming around the side of the 'Barn', used for wedding events and workshops is a lovely, protected Parterre Garden, edged with boxus and a central fountain.



Once you pass through this, the vista opens to an extensive lawn, bordered by a garden bed of spring flowering trees underplanted with hydrangeas, azaleas, weeping maples and groundcovers.

Follow along and you come to the fountain garden, where you can sit and admire the topiary, the water and the vista to the house. These areas are protected by large hedges of camellias, pine and holly.

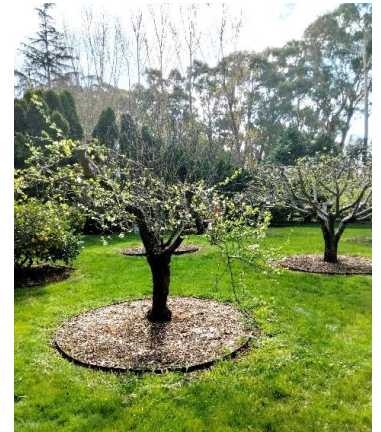


Further on is a lake with a summer house and bridge to a small island with a classic small rotunda.



Under a large group of pine trees, a whimsical Alice in Wonderland Garden has been designed with winding paths and large statues of characters from the book, planted with shade loving hellebores and bulbs, azaleas and flowering annuals.

In another area, a stone path leads into a sunny, walled orchard of citrus, apple and stone fruit, complete with maiden statues and a 'Flow' Hive. You could be back in medieval England.



The woodland area of deciduous trees underplanted with bulbs, is a backdrop to the deer statues.



There was so much to see. Fountains, statues, dovecotes, arches, stone paths, bridges, lakes, woodlands. Every area has been designed to create a certain mood, whether reflective, dramatic, playful or useful.

Garden beds are edged with either small square hedges, or clipped balls or strappy grasses giving a neat appearance. The plantings used contrasting colours, shapes and heights.



Even the pets are not forgotten, with a purpose-built fenced lake, with bridge that leads to the duck house. The chicken coop has a board with the names of the chickens in residence.

So many ideas. It was a wonderful open garden experience.

Wendy Norris



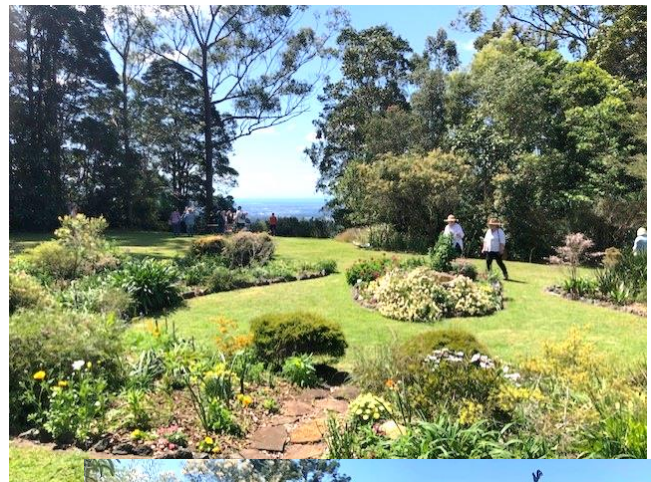
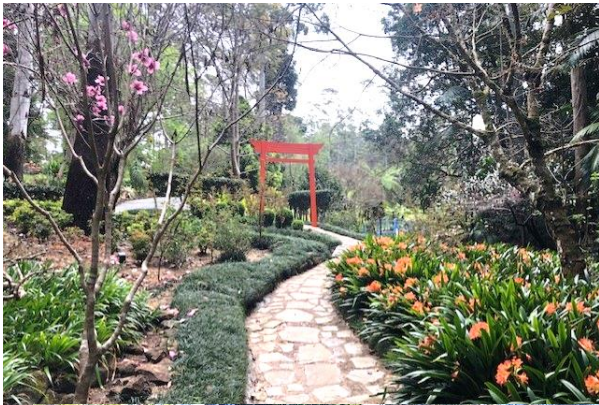


After three years of trying (thanks Covid!) we finally visited our friends on Tamborine Mountain near Brisbane to see their Garden Ramble, they having visited our's four years ago.

The gardens were open Friday and Saturday, and on the Thursday night we had 6 inches of rain. Not surprisingly Friday was cancelled, but on Saturday out came the sun to save the day.

The very tropical garden belongs to our friends. Staying there is like sleeping in Jurassic Park!

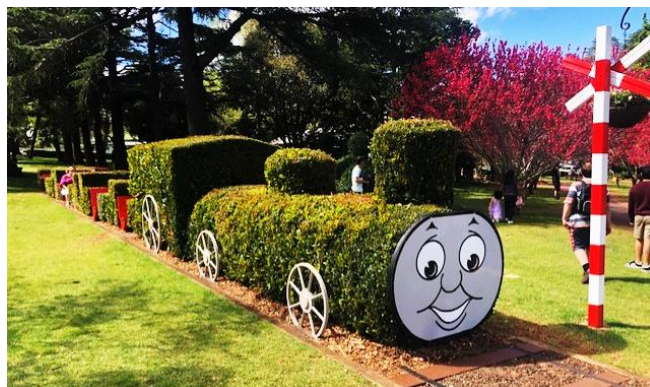
Gwenneth and David.



Toowoomba Carnival of Flowers

1-30 September 2022

We visited the Carnival of Flowers last week, and the photographs say it all! **Gwenneth and David.**



How To Grow Tomatoes



There's a reason tomatoes are the most popular homegrown produce - these sweet fruits complement virtually any dish, so they are a must have in both the garden and the kitchen!

You can start your tomato seeds early by sowing them indoors now in Jiffy® Peat Pots or Pellets - or alternatively a Jiffy® Windowsill Greenhouse will also provide a perfect seed raising environment.

[How to Grow Tomatoes | Mr Fothergill's - Latest Help & Advice \(mrfothergills.com.au\)](http://www.mrfothergills.com.au)

October in your garden

A keen gardener will be constantly thinking ahead to future seasons. If you want your garden to be full of colour throughout the coming summer months, October is the perfect time to plant your summer-flowering varieties. This will ensure they are established in time to produce spectacular blooms.

It's not so much a question of [what to plant in October](#) as what can't you plant, as the conditions now suit the planting of most plants. Here are some things you should be doing in the garden this month.

PLANT SUMMER-FLOWERING PLANTS



Some great [summer flowering plants](#) to get established now are salvias, gerberas, [frangipanis](#), gardenias, lavender, kangaroo paw (*Anigozanthos*), Echinacea and [dahlias](#).

The more flowering natives you have in your garden, such as bottlebrush (*Callistemons*), banksias, [grevilleas](#) and wattles

(*Acacias*), the more native birdlife you will attract. So check out your local plant nurseries for some of these varieties.

MULCH TO ENRICH YOUR SOIL

Add mulch around plants to prevent roots from drying out and to help them retain water. Organic mulch will break down over time and enrich your soil. The finer the blend the more easily it breaks down.

Avoid red gum and colour-dyed pine chips as they don't have nutritional value, and beware of councils' free mulch; it can contain weed seeds.

PRUNE WISTERIA



Although you should have already pruned your deciduous plants, wisteria are often the exception.

These deciduous climbers are usually left unpruned until after their magnificent flowers have appeared in spring.

Once the flowers have finished, prune the plant back to the shape

or size you want to maintain it throughout the growing season.

AERATE AND FERTILISE LAWNS

October is the most important time of year to [fertilise your lawn](#). But first you'll want to aerate your lawn's roots.

A simple garden fork and a bit of hard yakka will get the job done. Or you can, hire a machine called a lawn sodder, which disposes of the sods it removes. Then spread a thin layer of washed sand to fill the holes and spray on a liquid fertiliser.

PICK ROSES

Your [roses](#) should have by now produced their first bloom. Along with looking brilliant, your roses will smell amazing and provide a great attraction when displayed in a vase or jar inside your home.

By picking your first rose bloom now, it will promote even more blooms over the coming months.

GROW HYDRANGEAS FROM CUTTINGS

[Hydrangeas](#) strike really well from cuttings at this time of the year. Simply prune a stem with a healthy growing tip to the length of 10cm, remove lower leaves and cut remaining leaves in half to reduce water loss while roots establish.

Plant in cutting compost in pots, water well. Place in a protected area until they have rooted, then repot into larger pots.



CONTROL SLUGS AND SNAILS

Conditions are also ideal for slugs and snails to increase their populations.

With whatever you choose to plant this month, try to keep on top of these pests so they don't eat your plants' growing shoots.

Slug pellets will keep numbers under control. If you're using pellets around pets, make sure they're used in a pellet holder so pets can't get to them.

[What to do in the garden in October Australia | Country Style \(homestolove.com.au\)](http://www.homestolove.com.au)

Australia's favourite tree: River red gum wins online poll after three rounds of voting

They are full of character and can be found across almost all of Australia — especially in the heart of our huge country.



Voting has closed on our poll for [National Science Week](#) and after three rounds of fierce competition, Australia's favourite native tree has been crowned ... it's the **RIVER RED GUM!**

[Australia's favourite tree: River red gum wins online poll after three rounds of voting - ABC News](#)

NATIONAL GARDENING WEEK 9th – 15th OCTOBER 2022

Dig In & Celebrate!

National Gardening Week offers a wonderful opportunity to celebrate the simple joys of gardening and to promote an activity that is good for both mind and body!

Over the last few years, we as a nation have faced droughts, fires, floods and the uncertainty that a global pandemic can bring to our lives. Gardening, whether it be on country acres, a suburban block or a high-rise balcony, can be a refuge from your day-to-day worries, a haven to lose oneself and a pastime to find peace with nature.

The focus for National Gardening Week 2022 is all about that journey of discovery. Discover the garden, discover the plants and discover the passion! Dig in and discover the simple joys that gardening brings!

From our Treasurer

Hello Everyone

Here are the Financials for September.

BGC Opening Balance 23rd August 2022

Rediaccess Account was	\$ 15389.63
Income was:	\$ 867.00
Expenditure was:	\$ 603.73
Balance as at 24/7/22	\$ 15652.90

Add: Petty Cash	\$ 115.00
Add: Trade Table Float:	\$ 45.00
Add: Raffle Float	\$ 20.00

Funds held as at 25th Sept 2022 **\$ 15832.90**

Regards

Alison.



Saturday 29 & Sunday 30 October
9.30am to 4.30pm

Wander through eight gorgeous gardens, in and around the village. Browse the plant and gift stalls in the Hall and the gardens. Find a range of places to eat and explore the history and beauty of Bundanoon. You won't be disappointed.

\$20 for all 8 Gardens
or \$5.00 per garden - valid both days

Tickets available online via the website from September 1.
With cash or card at the Soldiers' Memorial Hall, or with cash at the gardens on the Ramble weekend.

www.bundanoongardenramble.org.au



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



Coming up in about 4-5 weeks time [Tilligerry Open Gardens](#) in Salt Ash will open * Sun, 23 Oct 2022. (* Note: May open for one or more days.)

Of course there could be other events coming up sooner so please do check all the listings on our website.

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

- [Campbell Rhododendron Gardens](#) : Blackheath
- [Everglades Historic House & Gardens](#) : Leura
- [Gory'u Japanese Gardens](#) : Little Hartley
- [Harpers Mansion National Trust \(NSW\)](#) : Berrima
- [Merribee](#) : Numbaa
- [National Trust Riversdale](#) : Goulburn
- [Retford Park - National Trust of Australia \(NSW\)](#) : Bowral
- [Secret Garden and Nursery](#) : Richmond
- [Tablelands Trees and Shrubs Garden & Nursery](#) : Cooma
- [Wildwood Garden](#) : Bilpin

Click on the link(s) provided to get the full details about open days and times. Events are shown here 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.

Member's Tips and Tricks

Keeping rabbits away from roses.

I'm experimenting with laying the green tops of leeks after harvesting around my roses. I'm hoping the strong smell will keep them away.

Wendy Norris.



GARDEN DECISIONS – ROSES

Hello from Bundanoon on a wet and very cold Saturday afternoon.

Yesterday I was reviewing my roses - it was a much more pleasant day to be outside so I was weeding and musing. Anyways, I have a number of roses in my garden, about 30 or so scattered around and this year I am keen to move most of them. This led me to start to consider where I should move them to... and the options and decisions are endless (or so it seems). Currently the roses do not seem to fit any plan as to where they are planted, they were already in the garden.

My starting criteria is that roses should be in a reasonably sunny position and luckily, I have lots of choice. Now what? Do I group them together a la having a dedicated rose bed or two, or mix in with other plants - which leads to a whole other raft of decisions?

Do I group like colours together such as reds and pinks, yellows and whites? What about habit - climbing and standard and bushy? Climbing, I hear you say, is straight forward - they need to be close to a structure they can climb on. Well, I have this very old crepuscule rose which is happily just growing without any structure, it's actually lovely in its weeping form.

And so the decisions keep coming: do I move most of them at once, or just a few each year; how best do I ensure the rose survives/thrives post move; if I don't like where I move a rose can I move it the following year and not risk losing it?

Thank goodness that roses are as tough as, so I believe that they will survive whatever I dish out - really quite extraordinary plants.

I will continue to muse on my rose movements; please feel free to muse about it with me at the next meeting (I am on the raffle ticket table).

Lyn York.

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