

Friendship through gardening

NEXT CLUB MEETING -

Thursday 1st April 10am at Soldiers Memorial Hall, with morning tea!

FRIENDSHIP GARDENS

None this month

BOWRAL GARDEN CLUB

Friendship Afternoon - Mittagong RSL
Monday 12th April, 1.30 for 2pm start

MEMORIAL GARDENS TIDY-UP

Thursdays 15th & 22nd April 9am

SH AUTUMN GARDENS WEEKEND

Saturday 17th & Sunday 18th April

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From the President

I'm happy to report that the first meeting of the new Committee was held last Thursday 25th of March. I'm honoured to be heading up a great Committee made up of some "new blood" and a number of long term members. I believe this combination will give the club some fresh ideas whilst maintaining the clubs history and motto "Friendship through Gardening". I must make a special mention of Robin Coombes who has served on the Committee and as President for many years; taking the club through some troubling times including the drought, bushfires and Covid 19. It is an asset to have her still serving on the Committee.

The Committee will endeavour to raise awareness of the club within our community and we will actively seek new members from our growing Highlands population. As the Covid restrictions relax we'll be looking at a number of new activities and events that will enhance the social element of Bundanoon Garden Club.

Thank you to David for organising our fantastic March "Friendship Garden" at the Sunnataram Forest Monastery near Penrose. New member Kim McSweeney welcomed us and guided us throughout our visit. The weather was perfect (if not slightly chilly for yours truly in a light linen shirt – I had to emulate the monk's attire, wrapping myself in a car blanket after freezing through the meditation). We toured the grounds, learned about the art and iconography of Buddhism, had a beautiful vegetarian lunch and meditated with the Abbot. The monastery has now re-opened and is welcoming visitors on Sundays. I highly recommend that you visit the monks and their lovely monastery.

In April, due to the dates that Easter falls, we will not be having our usual Friendship Gardens. We will, however, be taking advantage of the Southern Highlands Autumn Garden Weekend – 17 & 18 (9am – 4pm) of April. There are five private gardens to visit and the Plant Fair will be held at the Botanic Gardens, Bowral. You'll need to book ahead as this is a very popular event. Book at: <https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing?embed&eid=682025> and for more information visit: <https://shbg.com.au/open-gardens-plant-fair/> Part of my new role is to source our guest speakers, and this month we are hosting **Charlotte Webb** from Southern Highlands Botanic Gardens. She'll be taking us through the upcoming event and previewing some of the gardens.

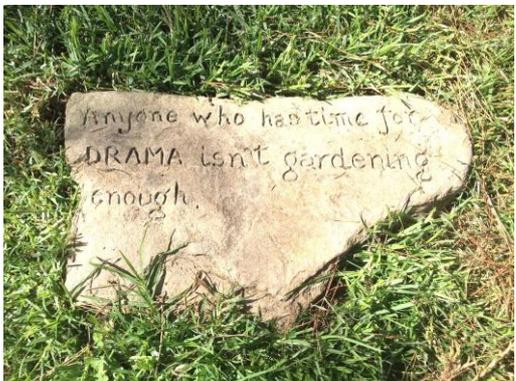
In May we will welcome **Phoebe Ward** – Waste Education Project and Policy Officer from Wingecarribee Shire Council as our guest speaker. Phoebe will be showing us how we can save hundreds of dollars through the Compost Revolution incentive and I'll be supporting Phoebe by showing you the benefits of making your own leaf mould - ready to kick start your garden come spring. I have some simple and practical solutions. So, save those lovely Autumn leaves during April and beyond. Store them up in bags, bins or piles, but DON'T throw them away – they are tomorrow's gold.

I hope that as Club President I can lead the Committee and Club in an effective and inclusive manner. I look forward to serving in this role for you. If you have any suggestions, please contact me at the meetings or via email – gardenclubbundanoon.president@gmail.com

Ted

Friendship Gardens visit to Suunataram Forest Monastery

We had a memorable visit to the Monastery last month, the welcome and hospitality was overwhelming. The weather was brilliant; the view towards Kangaroo Valley and distant Jervis Bay was amazing. After the introduction from Kim, the Ven Phra Mana lead a short meditation with that view, and we were then served a superb lunch. Phra and the monks then took us on a tour of the Gardens of Contemplation.



The Monastery is open at 10am on Sundays for a talk by Phra Mana and then lunch from 11am.

No Friendship Gardens this month but plenty to visit here, including Carlie Gould's garden.

SOUTHERN HIGHLANDS BOTANIC GARDENS

PLANT FAIR

SATURDAY 17 - SUNDAY 18 APRIL 2021 9AM-4PM



The Southern Highlands Botanic Gardens Plant Fair, which is part of the SHBG Autumn Garden Weekend, is celebrating its 10th birthday this year. After very modest beginnings it is become a 'go to' event for plant and garden enthusiasts. This year we have a number of allied stalls featuring garden art, garden wares, tools and travel. Definitely something for everyone!

- STALLS**
- Alameda Homestead Nursery • Camellias R Us
 - Country Farm Perennials • Digadoo
 - Drewitts Bulbs Pty Ltd • Elaine Musgrave Botanical Art
 - Exeter Designer Plants Pty Ltd • Jane Stockel Designs
 - Just Cliveas and Rare Things • Billy Blooms
 - Perenniale Plants Nursery • Ironworx Australia
 - Rossendale Cottage • Post Office Farm Nursery
 - Telopia Tools Sharpening Services
 - Southern Highlands Botanic Gardens Nursery

On-site. SHBG 1 Old South Road, Bowral
Open Sat & Sun, 9am - 4pm. Entry \$10 to the Plant Fair or \$35 for the Plant Fair and all 5 Open Gardens.

FOOD | COFFEE | PLANT CRÈCHE | EFTPOS FACILITIES

THE SOUTHERN HIGHLANDS BOTANIC GARDENS

The SHBG is one of the newest Botanic Gardens in Australia and is currently under development. The garden's theme of Seasons in a Cool Climate has been interpreted by our landscape architect Kate Cullity from TCL (Taylor Cullity Lethlean) into an exploration of the Southern Highlands gardens and landscapes both exotic and native.

The SHBG is envisaged as a venue for a range of cultural events, for recreation and as a leader in horticulture and botanic education in the Southern Highlands.

The SHBG is community funded and operated and is reliant on the support of the SHBG Friends and its own fundraising efforts for its ongoing development.

For more information visit shbg.com.au

TICKETS

\$35 5 GARDENS + PLANT FAIR
\$10 INDIVIDUAL GARDEN VISIT OR PLANT FAIR

Groups of 10 or more \$32 each or \$8 per individual garden or Plant Fair.
School Children Free.



SCAN WITH YOUR MOBILE

TICKETS AVAILABLE ONLINE SHBG.COM.AU and at individual gardens and Plant Fair.

For more info about the Autumn Gardens Weekend contact autumngardens@shbg.com.au

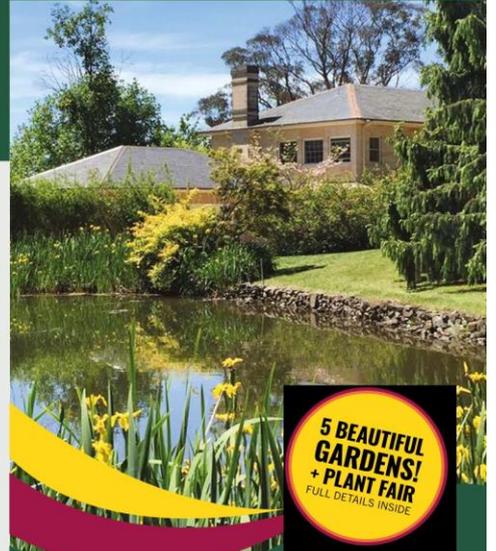


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SOUTHERN HIGHLANDS AUTUMN GARDENS WEEKEND + Plant Fair

SATURDAY 17 - SUNDAY 18 APRIL 2021 9AM-4PM



5 BEAUTIFUL GARDENS! + PLANT FAIR
FULL DETAILS INSIDE



Southern Highlands Botanic Gardens

THE GARDENS

Extensive country estates, contemporary meadows, intricate and expertly detailed town gardens, this year's event has something for everyone.



The Copes Garden

BURRADOO

A garden with two distinct styles. Classically structured with hedges and massed ground covers along with a contemporary blend of grasses, perennials and drystone walls.



Bibury

BURRADOO

A heritage listed Prof Wilkinson designed residence is the centrepiece to this period styled 3 acre garden with a Mediterranean influence.



Greenbrier Garden

BOWRAL

A large 3 ha garden with panoramic views. Featuring a haha, lake, ruin and rill. Extensive plantings of exotic trees within a backdrop of large Eucalypts.



Sutton Tops

SUTTON FOREST

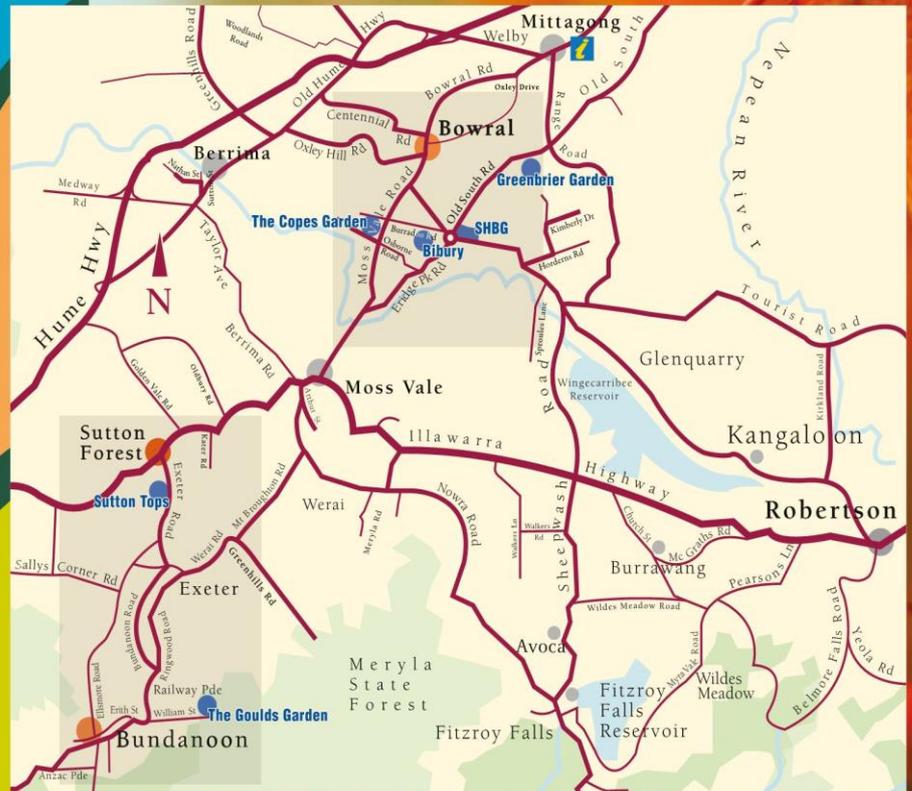
A 2.5 acre hilltop garden with panoramic views and an outstanding collection of trees, roses and perennials.



The Gould's Garden

BUNDANOON

An exquisitely refurbished town garden with expansive views, pleached Lindens, ponds, perennials and hedging.



Veggieman – April 2021 – David Humphrey – 4883 6634

It is not possible to be self-sufficient in veggies in the Southern Highlands, if you want to eat things like fresh tomatoes and cucumbers out of season. But self-reliance, with the proper planning, is achievable. Before 'imported food' made just about everything available all the time, people ate vegetables that were in season, and returning to this practise encourages self-reliance from your veggie garden. And with the freezer, you can cheat a bit! This is what we grow, harvest and preserve every year.

How we make the most of the vegetables we plant and harvest in season.

Basil	Sow seed in pots on the window sill all year
Beans	Sow bush beans as soon as soil warms in spring, but protect from frost. Sow climbing beans after last frost. I find the flat varieties of climbing beans freeze best when mechanically sliced
Beetroot	Sow seed in spring and autumn for year round harvest
Broad Beans	Sow seed in autumn or spring for late spring/early summer harvest. Eat the large beans fresh with outer shell (good roughage) and freeze the small beans – very tasty from frozen)
Broccoli	Begin planting out as soon as weather cools, successive planting through autumn
Cabbage	Same as broccoli
Carrot	Sow seed in early spring as soon as soil warms, and successively until mid autumn.
Cauliflower	Same as broccoli
Cucumbers	Plant after frost
Garlic	Plant cloves early autumn, harvest from July and store
Leeks	Plant out (transplant) seedlings spring and autumn, harvest from all year
Lettuce	Plant out (transplant) or sow seed anytime except winter unless in a greenhouse
Onions	Transplant in April while soil still warm. Harvest following autumn and store
Parsley	Sow seed in pots on the window sill all year
Parsnip	Sow in spring
Peas (all types)	Sow seed autumn, spring and early summer, Podded variety can be frozen
Potatoes	Plant early spring and harvest until winter depending on variety and store
Pumpkins	Sow seed in early spring and plant out after last frost. Allow to ramble and harvest in autumn before frost. Store in cool area; will easily last for a year. I grow butternut variety.
Radish	Sow seed anytime except winter unless in a greenhouse
Rocket	As above
Spinach	Sow seed spring and successively until autumn for continuous harvest
Spring onions	Sow from spring through to autumn
Swede	Sow in spring, harvest as required
Sweet corn	Sow mid spring. Sow a later crop but same variety unless good distance apart
Tomatoes	Plant in greenhouse or outside after frost. Excess fruit can be used in numerous ways
Turnip	Sow seed autumn and spring
Zucchini	Plant out after first frost and harvest until autumn frost. Make ratatouille with excess tomatoes and freeze

Other worthwhile plantings include rhubarb, brussel sprouts, all sorts of asian greens and silverbeet.



A second pruning of dead and diseased leaves of the zucchinis allows lots more flowers and fruit.

Your new committees

Voted in at the AGM on Thursday 4th March

Bundanoon Garden Club:

Phillip (Ted) Ayers - President
Faye Dillon - Vice President
Tessa Spencer - Secretary
Trish Badami - Treasurer

Alison (Cat) Ayers
Robin Coombes
Lyn Curry
Carlie Gould
Dale Hancock
David Humphrey

Town Gardens Committee:

Cat Ayers Ted Ayers
Trish Badami Dale Hancock
Amy Press Steve Press

From Our Treasurer Trish Badami

Good morning everyone

Delighted to see you at our March meeting.
Slowly returning to normal, Thank Goodness!

Cash Flow Summary for March, 2021

Opening Balance:.....	\$16,455.69
Income:	\$ 871.00
Expenditure.....	\$ 1,381.20
Closing Balance:.....	\$15,945.49

50th Anniversary Account..... \$ 800.00

Petty Cash..... \$ 135.00
Float for Trade Table..... \$ 45.00

**Total Funds held as at
20th March, 2021 \$16,925.49**

Cheers all

Trish

Garden Club Annual Subscriptions

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL DEADLINE

A friendly reminder that renewals for 2021 close on Thursday 6th May. This concerns members who did not renew in 2020. If you managed to renew before we closed for Covid, your membership has rolled over for 2021.

If you have not yet renewed, please see Trish Badami and Alison Ayers at the next meeting and we'll happily take your money! Find us at the Membership Desk at the rear of the hall. After 6th May any non-financial members will be removed from our mailing list.

MEMBERSHIP FEES

The annual membership fee of \$25 per person can be paid by bank transfer Bundanoon Garden Club BSB 802-101 A/c: 358047 or by cash or cheque at the next monthly meeting.

MEMBERSHIP BADGE

You will receive your updated membership badge at the next meeting after you join or renew. It should be worn at meetings and any other official club outings.

NEW MEMBERS

We love new members. If you know anyone interested in joining, please direct them to the form on our website.

<https://www.bundanoongardenclub.com.au/membership>

Or of course just bring them along as a visitor to the next meeting and we can handle the paperwork then.

Cat



myopengarden

Coming up in about 4-5 weeks' time the following events are due to open:

- [Campbell Rhododendron Gardens](#) : Blackheath : * Fri, 23 Apr 2021
- [Dennarque Estate](#) : Mt Wilson : * Sun, 25 Apr 2021 (*Photo above*)
- [Highfield Gardens](#) : Little Hartley : * Sat, 24 Apr 2021
- [Wild Meadows](#) : Little Hartley : * Sat, 24 Apr 2021

Then, coming up in about 4-5 weeks' time [Elaine and Les Musgrave's Garden - The Kaya](#) in Wildes Meadow will open * Sat, 1 May 2021.

(* Note: May open for one or more days.)

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
- [Perenniale Plants Nursery](#) : Canowindra
- [Secret Garden and Nursery](#) : Richmond
- [Southern Highlands Botanic Gardens](#) : Bowral
- [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 link or one of the regularly open gardens.

Seaweed has its uses!



Feeding cattle a small amount of a seaweed species found in Australia has been shown to reduce their methane emissions by up to 86 per cent.

https://apple.news/AjBMSg_UFQ0iSg7Ug2Yc6pw

and in the garden...

SEAWEED EXTRACTS FOR THE GARDEN
IN FERTILITY, SOIL HEALTH
By Elizabeth Gordon-Mills

The term “seaweeds” here to refers to macroalgae – the kind you see clinging to rocks at low tide, and can also be found on beaches cast up after a storm. They come mainly in green, brown and red varieties.

Some of the beneficial effects are improved

- germination of seeds
- root development
- leaf quality
- general plant vigour and growth
- resistance to pathogens and pests
- flower set, and
- fruit production

[Seaweed for fertiliser | Sustainable Gardening Australia \(sgaonline.org.au\)](#)

This is my choice (David)...

eco-seaweed is a Registered Organic seaweed extract that's 100% soluble and stimulates a range of beneficial actions including: reduced transplant shock, improved health and vigor, reduced incidence of disease, improved drought tolerance and more. So concentrated you only need a teaspoon in a 9 litre watering can!



Features:

100% seaweed extract containing *Ascophyllum nodosum* – the most researched seaweed in the world

- contains over 60 vital nutrients including 12% potassium
- 100% seaweed extract
- no nasty preservatives or dilutants
- stimulates strong healthy plant growth
- encourages root development and minimises transplant shock
- enhances plants ability to cope with various stresses including drought, salty soils and the cold
- extremely concentrated (100gm will treat 1,000 square metres)
- powdered format makes it light and compact
- 100% soluble – no clogging of spray heads or watering can rosettes
- apply as a foliar spray or water into the soil
- Registered Organic (Australian Organic)

TOWN GARDEN UPDATE

NEXT HELPING HANDS WORKING BEE
15TH & 22ND APRIL, 9.00AM
MEET AT THE UNITED CHURCH

Due to all the lovely rain (not so lovely in other areas) we had to cancel our March Helping Hands Working Bee again! That will be four months that our Town Gardens have gone without the clubs attention. With the launch of the Bundanoon History Trail and A.N.Z.A.C day in April, we need to fit in two days for April if possible. There is much sprucing up to be done. Here's a quick report on all three gardens:

Nancy Kingsbury Memorial Park

The camellias and azaleas are putting on a lovely show. The rain has given the grass new vigour and the beds are generally looking healthy, if weedy. Bulbs have also started to appear! The rear bed by the train line is looking quite sad. Even though members watered as regularly as possible through Summer 2019-20, many plants and shrubs were lost. The Sub-Committee has consulted nurserymen Roots and Leaves and they have suggested planting plans that will best suit the conditions. All plants are of a "hardy once established" variety and include a mix of cottage and natives. We aim to plant these in prior to the launch of the History Trail. The refurbished and repainted sign has just been installed, so we will be looking our best for the influx of visitors using the History Trail.

Things to do in April:

- Plant in new shrubs
- Feed all beds and trees
- Weed – lots of weeding!!!



The Garden of Memories – Uniting Church

The Sub-Committee has been in contact with both the Church wardens and the Council regarding the removal and replacement of the dead silver-birches, dogwood and coral maple. All approvals have been received and the grant for the works is proceeding – so it's all systems "go" for the tree project.

Ian and Allan from Bundanoon Bloomery have kindly donated a dogwood and a crabapple to the church and we will plant these in once the old trees are removed.



The roses continue to flower impressively with many buds still to open. The rain was very welcomed and the salvia, wind flowers and (now) camellias are in full swing.

We also had a lovely meeting with Annie and Helen regarding the moving of some shrubs to more appropriate places in the beds. We must work with great sensitivity



regarding memorial plants in this garden. They expressed their gratitude and once again thanked the Garden Club for their hard work.

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A.N.Z.A.C. Memorial



The gardens are looking quite good. There are a few weeds and some of the plants need a trim, but apart from that it needs little attention. We'll be guided on the day by Laurel regarding what needs doing here.

Ted

TRADE TABLE AND LIBRARY

With Covid restrictions lifting we're happy to announce that our beloved Trade Table and Library can now re-open. Please bring any "extras" from your garden for the Trade Table and if you have any books or magazines out from the library, could you please return them.

We have quite a few new magazines in the library from which to choose.

POSITION VACANT!

While it is possible to have our Library operating, we can't do it without a volunteer. It's an easy job. You simply need to put the books out onto the tables, help people find or choose their books, ensure that members sign in and sign out their borrowed books and then restack the books in the crates.

There will be strong and willing bodies available to get the books in and out of the cupboards – SO THERE IS NO HEAVY LIFTING required. Please see Ted our president on Thursday morning if you can help.

FAREWELL AND THANK YOU...

Twenty years ago Bundanoon gained two new residents who would have a lasting impact on the village. Allan Polson and Ian Fisher rode into town, two escapees from Sydney's bustling streets. The pair brought their knowledge, charm and wit to Bundanoon, opening the much loved Bundanoon Bloomery. The Bloomery has had a long and friendly association with our Garden Club.



Originally from New Plymouth New Zealand, Ian was a gardener for Sir Victor Davies, one of the founders of Duncan and Davies which, at the time, was the largest nursery in the southern hemisphere. Ian had also worked a registered nurse in Sydney, helping people with drug and alcohol related issues. With a lifelong passion for gardening, becoming a nurseryman was a logical step.

Allan's stellar international career in hospitality had many highlights, including cooking for the Queen and Prince Philip, for many Prime Ministers and media moguls. The Southern Highlands and its casual laid back lifestyle is a far cry from club-land glamour, but Allan brought his own magic to town. When the Bloomery moved in 2005 from the small original nursery to their current location, Allan took on the job to become the buyer for the unique collection of home and giftwares that filled the front three rooms of the Bloomery.

Ian has advised many a local gardener on planning, planting and cultivating a healthy cold climate garden. While he isn't a qualified horticulturalist, his wealth of knowledge comes from his many years at Duncan and Davies and as a committed garden enthusiast. Now retiring, he will be able to give his own large garden the attention it demands.

Ian and Allan have opened their garden on several occasions to our club as a Friendship Garden and also opened it for two Garden Rambles. Ian was on the Ramble committee and made the vital suggestion to take Ramble from a

one day event to a two day event. The result for Bundanoon (and the Southern Highlands in general) businesses has been huge, with guest houses and restaurants booked out months in advance.

Over the years Allan and Ian have made many friends through the Bloomery; and while they are remaining in Bundanoon, they will miss the interaction with the customers.

It is with sadness that we say farewell to the Bundanoon Bloomery, but we know that this will be an exciting and positive step for both of these lovely gentlemen. Whatever you do next Allan and Ian, do it with that smile in your voice, and that twinkle in your eyes that we have all had the pleasure of knowing.

Ted

Glorious Garlic

BY JOANNA BATE



Garlic time is approaching! Where would we be if we couldn't add that delicious garlic flavour to our cooking? It is easy to grow and once harvested around November-December it can be easily stored for over one year. And sprays made from it can also be used to deter garden pests.

[Garlic: how to grow | Sustainable Gardening Australia \(sqaonline.org.au\)](https://www.sqaonline.org.au/garlic-how-to-grow)

The Australian Garden History Society

is conducting a 3 day 2 night tour of Cowra and the surrounding area on 5-7 May, 2021. Some very interesting properties will be visited so don't miss this opportunity.

The maximum cost according to the number of participants is \$570 from Mittagong, including meals and hotels.

Visits include Ilandra Station & Mt Oriel Homestead, Cowra Rose Garden, Kaiyushiki (strolling) Garden, Old Graham Garden and Cooma Cottage.



If you have any interest, please email me at dghumphrey@hotmail.com and I will email you back the full details.

David

Sourcing Plants – a tricky business?

Visiting each other's gardens, those open on Saturday mornings during our Friendship Gardens season, or Garden Rambles and such like, and our own reading – magazines both local and international, plant books, the web – open up a wider plant world to us than we might have available otherwise. Gradually we become captivated by the thought, let alone the reality, of having a particular plant in our garden. It becomes a must have and so it must be located.

The way forward can be tricky but almost always there is a way. Keen gardeners and plant collectors can become incredibly successful detectives (Sherlock eat your heart out!!). Gardeners are usually generous sources of plants. When friends visit it is always pleasant to wander around the garden and it's always really lovely to respond to requests for plant material. This can be rooted bits, cuttings or seed – and reciprocally when given material from friends' gardens I always enjoy remembering the source and letting others know about it. It's great to share what we have.

What follows is a very personal account. Local nurseries are always an excellent beginning point. While the desired plant may not be in stock it can often be ordered and brought in especially. That, of course, means we have to wait out the delivery time and I'm impatient!! Nurseries further afield but still within the broader local area, especially where their stock is considerably larger, may be a more likely source. Often these are specialist places and so we take ourselves off to them because we expect we might find our desired plant there. My own visitations are the Mittagong Garden Centre, the Braemar Garden Centre, Welby Garden Centre, Wariapendi at Colo Vale, and Mt Murray at Moss Vale.

Many Australian (and International) nurseries are happy to send catalogues and later the plants and/or seeds you've selected by mail order. Advertisements about these nurseries can be found on the web and in gardening magazines. All it takes to establish contact is an email, a letter or a telephone call. I've found that plants that are more likely to thrive in our Highlands climate are available ex Victoria, South Australia and Tasmania and I look forward to those little cards in my PO Box to let me know something has arrived. If we who live beyond the town boundary had a postal service I guess the parcels would be delivered to our door; still exciting whatever applies.

Plant fairs eg the annual Collectors' Plant Fair at Clarendon, plant sales and plant expos, as annually in Melbourne, for example are other valuable sources. For the plant collector the Aussie Plant Finder by Margaret Hibbert (published 2004 seems still to be the current edition) is a particularly valuable source of information. In terms of

information about plants. The Gardening Australia Plant Finder is another good source – www.abc.net.au/gardening/plantfinder/

In 2007 Gardening Australia published Flora's Plantfinder - small enough to fit in your glovebox, or so one website claims. There are bound to be others. Have a look. Google is a favourite and useful tool of mine. I use the web often to obtain more information about the plants I'm seeking (or have found) and find it particularly useful, especially in terms of obtaining information about the origin, growth habit and cultivation of the plant and even more so as my memory lets me down far too often.

We shouldn't overlook seed lists either. These are located similarly and although greater patience is required with seed these lists can often provide a wider choice than plants generally available in nurseries. While it is often difficult to import live plant material from overseas it can be easier to import seed and then to germinate it at home. Growing from seeds is certainly a much cheaper option and in today's economic climate that's pretty important!

Alpine Garden Societies in the UK, NZ and Canada are good sources. There will be others. Haunting local nurseries is fun and can be productive but the occasional excursion further afield – to nurseries I've come to know – the Yarralumla Nursery in Canberra and Dicksonia Rare Plants and Florilegia at Mt Macedon add a little spice and are an especial indulgence. You might like to try it!

Some websites I use - by no means an exhaustive list - are:

www.clematisnursery.com.au/ Caroles Garden Clematis Nursery Somerville, Victoria

www.ahn.com.au/ Almeda Homestead Clematis Nursery, Berwick, Victoria

www.conifer.com.au Conifer Gardens, Ferny Creek, Victoria

www.yaminarareplants.com.au Yamina Rare Plant, Monbulk, Victoria - a broad specialised catalogue of perennials, shrubs and trees

www.lambley.com.au Lambley Nursery, Ascot Victoria – perennials

www.tesselaar.net.au/ Tesselaars, Silvan, Victoria – bulbs and perennials

www.vogelvry.com.au Vogelvry Nursery, New Norfolk, Tasmania, perennials and bulbs

www.woodbridgenursery.com.au Woodbridge Nursery, Woodbridge, Tasmania - perennials

www.mistydowns.com.au/ Mistydowns Nursery, Creswick, Victoria – perennials, roses etc

An 'all purpose' site is achieved if you put 'Nurseries Online' into Google and then take the second option Australian Specialist and Mail Order Plant Nurseries: Plant Finder. A huge list of plant names is there and all you have to do is click on the one in which you're interested and nurseries that stock it will come up.

Have fun!!

Graeme Whisker

Borrowed treescapes



With the autumn colours, or at any time of the year really, borrowing my neighbours' trees is a great visual addition to my mainly lawned garden. Do you have a photo of your neighbours' trees to share? **David**



How to save seeds

It's free - It will help you produce great crops - It's good for food sovereignty - You can share - It's easy
[How to save seeds | Organic Gardener Magazine Australia](#)



April in the garden

- There is still a whole heap of things you can pop in the patch at this time of year. Tasty herbs in the 'burbs that are ready to roll include our old favourite, coriander. You could give mint and lemon balm a go as well, but be careful to contain it, otherwise it can take over!
- Try these tasty wonders into your Yummy Yard this month: Chinese cabbage, most Asian Greens, spinach, rocket, broccoli, spring onions, asparagus, celery, endive, squash, onions, silverbeet, leeks and lettuce. Don't be a bunny, remember to plant some [carrots](#) during April!
- Set aside a bit of space and pop in an artichoke! These are gorgeous additions to the patch, look amazing, and taste pretty good too!
- Add some colour and movement to the patch, and pop in some of these little pretties- dianthus, cornflower, pansy, viola, Echinacea, stock, verbena and lupins. Having these around your veggies will give some interest to the patch, and act as beneficial insect attractors!
- Top up mulch on your veggie patches, herb gardens and ornamental beds, especially important for weed suppression at this time of year. A hot tip is to mulch after watering the patch, to a depth of about 7cm. Keep mulch clear of plant stems... especially young seedlings. Choose low environmental impact mulch, one that will enrich your soil as it breaks down.
- Green manure crops, including oats, wheat, fava beans and field peas are good to go now... improve that dormant veggie patch, and get ready for next seasons heavy feeding plants!
- Plants feel the need for a feed at this time of year. A seaweed tea, or any low environmental impact liquid fertiliser, is perfect for the seedlings you've just popped in. Apply to the soil early in the morning, and in the concentrations mentioned on the packet.
- Weeding is an awesome job to do at this time of year. Cut down the competition between your tasty treats and these space invaders, and tidy up your patch. It may sound tedious, but it's incredibly rewarding!

- Water smarter at this time of year. Water first thing in the morning, and instead of quickie irrigation, a nice, deep drink a couple of times a week is far more beneficial! Always check soil moisture before watering at this time of year... don't waste your precious drinking water if Mother Nature has already done all the hard work for you!

[April Garden tips | Sustainable Gardening Australia \(sgaonline.org.au\)](#)

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Friendship through Gardening

An Invitation to a Friendship Afternoon

Members of the Bundanoon Garden Club are invited to join the Bowral Garden Club for talks and afternoon tea

Our guest speaker will be well-known Horticulturist Judy Horton OAM speaking on "Gardens of the World"



Also, we will have Michael from 'Telopia Tools' in Mittagong to advise on 'Which Tool for Which Job'

Time: Monday 12th April 2021, 1.30pm for 2.00pm

Venue: Mittagong RSL Old Hume Highway, Mittagong

Cost: \$10 includes entry and afternoon tea

RSVP: Wednesday 31st March 2021

There will be a Trading Table - cash only

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Sweet Peas planting time?



Sweet peas are delightful and very popular plants that combine delicate and very pretty flowers with a beautiful fragrance. St Patrick's Day (March 17th) has been the traditional day to sow sweet peas, however, it's often best to wait for cooler conditions in April to sow them.

[How to grow Sweet Peas \(yates.com.au\)](#)

20 of the best evergreen climbers



Climbing plants are useful in the garden in lots of ways. They clothe and beautify walls, fences, and buildings, and can be grown on screens, arches, pergolas, and obelisks. They create privacy and mask unsightly features, as well as providing additional interest and wildlife value.

<https://www.gardenersworld.com/how-to/grow-plants/20-of-the-best-evergreen-climbers/>

Grow your own Christmas dinner

Impress your friends and family by growing your own Christmas veg.



From roast potatoes to Brussels sprouts, carrots and parsnips pulled straight from the plot, dishing up home-grown veg on Christmas Day is quite an achievement. Timing slow-growing winter veg to peak on Christmas Day takes patience, but, if you get it right, you'll have the very best for the year's most important meal, plus plenty to pick all winter, too.

<https://www.gardenersworld.com/how-to/grow-plants/grow-your-own-christmas-dinner/>

MOIDART NURSERY OPEN ON THIRD SATURDAY OF EVERY MONTH



For over 40 years Moidart Nurseries has specialised in the propagation of rare and collectable cold climate plants, shrubs, trees and perennials.

[Moidart open garden, Australia, New South Wales, Bowral | The Fold Southern Highlands](#)

Farmer Trevor Wyatt's 60-year mission to protect three nests of rare malleefowls



Murrayville farmer Trevor Wyatt was just six when his father introduced him to what has become his lifelong role as guardian of three nests of rare malleefowls on the family's farm.

<https://apple.news/A07uUsyecSjytcvTamh8URw>

Hello Koalas Come to Campbelltown

While it's notoriously difficult to spot koalas in the wild, this April, finding koalas will be much easier if you head to Campbelltown, in south west Sydney.

From the 1st April until 30th April 2021, you're invited to bring the whole family to visit the koalas in the **Australian Botanic Garden** Mount Annan,

as well as the other locations across Campbelltown. The Australian Botanic Garden is open from 8am until 5pm during April. Entry is free.



To help find the koalas and learn about each one, you can download a trail guide. When you visit the garden, use the Garden Explorer link on the website and choose the Tour option, then the Hello Koalas Tour option to find the koalas on the site.

[Hello Koalas Come to Campbelltown - Sydney \(weekendnotes.com\)](#)



How to choose, store and eat Hass and Shepard avocados

No-one likes cracking into an avocado only to find it bruised on the inside. But John tells us there are ways to avoid this kitchen-related let down.

[How to choose, store and eat Hass and Shepard avocados - ABC Everyday](#)

How to make mayonnaise, aioli and hollandaise easily at home



The simple trick to making mayo, aioli and hollandaise in minutes.

<https://apple.news/AVKnn68QzTpmPXSpH6F-Ymw>