

# Bowral Garden Club Inc.

(Established in 1963)

Affiliated with The Garden Clubs of Australia Inc.



Friendship through Gardening

## August 2022 Newsletter

### What's on in August

#### 8 August (Monday) 2.00 pm:

Club Meeting: Mittagong R.S.L. Club  
Speaker: Paul Kirkpatrick 'The Extreme Gardener' from Gardenacious. Garden tools for sale.

#### 26 August (Friday) 2.00 pm:

Fairground Follies – 93 Kirkham Rd, Bowral. A tour of the fairground and afternoon tea.

### What's on in September

#### 12 September (Monday) 2.00 pm:

Club Meeting: Uniting Church Hall, Bowral.

Speaker: Melanie Van Til – 'Springtime in Holland'.

#### 16 October – 3 October – Tulip Time

#### 26 September (Monday) 2.00 am

Visit to Meg & Clive Probyn's Garden  
158 Oxley Dr, Mittagong – A Different Season.



### President's Message

For those of you who listen to Highlands FM, our community radio station, you will know that July was 'Kindness Month'. Why do we need a special month to be kind to one another? Surely, it's not that hard. I see small acts of kindness all the time in our club. Members offering to transport others to meetings, bringing plants for the trading table, volunteering time for events, bringing goodies for afternoon teas and the list goes on. Thank you for being kind to each other, let's continue to make a habit of it.

Apparently, the new season roses are arriving into the nurseries. I do get a bit excited, even though I have little room left to plant any new ones. However, I did attend a talk recently on 'Growing Roses in Pots'. It was informative and showed how successful roses in pots can be. My mind exploded with new ideas, new positions and new roses to seek out. There goes the housekeeping for another fortnight!

This is a newly released rose by Wagner's Rose Nursery "Lady of Australia" rose which was launched on Remembrance Day 2021 by Her Excellency Mrs Linda Hurley to commemorate the significant role played by the wives of NSW Governors





Rosa 'Lady of Australia' is available at Welby Nursery, if you're quick!

*A*t this stage of the wet season in my garden, I might have more success growing things in pots as the gardens are still sodden. It only takes a top up of rain for it to be drenched again!

*O*ur visit to the Fairground Follies is coming up on Friday 26 August at 2pm. The feed-back I have from people who have visited the Follies is enthusiasm on steroids as they were transported back to their childhood. A tour of the Fairground and afternoon tea will see the afternoon fly by. For details see the attached flyer.

*S*o, until we meet again, stay dry, keep warm and be kind to one another and yourself

*Deb*



## From the Editor

*A* hint of Spring is starting to peek throughout the garden. Daffodils are nodding happily, along with hyacinths, snowflakes and snowdrops while blossom buds are appearing on branches. My daphne is starting to flower and oh! how delightful is its perfume.

The natives, unfortunately still struggle. I don't think my Emu bush will take much more rain while the white Hardenberger wasn't as prolific as previous years. The roses have been pruned and I'm just waiting for the rain to stop in order to give them a spray of lime sulphur.

*I*n this issue of the newsletter Annette gives use some easy steps for pruning your roses while Erica pines for her beloved dahlias. And of-course there's Muriel's 'musings'.

*E*njoy and Happy Gardening!

*Roz*

### Treasurer's Report 28th July 2022

Opening Balance	\$16,710.26
Deposits	\$1,142.20
Less Expenses	-\$3,360.09
Closing Balance	\$14,492.37

## Plant of the Month

*Bussell's spider orchid*



*Caladenia busselliana*, commonly known as Bussell's spider orchid, is a plant in the orchid family Orchidaceae and is endemic to a small area in the south-west of Western Australia. It is a rare orchid with an erect, hairy leaf and up to three pale yellow flowers. Only about fifty specimens are known and it is threatened by habitat destruction and by too-frequent or too infrequent bushfires.

Bussell's spider orchid grows in swampy jarrah forest and marri woodland, often with green kangaroo paw and the more common swamp spider orchid (*Caladenia paludosa*)

In 2017, there were just four known specimens of the Bussell's spider orchid alive in Western Australia's bushland.

Source:

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Caladenia\\_busselliana](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Caladenia_busselliana)

Belinda Davis, orchid conservation research scientist at Kings Park, was called in to help bring the species back from the brink of extinction. The target is to get at least 200 Bussell's spider orchids thriving in the wild, being naturally pollinated and setting seed

This is an interesting story of conservation; further reading can be found at:

<https://www.abc.net.au/news/2020-10-24/bringing-the-bussells-spider-orchid-back-from-the-brink/12784110>

## Muriel's Musings

My dear Garden Club Friends the time has come as this will be my penultimate 'Musings'. Rapidly failing eyesight means I can barely see to read, let alone write. I am still persevering with the computer but the Backspacer gets a pounding as I have to keep correcting the wrong keys I've pressed. Even David Astell couldn't make sense of some of the words I create.

I'm coping well enough and...Hey! I don't need the magnifying glass when I sit in my chair of indulgence listening to my wonderful classic CDs. To think that in the past few months I have been able to wake up at 5am and watch the planet Venus, the morning star sparkling like a diamond as it heralded in the dawn. I also saw Venus when it was in a line with 5 other planets. That won't happen again for another 600 years and to top it all.....what about the breathtaking wonder of the William Webb telescope that took us back to 13 <sup>1/2</sup> billion years of galaxies and stars.

What a century of discovery I've been privileged to live through. As a little girl I used to watch the full moon as we were told there was a man in the moon, but I always saw the face of a little Terrier dog (I will you be having a quick look next full moon!)

## Thought for the day

Southey the poet wrote.....

*"Give me sights more wonderful that I might see the beauty that around me lies"*

*Muriel*

*Fear not Dear Reader, Muriel will be back for one last 'musing' in the September Newsletter.*

## Gardening in August

By Annette Lane

*Hold this thought – How sad would be June and July if we had no knowledge of Spring!*

### To Do List

- Prune Roses



#### 4 Simple Rules –

- ✓ Remove half the height
  - ✓ Cut out all dead wood
  - ✓ Shape the bush
  - ✓ Spray with lime sulphur
- Cut back potted geraniums, fuchsia and salvia and feed them with slow-release plant food
  - Change or intensify colour of hydrangea flowers for summer applying lime for pink and Richgro Blueing tonic for blue (of course).
  - Sprinkle slow-release fertiliser around plants in large containers and repot if soil poor.

### Bees in Crisis – the Varroa mite infestation

The honey bee population in the Highlands is under threat. A simple way we can assist is to grow food for our pollen lovers – native winter flowering plants are priority. Identify flowering native plants that are attracting bees in your neighbourhood and plant at least one.



### Why Purchase Cut Flowers?

An expensive bunch of flowers looks great indoors for a week and then becomes sad. A flowering cymbidium looks fabulous, the spikes last for months and is on-going for years to come.



Purchase a cymbidium at The Southern Highlands Orchid Show on September 17th for less than a bunch of expensive flowers.

### The Veggie Patch

Plant coriander in either pots or the garden bed. This plant grows at its best through the cooler months of the year in a sheltered position with sunlight.

Plant your own Garlic.

Buy bulbs from Nurseries – store bought garlic might not grow, produce is poor and maybe diseased. Plant in a sunny spot in rich soil and water regularly. Harvest when foliage yellows and dies back in summer.



### Maintenance Tip

To treat moss and algae on paved or tiled areas, dampen the area, then sprinkle with bi-carb soda. Leave for at least twenty minutes and then scrub down with a hard bristle broom. After rinsing you will see a remarkable difference.

Enjoy gardening this month.

*Annette*

## Give me Colour

By Erica Spinks

*I*t's in the depth of winter that I dream of the bright colours in my garden. As I look at the bare tree branches outlined against the grey sky, I long for the sizzling colours of my dahlias. It will be months and months before I see them flowering again.

*T*hen I remember: August is the month to order new tubers from online suppliers. How exciting!

*B*ulbs and tubers were made for mail order. They are dormant when sent and easy to pack. Browsing through the catalogues on websites of suppliers is simple to do. So is adding items to my cart – too easy sometimes!

*T*his year I'm looking to add a couple of mauve varieties to my existing collection; maybe Lamour or Anne's Delight, or perhaps both. I also want some more ball forms; maybe in apricot or coral shades. And let's not forget another cactus form. I have my eye on Gleam, a creamy lemon colour that will complement what I already have.

*I*t's effortless to keep adding more. I have to think where I'll plant them. Do I have enough space with the right aspect? I decide to worry about that later. After all, I can always squeeze in another couple of plants – or five or six – can't I?

*Erica*



### BGC Plant Stall

Our Plant Stall for 2022 is to be held in October. You may remember we had to find a different venue from last year.



Thanks to the very generous offer from Ruth Bailey, the event will now be held at her home, 16 Shepherd St Bowral on Saturday 15th October 2022 from 8.30am - 2.30pm

This is a great joy and relief to the Committee, as it is a central location with good parking and a great space to display **ALL** our plants for sale.

Thank you, Ruth, this is a most generous contribution to the club.

You, as members can contribute to the success of this fundraising event by propagating and potting up some goodies.

### **Your Committee**

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*Website: [bowralgardenclub.com](http://bowralgardenclub.com)*

*Newsletter Editor: Rosalyn Mulligan*

## Don't Forget!

September 12<sup>th</sup> sees our return to the Uniting Church Hall, Bowral for our Club meetings after a long covid absence.

To celebrate the move back your committee will be providing afternoon tea.

Please come along and join us!



## Our Thanks to

Mt. Murray Nursery for their continued support of our Club by providing the lucky door prizes each month.

Visit their web stie at:

<https://www.mtmurraynursery.com/> for gardening news and specials.

Did you know that Mt. Murray Nursery also offers members a 5% discount on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of every month.

Just show your membership badge.



Did you know!

Letter in the SMH 26/7/22...

"A few weeks back, we wrote

*"I lived in Devon for many years where clotted cream was spread on scones and topped with jam to make 'authentic' Devonshire tea. If the cream went on top of the jam, it was a Cornish tea."*



## *Bus Trip to Camellias R Us and Mother Earth Nursery*

It didn't rain, it wasn't cold and we left 2 minutes early. What could go wrong?

The fog was as thick as pea soup, but that was ok, we were going to Sydney, land of the sun. Sydney was also shrouded in thick fog and whether this had anything to do with the major accident or not, we were stuck in the car park that was the M7. We were delayed about an hour and a half, so we rearranged our itinerary to ensure we didn't miss out on morning tea. I would like to thank the members on the trip for their patience.

The team at Camellias R Us were ready with a smile and refreshments and more importantly, a toilet.



The selection of camellias was a delight to see and Bill Parker who runs the nursery with his family, was a wealth of knowledge.



Luke, Bill's son, showed us how to espalier a bush and made it look so easy, also indicating how many more espaliered camellias fit into an allotted space.

Purchases were made!





On to Mother Earth Nursery in Kenthurst run by the enthusiastic Mark Massey.

This man seeks out different and unusual plants and sculptures and his nursery is a treasure trove of wonder. Among other topics, he talked about new hydrangeas that flower on new wood which makes pruning much easier. The choice was very good. Cheryl Howard was excited and I think Judy Foy might have been channelling inspiration from above....



Again, purchases were made!! The bus was heaving with plants and joyous shoppers and my new addition "Yoshi"



Lunchtime had long passed when we arrived at Nurragingy Reserve, but thanks to Kennedys Coach

tours and our terrific driver Ron, there was cake and coffee. Sadly, there was not enough time to explore the gardens well, and I think it might be worth a return trip to check out the Chinese Gardens.

Another day filled with memories and trophies for our members and the club.

My thanks to Ray Bradley for organizing the day and the sunshine.

Deb

## Something new, warm and different for August a visit to

### *Fairground Follies*

93-95 Kirkham Road, Bowral

Friday 26 August 2022 at 2.00pm

Cost \$38.50 which includes a tour of the venue and afternoon tea

*Please advise of any dietary requirements at the time of booking.*

Fairground Follies is an Antique Mechanical Music Museum featuring an exciting and unique collection of fairground and mechanical music.



The English steam gallopers are over 100 years old and are the result of 15 master trades working together to produce functional industrial art. The trades include wood carvers, iron workers, carpenters, joiners and decorators. There are 30 ornately hand carved timber horses and cockerels, rotating in a clockwise direction which give a galloping action as they go up and down. An ornate centre that has sixty cutglass mirrors creates a unique Edwardian mirrorball effect.

The horses, hand-carved in approximately 1890 - 1905, are regarded as being exquisite examples of the master trade. Although the ride was steam-operated and appears to still be steam-operated it is actually operated by an electric motor. The music to accompany this ride is provided by an 89 key Gavioli

organ which originated in the Black Forest area of Germany and spent most of its working life in The Netherlands before being placed on the carousel at Luna Park, Sydney.

Gavioli 89 Key No 2 with its richly carved facade, 350 organ pipes, bass drum, snare drum, two bellringers, xylophone and cymbals all operate by folding cardboard music. The organ's history is fascinating. The inside of the reservoir is lined with Gavioli ledger sheets of 1854 and the signature of the organ builder renovating the organ in 1906 is throughout. Fairgrounds were dusty and the organs worked long hours with little or no skilled maintenance, so it was usual for a major overhaul every ten years. By 1980, the organ was lying derelict under the Coney Island Slides at Luna Park in Sydney. From here the organ was acquired by Mr Ken Beech of Burleigh Heads, Queensland, who set about the mammoth task of restoration. By 1987 this had been completed and the organ had passed into the ownership of Mr Norm Douglas of Albury, New South Wales. In 1994 Fairground Follies acquired the organ and after further research and restoration, it is now presented in its finest condition since the early 1900s playing both from cardboard music and MIDI."



Further information on the Fairground Follies can be obtained on the website [www.fairgroundfollies.com](http://www.fairgroundfollies.com).

**Enquiries / bookings:** Ray Bradley (E) [rbb1945@bigpond.net.au](mailto:rbb1945@bigpond.net.au) (T) 02 4861 4090 or (M) 0416 191 905

**Payment** - no later than Monday 15 August 2022

**No refunds** will be made after that date unless the booking can be resold.

Payment may be made by:

1. Direct deposit into the BDCU (Cuscal Ltd) Bank Bowral Account name: Bowral Garden Club Inc. BSB: 802 101 Account no: 100009286 Please ensure you include in your reference details - surname - Fairground;
2. Cheque payable to Bowral Garden Club Inc. or cash at the July or August meeting - please place in an envelope with your name and marked Fairground Follies and hand to the Treasurer;
3. You may also mail your cheque to the Treasurer, PO Box 910, Bowral 2576

The  
**22nd**  
**ANNUAL CAMELLIA RETICULATA SHOW**

Will be held at

**Bulli Uniting Church Hall**  
Princes Highway Bulli

**SATURDAY 13 AUGUST 2022 11am—3.30 pm)**

This is the only show in Australia that is dedicated to the  
camellia species "Reticulata".

For further information please contact  
William Walker (02) 42842790



**HIGHLANDS GARDEN SOCIETY BOWRAL**

*Highlands Spring Flower  
&  
Camellia Show*

Uniting Church Hall  
Cnr of Boolwey and Bendooley Streets, Bowral

Friday 2nd September 2022 1.30 - 6.15pm

The hall will open at 1.30pm for the staging of exhibits which must be  
completed by 2.30pm when the hall will be closed for judging.

3.30 pm - 4.30pm - Public viewing and sale of Devonshire Teas

4.30pm - Floral Art demonstration - Ngaire Gamack

5.15pm Speaker - Ongoing Care of Camellias - Kevin & Sandy Reiman

5.45pm Presentation of trophies and awards

6.15pm - Close

*Entries are welcome from all members of the  
Society and the public*

**Judges**

Camellias - Kevin & Sandy Reiman, National Camellias Australia judges.

Kevin - Past National Secretary Camellias Australia

Sandy - Show Secretary Camellias Illawarra

Floral Art and Spring Flowers - Ngaire Gamack, national and international award  
winning designer and judge, President Floral Art Guild of ACT and also member  
AFAA National Management Committee