

Bowral Garden Club Inc.

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Friendship through Gardening

February 2022 Newsletter

What's on in February

14 February (Monday) 2.00pm:

Club Meeting to be held at Mittagong R.S.L. Club.

Speaker: Luke Maitland from Native Grace at Robertson talking about Bush Tucker.

28 February (Monday) 10.30am

Garden visit to Robertson nursery Native Grace.

From the President

2022 – the Committee and I wish you all the best for a new year.

As we look to get another year under way, we are again faced with a calendar of events we hope will be able to go ahead.

The February General Meeting looks to be a certainty, unless something untoward happens. The meeting will be held at 2pm on Monday 14 February, upstairs at the Mittagong RSL. As per club requirements, you will need to check in, wear a mask throughout the meeting and be fully vaccinated. If you are feeling at all unwell, please stay home.

We must thank Glenys Lilliendal for opening her garden for us on 17 January. For those of you who were able to attend, it was obvious how happy you were to "be out".

Given the enthusiasm to partake in outings, Ray Bradley has arranged a day trip to Merribee and surrounds on Tuesday 29th March 2022. We will need to monitor the Covid situation to ensure this trip can go ahead.

As always, your safety is our highest priority.

The itinerary will be included with the March Newsletter, so that will give you only a small window to book and pay. But please "Save the date" until we can be sure this trip can proceed.

Again, the weather has been against us....

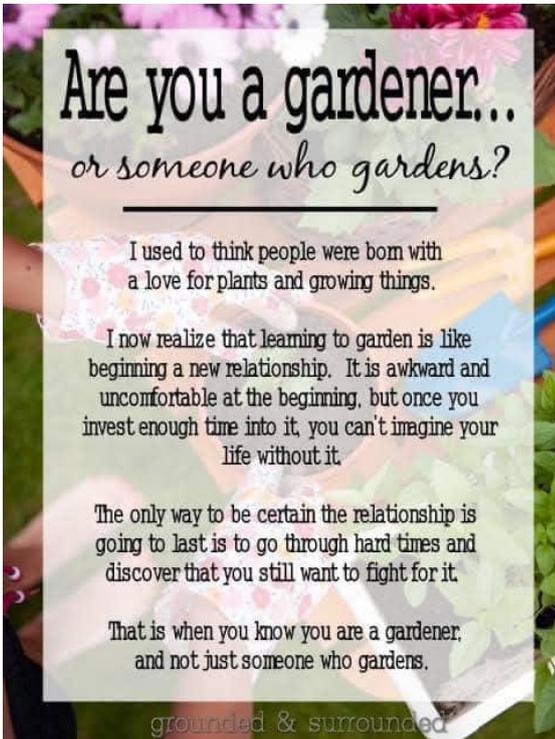
What's on in March

14 March (Monday) 2.00pm:

Club Meeting to be held at Mittagong R.S.L. Club.

Speaker: Robyn Bible "The Geranium Lady".





I did like to think I was a gardener. However, after reading this, I know, I'm just someone who gardens. Stay safe.

Deb

From the Editor

Welcome to 2022 – Year of the Tiger. Celebrate the year by planting vigorous-growing, lush green tiger grass; generously-flowering, bright striped Tiger mix gazanias; or boldly-patterned green and white tiger Fittonia. Did you know each of the twelve zodiac signs has its own "lucky plants" -Plant yellow lily, anthurium, cineraria for Year of the Tiger.



Happy Gardening

Roz

Source:
<https://www.australianplantsonline.com.au/blog/post/happy-lunar-new-year>

Plant of the Month

Clematis 'Taiga'

This elegant, compact clematis delivers dazzling, chameleon blooms that evolve both in colour and shape throughout the season (December to March).



The long blooming, royal blue flowers are crowned with folded cream sepals that glow with a fresh green blush. Growing to an impressive 15cm, the flowers are big and bold. Yet the vine itself is a very manageable 90-120cm which makes it perfect for a pot, growing through a shrub or obelisk or use in small gardens.

Of Japanese breeding, it made a splash at the 2017 Chelsea Flower Show and has continued to impress around the world. 'Taiga' translates to wide river.

This deciduous, climbing Clematis is in pruning group 3, they will only flower on new growth, so simply prune hard, to the first set of new buds, late winter/early spring. It will reshoot with great vigour in spring, getting better as they establish.

Source:
<https://www.tesselaar.net.au/product/13271-clematis-taiga>

Muriel's Musings

May I begin by wishing you ALL a safe and peaceful 2022. How quickly the year 2021 passed us by – doesn't matter, it wasn't much of a year anyway.

While I was thinking what to write about for these 'musings', the wee small voice warned me to stay away from the covid thing, the summer weather - or lack of it political matters, floods, mouse plagues, the shortage of RATs, exploding volcanoes and earthquakes going off everywhere so that only leaves SPORT to write about and fortunately there's plenty of that going on to write about.

Tennis, Test Cricket and Big Bash Cricket. The men's Test Cricket was pretty slow and the women's 1st Test was washed out but as I wrote that I had a 'thought bubble' that I will now write about.

Some years ago, when the England women's team were out here, they played a game at the Bradman Oval, my nephew Gordon and I went along to watch them playing. Gordie, who always had a touch of 'The Colonial Raj' about him set us up under the shade trees with comfy fold away chairs and a small table for our nibbles and our glasses charged with gin and tonic watching and waiting for something exciting to happen. But when after 20 minutes of absolutely nothing like a wicket or run happening Gordie gave a huge sigh and in a deep, mellow tone said "It's like watching an Alfa Romeo turning into rust".

Thought for today

I think in these troubled times it's appropriate.

'To plant a Garden is to believe in tomorrow.'

words spoken by the actress and great humanitarian Audrey Hepburn.

Muriel

Rain, rain, rain

By Erica Spinks

We've had constant showers over the past couple of months, haven't we? Many of those days have been filled with that annoying, light rain; the drizzle that's enough to wet you if you venture outside. I'm pleased we have so much rain that everything in the garden is so verdant, even if that includes the weeds. I've stopped worrying about them. But we haven't had enough sunny days to let the ground dry before the next shower or storm comes along.

I give up dodging the rain. Dashing out between showers to do short tasks in the garden is frustrating. Once I start in one area of the garden, I see so many other things that need to be done. I just want to keep working but look, here come the showers again.

So, I tried something different with my spring onions. Usually, when we buy a bunch of them from the store, I cut off the bottom couple of inches and pop them, roots and all in the garden. They then start to grow new stems. It's a bit like the magic pudding.

But because of the rain, I popped them in a small amount of water in a glass on the kitchen windowsill. The roots grew quickly and new stems started to appear. You can't keep a good plant down! As soon as it stops raining, I'll quickly plant them outside and run back to shelter. Fingers crossed that when we need to eat some, it's not raining!

Erica



Show and Tell

Soul Sister - Catherine Kyngdon

The bloom on the left was cut a couple of days before the bloom on the right. When fully opened, the rose is quite big and



resembles the Blue Moon rose. Quite remarkable. The *Soul Sister* bud is a deep apricot/russet colour but when the young flower opens the petals reveal as light brown (while retaining the deep contrasting blaze on the petals' reverse). As the bloom ages, it becomes a very large, small-petalled almost flat rose and becomes lavender in colour



Mr. Lincoln
Roz Mulligan
A rose I love for its colour and perfume.

Canna lilies brighten up this dull, gloomy summer and don't mind wet feet.



A big THANK YOU to the Committee and Members of the Bowral Garden Club for the gift of flowers for my 80th birthday - they have lasted until today (27/1) and even retained some perfume.

Hopefully soon we will all be able to meet again - so many are missing our meetings, our afternoon teas and a good gossip.

Best wishes to all for 2022,

Thank you again,
Maryann

Financials as at 28/01/22

Opening Balance 31/12/2021	<u>\$14,936.84</u>
Income	\$30.00
Cash Received	<u>\$30.00</u>
Expenses	-\$259.30
Exps Paid	<u>-\$259.30</u>
Closing Balance as at 28/01/22	<u>\$14,707.54</u>

Visit to Meg & Clive's Garden

What a labour of love this garden is with stunning vistas through the trees, garden features throughout the garden and colourful wildlife. How wonderful of Meg and Clive to allow us to wander through it.







Christmas 2021

Good company, food and wine was enjoyed by all members who attended.

A most enjoyable lunch!



See you in the garden...



CENTRAL TABLELANDS *Garden Trail* Saturday 5th and Sunday 6th March 2022

5 stunning gardens offering something for all garden lovers...

- * HIGHFIELDS - 111 John Grant Road, Little Hartley
- * HARTVALE - 49 Sunray Avenue, Little Hartley
- * HARP OF ERIN - 2329 Great Western Highway, Hartley
- * WILD MEADOWS - 243a Cox's River Road, Little Hartley
- * GORY'U JAPANESE GARDENS - 85 Banners Lane, Little Hartley

Gardens open from 10am - 4pm both days

Cost: \$15 per person per garden (Hartvale \$10, Harp of Erin no charge)

Children under 16 free of charge

Cottage gardens filled with a riot of colour, Japanese Gardens, prairie gardens, beautiful water features and rare plants, extensive, colourful perennial borders, loads of ideas for the home gardener, gorgeous views plus plants and food for sale!

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