

# Bowral Garden Club Inc.

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Friendship through Gardening



## 60th Anniversary Special Edition Newsletter

### BGC Anniversary Celebration

A Garden Party in the beautiful greenery of Susan Hand and Ralph Suter's garden on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> October from 4pm – 6pm, marked 60 years of the Bowral Garden Club.

The weather was not our friend with gusting winds, rain, a thunderstorm and hail all falling before and after the party.

At 3.50pm the rain stopped and the sun came out. It was cool, but not wet. At 5.50pm, gentle rain started again. We were very fortunate.

The CWA Moss Vale Evening branch did the catering of finger food, up to their usual high standard and we thank them.

Drinks were poured by Lyn and John Barrett, friends of Susan's and members of the Australian Garden History Society and they did a terrific job. Molly and Danni circulated with platters of food and cheery smiles, nothing was too much trouble. Good job girls.

There was a rolling slideshow of photos from early meetings and celebrations that caused a good deal of laughter as members revisited memories from 20 years ago and longer.

Muriel Stuart (10 October, 1971), Robyn Stephens (10 February, 2000) and Sandra Regtop (9 May, 2001) were presented with plants for being members for **over 20 years**. Sadly, Shonagh Moore (10 May, 1999) was unable to attend.

We sang 'Happy Birthday' and cut a delicious Black Forest cake.

It was a happy occasion, with an arrangement of music and laughter and thanks go to the Committee for all their attendance and assistance, not to mention Susan and Ralph.

*Deb and Ray*

*And here is where it all began.....*

### Muriel and her 'Musings's

We viewed a glimpse of the past through 'Muriel's Musings'. In April 2017 she recalls:

*Looking back over the 46 years since I paid my 50 cents to join the Bowral Garden Club, on the evening of the October 1971 meeting, it has been such a nostalgic turning of the pages of my memories. So many stories come to my mind, but I think that over the years that I have been penning my musings, I have given you a glimpse of how much belonging to this Garden Club means to me. We have always been a "family of friends" as we all share in the pleasure of growing our own vegetables, fruit, beautiful flowers and trees (and playing in the dirt).*

*My garden is indeed a "friendship garden" as many of the plants and shrubs have come either from the trading table or were exchanged for something from my garden. I've just remembered 'Salmon Irene', a geranium that Mrs Rogers gave to me 40 years ago, there was a promise made, and kept, about Irene. Writing my memories is like reaching the horizon, you never get there. There is a thought I must pass on, if you have something rather rare or special growing don't just keep it to yourself for if the unthinkable should happen to it, you can always ask for a cutting back.*

*I believe that Shonagh and Frank Moore share the next longest time membership, indeed it was Shonagh who, as President, rescued the club when it was going through a testing time with the passing away of quite a few foundation members. Having been given the privilege of welcoming new members to our meetings I feel such a glow that I'M STILL HERE and I can hardly wait for it to be the 2nd Monday in the Month.*

### Thought for the day.....

*Yesterday is a memory, Tomorrow is a dream  
Today is reality, so make the most of it.*

## Some further thoughts on BGC's history from Muriel

*In the beginning (oops, that opening phrase has already been used), the Bowral Garden Club used to meet at the CWA rooms on the third Friday of the month. The dentist, Peter Davidson, lived in the house next door to the Police station and during the cooler months he would go across to the rooms mid afternoon and light the Warmray heater, fuelling it up with brown coal briquettes so as to have the rooms cozy and warm for the meeting which was supposed to start at 7.30 pm. However, there was always a last minute rush as our members used to watch Alan Searle's TV gardening program and then the ABC News - can anyone remember the newsreaders Ross Symonds and James Dibble?*

*In the winter months, our Mittagong members (and there were many of them) had great difficulty with the traffic because then it was pre freeway days and the cars with skis on roof racks travelling to the snowfields made for a long wait for a break in the traffic if you were turning from a side street - Margaret and Alec Fury once waited for 15 minutes to turn from Braemar St on to the main road.*

*Once the gathered members were called to order and the meeting was under way and the minutes of the previous meeting were read, those of us in the know would be shaking with silent laughter for Ma Bunter and Betty and Peggy Stokes always vied for the chance to second the motion. Another diversion - Eric Wilcox wore a hearing aid that predictably would go off with an ear-splitting whistle at every meeting. He was such an energetic little man and was forever dobbing in his dear patient wife, Doris, by volunteering - "Doris will take on the cake stall" - and a frosty glance would be exchanged when Doris finally caught Eric's eye.*

*Gloria and Sydney Davies were wholehearted members, even when they moved to Goulburn they would travel down by train, collect the key to the hall, have their cut lunch, and then set up the chairs for the meeting. Unfortunately, Sydney's heart condition finally caused them to cease attending. Another member who was a constant delight was Joan Radik. (During the war years the Japanese interred Joan and her sister Winifred Penfold, who was the Headmistress of the Cathedral School in Shanghai). Joan lived in Mittagong and would bring Nance Cooper - another most interesting lady. The trouble with Joan and Nance was that neither of them had a sense of direction and whenever we had visits to gardens or interesting places in the district we had to place 'the girls' in the middle of the convoy and keep an eye on them - we lost them on a visit to Red Cow Farm at Sutton Forest and found them driving back from Exeter.*

*So many interesting guest speakers come to mind: Mick Gripper (the former Sydney Morning Herald Garden Competition organiser and judge), Alan Searle, Jim Beaumont (who had the market garden where McDonald's are now in Mittagong), Mr Prinz from Cronulla, who used to show wonderful moving films of overseas gardens - especially of the Burchett gardens in Canada.*

*Another memorable guest speaker was a lady from Bargo whose speciality was African Violets—she had us roaring with laughter as she described how her collection of African Violets eventually took over every room in her home and how the neighbour across the road let her store the overflow in her house. Mr Balchin, a local camera enthusiast, often delighted us with his colour slides. He accompanied these with appropriate music to set the scene.*

*It is not possible to name all the members who come to mind—Anna Regan was the driving force to begin the club. I'm not sure of the order but the Presidents I can recall from the past were Hilda Parry, Alf Weeks (my father), Alex Fury, Hazel Kite, June Allen, Norma Bath, Les Souter, Shonagh Moore and if because of brain fade I've missed someone I apologise. Michael and Janet Huggan were a blessing when they joined and brought their enthusiasm with them. Margaret and Bill Missingham gave us such hospitality when we visited their Trig Station Lane home in Buggaroo Park along the Wombeyan Caves Road. Millie Orford, a quiet little dear but always at the meetings no matter the weather. Who could forget Eve Gwynn who was lost within six months from diagnosis of Motor neuron disease - such a character - she organized her own wake six weeks before the day so that she could enjoy it too.*

*Looking back over the 42 years since I paid my 50 cents and joined the Bowral Garden Club on the evening of 26 October 1971, it has been such a sentimental turning of the pages of my memories as I am writing them down. Of course, there are many events and people I haven't written about but I hope I have given you a glimpse of what belonging to this unique gathering of friends on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of the month means to me. Sharing and caring for the beauties of nature - the simple daisies to the exotic orchids and some rare things and, of course, just an excuse to play in the dirt. I can hardly wait for the next 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday in the month to acquire some more memories.*

## Muriel Stuart

*Alas, Muriel retired from her 'Musings' in August 2022*

*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.*

Though she still had one last 'musing' for us in September 2022

*Because of my ever-fading eyesight the time has come for me to write my final 'Musings'. It is now 51 years since, at the October 1971 meeting I joined the Bowral Garden Club and have been rewarded by the friendship of so many friends - past and present and memories of some outstanding guest speakers.*

Thank you, Muriel, for 'all the memories' your 'Musings' have kept us laughing over the years.

*Interesting fact.....Muriel Stuart is the only member who has been awarded Honorary Membership of the Bowral Garden Club.....TWICE!*

## Bowral Garden Club History

The Bowral Garden Club's inaugural meeting was held on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> April, 1963, convened by the Mayor of Bowral, Ald. R.K. Barker and held in the Bowral Town Hall.

Present were the Mayor of Bowral, Mr. E. Sweeney, Mesdames Boneham, Bunter, Higginson, McCormack, Regan, Mr. and Mrs. Fletcher, Ald. Foley-Small and Mr. R. Worthington.

In opening the meeting Ald. Barker said he fully supported the idea of a garden club and would donate £5 towards the funds. Mr. Fletcher also donated £1.1.

It was decided to have a subscription fee of 5/- per year and to issue invitations to all interested people in the District to join the club. The meetings were to be held on the 1<sup>st</sup> Friday of each month in the CWA room.

In the minutes of the 2<sup>nd</sup> May, 1963 it was noted that club membership was now 40.

By 2011 meetings were being held at the Presbyterian Church Hall, Bendooley St, Bowral. Membership fees were to be \$20 per annum due at the AGM in May and it seems members also paid \$3 each month to attend meetings. This amount helped to pay hall rental.

Committee positions then consisted of 7 positions (Management Committee), and 8 positions (General Committee).

At the **May AGM 2012** the annual subscription increased to \$30. The door fee of \$3.00 was abolished. By June 2012 the club had 64 members and 9 honorary members.

## July 2012 The new logo for the Club



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The new logo on the front of the newsletter was designed and painted by a talented member, Hugh Ryvers-Ellicott. He drew it from a photograph of the unnamed dahlia, which local growers, Gerard and Olwyn Oldfield, brought to the March meeting. We hope that the dahlia will be named 'Golden Anniversary' in honour of our club's 50th birthday in 2013.



*Muriel holding the special dahlia at the Club meeting (photo Jan Scott)*

**September 2012** General Meeting: The president informed the members that the **Bowral Garden Club web site** is now functioning. Moving with the times.....

**April 8<sup>th</sup> 2013** marked the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the founding of the Club and Charlotte and Chris Webb were asked to be Patrons of the Club.

**March 2013** saw a new rose being developed by Sue Kingsford and another grower in Queensland. It was named "**Bowral's Rose**". It will have reference to our club anniversary on the label and 50 plants will be available for sale.



### Golden Anniversary Treasure

The committee decided to award the title of “Golden Anniversary Treasure” to Muriel Stuart, in recognition of her long-standing membership and continuous contribution to the Club.

**February 2014** saw the Club move to the Uniting Church Hall, corner of Bendooley and Boolwey Streets, Bowral

**By July 2019** the Club had 181 members which included 13 honorary members

**March 2020** saw the arrival of Covid

*“Given the current Corona Virus situation and social distancing rules the Committee decided that the 2020 AGM be cancelled and deferred until June 2021. This is in accordance with GCA guidelines.”*

Over the Covid years, the Club sent out the usual monthly newsletters and Deb sent out interim ‘chats’ to keep in touch with our members. We still managed to have a Plant Stall and our annual Christmas Party in 2020.

**P**lant Stalls were traditionally held at Corbett Plaza in Bowral attracting passersby and members. For the Plant Stall in October 2020, Annette Lane very generously offered the use of her home garden. We adhered strictly to NSW regulations with signing in at the gate, hand sanitizer and masks being worn by all helping members and encouraged for visitors. Distancing was encouraged.



**February 2021** saw the Club move to the Mittagong RSL Club, as the Uniting Church Hall was too small to accommodate mandatory spacing for Covid safe rules. As Covid rules eased we could resume our monthly Garden Visits and Day Tours were back on the agenda. By September, Covid had raised its ugly head again and we were back to ‘lockdown’.

Still, we were able to have our Plant Stall (again in Annette’s garden) and our Christmas luncheon.

**September 2022** and we were finally back at the Uniting Church, Bowral and meetings were getting back to normal.

**June 2023** At the AGM, our membership was 125 including 13 honorary members, as new folk join the club and we enter a new term.

### *Tulip Time floats through the years*

**W**hy did we start getting involved with Tulip Time? It all began in 2010 when Sandy Westwood suggested that we should play our part in the community by joining in the parade.

**F**or the next eight years at Tulip Time in Bowral we entered a float in the parade, winning the Best Float trophy in 2010, 2011, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017 and a First Prize of \$500 for Best Community Float in 2018 – “Creating Memories”.



*Meg Probyn, Sandy Westwood, Doreen Plouridge, Lorraine Stott, Phyllis Paananen, Margaret Woodstock, Barbara Wilson, Kay Finlan*

**24 September. 2011** The theme this year is Monet's garden.



*Eric Pamaanen, Clive Probyn, Phyllis Pamaanen, Cheryl Moore, Frank Moore (Aka Monet), Dorcen Plumridge, Glenys Lillendal, Meg Probyn*

2011: Monet's house and garden at Giverny



**22 September 2012 (Saturday):** Tulip Time parade. There were a number of members walking the route. Bob Bailey's classic and stylish Morgan will lead the way, pulling a trailer carrying our 2012 entry—an English country garden complete with cottage.



*The English Country Cottage and garden complete with English Box tree, a peach tree and flowers*

2013: The 1863 Australian settler's cottage



2014: The Yellow Submarine and the Octopus's Garden



2015: A Japanese Fantasy



**September 2016**

'Oh what a fun day The weather was perfect for the "Alice in Wonderland" Tulip Time parade up Bong Bong Street. Alice was seated on our float surrounded by colourful flowers; the king, queen and knave were in full regalia; the grandchildren (of BGC members) were delightful in their character costumes and the guards were at their marching best. It was a fantastic show.



**September 2017: Theme 'Octopuses Garden'**



**From the President**

Henrietta, the orange octopus sitting majestically on the Club's float and waving her tentacles lovingly in all directions, won Bowral Garden Club first prize in this year's Tulip Parade! A huge thank you again to Eric, whose designing and creative ideas never cease to amaze us. He conceived the idea of our float, he constructed Henrietta and organised our team into sea creatures swimming up Bong Bong Street in tune with the music. It was a lot of fun and a wonderful opportunity again for BGC to be part of a famous annual community event.



Meg Probyn – 2012 - 2014



*Sadly, the parade was cancelled in 2019 and the Council opted for a Twilight Community Walk on a Tuesday night.*

Looking back, I remember so many happy moments especially during the years when the Club entered into the annual Tulip Time parades. Who can forget the first year we walked along wearing those lovely Dutch bonnets and handing out little windmills to the children? The Gardens-R-Us lorry carried a wooden windmill constructed in our garage by Clive. Do you remember the year we dressed up as artists with Frank Moore (Shona's husband) looking the spitting image of Claude Monet? Monet's house was painted in our family room—hours and hours of painting. Those of us who walked over the years in the procession will have a special favourite. Bob and Noelene Bailey very generously let us use their garage for several activities including Tulip Time construction and as a place for propagation for the plant stall. Marilyn Gleeson's enormous shed was the venue also for many propagation sessions—her husband Keith who would clear away his farming machinery to give us space. Eric and Phyllis Paananen (both on the committee at various times) were willing participants in the Tulip Time escapades and full of ideas for construction—when I think of Eric I always remember the 'Yellow Submarine', the 'Settlers' and the 'Country Garden'. And who can forget Muriel Stuart sitting in the front seat of Bob Bailey's Morgan wearing a very pretty straw hat as he carefully drove his special vehicle down Bong Bong Street pulling the country garden float behind—and careful not to overheat the Morgan!

Just a comment about the relationship between President and Treasurer—to my mind the most important to ensure a healthy and successful organisation. I was so lucky that two unrelated Baileys took on that role as excellent Treasurers—first Pamela and secondly Noelene. The BGC membership grew under our management and we oversaw an increase in the coffers!

So many memories of the floats filled with flowers (especially the wisteria cut from Bowral gardens) and gorgeous costumes. We discovered that Catherine Mah, the Social Secretary, was a dab hand with her sewing machine and magicked all sorts of costumes for us. Several grandchildren joined in too—and even a small pony owned by Kathy Watson's granddaughter.

**G**raham Ross (Australian horticultural royalty!) turned up to give a talk instead of his wife who had been scheduled to speak but who had lingered in Italy with her son—and why wouldn't she? Graham is the only Australian to have been appointed a Life Fellow of the prestigious Royal Botanic Gardens Kew Guild, London. And a delightful speaker he is. We were thrilled when Dr Holly Kerr Forsyth agreed to speak to us in March 2013. She had just recovered from a bout of chemotherapy and, looking very frail, gave a lovely talk on 'Travels with my camera: it's not all wine and roses.' Her untimely death was announced in August this year at the age of 70. There were many enjoyable speakers, too many to single out, including the landscape designer Michael Bligh, head gardener Rick Shepherd, photographer Tony Sheffield, Charlotte and Chris Webb (who agreed to be our Patrons) and so many more delightful people. That's one thing you learn when you mix with horticulturists—they are always so interesting and great company.

**N**oelene was our Tour Guide and she organised trips to Mayfield Gardens, the Arboretum in Canberra and many other garden visits. The committee worked very hard but we had fun. Having been on so many committees in my professional life, I was determined that in retirement life has to be enjoyable.

*Meg*

### **Anne Curvers 2015 - 2017**

**H**appy 60th Anniversary to all the members of the Bowral Garden Club and may the continued involvement of its members ensure that the club remains vibrant and endures for many years to come.

**I**t was my very great pleasure and privilege to be the club's President from July 2015 until June 2018. At that time the membership was 179, including 9 honorary members. Members were actively involved in monthly meetings, garden visits, garden workshops, an annual garden stall in Corbett Plaza and celebratory functions. In addition to these regular activities, we organised both day and overnight bus trips, and participated in The Tulip Parade, which we won numerous times, but which sadly no longer exists. The parade provided the

club with a lot of fun and extensive community involvement. Another aspect of our close community engagement was giving donations from various fundraising activities to local charities.

**I**nitially joined the club to learn about gardening in the Southern Highlands, after moving into the area from Sydney. I certainly achieved that goal. However, the club gave me so much more. It introduced me to the Southern Highlands as a whole and by living up to its motto I made so many "friendships through gardening". I will be forever grateful for the collaborative nature of the management committee and of the club as a whole. My husband and I love living in the Southern Highlands and the friendships we made through BGC has certainly contributed to that.

**I** raise my glass to BGC on this celebration of the Club's 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. May there be many more.

*Anne*

### **Deb Evered 2018 – 2023**

**I**t was the best of times, it was the worst of times.....

A line published by Charles Dickens in 1859. Who knew it would be so poignant, so borrowed and so true all these years later.

However, this line epitomises my time as President from 2018 - 2023

**H**aving followed on from Anne Curvers in 2018, the club was energetic and vibrant. We had a membership of 179 which included 14 honorary members. We had a Committee of 10 and Anne kindly stayed on for 6 months to show me the ropes, she was a good teacher. With a few changes here and there, we were a tight, friendly group who worked well together and had a lot of fun. I asked a lot of the Committee and they always stepped up to the plate.

**A**s Meg and Anne mentioned, Tulip Time was always a highlight until the parade was cancelled in 2019. This activity brought out the creative side of some members and the dedication of others - Eric Pananaan, Bob and Noelene Bailey, Susan May Notley,



**T**ours have taken us to different gardens and given us so many interesting and exciting ideas to take home. Thanks to Ray Bradley, these outings have always been well run and with Ron Hewitt driving the coach we never got lost. I enjoyed the 2 day trip to Cowra and surrounds and who could forget the torrential rain that accompanied our trip to Merribee Gardens, but we gardeners kept smiling. It was heard said by Ray Bradley 'This is the wettest tour I have ever conducted!'

Then in 2020, Covid came to give us a roller coaster ride nobody needed.

**M**eetings and events were cancelled and we all had to stay home. This is probably where gardens were our saviour. We couldn't meet with the friends we had made but we could get our hands dirty. Writing extra newsletters to keep members informed and hopefully entertained, became a way of life but there were times when I wondered if we would ever return to normal.

You may remember after a coach tour with Covid on board, we had to cancel our Friendship Meeting in April 2022 at short notice. That was a wretched decision to have to make and it wasn't easy or popular. Definitely the worst of times.

**W**e have weathered the storm, but I still don't think we're there yet. There are some members who didn't re-emerge and didn't come back to the club, our membership now stands at 120 with 13 honorary members.

**W**hen I came to the Highlands from Melbourne, I had no idea this would be my future job, but Anne Curvers, Janice Scott and Carole Scott had other ideas and I have to say I have thoroughly enjoyed leading you up the garden path. We've had a lot of fun, laughs and memorable moments. One of my highlights was presenting Muriel Stuart with her Ann Williams Clark medallion for service to the club and I'm pleased to say Muriel is still with us and attended to 60th Birthday Celebration on 16th October.

**T**hank you all for making me feel so welcome and I wish the Bowral Garden Club all the very best for the future.

*Deb*



### *Christmas lunch 2011*

**M**embers' thoughts on "What my garden means to me"

**A**t the Christmas Lunch the members were asked to write a sentence or two about what their gardens meant to them. There were recurring phrases from the group –

*'where I think, work and relax',*

*'a place of peace'*

*'When inside the house, it transforms the windows into a living, ever-changing framed piece of art.'*

*'Light, colour, peace – a place to work, read, wander.'*

*'A big smile on my face when I open the bedroom curtains in the morning.'*

*'Love seeing the flowers and birds through my window.'*

*'The larger the garden—the more distant the neighbours'*

*'A refuge for being myself with no one else to please.'*

*'A place for recharging my batteries and to do my thinking and to have tranquility.'*

*'My haven, my joy. The birds, the change of seasons, the surprises that pop up.'*

*'Not too much at the moment as it's only small.'*

*'A lot of hard work, but I really like my little park and the wild life it attracts.'*

*'I enjoy going from one wonderful fragrant flower to another through the seasons.'*

*'May I never cease to see and feel the beauty of my trees and flowers, my visiting birds, frogs and butterflies'*

*'I enjoy the peace and tranquility of the garden and the change of seasons.'*

*'Tranquility and good food.'*

*'Restful to the eyes – a sense of space and serenity – a treasure trove of fruit and vegetables.'*

*'Hard work, Drudgery, I need a trailer'*

*'Food for the body, joy for the soul, and a prayer that the possums and the cockatoos will leave it alone.'*

*'All of the above - plus a challenge and a battleground - fending off the predators.'*

*'Creative challenge, hard work but satisfying and a peaceful retreat.'*

*And this was a little quip from someone sitting within earshot: 'When the doctors say they can do no more, there's always the garden.'*

## *Some recipes from the past*

### **Lemon and Coconut Delight**

#### **Ingredients**

- 250 g butter
- 430 g (2 cups) caster sugar (I used 1 1/4 cups)
- 4 eggs
- 225 g (1 1/2 cups) plain flour
- 85 g (1 cup) desiccated coconut
- 3 teaspoons finely grated lemon rind
- 60 ml (1/4 cup) fresh lemon juice
- Icing sugar to dust

#### **Method**

- Preheat oven to 180°C. Line a 20 x 30cm (base measurement) slab pan with non-stick baking paper
- Melt the butter in a saucepan over medium heat. Remove from heat. Stir in sugar. Add eggs, 1 at a time, and stir until mixture is thick and glossy.
- Sift the flour over the egg mixture and stir until well combined. Stir in coconut, lemon rind and lemon juice. Spread over base of prepared pan.
- Bake for 30 minutes or until a skewer inserted into the centre comes out clean. Set aside in the pan to cool completely. Cut into pieces. Dust with icing sugar.

### **Lemon Polenta Cake**

Prep 10 mins \* Cook 40 mins 180gm soft butter  
150gm caster sugar 3 eggs Zest of 1 lemon 150gm almond meal 100gm polenta 1tsp baking powder  
Icing sugar, to serve 1. Preheat oven to 180C. Grease a 20cm cake pan and line the base with baking paper. 2. Beat butter and sugar together in a bowl until pale and creamy. Add eggs, one at a time, beating well after each addition. Stir in the zest. Combine remaining ingredients, except icing sugar. Stir into the butter mixture. Transfer to cake pan and smooth surface. 3. Bake for 40 mins or until cooked(baked) when tested with a skewer. Cool in the pan for 5 mins before transferring to a wire rack. Sift icing sugar over the cake to serve.

### **Apple Sultana Loaf**

#### **Ingredients**

- 2 Cups SR flour sifted
- 3 tsp mixed spice
- ½ cup brown sugar
- 2 eggs beaten
- 200g low fat fruit yoghurt
- 1 apple, unpeeled and grated
- ½ cup sultanas
- 2 tbsp slivered almonds, toasted
- Cream cheese for serving

#### **Method**

Combine flour, mixed spice and sugar in a large mixing bowl. Make a well in the centre and stir in

combined eggs and yoghurt. Add apples, sultanas and almonds, mixing thoroughly. Place mixture in a buttered 20cm ring pan. Bake at 200 degrees for 25 minutes or until cooked. Allow to cool slightly before turning out

### Zucchini Slice

#### Ingredients

- 750 gms zucchini
- 1 large onion
- 3 rashers bacon
- 1 cup grated cheese
- 1 cup SR flour
- ½ cup oil
- 4 eggs
- Salt & pepper to taste

#### Method

Grate unpeeled Zucchini, chop onion and bacon finely. Lightly beat eggs. Combine all ingredients and pour into a well greased pan approx 11 inches by 7 inches. Bake in a moderate oven 180C for 30 – 40 minutes.

### *Other Memorable Moments*



*Glenys always happy for morning or afternoon tea  
There was an article about our Glenys in the Southern Highland News congratulating her for her very successful 17th Biggest Morning Tea having raised now more than \$20,000.00 for cancer research.*

Money raised from Australia's Biggest Morning Tea will fund vital programs within the Highlands area such as *Improve Your Long Game* at the Highlands Golf Club, *Eat It To Beat It* and *Sun Smart* throughout schools. The money will also support services such as the Southern Highlands General and Practical Support service and Southern Highlands Patient Transport bus.

### **The 'Bowral' Tulip**

We heard some exciting news from our vice-president Elizabeth Meredith, who has been busy talking to tulip breeders in the Netherlands and Victoria. As a community representative on the Tulip Time Working Committee of Wingecarribee Council she decided to investigate the possibility of having a new tulip named 'Bowral' in honour of the town. It's a lengthy process but tulip growers in Victoria have now sourced a new tulip in the Netherlands from whence the bulbs will be sent in October to check that they can be successfully grown in Australia.

This experimental stage will take approximately twelve months and then, if all goes well, the new 'Bowral' tulip will be available for the 2015 celebrations for the 55<sup>th</sup> Tulip Time. One persuasive factor for the breeders to name the new tulip Bowral (an aboriginal word meaning 'height') was that the colours are similar to those of the Aboriginal flag.



*The new tulip*

As far as the tulip breeders are aware there is no other tulip named in honour of an Australian town, though there is one named 'Queensland' (a double-fringed pink tulip). Congratulations to Elizabeth for having the enthusiasm and persistence.

**Congratulations to Sue Kingsford** on being awarded the Australian Rose Award for 2016 for her untiring efforts in so many capacities to promote the love of the Rose and its quality cultivation over so many decades.

This is the highest award bestowed on a member of the Rose Society in Australia and was announced at the conference dinner for the Australian National Championships held in Perth on 8-9 October.

The award was accepted on Sue's behalf by Colin Hollis, State President of the Rose Society of NSW.

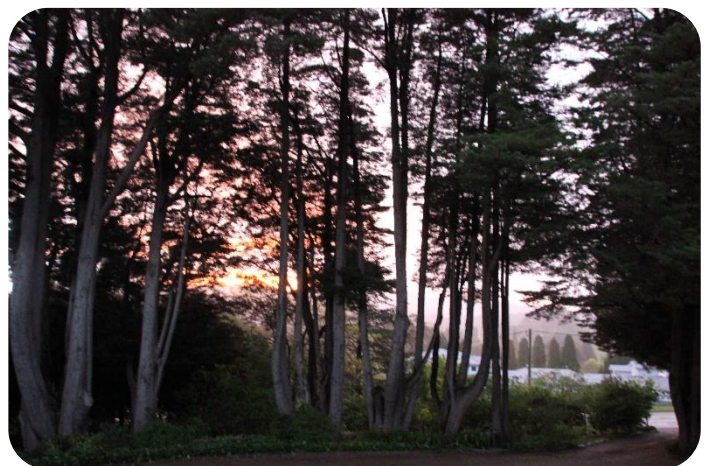


## *Anniversary Celebrations*

*Members are invited to attend  
Bowral Garden Club's 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration  
Garden Party  
to be held on Monday 16 October from 4.00pm - 6.00pm  
at 12 Clarke Street, Bowral.*









*List of Honorary Members - Past and Present*

June Allen	Margaret Missingham
Keith Bailey	Shonagh Moore
Pam Bailey	Eric Paananen
Bob Bailey	Phyllis Paananen
Noelene Bailey	Clive Probyn
Norma Bath	Meg Probyn
Harry Bunt	Betty Smith
Audrey Hawkey	Betty Stokes
Michael Huggan	Diana Squires
Janet Huggan	Robyn Stephens
Hazel Kite	Muriel Stuart
Catherine Mah	Margaret Woodcock

