

# Bowral Garden Club

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## NEWSLETTER

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### BOWRAL GARDEN CLUB: BEST FLOAT IN THE TULIP TIME PARADE 2011



*Monet's house and garden at Giverny recreated on the back of the Kennards truck (photo M. Probyn)*



*The other side of the truck (photo E. Meredith)*

Despite the rain on Saturday 24 September the crowds along Bong Bong Street enjoyed the spectacle and cheered and waved. On the previous day, sunny and almost hot (23°C), the Club's entry—Monet's house and garden—was assembled at Eric and Phyllis's house by a team of seven, and left overnight. When Saturday dawned grey and rainy, there was much disappointment. There were probably fewer spectators than last year but their enthusiasm cheered us all. Though a little wet and cold by the end of the parade, we were delighted when we heard that we had won the trophy for the second year.

The full cast of characters was as follows: Frank (as Claude Monet), Cheryle, Clive, Doreen, Elizabeth, Eric, Glenys, Lorraine, Lynne, Margaret, Meg, Pat,

Phyllis, Rosemary, Sandy, and Veronica (French painters, most of whom were sporting moustaches). Thanks particularly to Norm Lilliendal without whom we couldn't have borrowed the truck from Kennards Hire (who lent it us for a fraction of the cost). Thanks to Eric and Phyllis who lent us their garage (the latter also providing a lovely lunch for the workers). Thanks to Janice Scott for the loan of her bridge and to Muriel for her easel. Thanks to all the members who provided plants and lavender, and to Lorraine and Cheryle for making the berets and scarves.

Thanks especially to Clive, Steve and Sandy for all their construction and painting of scenery and props—without them Monet's house and garden would not have materialized. The whole event was a brilliant team effort!



*The 'French painters' lining up in the rain before the parade started (photo S. Westwood)*



*Cheering before the parade (photo S. Changston)*

### What's on in October

**10 October (Monday): 1.30pm:** Club meeting at the Presbyterian Church Hall, Bendooley St, Bowral. The Guest Speaker will be Victoria Kleeberg on 'The culture and use of herbs'.

**15 October (Saturday): 8.00am:** Plant Stall at Corbett Plaza, Bowral (see page 3 for more information).

**17 October (Monday): 10.30am:** Morning Tea and Garden visit to Clive and Meg Probyn's garden, 158 Oxley Drive, Mittagong.

**24 October (Monday): 10.30am:** Coffee Morning at Lake Alexandra, Mittagong.

**26 October (Wednesday): 10.30am:** Committee meeting.

### What's on in November

**10 November (Monday): 1.30pm:** Club meeting at the Presbyterian Church Hall, Bendooley St, Bowral. The Guest Speaker is Paul Kirkpatrick on 'Norfolk's Bounty: the natural and man-made beauty of Norfolk island.'

**14 November (Monday): 10.30am:** Garden visit to Keith and Pam Bailey's garden, 39 Villiers Road, Moss Vale.

**21 November (Monday): 10.30am:** Visit to the historic gardens at Camden Park—the largest intact 19<sup>th</sup> century garden in New South Wales, which features the informal 'picturesque' style of garden design popular in the early part of the 19<sup>th</sup> century. This design has been overlaid by a later, more formal 'gardenesque' style. Bring your own lunch for a picnic on the front lawn



*Construction team at the Pannanens on 23 September in the bright sunshine (photos M. Probyn and C. Probyn)*



*'Claude Monet' before the parade (photo S Westwood)*



*Or is this the real Monet? (photo S. Changston)*



*Margaret Buckland and Frank Moore getting into the spirit of the parade (photo E. Meredith)*



Clive and Frank in Bong Bong Street (photo N. Bailey)

### Plant Stall Saturday October 15

If you didn't attend the September plant stall meeting but would like to contribute some plants, jams or marmalades, please contact Eric Paananen (4862 1570). This is a major fund-raiser for the Club so everyone's contributions are much appreciated, either as a grower of plants or a purchaser.

Sandy Westwood reminded everyone about the history of the Plant Stall. Doreen Plumridge instigated the whole affair in 2007. Having propagated a large number of geraniums with no room for them all, she suggested that the Club should have a stall at Mittagong market. The stall was held there in 2007 and 2008, and then in 2009 the decision to move to Bowral was made. This year will be the third time the stall has been held in Corbett Plaza, Bowral.

Keep your fingers crossed that the weather is kinder than last year when freezing winds and sleet kept much of the population of Bowral indoors—except for our intrepid stall-holders.

### Garden Tips

One of the loveliest months in the Southern Highlands, October is a time for pleasurable hard work—weeding, seeding and planting. One of the fun things to do is to scatter seeds of annuals, such as cosmos, among the perennials and plant little seedlings to fill any gaps and control weeds.

**Pruning:** In order to maintain good plant shapes prune the following as soon as they have finished flowering: boronia, callistemon, choisya, diosma, forsythia, mintbush, ornamental peach and plum, philadelphus, protea, spiraea, wattle and wax-flower.

**Pests and diseases:** spray your roses for black spot prevention. Azaleas and rhododendrons should be sprayed for petal blight with fungicide. Make sure you follow the instructions on the pack.

Check azaleas and camellias for leaf gall (*Exobasidium vaccinii* and *Exobasidium camelliae* respectively), fungal diseases where the affected areas turn pale green and become thick and fleshy. For an organic control, the leaves should be pruned off and burnt.

Aphids can attack new growth, particularly on roses, citrus, cherry and peach. All can be controlled by squashing or hosing off with a jet of water. Only apply a spray, such as low-toxic insecticide as a last resort.

Slugs and snails are on the rampage and they particularly love all the small seedlings.

**Fertilise:** Feed regularly throughout spring all the perennials, annuals, roses and camellias, azalea and magnolias with Organic Life pellets or similar and mulch.

**Lawns:** if you haven't already sprayed your lawns for weed control, it's not too late to do it this month. Regular mowing helps to keep down the weeds.

**Take plenty of photographs to keep a record of the spring growth.**

*Marilyn Gleeson wrote to inform us that Alderwood Nursery, Sproules Lane, Bowral, which specialises in perennials and was formerly a wholesale nursery, is now open to the public every Friday from 9am to 3pm. Now that Mt. Murray is closed it will be good to have another option.*

### Muriel's Musings

You would know what I'm on about when I say 'Quiet Moments' are few and far between these days—so I'm up and at it early so I can get my musings away to the Editor before my brain wakes up and muscles in with other "things".

Those three perfect camellia blooms on the committee table at the club meeting reminded me of the afternoon when I was gate keeping at "Buskers End". A coach full of Camellia Society enthusiasts arrived and soon they were off in all directions around the garden. Later I noticed a group deep in conversation in front of a bush along the driveway. Presently they came to me and their spokesman handed me a leaf and on the back of it he had written the Japanese name and underneath the translation "Feathers of the white Goose"—a perfect description for the white bloom that he placed in my other hand. It was one of those gardening moments that has stayed in my mind for all times.

Early morning dew—a sparkling morning, and the sun is lighting up my crystal Swan and the other crystals. The wall and ceiling are decorated with rainbow lights—nature's colour palette. I'm onto my second cup of coffee as I sit here counting the lights—it like counting chickens as they are constantly on the move.

Earlier this morning I had a few minutes of "not acting my age" as I was listening to Macca on *Australia All Over* as he played the music to one of my favourite memories—dancing a Jazz Waltz to the strains of "Marie Elena". You are allowed to have a mental picture of me—Jazz Waltzing, solo, around the morning room. I can tell you it was a jaw dropping moment for my little cat Sheba.

What would we do without Memories?? I have a mental photograph album of them, and it seems that there is always something that happens to cause me to turn another memory page. Time to stop here—I'm either beginning to become Philosophical or as usual just plain damn silly.

*Today's youth is tomorrow's future  
If you have knowledge  
Let others light their candle by it.*

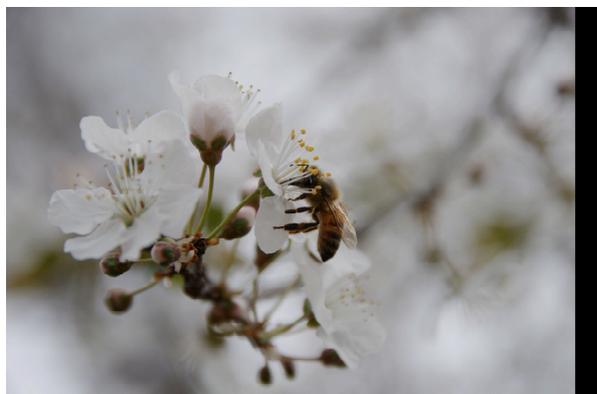
**Muriel Stuart**

## Winning Photographs

This year there were many more photographs submitted by members for the competition at the September club meeting. Below are the three winning entries.



*Wendy Gamble's photo of her backyard*



*Marilyn Gleeson's visitor on her fruit tree*



*The dew on a rose photographed by Rosemary Simmons*

## Minutes of General Meeting – 5 September 2011, Presbyterian Church Hall, Bendooley St. Bowral

**Present:** 42 **Visitors:** 2

**Apologies:** Cheryl Moore, Jo Lees, Diana Squires

**President** Rosemary Simmons opened the meeting at 1.30pm with a welcome to all. She invited those people who had brought flowers and plants to talk about their exhibit, including Frank Moore (a fairy toothbrush),

Margaret Woodcock (a flowering Clematis Armandii), Meg Probyn (three Camellia flowers which Ulishka Virag identified as *Moonlight Bay*), Rosemary Simmons (Australian native orchid Nodding Greenhood *Pterostylis nutans*), Sandy Westwood (Snakes Head Fritillary).

The President reported that Ann Luker is unwell and that a card would be sent to her.

Sandra Regtop judged the photographs for the club competition and congratulated members on the overall standard of the photos. She explained why she had selected the winning photos. The winners were:

Gardenscape: Wendy Gamble, runner-up Keith Bailey

Garden Visitor: Marilyn Gleeson, runner-up Keith Bailey

Close-up: Rosemary Simmons, runner-up Ulishka Virag

**Minutes** from August meeting were taken as read and accepted. Moved: Ulishka Virag, seconded: Margaret Buckland.

**Correspondence Out:** Thank you letter to Bruce Rosenberg.

### Correspondence In:

Membership reminder for Southern Highlands Botanic Gardens, Highlands Garden Society Bulletin

**Treasurer's Report:** Pam Bailey reported income for August as \$286 and expenditure at \$144.35, leaving a balance of accumulated funds of \$4082. Moved as accepted Margaret Buckland; seconded Meg Probyn.

**General Business:** Tulip Time float progress report. Reminder for anyone with plants that could be used to contact Sandy or Eric.

**Trading Table:** Ulishka noted that most of the goods for sale had already been sold.

**Seed Bank:** We need more seeds if anyone has any to donate.

**Lucky Door Prize:** Won by Frank Moore; drawn by Barbara Wilson.

**The meeting closed at 2.40pm followed by afternoon tea.**

**The next meeting** will be at the Presbyterian Church Hall in Bowral, on Monday 10 October at 1.00pm.

### Management Committee

President:	Rosemary Simmons	4861 6700
Vice-President:	Jennifer Braithwaite	4869 1389
Secretary:	Lynne Moore	4872 2433
Treasurer:	Pam Bailey	4869 5117
Meet & Greet:	Pat Keen	4861 5815
Membership:	Marilyn Gleeson	4869 3881
Newsletter Ed:	Meg Probyn	4871 3134

### General Committee Members

Publicity:	Lorraine Stott	4869 4797
Social Secretary:	Catherine Mah	4861 7268
Seed Bank:	Barbara Wilson	4869 3925
Trading Table:	Ulishka Virag	4872 2243
Public Officer:	Eric Paananen	4862 1570
General Member:	Lindsey Arrol	4872 2005
General Member:	Sandria Westwood	0428660611
Afternoon Tea		
Hosts:	Glenys Lilliendal	4861 2849
	Margaret Buckland	4862 5963
	Wendy Gamble	4862 2766
	Doreen Plumridge	4868 3517