

Bowral Garden Club Inc.

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Friendship through Gardening

What's happening in August

10 August (Monday) 2.00pm: Club Meeting. Speaker: Jane Stockell: *'The Chelsea Flower Show.'*

24 August (Monday) 10.30am: Morning tea and winter garden visit to Patricia and Michael O'Boyle's garden at 3 Martha Street, Bowral.

What's happening in September

14 September (Monday) 2.00pm: Club Meeting: *"Our own Powerpoint Presentation: Members' photographs exhibited on the big screen."*

19 September (Saturday): Tulip Time parade.

21 September (Monday) 10.30am: Morning Tea and garden visit to Meg and Clive Probyn, 158 Oxley Drive, Bowral.

28 September (Monday) 10.30am: Picnic and walk Barren Grounds Nature Reserve to see the spring flowers. The Reserve is on the Jamberoo Mountain Road, 16km south-east of Robertson and 8km east of the Carrington Falls turn-off.

2015 Photography Exhibition

At the September Club Meeting we are going to have a power point presentation of our members' garden photos. In the past we have had a photography competition in conjunction with a guest speaker. This year we thought we would try something different and make the photography presentation the feature event of the meeting. We are very grateful to Meg Probyn for agreeing to collate the photos and organise the presentation, and to Carole Scott for scanning the photos if required.

Please send **ONE** photo of a garden, whether it be yours or a garden you have visited, or a single flower, or of animals or birds in the garden. It doesn't matter as long as it relates to gardening. Send the photo full size, not compressed.

Email the photo to Meg at megprobyn@bigpond.com by the 10th August, include the name of the photographer, title of the photo and if appropriate, the name of the garden.

If you are unable to send a digital photo to Meg, you can give your photo, (again by the 10th August), to Carole Scott, who will scan it for you and then send it to Meg. .

Theme for the Month: Hellebores



Common name Winter Roses, providing colour in your garden

From the President

It's snowing! I've seen photos and heard the stories of previous falls, but now I've witnessed for myself a thick layer of snow covering my own garden. Our dog, Milo, sensed something was going on and woke us up early. So there we were at 6.00am with all the outside lights on taking photos. There is an excitement about seeing the snow fall and an appreciation of how beautiful everything looks dressed in a white overcoat.

Alas we also heard trees snapping and discovered later that we now have five trees either down, or with broken branches due to the weight of the snow. As I trudged through the snow, some of the plants, on a closer inspection, also didn't look so beautiful. I remembered reading in Deidre Hill's book, "Gardening in the Southern Highlands", that "you need to garden to the winter cold more than the summer heat", and hoping I have done that and the plants will recover.

Wondering if there was anything extra I could do to enhance the plants recovery, I contacted Phil from the Mittagong Garden Centre, and because his response put a huge smile on my face I have included it here for your interest and enjoyment. "As a general rule, our meek highlands snow is unlikely to cause any major damage. On the occasion that the plants are covered in snow for an extended period, 12 or more hours, then freezing damage may occur. There is also the possibility that the sheer weight of snow on branches may break them. The most important thing to remember during these snow events is to remain inside near the fire with a hot cup of tea, keep rugged up, take lots of photos and wait for it to melt!"

If indeed we do get further snow falls, you might also be interested in a few tips I discovered on the BBC website. Shake excess snow from the branches of large trees, shrubs, and hedges to prevent them from becoming disfigured by the weight.



Remove heavy deposits of snow from the roof of greenhouses to prevent bending but also to let the light in.

Use lengths of string to support branches of conifers to stop them being pulled out of shape.

Avoid walking on snow covered grass as it will damage the turf beneath, leave unsightly marks and can encourage the growth of fungal diseases.

Leave pruning frost damaged tips of plants until the warmer weather to prevent further die back and encourage new shoots.

Dig up small tender plants and take them to the greenhouse.

If you did take lots of photos of the snow, there are no excuses for not sending one photo to Meg for our exhibition at the September meeting.

I am certainly in for a busy time in the garden once the weather warms.

Happy gardening!



Anne Curvers

From the Editor

I know it's not news to many of you, and most of you had snow this winter. Fun for the children who live here and a shame for those who had been here in the holidays but had returned to school. I was especially grateful for Jimmy's stepping stones, (once they had thawed, and there was no way I was venturing out before then) to ensure safe passage to the gate. Not a lot is happening in my cold little corner, the camellias are still modest in flowering but show promise of providing a brilliant display of bright pink, it has taken them a little while to recover from the deep bow they took in the snow. At least the days are getting longer, so some time soon a burst of colour should emerge.

I am looking forward to seeing your photographs next month, I'm sure I'll see quite a few white gardens.



Carole Scott

Garden tips for August

Welcome to 'Sprinter'

Our garden is in Mittagong—the Mediterranean of the Southern Highlands!—and yours may be frostier, so when I suggest a timeframe for garden jobs you may need to add a week or so. There we were on July 16 pottering round the garden enjoying the emerging bulbs and admiring all the flowering camellias, not realising that the next morning we would awaken to a white world. Up Mt Gibraltar at an altitude of over 735m, the garden received six inches of snow—it looked beautiful and was a great delight for our two granddaughters who happened to be staying the night—especially as school was cancelled for the day. The first request before breakfast was for a carrot for the snowman's nose!

It has seemed a cold winter or are we just getting nesh? (The word 'nesh' doesn't appear in the *Macquarie Dictionary* but it's an excellent English word meaning 'soft'—very applicable to us as we get older and feel the cold more!) August is often described as 'Sprinter'—neither winter nor spring—and the promise of warmer weather seems in the air. It's one of my favourite months. This month we will be repairing some of the damage to the trees and garden beds caused by the falls of snow.

This is the last month for planting bare-rooted roses, deciduous flowering trees.

Planting trees: There is so much choice it's difficult to decide what to plant. Don't be tempted to buy too large a specimen—as a rough guide a tree that is about waist to chest height will probably do very well.

Don't put an upright stake in the hole before planting; Soak the root ball in a bucket of water for about 15 minutes before planting;

Cut off any damaged roots but don't cut off any root hairs (the smallest roots) as these draw water and nourishment from the soil;

Make sure the neck of the root ball when positioned in the hole is level with the surface;

After planting, water well with at least 10 litres of water;

Three stakes are better than one—these should be driven in the ground in a triangle around the planting hole away from the root ball; use flexible tree ties to support it and to allow the roots to establish themselves.

Fertilise: Roses love animal manure (preferably cow manure) plus a handful of superphosphate, or special rose food. As bulbs emerge from the ground they benefit from a liquid fertiliser, as will winter vegetables and spring flowering annuals (apply every couple of weeks).

Bulbs: Deadhead daffodils and other bulbs but don't remove the foliage, which needs to be allowed to die down naturally in order to feed the bulb for next year's

flowering. As they finish flowering, any bulbs that have been indoors or in pots plant out in a sheltered spot in your garden and give them a liquid feed. Large clumps of bulbs can be divided and replanted as soon as the leaves start to die down. However, the small bulbs such as anemones, winter aconites, crocuses and snowdrops (*Galanthus*) should be divided straight after flowering while the foliage is still green.

Plumbago auriculata: I have already pruned our plumbago quite heavily but some gardeners leave them alone and just remove the old stems. It will re-flower on the new season's growth. It obscures the *Genista* if I don't cut it back and that is already promising to be in full flower in September.

Azaleas and Camellias: Deadhead the old flowers regularly and fertilise as soon as they finish flowering. Watering around the base of azaleas helps to extend their blooming. Watch out for Azalea Petal Blight—this is noticeable when the flowers wilt and later become brown and dry. To avoid this, all azaleas that are either in bud or blooming should be sprayed with fungicide to prevent sudden losses of blossoms to this disease. Be careful not to water overhead.

Fuchsia: By the end of August your fuchsias will be growing vigorously. Gently tip-prune them by nipping off the growing tips with your thumb. This will force side growth from lower down on the stem, which will produce a bushier shrub with more flowers. They respond well to fortnightly feeding with a liquid fertiliser.

Lawns: To aerate the lawn, fork, brush and sweep as frequently as possible and top dress with coarse sand or finely riddled compost. Repair the edges. Begin to prepare the ground for lawn sowing in September. If you are cat-free feed the birds on your lawn and they will assist in eating the lawn pests. Don't mow the lawn if it's wet.

Hellebores: Make sure you remove all the old tatty leaves so that the hellebores can show off their beautiful flowers. They don't like being moved so if you are buying new plants, choose a suitable spot under deciduous trees where they can get sunshine in winter but be protected from the hot sun in summer.

Dehydration: This isn't just a summer problem. Evergreen shrubs and conifers (especially those that have been planted during the last twelve months) require water in winter even though their growth slows down. Don't water when it's freezing but there are plenty of warmish days even in August.

Happy gardening!

Meg Probyn

From the patch

Potatoes *Solanum tuberosum*

I have been planning on growing potatoes again for a number of years. In the past they were a regular inclusion in the patch but recently they have been overlooked for more exotic trendy vegetables, Kale, Kohlrabi and the like, but this year it's back to basics.

Potatoes are very easy to grow and require little space. In fact they can even be grown in a large pot on a terrace or veranda as long as it is in full sun.

In the vegie patch create a well cultivated garden bed which is well drained, sunny and mounded. Incorporate plenty of manure and leave to sit for a few weeks before planting. In our frosty climate plant the potatoes several weeks before you expect the last frost. Allow your seed potatoes to shoot before planting by keeping them in a dry well light area. If the seed potato is quite large with

plenty of eyes divide the potato in large pieces with several eyes.

Plant each seed potato 250-350mm apart in the raised bed and cover with at least 100mm of soil. Mulch well and hill as the shoots appear. Fertilise every few weeks with a complete organic fertiliser and water as required.

Potatoes are ready to harvest in 3-4 months after the tops have flowered and withered. However it is always possible to 'Bandicoot' a few baby potatoes before that.

Potatoes varieties

There are a huge number of potato varieties including all our well known varieties such as Desiree, Sebago and Pontiac but there also many less well known varieties such as Kiffler, Dutch Cream, King Edward, Ruby Lou, Salad Rose and Royal Blue. Diggers seeds and Goodman Seeds are great places to track down heritage potatoes and unusual varieties.

Pests and diseases

Potatoes are fairly pest and diseased free although you need to keep an eye out for slugs and snails, aphids and the dreaded fungal problem of Potato blight.

Potato Trivia

Potatoes have been in cultivation for at least 5000 years and originated in South America

They were introduced to Europe by the returning Spanish conquistadors.

Potatoes contain in addition to vitamins and minerals, have an assortment of phytochemicals with antioxidant potential, most notably carotenoids and anthocyanins.

A Potato: Is naturally fat-free and sodium-free,

Has only 110 calories,

Contains 45% of the daily value for vitamin C and D is high in potassium,

Provides 10 percent of the daily value of B6; and trace amounts of thiamin, riboflavin, folate, magnesium, phosphorous, iron, and zinc,

Were the first vegetable grown in space.

Vegetable thought

"What I say is that, if a fellow really likes potatoes, he must be a pretty decent sort of fellow."

A.A Milne

Chris Webb

Muriel's Musings

I will do my best to do something [for your newsletter] as soon as the medication kicks in! I survived a heart attack 'n a busted leg, but I've a killer cold 'n I feel near death, my eyes are watering, my nose dripping, red raw throat, right ear aching from a blocked eustachian tube that is infected and a chest full of broken ribs from my hacking cough.

Truly I'm not bunging it on. Ooops I've just wiped my eyes with the wrong tissue, the one with the eucalyptus on it. I will I go back to a musing of years ago, hopefully the members will have forgotten it. OOOH no kisses I'm infectious. *Muriel the Moaner.*

Excerpt from my 1990 diary _ as nothing remotely humorous has happened to me this past month.

November: Neil is slowly recovering from major abdominal surgery, is missing his golf and bowls afternoons. Our good friends Mervyn and Olga Buley have arrived with a carton full of Dahlia tubers all with names and colours printed on them. Olga says they will be a nice interest for us.

We have been down to the saw mill at Mittagong and bought 70 garden stakes @ 75cents each (Mervyn says you must print the name on the stake with marker pen

and hammer the stake into the ground before you plant the tubers)

Back home, and Neil sat on a chair under the shade of the Catalpa tree and printed the names on the stakes while I dug the planting holes and hammered in the stakes and planted the tubers.

We were so excited as every morning we counted how many new shoots had come through during the night, needless to say the slugs 'n snails were pretty excited too to find such a gourmet feast laid out for their evening meal, but we foiled them by placing plastic pots over the tender shoots every evening

By March and April the garden was a blaze of colour and we quickly learned to identify Pom-poms, Cactus, Collarette, Nymphias and Decorative Dahlias.

Once the frost had hit them and they died down (such a sad sight) Mervyn said "it was time to lift 'em." I gathered a carton, the dusting sulphur and garden fork and Neil was at the ready with his marking pen ready to write the name and colour on our very own tubers. My first lift turned up 6 plump tubers and I can still picture the look on My Marital Medical Problems face as I lifted the 2nd clump that yielded 23 tubers of varying sizes. They are like "something' potatoes" he opined, and added "you needn't go on digging, I'm not buying any more stakes."

We still had the odd Dalia bush coming up years later, but we had decided that you have to be a very dedicated gardener to take on Dahlias.

Muriel Stuart

Kristine's Corner

NOISY MINERS it's all in the planning!

Although a native critter and protected by law, sometimes you just wish they would move on to the neighbour's garden. I had quite an issue with them in a previous garden. We had no small birds and any daring to show its beak in our yard were soon moved on by these aggressive birds. They aren't fussy with their tucker because they eat nectar, seeds, fruit and insects. So if one item isn't on the menu they are sure to source something to eat all year round. Hence they eat and breed to their hearts content in local gardens and don't find the need to move on to greener pastures.

Miners like open woodland and a lot of garden designs aren't very dense whether native or exotic. So you need to beat these pesky varmints at their own game.

If you have the space and would like to encourage small birds then it is all in the planning. Create a thicket, the curse of miners as they can't perform their quick flights and acrobatics.

Miners particularly like larger flowering nectar producing plants like Banksia, and some species of Grevillea. The Southern Highlands is part of the Shale Forest and Woodland ecological community and a natural breeding site for miners.

To create a garden for smaller birds start with a circular plan with the largest tree in the centre, then working outward plant trees descending in size to the outer of the circle. Space the outer plants closer together, this will create a barrier to exclude the miners. Despite common belief there are small growing eucalypts. Choose a small growing multi-stemmed mallee gum as your centre tree. An excellent addition for the middle row is *Bursaria spinosa*. Now this is a native plant in my opinion that was hit with the ugly stick. There are lots of BUTS! Looks like a small leaf privet without the cloying fragrance, not on the weed list, great for habitat and a foe of larger birds. It

is a plant best trimmed as it matures to keep a nice shape and create a thicket. As an insect attractor, it provides a great café for birds, whilst using the thicket as protection to eat in relative peace. It is also a good nest plant due to its multi-stemmed habit and abundance of thorns. Generally smaller birds are insect eaters so the smaller "fluffy" flowering plants are a good choice. If you are going to mix exotics with native species use a weak solution of liquid blood and bone to fertilise. This mixture should not upset either group. Once a vegetation corridor is achieved smaller birds like wrens, robins and tree creepers will arrive. A shallow water dish with a rough surface raised in the fork of a tree is essential for bathing, drinking and protection against cats. "Wariapendi" our local native nursery has a good selection of appropriate plants.

So the next time you hear the chatter of miners or the squawking of wattle birds protesting your latest garden plan, sit back at sunset with that native lime G&T or moonshine of choice and listen to the snickering of little birds in the thickets. Certainly does gladden the heart.

Kristine Gow

Once upon a Misty Morning

*The sharp-eyed butcher bird
Astride a broken branch
Stands poised to pounce
Upon the unsuspecting mouse below
Half hidden in the drifting fog
Beside the silent Old South Road.*

Peter Bruce Richardson
09.07.15

A 'High Line' in Paris

Whilst listening to Chris Webb at our last garden club meeting discussing Beatrice Farrand and some New York gardens, including the now famous 'High Line' designed by Piet Oudolf, I reflected on the walk my husband and I did last summer on the original 'High Line' in Paris. We took this path because we tend to avoid, particularly in major cities, the regular tourist 'must sees' and always go for the quirky and slightly out of the way places, vistas, museums, shops and of course gardens, and I at least had been to Paris before and had done many of the usual tourist spots.

So our first 'must see experience' was the Coule:e verte or Promenade Plantée (French for tree-lined walkway), just east of Opéra Bastille and just up the road from our boutique hotel on the edge of the Marais. The Coulée verte is a 4.7km elevated linear park built on top of the old Vincennes railway line. Eastward it ends at a spiral staircase leading to the Boulevard Périphérique beltway. At its west end, our embarkation point, the parkway rises 10m above the surrounding area and forms the Viaduct des Arts, over a line of shops featuring high quality arts and crafts, including a beautiful specialty needlework and embroidery shop. The shops are located in the arches of the former elevated railway viaduct, with the parkway being supported atop the viaduct. This portion of the parkway runs parallel to the Avenue Daumesnil.

History

Originally the Vincennes railway line, built in 1859, linked the Bastille railway station to Verneuil- l' Etang,

passing through Vincennes. It ceased operation in late 1969; part of the line beyond Vincennes was integrated into the RER, while the Paris Vincennes section was abandoned. The Promenade plantée was established in 1986 at the same time as the whole area was renovated, in order to reuse the abandoned line between the Bastille and the old Montereimpoire gate to the city. Landscape architect Jacques Vergely and architect Philippe Mathieux designed the parkway which was inaugurated in 1993. The parkway was the only elevated park in the world for some years until the first phase of the New York High Line was completed in 2009.

Setting off along the pathway, one walks under a series of trellises flanked with trees and plants; notable trees being linden, maple and cherries. Massed planting of summer annuals along the way includes yellow chard for structure, orange and red gaillardias, purple buddleia, petunias in every colour, dahlias, and for background Assyrian bananas, verbena bonariensis, and fragrant nicotiana.

It feels like walking down a country lane as one is assailed by the scents of roses, honey suckle and lavender, but the feeling is soon dispelled as one walks by apartments at 3 and 4 story level enabling a study of the pretty pot plants of cascading geraniums and gorgeous wrought-iron balconies on either side. The rectangular ponds enhance the linear aspects of the walk and not surprisingly there is a duck or two. Children play along the pathway, joggers pound by and benches along the park offer opportunities to read and contemplate the very peaceful and beautiful surrounds of this paradise garden in the eastern half of Paris. Half way along the walkway is the Jardin de Reuilly, a pretty park and a good stopping point for a snack to eat. Formerly a freight train station, with its raised footbridge and series of landscaped walkways, nude statues and a rose garden, it provides a fountain with free sparkling water.

Walking back to Avenue Daumesnil we found a wonderful patisserie where we enjoyed jambon et fromage baguettes and indulgent pastries.

For those interested in 'High Lines', stage 2 of planning for Singapore gardens includes the creation of another High Line park on former railway land. Stretching approximately 24 k as an almost seamless corridor from Woodlands to Tanjong Pagar, the former railway line can be joined in the future to the larger park connector and the future 150 k round island route.



Lyn Esdaile

BOWRAL GARDEN CLUB INC

Minutes of General Meeting 13 July 2015

Uniting Church Hall, Bendooley Street Bowral

Present: 80 Members, 4 Visitors.

Apologies: Janice Scott, Bob Bailey, Margaret Buckland, Marian St Leger Moss, Ann Gibson, Gail & Lindsay Maynard, Ian & Di Prior, Jonquil Temple, Sue Ellen Hall, Doreen Plumridge, Bruce & Heather Tredinnick, Gwen Bullard, Camilla Williams, Peta Peter.

President Anne Curvers opened the meeting at 2.00 pm and welcomed everyone present, especially new members and visitors. Anne then welcomed our guest speaker Chris Webb a 5th generation resident of the Southern Highlands. Chris obtained his BScAg at Sydney University before returning to the Southern Highlands to run the family farm. Always passionately interested in gardening and horticulture the opportunity arose in the mid 1990's to study Landscape Design and Horticulture and since obtaining the Associate Diploma in Applied Science (Landscape), Chris has been active as a Landscape Designer and Horticultural Consultant in a practice with his wife Charlotte over the last 20 years. Chris has been involved in many landscape projects both in the Southern Highlands and around the state. The projects predominately are a mix of large and small scale domestic and a range of commercial projects including parks and streetscapes.

Chris has been associated with the development of the Southern Highlands Botanic Garden over the last 17 years, initially as a committee member of the SHBG Inc. then a board member of the SHBG Ltd. and is now also the Chairman of the Friends of the SHBG.

The importance of plant selection is one of the most crucial issues Chris finds in landscape design, using the right plant in the right place. Finding the balance between the use of appropriate plants, design ideals and the environment is a key element in all his landscape design projects.

Chris and Charlotte are both keen garden visitors and have taken numerous trips to visit gardens in the USA, Europe and Asia. Today Chris' talk centred on their trip to the USA where we watched with fascination the pictures presented of gardens in Washington, Pennsylvania, Delaware and New York. Chris introduced us to Beatrix Farrand and her beautiful gardens including Dumbarton Oaks in Washington DC one of the great gardens of the world. Also designed by Beatrix the beautiful perennial gardens, which the Webbs viewed in full bloom, of Bellefield House situated in Hyde Park NY. Ted Roosevelt and other famous people lived in this area. Beatrix was busy in 1916 designing the Rose Garden at New York Botanical Gardens which are huge and fantastic.

High Line is one of New York's most visited attractions. These gardens and walking paths are one and a half miles

long and built on an elevated disused railway line once used for freight trains, winding its way past the windows of tall buildings - it is a wonderful sensation.

William Morris built Wave Hill House in Riverdale in 1843 with 28 acres overlooking the Hudson River with magnificent views of the New Jersey Palisades. In 1903 George Perkins purchased Wave Hill and developed the site adding greenhouses, terraces, beautiful gardens and planting rare trees and shrubs including a Cootamundra Wattle in the glasshouse.

Pepsico, Head Quarters of Pepsi in Prospect NY sits in 112 acres. Henry Kendal the founder of Pepsi supported the educating of his workers and also created wonderful gardens designed by Russel Page for them to enjoy.

Chris concluded his talk with pictures of the amazing Longwood Gardens 1,000 acres of which were purchased by Pierre du Pont in 1906 to rescue an Arboritum from being sold for lumber. Du Pont put in beautiful garden beds, topiaries and woodlands. The property which has been owned by a Foundation since 1960, has a five acre glass house, with green lawns and many flowers growing all year round, just like a spring garden.

Keith Bailey thanked Chris for his wonderful tour of these stunning gardens and presented him with a gift of wine.

Minutes of the June 2015 meeting were printed in the July newsletter. Anne moved that the minutes of 8th June 2015 be accepted as a true record of the meeting. Proposed: Clive Probyn. Seconded: Pam Cornett.

Correspondence In: All mail is placed on the notice board at each meeting.

The Secretary, Lorraine Richardson read out the mail received as follows:

Thank you card from Ursula Hopkins

The Garden Clubs of Australia Minutes of Annual Meeting 16 September 2014 and Notice of Annual General Meeting 14 October 2015 in Sydney.

The Garden Clubs of Australia – Insurance matters
Flyer – Plant Lovers Fair in September 26&27, Kariong Mountains, Central Coast email:
enquiries@plantloversfair.com.au

Brochures on Goulburn Heritage Tours for 2016 email:
tours@heritagenationaltours.com

Berry Gardens Festival 8-11 October 2015
www.berrygardens.org.au

The Arbour Berry, retirement living
www.thearbourberry.com.au

Coach Trips to Melbourne for the International Flower & Garden Show 14-18 March 2016 & Riverina 26-30 October 2015 - Marulan Coaches 0412 477 021 Carolyn Highlands Garden July Bulletin:
www.highlandsgardensociety.org.au

Wingecarribee Council - Approval to hold a fundraising stall on 17 October 2015.

Heritage Senior Tours 2016 - email:
tours@heritageseniortours.com

Correspondence Out: Emails sent to prospective speakers and organisations in preparation for the 2016 program.

Treasurer's Report:

Noelene Bailey read the financial report for the end of June 2015 and moved that it be accepted as follows:

Balance in cheque account as at end May \$8887.70 plus income for June \$2967.63.

This includes membership \$300.00, Xmas in July \$687.00 plus refund of deposit from The Ravensworth \$150.00, deposits for October Tour \$1700.00.

Less expenditure for June \$1588.00 this includes \$200.00 donation to Challenge Southern Highlands and a deposit

paid to Panorama Motel Bathurst of \$500.00 for the Mayfield Tour.

Unpresented cheques are \$599.00

Balance in Cheque a/c end June **\$10802.33**

Add balance in Savings a/c #1 end June **\$4519.46**

Plus balance in Special savings a/c for SHBG **\$958.83**

Total funds in hand as at 30th June 2015 - **\$16280.62**

These funds include \$2037.00 we are holding for Christmas in July and

\$3500.00 deposits for the Tour to Mayfield in October.

Seconded by Michael O'Boyle

Auditor

Motion to members from the Treasurer to retain the services of a new auditor for the financial year May 2015 – April 2016, Mr Trevor Fair of Oxley Partners.

Seconded by Celia Finimore.

General Business

Tulip Time Parade – Meeting on Wednesday 29th July, 10.30 am at Noelene & Bob Bailey's home, 16 Harley Street, Bowral. Colour is hot pink with a Japanese theme. Bring lanterns, costumes, ideas. All members welcome. New members encouraged to join in the fun.

Photographic Power Point Presentation – 2 pm 14 September 2015. Meg Probyn has kindly agreed to collate the photos and organise the presentation. Email **one only** full size photo to Meg at megprobyn@bigpond.com or give your photo to Carole Scott at the next meeting on 10th August 2015. The only stipulation is that the photo has to be garden related. Please include your name and title of the photo or name of garden. Please note the deadline is 10th August.

Plant Stall 17th October – Keep propagating for plant stall.

Spider Bite – Susan-May Notley was bitten by a spider when she was looking into her hedge and after two months of treatment the area around her eye is still dark blue and swollen. Please always be cautious.

Trading Table: Kristine Gow and Pamela Cornett reported we had small potted native plants, various cuttings, seeds and magazines available. Anne thanked everyone who had brought something for the trading table.

Afternoon Tea – Anne thanked the Afternoon Tea Team and others who had made sandwiches and baked cakes for the delicious spread provided for us to enjoy.

Charlotte Webb was delighted to report that the SHBG had received a grant from the Wingecarribee Council which will enable the building to be completed and Rotary have successfully negotiated with Home Hardware to provide all the PC items for which the Southern Highlands Botanic Gardens are most grateful on both counts.

Show & Tell: The table was adorned with beautiful perfumed winter flowers of daphne, wallflowers, camellias, jonquils, daffodils and hellebores. Anne thanked Meg, Noelene, Judith, Lorraine and Kristine for their contributions.

Lucky door prize won by Ray Bradley

The meeting closed at 3.10 pm.

Next Meeting: Monday 10th August, 2015 at 2.00 pm – Uniting Church Hall, Bendooley Street, Bowral.

Guest speaker: Jane Stockell "The Chelsea Flower Show."



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Membership and Front Desk: Catherine Mah, Michael O'Boyle, Judith Lewis.
Afternoon tea hosts: Wendy Gamble, Glenys Lilliendal, Lorraine Gregory, Marian St Leger Moss.

Website: bowralgardenclub.com

Fun at the Christmas in July party

We did have a great time at our mid- year Christmas in July function, many thanks to Noelene for arranging such a fun filled function. And many thanks to our member Margaret Darling whose husband Fred and his Barber Shop Group entertained us with an assortment of songs and carols to set off celebrations, and between courses.



Carole and Anne



The Barber Shop Quartet



Alison and Lynne



Charlotte and Kristine



Bob and Ray



Jan and Noelene



Josie Marlies and Anne