

Bowral Garden Club Inc.

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NEWSLETTER NOVEMBER 2015



Friendship through Gardening

What's happening in November

9 November (Monday) 2.00pm: Club meeting:
Speaker: Margie Stuart: *"The Whys and Wherefores of Growing Garlic"*

16 November (Monday) 10.30am: Visit to Fifth Chapter Estate Garden: **directions from Bowral**, take Kangaloon Rd; Sheepwash Rd; cross Illawarra Hwy; next right (Walkers Rd); left into Walkers Ln; follow lane approx. 4 km to 217; turn left into **winery entrance**.

23 November (Monday) 10.30am: Garden visit and morning tea at Glenys Lillendal's "Ashgrove" 36 Eridge Park Road, Burradoo



BOWRAL GARDEN CLUB

CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON CELEBRATION

To be held at Southern Highlands Wines, lower ground floor function room.

Oldbury Rd & Illawarra Highway Sutton Forest.

On Monday 7th December at 12 noon.

Cost P/P \$45.00. Payable to the treasurer no later than 23rd November.

Theme for the month: The Joy of Spring



*Spring at Lois and Doug's garden "Brambleburn"
The pink rose is Australian bred 'Lorraine Lee'*

From the President

What a beautiful Highlands day we had for the Plant Stall. The sun was out and there was no wind. We early birds had the stall set up and looking wonderfully colourful with all the plants, flowers and floral arrangements by 8.00am. Members looked very smart too in their new aprons. The total amount raised is still to be finalised, but it is in excess of \$1,900 including the raffle, which was won by our member Judy W. Dawn (a newly arrived resident to the Highlands) and Noelene won the second and third prizes. A very big thank you to everyone who was involved in the success of the day, whether it was propagating, selling or buying the plants. Your enthusiasm and involvement is very much appreciated.

I think that is a phrase I use quite often, but it is sincere. I think it is your enthusiasm and your involvement that creates such a friendly and cohesive club. It makes it a joy to be a part of the BGC. It doesn't matter what event is coming up on the calendar, there are always members willing to assist.

November is our last meeting for the year and, as I reflect back on the previous months, this same willingness to assist that has been illustrated time and time again by members sharing their knowledge, by being guest speakers, and by writing for the newsletter; by members opening their gardens for others to visit; by members contributing and participating in the potting morning, the tulip parade and the plant stall; and by members who assist in organising bus trips, celebratory lunches, and the monthly meetings with donations of cakes and plants.

I hope you have found the year both informative and enjoyable. We have travelled widely, from France, England, and the USA, to South Australia, the Blue Mountains, Oberon and our own backyard. We have had both the erudite as well as the practical presentations, made possible by the generosity shown by our guest speakers and patrons.

And we still have our November meeting, two garden visits, and our Christmas Lunch to enjoy.

Suggestions or ideas are always welcome as we confirm the program for 2016.

Happy gardening

Anne Curvers

From the Editor

As so many of you have found your muse, and are gardeners with a flair for imparting knowledge and beauty, I really only have to say again thank you for making our newsletter so newsy! Keep your creative muse in action for next year.

My little garden is now generous, especially the poppies opening daily as do the irises. The evergreen clematis which added fine white flowers to the Manchurian pear while it was developing its welcome shade has finished, now the woodland plants from Moidart are emerging in that shade. One of the most joyful pictures has been Mr

Sweet Pea meeting and falling in love with Miss Clematis, so delightful in the two pots outside the dining window.



Carole Scott

Garden tips for November

Safety and Chainsaws: Clive's left thumb has now recovered from its close encounter with his chainsaw (though it still isn't a particularly pretty sight). When he went to the GP with his injury, the nurse told him that he was the fourth patient to turn up that month with similar injuries. He's usually very careful but that day he had been using his newest and smallest machine—easy to hold with one hand and wave about! He's now invested in a special butcher's left-hand chainmail glove, which we ordered through Simon at Springetts' Arcade. Expensive but I think it's worth the cost. Always remember to wear strong footwear and sensible clothing.

Lawn care: We lived in Melbourne before coming to Mittagong over seven years ago, and our Victorian garden had no lawn whatsoever. Living through the drought years made us very conscious of water conservation and most lawns in Melbourne were dusty plots rather than lush green swards. The lawns at Retford Park looked beautiful when we visited in late September and we asked Rick Shepherd, the Head Gardener, and Jordan Fusi, the horticulturist, the secret of their success. The answer was, of course, 'blood and bone'. So some hours later we had purchased a 20kg bag of powdery 'blood and bone', which I scattered all over the lawns (and my boots!).

The secret is to spread when it's raining so you don't have to water it in. Don't be neurotic about a few weeds either—as long as they're green. I noticed with some relief that the lovely lawns at Hidcote Manor had as many (if not more) weeds as ours. For a happy, healthy lawn fertilise three times a year: 'blood and bone' in spring and autumn, and a complete fertiliser in December.

While I was spreading the smelly stuff, Clive was out with his bag of lawn seed. Isn't it annoying when weedy grass appears everywhere in the borders and paths, but there are bare patches in the lawn? The American folk/blues singer Malvina Reynolds (1900–1978)—perhaps best known for the songs *Little Boxes* and *Morningtown Ride*—wrote this:

*God bless the grass
That grows through the crack.
They roll the concrete over it
To try to keep it back.
The concrete gets tired
Of what it has to do,
It breaks and it buckles,
And the grass grows through.
God bless the grass.*

Primulas: Though we had a lovely display of white primulas this spring, I didn't plant any this year—they have self-seeded from a punnet I bought three years ago. Each succeeding year, when they pop up as very small seedlings, I transplant them to where I want the next group to spread. The seeds will have already fallen on the borders, so this month I will plant summer seedlings to replace the dying primulas and the border will look as good as new—and next year the primulas will return.

Polyanthus: The large golden polyanthus in the circle round the maple in our garden were originally planted several years ago but the odd one died, so I bought a punnet this winter to fill the gaps. As long as they are in sheltered spots where they can be mulched and kept moist during the hot weather, they will last for years. I move the more exposed plants before the hot weather strikes—usually this month November—and pop them under a hedge or a shady shrub.

Propagate: Strike cuttings of pelargoniums, salvias, gazania and cistus. These are great survivors through the warmer weather and provide colour for you garden throughout summer and into autumn.

Fuchsias: Pinch out the growing tips of fuchsias to encourage more blooms and a bushier plant.

Prune: Lightly (you will realise when I put in this adjective I'm hoping **someone** reads this) prune deutzia, choisya, bottlebrush, native shrubs, cutting behind the spent flower heads. Philadelphus should be pruned after flowering by cutting out the old branches to allow the newer canes to flourish.

Roses: Keep feeding regularly—there is an excellent Dynamic Lifter for Roses—and watch out for black spot and mildew. If you have a climbing rose, prune when it has finished flowering. The old canes should be removed and the long stems shortened back to two or three good eyes—but don't be too savage with it. New climbers shouldn't be pruned for the first two years. It's time for me to protect my Cecile Brunner climbing rose from the garden junta who love to prune too hard! It's a very vigorous free-flowering rose with pale pink, thimble-sized, hybrid tea-style flowers. I know it tries to climb through the lounge window but it needs to be loved and not pruned too harshly.

Colour all year: I confess that I do buy punnets of seedlings or I sow seeds throughout the seasons—including the winter months. It's a lovely way to weed a patch—a few plants to pop in inspires me to clear the weeds and freshen up the border—and it keeps the garden constantly in flower. The use of my old-fashioned hoe also keeps the weeds down by cutting them off just below the surface. The main colour comes from all the shrubs and this month is a good time seek out plants—

"Real gardeners buy at least ten thousand plants in the course of a lifetime without having the least idea where they'll put any of them when they get home."

I know this applies to me!

Don't forget the plant stalls on 1st November at Harper's Mansion—especially the Southern Highlands Botanic Gardens stall. There will be some superb plants to buy. Happy planting and enjoy your garden.

Meg Probyn

Afternoon Tea Thank you to all who brought afternoon tea to our October meeting. After running out of goodies at our September meeting an email reminder prompted members to "Heed The Call" and our table was groaning with food. If you bring a special plate make sure your name is on it to ensure its return. Thank You Wendy Gamble {Refreshment Committee}

Kristine's Corner

NATIVE CLEMATIS vine

'Tis a sight for sore eyes walking over The Gib. In the shadowy canopy of trees is the eye catching site of this local vine. Driving along the expressway this beautiful Aussie rambler may be spied on the road verges growing on trees, shrubs and embankments. A wonderful evergreen for any garden, it grows to approximately 5 metres and is not at all invasive.

There are hundreds of Clematis worldwide, about 8 native to Australia. Three species I would recommend are:- *C. glycinoides*, *C. aristata* and *C. microphylla*.

The latter the most frost tolerant. Best to give some overhead protection from heavy frost. Planting one beside a tree to scramble up the trunk should provide enough protection. All three species have mid to pale green leaves and a profusion of perfumed greenish cream flowers from September to November. The common name of "old man's beard" is apparent when the seed capsules on the female plants burst and the vine becomes a silvery fluff ball. They are wind dispersed and may pop up quite a distance from the parent plant. A major plus is whether just in leaf, flower or seed stage it is a garden feature-it doesn't have a down-time.

If you have a spare patch on a fence or a tree, grow this to supply a nesting site for spinebill, finches and wrens. The fluffy seeds are also used as nesting material to supply chicks with a soft and warm bed.

As mentioned in September's newsletter grow with purple Hardenbergia or an exotic Clematis for the WOW factor. On the council grass verge outside my home in floral profusion are several variety of Prostanthera, the purple flowering mint bush. Which brings me to this month's moonshine of choice.

MINT JULEP

Pick a generous bunch of the native mint bush and arrange in a vase.

In a chilled glass place 5 leaves of culinary mint and one teaspoon of sugar and crush with a wooden spoon. Add crushed ice and a very generous portion of bourbon. Mix well until frothy and then add more bourbon. Garnish with a sprig of mint. Mmmmmint delicious!



Kristine Gow

Muriel's Musings

August is the time to prune the Roses in this area (though I don't know why I bother as the parrots and possums prune my roses all year round) You feed them, the roses that is, in November for a bountiful summer flush and remember they flower on new wood. There is a story attached to most of my roses and there is one I love dearly, she has such a long flowering time, it is difficult to find a time to prune this fragrant beauty. She always has some buds about to open but if you're quick you may have a chance in March. I haven't told you her name yet have I? Well she is an

Australian rose, bred by our Australian Rosarian, Alister Clark, and her name is "Lorraine Lee," a second generation descendant of Rosa Gigantica from whom she has inherited her delightful fragrance.

I've told you about my "other treasure" in a previous Musings, another of Alister Clark's beauties, the long thought lost "Australian Felix," rescued by my father literally from in front of the tractor blade as they were making a clean sweep of Miss Nelly Brennan's 3 acre Arrankamp garden. Of course we didn't know about the rarity of this rose or its real name until a few years ago. Like me Felix goes back to 1925 and is beginning to feel his years, but is in just the right place and fed regularly with chopped up banana skins and spoken to with many endearments and he is about to reward me with 3 plump about to burst into bloom buds. But wait there's more. I had long wished for a David Austin rose "Tamoura," but it was somewhat pricey for my pocket range until the year that the cyclone wiped out the banana crop in northern Queensland, do you remember when the price of Bananas went up to \$22 a kilo?? I was passing the nursery Gardens are Us and there was a sign up 'Rose Sale' so I moseyed in 'n looked around and OH LOOK TAMOURA \$25 and ching ching I thought to myself "That's just a Kilo of Bananas n 2 Mangoes" so I brought it then and there and what a beauty she is, somewhere between Just Joey and Apricot Nectar in colouring and a lovely perfume to boot. Over the years I've spent many pleasant hours reading books written by Susan Irvine, the first one was "A Garden of a Thousand Roses" followed by "A Hillside of Roses" and the latest, "Fragrant Roses"

You need to be seated on the middle cushion on the settee or at the dining room table to read these books so that you can surround yourself with catalogues, and of course Trevor Griffith's Volume 1 of "My World of Old Roses" so you can look up the colour photographs and pedigrees of the roses and their growing habits. And speaking of habits, rose growing is definitely one, for once you have planted a rose one is never enough.

To-day's thought

Remember, all plants need water, even weeds.

Muriel Stuart

Two very different gardens

On a recent overseas trip I visited the beautiful Gardens by the Bay in Singapore. They change every 3 months so there were lots of changes since I was last there. The most beautiful part this time was in the Cloud Forrest. There was a fantastic display of bromeliads, tillandsias, Spanish moss and carnivorous (insect eating) plants together with very many orchids. The cooling system keeps this dome at the correct temperature so every plant is perfect (some of them don't look real)! The ferns and other exotics are delightful.





In the lakes district in Italy I stayed at Lake Maggiore and visited the beautiful Isola Bella. The magnificent Villa is surrounded by one of the most dramatic 17th century gardens in Italy with 10 terraces rising up and reflecting waters of the lake. There are masses of roses and many other perfumed plants set among suburb statues and fountains. There was also a section of very lush subtropical plants, shrubs and ornamental trees. The gardens were so beautifully maintained and healthy I came home and decided I needed to do a lot of work on my garden!



Glenys Lilliendal

Reflections of Spring

As my gardening decades roll on I ponder on the more simple aspects of gardening. My latest cry to my zealous co-gardener/spouse is, "Leave those forget-me-nots

alone," rather than, "Oh pull them out. The seeds are such a nuisance."

In the past I, and maybe some of you, have sometimes strived to grow the unusual, the rare, the exotic. Who of us has not sometimes wished for the delicacy and the perfume of a frangipani, after a trip to Sydney in summer? Or again in July, when the brilliant flame red flowers of the poinsettias are glowing.

I well remember a friend in Canberra planting a jacaranda in pride of place on her front lawn, after moving from the warmer climes of the north. How it struggled to please her as it lived for a couple of years, but never did produce a solitary flower.

My contemplation probably began as I opened my front door each morning this past winter. Frost lay thick on the lawn. Often the mist hung low and the temperatures dropped below zero. Yet there to greet me as I left the warmth of the heated house was a potful of little yellow and white pansies I had planted in autumn. Just an occasional watering kept the blooms coming, no matter how bitter the frost or freezing the day. They thrived, bright and cheerful, for the whole of winter.

Some years ago I stood outside the gates of Buckingham Palace admiring its grandeur and the pageantry of the changing of the guard. Momentarily I turned to look at the gardens behind me. Flowerbeds to grace a royal castle. They were, as one would expect, beautifully maintained and very colourful. I moved closer to better admire the display. To my surprise the blooms to adorn the regal gardens were simple annuals, the same varieties that grew year after year in my mum's cottage garden back in Sydney.

I have wandered European villages in June and admired the quaint villas with their gorgeous window boxes. I examine them closely. What secrets do they hold? Humble geraniums, draping curtains of colour to charm one and all.

Closer to home, did you see the rainbow of colour in Corbett Gardens this year. Nestled amongst the glory of the tulips bunches of the healthiest parsley imaginable. Wonderful!

As Spring arrived after a very cold winter our lawn (a flattering term for a mixture of green grasses and weeds) was dotted with little daisies, which I suppose would also be classed as weeds. We didn't mow them down or dig them up but enjoyed watching the increasing supply of little heads popping through each day.

Lastly, I consider there is appeal and even beauty in the common little offerings of any garden. Sometimes it is left to someone special to remind us. So I walk with my littlest grandson along the verges of our neighbourhood as he picks a bunch of dandelions. His tribute. "I will take these beautiful flowers home to Mummy."

Margaret Woodcock

For the Newsletter

I feel sure that you've all heard of getting 'a round tuit' and/or not being able to get 'a round tuit'. I'm here now because I have deliberately set aside some time to get 'a round tuit'... writing an article for the BGC newsletter that is! I derive much pleasure in reading other members contributions and so here goes with my effort!

I have a relatively small garden and have achieved relatively small success so far. I have planted camellias, azaleas, clematis, magnolia, geraniums, irises, roses, daffodils, tulips, snowdrops, jonquils, pansies, daphne, mint, parsley, bottle brush; even a stag horn thingie! I have splashed seasol, I have sprinkled

blood and bone, I have tossed cow manure, I have mulched madly, I have watered wildly and yet nothing, but nothing, could conceivable be described as thriving! In desperation I've enlisted a band of merry men to patrol the grounds, keep a look out for snails and engage in some serious, encouraging pep talks to my various recalcitrant plants.

If my latest experiment isn't successful could I then suggest the BGC has a new segment at its monthly meetings. a segment (set up away in a corner somewhere) to advise and encourage those 'almost always new' and 'somewhat embarrassed' members of the basic principles involved in growing anything at all to its full potential! Photo below of my band of merry men. Seems like they've had some success with the tulips.



Rosamond Mohacsi.

Hawaii Tropical Botanical Garden, Hilo, Big Island

A Garden in a Valley on the Ocean.



Escaping the cold of a Highland's winter six weeks ago, I was fortunate enough to be able to visit a beautiful Botanical Garden in Hilo on the Big Island of Hawaii. The Big Island is the youngest and largest island in the chain of Hawaiian islands and is regarded as a volcanic "hot spot" where today the Kilauea volcano spews molten lava which slowly flows down into a constantly evolving coastline at Black Sand Beach.

To the south of this volcano lies The Hawaii Tropical Botanical Garden. The Onomea bay and valley is the site of this Botanical garden. Originally the bay was a fishing village for early Hawaiians. Old stone walls in the gardens today were created by settlers to make terraces for growing taro and sugar cane. In 1977 Americans Dan Lutkenhouse and his wife Pauline were taken by the

beauty and seclusion of this site and purchased 17 acres of overgrown, impenetrable tropical jungle. Seven days a week, Pauline would pack Dan a brown paper lunch and he would disappear into this jungle, returning at night dirty, tired but happy. He would take an assistant and two helpers armed with cane knives, sickles, picks, shovels and a chain saw. All work was done by hand. No earth moving equipment was used. Trails were hewn from lava rock. Any excess rock was removed and gravel brought in to the steep site by wheelbarrow.

Gradually secret landscapes were revealed. A three - tiered waterfall was discovered and cleared.

The location of every plant, palm and tree was carefully recorded. Although Dan Lutkenhouse had no formal training in horticulture or botany he obsessively sought out new tropical plants and palms from over the world. He opened the gardens to the public in 1984 when over 2000 species of tropical plants and palms were growing in this rain soaked ravine. Today this botanical garden doubles as a living seed bank and education centre for tropical and subtropical gardens around the world.

After checking in at the Visitors centre you walk down a wooden boardwalk into the valley and down to the ocean. You can hear the sound of rushing water and birdsong, smell rain soaked vegetation, and become aware of layers of tightly packed palms and plants in a tapestry of textured green foliage with splashes of bright tropical bracts and flowers.



There are rare and unusual ginger plants [Zingiberaceae family], heleconias [Heliconiaceae family], anthuriums [Araceae family], bromeliads [Bromeliaceae family], coleus [Lamiaceae family], zebra plants [Marantaceae family], strelitzias [Strelitziaceae family], Brazilian Plume flower [Justicia carnea] Shrimp plants [Justicia brandegeana] and countless more rare and unusual plants. An orchid house with a wide variety of tropical orchids is situated in a clearing towards the bottom of the valley alongside an aviary.

Palms are a big feature in this botanical wonderland. There are more than 200 species of palm, some of which are over 100 years old. I noted the Australian Alexandra palm studding the landscape. Fan palms, fishtail palms, sago, date, betel nut, wanga palms from Malaysia, orange areca palms with its fascinating red seeds are all on display. A giant fern circle lies in the heart of the garden. At the bottom of the valley where the Alakahi Stream meets the Pacific Ocean, ironwood cliffs create a backdrop for the waves that crash on a jagged finger of lava protruding from the ocean.

If you find the heat and humidity too much to bear, sip on your water bottle and catch a motorized cart up the mountain to the Visitors Centre.



The Hawaii Tropical Botanical Garden, Hilo, is the work of a husband and wife team who dedicated 17 years of hard work, combined with their business experience, to create an exotic botanical paradise for all to see. They ploughed more than \$2 million dollars of their own money into the venture. Today the garden has 17 full-time employees and is a non-profit, financially self-supporting organization. In 1995 they donated the land to HTBG.

The garden is dedicated to the collection and display of the world's tropical plants and to the education of both children and adults about the plight of the world's rainforests. At a time when rainforest plants are disappearing at an alarming rate this garden is working to preserve as many species as possible for the benefit of future generations.



Camilla Williams

BEAUTIFUL DOGWOODS

Dogwoods, *Cornus Florida*, are beautiful flowering small trees, usually deciduous, with inconspicuous flowers surrounded by large showy petal-like bracts. Generally thought to be native to the eastern parts of the United States.

I fell in love with these gorgeous trees many years ago after seeing a lovely specimen in a garden in the Blue Mountains, and tried, in vain, to buy one in various nurseries around Sydney. I thought that perhaps Sydney's climate was too temperate, as Dogwoods, like many deciduous trees, need a cold winter to thrive, and perhaps this was why they were not seen around the Sydney area, however, they seem to be a rare sight in the Highlands too. I would love to see these wonderful trees used more in our gardens, as their graceful habit in full flower is truly a sight to behold.

Flowering Dogwoods range in colour from white to pink or red and bloom for a couple of weeks in early spring. They also add autumn colour with reddish purple leaves, often followed by red berries in winter. In their native environment they are often protected by large trees and although they can be grown in shade and full sun, trees planted in partial shade perform better, which may explain why a Dogwood I planted in full sun struggled. They also prefer well drained, humus rich soil that is slightly acidic, thus making them perfect companions for azaleas.

Dogwoods require very little fertilizing, using only a small amount of slow-release. They do, however, need a decent watering in summer and autumn. Adding a generous layer of mulch will, of-course, help retain moisture. They seldom need pruning which is just as well as they do bleed sap, unless pruned in summer. All in all with just a little care at the initial stage and thanks to their modest size and four seasonal appeal, these adaptable and elegant trees make a welcome addition to any Highlands garden.



Linda Rose

Spring has definitely sprung!

My mother Olive and I have been diligently and back-breakingly clearing an area that has been neglected due to passing in the family. However, as you can see in the before photo we have a little help from our friends. This particular friend is quite a character, very cheeky to say the least. "Oscar" loves it when my husband Mike brings Maximus (the mulcher/chipper) round to clear up our mess.

Mum's gardens are blessed with many types of birds. We also have two broods of ducks. One with six chicks and another with ten, very cute as they bring their babies into the pond for their swimming lessons. We still have a long way to go. Stay tuned for the diligent and back breaking next installment. It's a four acre property!!

Julie Neuman





Lines at the Explorers' Tree
High on a hill where once brave Blaxland camped
The last of Corporal Clancy's road gang rest
Beneath their mounds of scattered stones
Among the stringy barks and stunted shrubs
Lamented only by a lone cicada
Piping at six o'clock this summer sundown.

Peter Bruce Richardson
11 November 2007

BOWRAL GARDEN CLUB INC

Minutes of General Meeting 12 October 2015

Uniting Church Hall, Bendooley Street Bowral

Present: 75 Members, 1 Visitor

Apologies: Glenys Lilliendal, Bernice Lichtenstein, Elaine Lye, Cathy & Neil Tribe, Michael Launders, Lindsay Orr, Alan Bassatt.

President Anne Curvers opened the meeting at 2 pm and welcomed everyone present, especially new members and visitors. Anne welcomed our guest speaker Babette Hayes who is now a Bowral resident. Babette was born in Syria of French parents. At the age of 8 Babette arrived in London where she completed her education. On gaining her degree at Hammersmith Art School she then worked with Josiah Wedgwood, before branching out as a freelance design stylist for English House and Garden, Good Housekeeping and Ideal Home magazine. She was also the Cookery writer for Queen Magazine.

Shortly after her arrival in Australia in 1964 Babette was employed as Photographic Design Editor for Australian Home Journal. She designed covers and pages for House & Garden and was also the Cookery Editor for House and Garden.

In 1973 she was appointed Interior Design Editor for Woman's Day. In 1974 Babette became Design Consultant for Belle Magazine shortly after it was launched. Babette then moved to Women's Weekly becoming their Interior Design Editor.

Since the '90s she has regularly produced features for Vogue Living, the Sydney Morning Herald's Domain and Good Weekend Magazine, House and Garden, Belle and other publications.

Concurrent with her magazine contracts in the 60s and 70s Babette was commissioned to produce 14 books on design and cooking.

In 1972 Babette established her Interior Design Studio and has an impressive list of clients. She has also lectured and presented papers to many professional groups, companies, schools, universities and clubs.

In the Queen's Birthday 2014 Honours List, Babette was awarded the Medal of the Order of Australia for her Services to Interior Design, Australian Cuisine and Writing.

Babette still enjoys running her interior design company (babette@babettehayes.com.au)

Keith Bailey thanked our guest and presented her with a gift in appreciation of her wonderful presentation.

Minutes of the September meeting were printed in the October newsletter. Anne moved that the minutes of 14 September 2015 be accepted as a true record of the meeting. Proposed: Bob Bailey. Seconded: Kristine Gow

Correspondence In:

The Secretary, Lorraine Richardson places all mail on the notice board at each meeting and is recorded as follows:

Gardenalia - Margaret Roberts - 5 May Street, Robertson - Open Garden each Friday, Saturday & Sunday 8am to 4 pm until the end of November.

Australian Garden History Society - Bus tour of four historic gardens in the Monaro, April 2016. Contact Ray Bradley 4861 4090 or rbb1945@bigpond.net.au

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www.highlandsgardensociety.org.au

[Garden Clubs of Australia Calendar Order Form @ \\$10 \(please place your order with Lorraine Richardson 4862 2677 or at the November meeting\).](#)

John Cassidy - a gift of photos of Tulip Time 4869 2007 Kennedy's Tours - Singapore Garden Festival July 2016 www.kennedystours.com.au

Correspondence Out: Various email advices to members.

Treasurer's Report:

Noelene Bailey read the financial report to the end of September 2015 and proposed that it be accepted as follows:

Balance in cheque account as at end August **\$8728.81** plus income for September **\$6017.00**

This includes trading table \$60.00 and October tour payments \$5220.00

Less expenditure for September **\$8542.90**

Add balance in savings account #1 end September **\$4696.11**

Plus balance in Special savings account for SHBG end September **\$1222.31**

Total funds in hand as at 30 September 2015 - **\$14461.32**

These funds in hand include \$5410.00 payments for the Tour to Mayfield in October.

The afternoon tea takings in September were \$91.85 deposited in the special account for SHBG.

The full report is placed on the notice board at each meeting.

Seconded by Jonquil Temple that the Treasurer's Report be accepted.

General Business

Tulip Parade 19th September - The President thanked all who participated. A special thank you to Bob Bailey who built the Japanese Tea House and was given the "Gold Cup" first prize to take home and keep until next year.

Plant Stall 17th October 8 am to 12 noon - Corbett Plaza. Eric is happy to pick up any potted plants that you wish to donate to our plant stall. We have a huge

hamper filled with garden items donated by the members, so many that we also have second and third prizes.

November 16 – 5th Chapter garden visit Walkers Lane, Avoca. Meet at 10.30 am in the winery car park. www.fifthchapter.com.au

Christmas Party Monday 7th December 2015 at 12 Noon \$45 – Southern Highlands Wines Oldbury Road & Illawarra Highway Sutton Forest.

Other Business: Jonquil advised there would be a most interesting walk 1.5 km up Oxley Drive to Mount Gibraltar to view around and under the quarries. Meet in Oxley Drive up past the swimming pool at 10 am Sunday 25 October. Jane Lemann and her merry band of helpers have worked tirelessly for 22 years digging out ivy, privet and holly which covered so many gum trees on the Gib. Only four more years to go and it will be cleared. Volunteers meet every Thursday 9-12 am. For info ring Jonquil 4872 2018.

Welcome Gift - The following new members received a small gift to welcome them into the club – Diana Innes and Alan Parszos (collected by his wife Joyce).

Trading Table: Kristine Gow advised we had lots of Australian Native tube stock, cuttings of various plants, pieces of home grown pumpkin, jams, rhubarb and magazines available. Anne thanked everyone who had brought items for the trading table.

Show & Tell: Anne thanked everyone who had brought all the beautiful Irises and other Spring flowers for the display table.

Lucky door prize won by Anne Pelquest-Hunt (our serial winner!)

The meeting closed at 3.15 pm.

Next Meeting: Monday 9th November 2015 at 2.00 pm – Uniting Church Hall, Bendooley Street, Bowral.

Guest speaker: Margaret Stuart *“The Whys and Wherefores of Growing Garlic.”*

Lorraine Richardson



Babette Hayes

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