

Bowral Garden Club Inc.

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Friendship through Gardening

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.

What's happening in October.

12 October (Monday) 2.00pm: Club Meeting: Speaker: Babette Hayes, Interior Designer: "Stay young at heart".

13 October (Monday) 10.30am: Morning Tea and plant stall meeting at Anne and Pat Curvers', 11 Kimberley Drive, Bowral.

17 October (Saturday) 8.00 - 12 noon: Our major fundraising activity - The Plant Stall: Corbett Plaza Bowral.

29-30 October (Thursday - Friday): Overnight trip to visit Mayfield Gardens at Oberon.

Contributions to our raffle basket

Our plant stall in Corbett Plaza on Saturday 17th October is our major fund raising activity. We have a basket of garden goodies we raffle off at this time and would appreciate contributions of garden needs from members, eg secateurs, plant food etc, any items useful to any gardener are welcome

If you are so minded to donate something to our raffle, please give your items to Jan Scott at the Welcome Desk. Thanking you in anticipation.

From the President

There I was out in the garden, and rather than being focused and enjoying the activity, I was getting myself into a state, being hassled over all there was to be done as so little time to do it. I've always had visions of how I would like the garden to look and it was just taking too much time to get there. Spring is coming and I'm saying no, I'm not ready. How ridiculous was I being! I had to have a stern talk to myself. I know "My Beloved" says that before enlightenment there is carrying water and picking up sticks.....after enlightenment there is carrying water and picking up sticks. (As you may remember we pick up lots & lots of sticks from the gum trees). My neighbour is always saying we have the rest of our lives to do it, so there is no need to hurry.

I have also been listening to DVDs on mindfulness to teach myself how to appreciate the moment, to live in the present and to be able to focus and lose oneself in the activity. Gardening is certainly a wonderful activity for doing this.

I needed Time Out! Why am I doing this? Why do I want to create a garden? All the wonderful memories of our garden when I was growing up came flooding in. How I loved walking around the garden with my mother in the morning. How she would talk to me about all the different flowers occasionally picking some and placing them into her flower basket to make a lovely floral arrangement for the home. Now reality tells me that if I had to go to school and mum had to go to work, and I know the chaos of most households in the morning, I'm not sure how this calm, joyous, meaningful time occurred...maybe it only happened on Saturdays....but it is my memory. It left me with a great appreciation of gardens and though my mother passed away last year, when I am in the garden, I am with her. I want to create a garden in which to cherish my childhood memories, to try and create a garden to give pleasure to my family and a space to spend time together. Also I like to dig in the dirt. While I am able I like to be active and do as much of the physical work as possible. Enjoy the exhaustion and the good night sleep that follows. There are so many things to be thankful for having a garden.

My musings have led me to consider designing a quiet spot in the garden. A space for just sitting, for quiet reflection and meditation. In Japanese culture, the Zen

Theme for the Month: Tulips



garden has been traditionally used as a tranquil and meditative area. They can be simple, consisting only of rocks and sand, yet representing significant aspects of Japanese culture. They can be small such as a box on your desk, or large and extensive; the main focus being to produce a “pattern that would evoke deep subconscious tranquillity”.

I was interested to read of a historic Zen garden that contains “15 rocks amongst a pattern of rippling sand. It is said that this particular garden can be viewed from any angle with only 14 of the rocks ever being seen at once. According to Zen philosophy, the fifteenth rock will only be seen when one reaches enlightenment.”

A garden can be many things to different people and create a multitude of different emotional responses. I hope whatever your reason for gardening, it brings you joy and fulfilment.

Happy gardening

Anne Curvers

From the Editor

One of the greatest pleasures of my little late winter garden is seeing the bright yellow and purple crocuses popping up. I loved them in England when they popped out of the snow, I didn't have that pleasure with our snow day last month, however, their cheerful little cups are here now. The other plant giving much pleasure is the continuing display of hellebores, a plant my mother loved in her mountain garden and always referred to as her winter roses. My palette of pink, blue, yellow and white is emerging, Debbie is showing off with bright blooms, the happy yellow of the miniature and standard daffodils contrast with the pastel poppies which are starting to flower. My hyacinths are in flower, however the stems are very short this year, perhaps new bulbs next year. And pretty polyanthus is livening up the “hadrians wall”. Our beloved Muriel gave me a small stone from the real Hadrian's Wall which I have not embedded into my wall rather I have it on my shelf of interesting little things from countries I have visited. And, after two years of sulking in the garden, the Koto No Kaori camellia is in flower, with its dainty pink blossoms.

I love cold winter days, and never feel guilty sitting in the sun coming through the window reading a good yarn or book of more culture, however, the lightening days and not so heavy frosts, are making the garden a truly pretty drawcard here, and I hope for you too.

I am hoping some of our new members who are enjoying cold climate gardening will share their delight with us next month, just a hint!

Carole Scott



Camellia Debbie

Garden tips for August

September Garden Tips

It will be lovely to have some warmer days and nights. The buds are bursting on the trees and green shoots are peeping through everywhere. That reminds me, I must take the snail bait down the garden. If you have vulnerable pets, take care what you use. Slugs and snails don't particularly like sugar cane straw, grains from your coffee pot, crushed eggshells or sharp grit—anything to make a barrier round tender young shoots. Beer in a jam jar sunk in the ground may be a happy way to attract the varmint!

It's been very dry over the last few weeks and we've had to resort to watering. The hellebores, *Pieris japonica*, *Daphne*, and my all-time favourite Australian plant *Philotheca myoporoides* (native Daphne - originally called *Eriostemon myoporoides*) provide such a beautiful backdrop to the spring bulbs. If you don't have a *Philotheca myoporoides* in your garden, rush out and buy one. From that one plant you will be able to get so many cuttings over the years. In late winter to early spring, the shrubs are covered in a combination of pink buds and white flowers—a hardy reliable plant that will grow happily in shady areas or dappled light. Once it has established itself in your garden it will tolerate dry periods and frosts.

One morning we wandered down the garden admiring the polyanthus and all the bulbs either in flower or in bud—then two hours later went out again to find that the cockatoos had dropped in. The only flowers on the winter iris were on the lawn in pieces, the pink and purple polyanthus flowers were in tatters and the tiny lilac crocuses chewed. We were very cross! Most birds are welcome and regular visitors to the garden—we have a range of grevilleas and banksias for them to feed on during the winter months. They enjoy the water in the birdbaths dotted about the garden too. The blue wrens are a constant delight as are the King Parrots and the rosellas—but I don't welcome the cockatoos. If you want the tiny birds visiting, don't feed the meat-eating birds such as butcherbirds, currawongs, kookaburras and magpies—they will drive away or kill the little birds like finches and wrens.

Soil: Is your soil in perfect health? It's time to dig through the compost heap/green bins and spread some lovely organic compost and manure around your plants.

Horse manure: Be a little wary of horse manure on offer at the farm gates. It is a wonderful addition to your compost heap but don't be tempted to put it directly around your plants until it has thoroughly decomposed. Horse manure is a good source of nutrients and can help your compost pile become super-charged. It does contain more weed seeds—another good reason to put it on the compost first, rather than straight on to the garden. The heat produced from composting usually kills most of the weed seeds as well as any harmful bacteria that the horse may have deposited.

Lawns: I used to be really worried about the moss in our lawns—that is until we visited the Moss garden in Kyoto (Saihō-ji). The advantage is it's always green. If, however, you wish to get rid of it there is a simple, effective and ecologically friendly way by simply covering it with lawn sand in spring and then raking out the dead moss. Top-dress any dips in your lawn with sand and re-sow any bare patches. Mow the lawns for the first time towards the end of the month when the grass has reached about 8cm tall, but set the blades on high.

Bulbs: The first year we lived here we planted the beautiful 'King Alfred' daffodils—elegant, deep gold and very tall. The winds blew and I found myself staking each individual bloom. Over the following years I have planted shorter specimens and I have grown to love the miniature ones—*Narcissus* 'Tete-a-Tete' and the dainty 'Topolino'. It is important to deadhead the bulbs and feed the leafy growth with a complete fertiliser. Let the green foliage die back naturally and don't cut off any of the leaves until they have withered away. This will give next year's flower growth every chance of success.

Fertilise: Scatter complete fertiliser everywhere and if it doesn't rain make sure you water it in well. We use cow manure and *Dynamic Lifter*, which is composted poultry manure. Although the latter is a little smelly for a day, it's worth the nose-peg. If you are having visitors, there is a more expensive 'low odour' version on the market.

Prune: Continue pruning and shaping the summer-flowering shrubs. If you don't expect any more frosty days, tip prune fuchsias and geraniums.

Planting: This is my favourite time for planting as a reward for all the weeding! In August I planted mainly pansies, polyanthus, primulas and dianthus as well as herbs and lettuces. We also bought two *Pyrus pyrifolia* (nashi pear) at a tree sale at Mesara Tree farm, George Emery Lane, Glenquarry. What a beautiful site to visit and the trees are reasonably priced too.

Repairing: We seem to have spent an inordinate amount of time repairing the garden after the snow in July. Broken limbs on trees and broken arches have kept us busy. I'm using the 'Royal We' as Clive does most of those jobs while I weed, plant and prune. He added an extra step between each of the eight large steps leading down the garden so that they are easier to negotiate—particularly for those of us who aren't six feet tall—and then used a tonne of pink granite to finish them off. Replacing the archway wasn't a simple matter as it had snapped with the plant suspended all over the ground. A more substantial arch was purchased and we spent a rather fraught hour interpreting the instructions with a myriad of pieces spread all over the lawn. Once we had worked it out I left Clive to erect the beast, which he managed to do with only a little cursing! And he somehow swung the climber back on the arch so that no one would suspect it had been in such disarray.

Garden visit: We will be welcoming you all to our garden on Monday 21 September so you will see for yourself all the weeding and planting we've managed to do over the last couple of months and all the jobs still waiting for our attention. It never stops . . .

Happy gardening!

Meg Probyn



Our "little gentlemen" miniature daffodils after 'the attack of the killer cockatoos', worse damage infuriated Clive at his beloved succulents further down the stony path..

From the patch

Globe Artichoke *Cynara scolymus*

At last the frosts have eased and the days have warmed and it feels like Spring is just around the corner. We can now turn attention to preparing our Spring plantings and looking forward to the bounty of the coming months. Perhaps one of the most glamorous of all our favourite vegetables is the stately Globe Artichoke. It is both an exotic and sublime vegetable to eat but is also an absolute visual delight. Standing 1.8 high with arching toothed silver leaves and electric blue thistle like flowers, it can also be a bold statement in any ornamental garden situation as well as the vegetable garden.

It is very easy to grow in any sunny well drained situation as long as the soil is well prepared with the addition of plenty of organic matter and even a dose of lime. Seeds can be sown in Spring although it is probably easier to slice an off shoot from an existing plant. Either way you will probably not get a lot of flowers for a couple of years, or flowers big enough to be worth harvesting.

The globe artichoke we eat is actually the flower bud which has the base and top cut off and the flower parts, the choke, removed.

The plants produce well for 4-5 years and will then need to be replaced, but usually they succumb to crown rot as the plant ages and simply fades away.

Artichoke History

The globe artichoke is native to the Mediterranean but really didn't have great reputation in a culinary sense because the early treatment of the artichoke did little to enhance its flavour. Eventually the Romans realised the artichoke could be preserved in honey and vinegar which dramatically enhanced their flavour.

In the 16th century Catherine de Medici is believed to have introduced the artichoke to France when she married Henry II. Later French immigrants took them to the southern states of the USA where they were grown widely.

Artichoke Trivia

The first mention of artichokes in literature was around 40-70 AD in The Greek Herbal of Dioscorides, a book on the medicinal uses of plants.

The Greeks and Romans considered them to be an aphrodisiac.

Artichoke seeds were found during the excavation of Mons Claudianus in Egypt during the Roman period.

Until the 16th century, women were prohibited from eating them in many countries because they were still considered to have aphrodisiac properties.

Spain, France, and Italy produce the greatest quantities of artichokes.

The town of Castroville in California produces all the artichoke brown in the U.S.

Marilyn Monroe was crowned the artichoke queen in 1947.

One artichoke plant can produce 20 artichokes per year.

Vegetable thought

"Life is like eating artichokes; you have got to go through so much to get so little."

Thomas Aloysius (Tad) Dorgan, Cartoonist

Chris Webb

Kristine's Corner

WINTER WONDERS

Hardenbergia violacea commonly known as false sarsaparilla vine is a common twiner found widely in the Southern Highlands trailing over rocks, scrambling over

embankments or making a great groundcover. This twining-pea vine is quite conspicuous when in flower and a shade of violet to die for when it bursts into flower in late winter early spring.

The vine is easily sourced in hardware stores and nurseries. A native species which has been on the market for many years, it is quite often overlooked due to its regular appearance on the shelf. I have a white form in flower in the dead of winter against a wall facing south. Flowering earlier than usual it paid the price, it didn't appreciate the heavy snowfall and the tips were burnt, but still a welcome sight when very little else is in flower. Even though native to the area, it does appreciate dappled cover from heavy frosts.

For a viewing sensation plant the vine with a native Clematis the combination of the purple and cream/white is sensational. Or even with a deciduous exotic variety, it will scramble over the bare twigs and provide a very welcome green and purple.

The seeds are a welcome source of food for doves and small nocturnal critters.

It is a great plant for beginner propagators. Soak the hard seeds in hot water overnight, place on top of a mix of damp sand and perlite, place in a warm bright spot (not direct sunlight) and mist spray to keep moist. It may also be grown by cuttings from current season's growth. OR just buy one. The vine comes in purple, pink and white and combinations of these colours.

Sarsparilla daiquiri

In a blender mix 4 ice cubes, 3/4cup white rum, 5 strawberries, 1/2 cup white sugar, 1/8 cup native lime juice. Pour into martini glasses and garnish the table with a sprig of Hardenbergia. A colour and taste sensation.



Kristine Gow

Muriel's Musings

Went to my doctor on Tuesday with my usual list of symptoms written down. David really chuckled (sympathetically) when he read my latest list. I'm having a problem with my ears. The last of the flu has settled in my eustachian tubes blocking them so my left ear squeaks like a bath-time rubber ducky every time I swallow and my right ear occasionally goes off like a whistling kettle! But wait there's more, the sound from the TV set in front of my easy chair seems to be coming from the Victorian bookcase to the right of where I'm sitting, and in the bedroom, the bedside radio is broadcasting from the column heater on the other side of the bed. I said to David "I'm not right in the head", and he said "normally I'd deny that, but this time I agree." He has put me onto a nasal spray antibiotic. Anyway all this is surplus to needs information, so I had best get on with the musings, again from the past but as spring approaches it is quite topical.

Spring Time and every year, about this time, I can tell by Neil's rem eye movements that he is dreaming of HOME IMPROVEMENTS. No doubt you remember the 'New

Bathroom???' Well those improvements pale in comparison with this year's effort! A NEW KITCHEN. Rob from "The Total Kitchen" gave us a quote and we chose the cupboards and colour scheme. Wayne arrived to remove the walls and Bob the electrician shut down the power points. Tony the plumber re-located the hot and cold water pipes ready for our state of the art Italian sink and taps. Larry put the new gyprock walls Michael came and measured up for the new kitchen window (to give me a wider view of the garden), Bob the carpenter and his mate took the old window out and made the resulting hole larger for the new window to fit into. While all this was going on I was using the laundry as a temporary kitchen, the microwave on top of the washing machine, Sunbeam frypan on the ironing board, and a large plastic dish in the laundry tub for the washing up. Every room in the house had a part of the kitchen in it. The 4 poster bed became the pantry and visitors at the front door knew right away what kind of a range hood we were having as the box it came in was taking up most of the entry space. While Neil was busy coordinating the tradesmen in the order that we needed them, I was panicking about having to finish the 2 paintings ready for the winners of our annual family Golf and Tennis competition to be held in Canberra on the holiday week-end in October.

To be continued

Muriel Stuart

LIFE IN THE BIG CITY

At the last meeting Carole suggested we write about a garden we've recently visited, but since January I've been living five days a week in Sydney's inner-west, no time to visit gardens, however, my flat overlooks a large garden courtyard. This garden is tended by landscapers, who don't seem to know much about the plants they tend! The garden consists of mainly natives, bottlebrush, correa, etc and whilst I've always been drawn to exotic European trees and shrubs, my delight in this garden is that it attracts so much native birdlife.

In the Highlands we're blessed with so much natural beauty that I often take our abundance of bird and wildlife for granted, but to see these lovely creatures flitting happily from tree to tree, surviving in this concrete, somewhat hostile and Indian Minor infested environment is truly surprising.

I'm a sucker for anything with feathers or fur and will always encourage most creatures into my garden. In fact I've done such a good job of this, that we now have Currawongs competing with our cats for food on the kitchen bench, much to my husband's horror.

Though I still love the exotics in my garden, there will always be a place just for natives, and hopefully I will always have the pleasure of watching our local bird and wildlife living and thriving just outside my back door, because if they can manage to live well in Erskineville, and make our lives in the city a bit more bearable, then we should encourage them wherever we live.

Linda Rose



One snowy morning.....

The snow may have passed, but the wintry winds from the snowy continue to beat back emerging spring. None the less, with an open garden coming up, Pat was determined to get out there and clean up, so off she went, well rugged up. After a while I decided I should go and check how she was faring, and this is how I found her!



Filled with compassion, I took her in and thawed her out with a nice hot cup of tea and a biscuit, before sending her out again to complete her tasks.

Hey! Somebody has to do it!

Michael O'Boyle

Beyond the Silent Solstice

*Tonight Dark Nimbus rules the sky
And from south west the winter winds
Sweep across the sad lawns like a scythe
And thus Bleak Sprinter blasts the street
With icy frosts, rain, hail and sleet
And even heavy sudden snow
For Christmas in July.*

*Yet from the sodden soil one dawn
small bulbs awake and raise their sleepy heads
and on the bare stemmed Bowral Rose
green tiny leaves emerge
to seek the Sun.*

**Peter Bruce Richardson
minutes before midnight
30.07.15**

My visit to Thailand

A treasure native to the Amazon which I found in Chiangmai

At the last garden club meeting Carole came up to me and with her very charming smile convinced me that I had something worthwhile to contribute to the newsletter which she edits so skillfully every month.

So now it is my turn to tell you about my find in an exotic and ancient land where I visit my son and his family twice a year - Thailand. The city I visit mostly is Chiangmai, the second largest city in Thailand situated in the Northern Province a very ancient city (13th Century) with a moat and many, many Buddhist temples, I was told more than

300. I must say I haven't seen half of them yet. When you visit a temple the grounds are usually behind an ornate gate inviting you to come and have a look inside. Immediately you are transported into another world, away from the buzzing city, away from the traffic and the noise. Suddenly there is a special silence, despite being repeatedly interrupted by a monk's chanting relayed over a loudspeaker.

The temple where I found this beautiful plant had a small pond with a boardwalk alongside it and small private seating areas which overhung the water. Sitting inside them made you feel as if you were floating. If you looked down you saw the fish close to the surface eager for the fish food which you could buy for 20 baht from the monks. I could sit there all day, because maybe the most beautiful flower, the lotus, could be seen peeping from underneath the most gigantic lily pads you have ever seen floating on the water. These looked like floating islands - you could easily let a child sit on them. The pigeons seemed to like them too as you can see from the photo below.



The name is Victoria Amazonica and its lily pad can grow up to 2 meters in diameter. The water was very still and there were no lilies or any buds visible this time. They say the white flower is spectacular (the size of a soccer ball), and opens only at night when it exudes a special scent to attract and temporarily trap a beetle which helps pollinate the flowers.

I wanted to know more about this amazing green giant and found this picture on the internet! The underneath, rarely seen before!



I was fascinated by the intricate pattern and the sturdiness reminded me of the roof of a medieval European cathedral.



I will be going to Chiangmai again in November and hopefully will find more beautiful plants or flowers to share with you.

Celia Finimore

BOWRAL GARDEN CLUB INC

Minutes of General Meeting 10 August 2015

Uniting Church Hall, Bendooley Street Bowral

Present: 73 Members, 5 Visitors.

Apologies: Elizabeth Meredith, Susan-May Notley, Judy Foy, Pam Cornett, Sheila Beames, Lois Morrison, Peta Peter, Claire Wormleaton, Bev Webb, Mary Madeley.

President Anne Curvers opened the meeting at 2.05 pm and welcomed everyone present, especially new members and visitors. Anne then welcomed our guest speaker Jane Stockel who resides in the Southern Highlands, coming to this area via Queensland, Singapore, Hong Kong and originally from England. It was the "proper gardening weather" that drew Jane and her husband to the Highlands where they now enjoy a very productive vegetable, fruit and flower garden.

Jane has her own company, Jane Stockel Designs. Jane consults on home interiors, design trends and colours. A prime customer is a major artificial flower manufacturing company in China for which Jane tracks horticultural themes and fashion trends in texture and colour.

Jane has contributed to Design and Decoration Trade Shows in Melbourne, Sydney and China. Jane has also been a senior member of the USA based Colour Marketing Group and was the Immediate Past Chairperson and Special Envoy for the Asia Pacific Region. Her own linen business is an offshoot of her years of appreciation of all things decorative.

After her annual visits to the Chelsea Flower Show, Jane conducts speaking tours in Australia and the US on the latest trends in garden design, lifestyle and colour trends from London and the Chelsea Flower Shows.

As Jane guided us through the 2015 Chelsea Flower Show with her beautiful pictures of the vast array of garden displays, it was revealed that orange and purple (including magnificent purple Irises from France) were in many of the garden designs. Other stands featured green and white, another was nothing but pink, then soft orange and yellow. Blue was not as big this year as in 2014. Silver plants are a great backdrop for everything in the garden.

Jane was fortunate enough to meet David Austin OBE the world renowned rose breeder who won another gold medal this year, making that a total of 19 gold medals. Australia's Charlie Albone from the TV series "Selling Houses Australia" won a Silver Gilt medal for his garden

design. Hilliers Nurseries won their 70th consecutive gold medal. Best in Show award was won by English garden designer Dan Pearson with his Laurent-Perrier Chatsworth garden.

Jane also visited the beautiful RHS Wisley garden which is close to where she grew up.

We were shown a magnificent tree called Liguiaria which is at first pink all over with its new shoots, then slowly turns cream and then deep green. Jane has seen these trees growing in the Southern Highlands. A member from the floor, Lyn Esdaile, who is familiar with this tree said "this tree it is in fact called Cedrela sinensis (Chinese Cedar). Clearly the label at Chelsea was placed in a confusing way. We should be aware it easily suckers and needs careful management as it can become a "thug".

At the conclusion of her talk, Jane invited us to join her at the back of the room to view her beautiful linen and other products on sale. (For more information see www.janestockel.com).

Bob Bailey thanked Jane for her presentation of highlights of the Chelsea Flower Show and presented her with a token of our appreciation.

Minutes of the July meeting were printed in the August newsletter. Anne moved that the minutes of 13th July 2015 be accepted as a true record of the meeting. Proposed: Kristine Gow. Seconded: Jan Scott.

Correspondence In:

The Secretary, Lorraine Richardson read out selected items and reminded members that all mail is placed on the notice board at each meeting. The mail received as follows:

NSW Fair Trading Annual summary of membership
Tulip Time Street Parade – Public Liability Insurances & Terms & Conditions

Tulip Top Gardens 12 September – 11 October 2015. The garden is 13 Kilometres before Canberra from Bowral. www.tuliptopgardens.com.au

Galston Open Gardens 16 to 18 October 2015
www.galstongardenclub.com.au

Garden History Society, August Seminar, Sunday 9 August 2015

Camellia Heritage Event 8th November 2015 – 10.30am to 2.30 pm "Birthgrove" 16 Fishburn Road, Galston.

Cool Climate Garden Tour Saturday 19 September 2015 – The Friends of Everglades
friendsofeverglades@gmail.com

Information sheet on English garden book, "Lessons from Great Gardeners" \$34.99 www.exislepublishing.com
Phone 02 4998 3327

Home & Garden Show Bowral 10&11 October 2015 Bong Bong Racecourse Bowral
www.homeandgardenshow.com.au

Challenge Southern Highlands Inc. re Challenge House
St Vincent de Paul Society - Invitation to attend Melbourne Cup luncheon. Enquiries

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Thank you calls from Marian St Leger Moss, Ian Prior and Maureen Barker

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www.highlandsgardensociety.org.au

Correspondence Out: Get well cards to Maureen Baker, Marian St Leger Moss and Ian Prior.

Treasurer's Report:

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

Balance in cheque account as at end June \$10802.33
plus income for July **\$891.00.**

This includes membership \$150.00, Xmas in July \$480.00, \$180 from the raffle held at Xmas in July Luncheon and trading table \$74.00.

Less expenditure for July **\$3634.97** this includes \$960.00 representing the balance for the set up of the new website and \$2155.20 payment for the Xmas in July luncheon

Unpresented cheques are \$2205.20

Balance in Cheque a/c end July \$9664.56

Add balance in Savings a/c #1 end July \$4578.33

Plus balance in Special savings a/c for SHBG end July \$1038.40

Total funds in hand as at 30th July 2015 - \$15281.29

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

The afternoon tea takings in July were \$77.60 deposited in the special account for SHBG.

Seconded by Kay Fintan

General Business

Michael & Patricia O'Boyles's - garden visit and morning tea at 10.30am on Monday 24 August, 2015 at 3 Martha Street, Bowral

Newsletter - Our Editor, Carole Scott, thanked members who contribute, as the success of our newsletter is thanks to you. All contributions are welcome. Should you wish to discuss or have a query please phone Carole on 4862 4766.

Photographic Power Point Presentation - Meg said we have 45 photographs and explained how we are to send our photos to her.

Plant Stall 17th October - Members to give their donations for the raffle prize to Jan Scott at our next meeting. These can be anything to do with gardening and all donations will be put into a big basket and raffled on the day. A percentage of our fund raising goes to a charity.

Mayfield Tour - 29-30 October 2015. Noelene advised we have 40 people attending. For those who have paid their deposit, the balance is due on 14 September. There will be no refunds after 30th September. Double booking is \$250 and Single is \$285.

Tulip Time Parade - Thank you to Bob Bailey and Eric Paananen for all the work they have put into the float. We have 17 walkers in the parade which is a great response. The last meeting before the parade will be 2.00pm Friday, 18th September at Bob & Noelene Bailey's home.

Membership Cap - 150 It was unanimously decided that we would cap the number of members at 150 for the time being due to our current facilities i.e. seating arrangements, afternoon tea and parking.

Welcome Gift - The following new members were given a small gift to welcome them into the club: Peter Musgrave and from the previous month Helen Fidler, Robyn Taylor, Heather & Bruce Tredinnick.

Trading Table: Kristine Gow and Michael Launders manned the Trading Table and Kristine reported we had small potted native plants, various cuttings, two roses and magazines available. Anne thanked everyone who had brought items for the trading table.

Show & Tell: Beautiful perfumed winter flowers of daphne, jonquils, daffodils and hellebores graced the table. Anne thanked those who had made a contribution.

Lucky door prize won by Alison Durbin

Vale Janet Huggan - Shonagh Moore, Janet's friend and fellow Garden Club Member, told us that Janet was Social Secretary of the club in the days when there were only 15 members! She was a beautiful lady who loved her garden and many years ago was made an Honorary Member of the Club. Janet leaves behind her husband Michael of 65 years. Michael, who was the Club's Treasurer, still wishes

to receive our newsletter as he enjoys keeping informed of the club's progress.

The meeting closed at 3.20 pm.

Next Meeting: Monday 14th September, 2015 at 2.00 pm - Uniting Church Hall, Bendooley Street, Bowral.

Guest speaker: Meg Probyn & Bruce Cowan will present "The Power Point Presentation of Members' Photographs."



Jane Stockel

Garden visit to Michael and Pat O'Boyles

On a misty, rainy morning 34 of our members enjoyed a tour of the garden before the rain, and a wonderful spread for morning tea when the rain fell, Michael and Pat allowed us into their home to enjoy Pat's culinary delights and a good chat.



Michael and Patricia O'Boyle

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