

Bowral Garden Club Inc.

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NEWSLETTER JULY 2016



Friendship through Gardening

For your diary July

11 July (Monday) 2.00pm: Club Meeting: Speaker: Meg Probyn: "aThe Classical Gardens of Suzhou with a stop off at Shanghai and Beijing."

14 July (Thursday) 10.00am: Bonsai Pruning Workshop with Dean Wilson at 9 Lemmons Road, Robertson.

25 July (Monday) 12 noon: Christmas in July Luncheon in the Alexander Room at the Mittagong RSL Club. Cost \$45.00. Booking is essential.

For your diary August

8 August (Monday) 2.00pm: Club Meeting: Speaker Dr Stephen Brown: "Butterflies of the Southern Highlands".

15 August (Monday) 10.30am: Visit to Berrima Cottage Nursery, 28 Old Hume Hwy., Berrima. Morning tea after at the Magpie Café.

29 August (Monday) 10.30am: Garden visit to Wildwood, 241 Wildes Meadow Road, Wildes Meadow, refreshments after at the Burrawang Hotel.

Theme for the month: Membership payment

Membership Renewal of \$30 due in June
With two months grace until 8th August meeting.

Payment options:

1. Cheque payable to the Bowral Garden Club Inc
Or

2. Cash at next meeting;

Or

3. Post cheque to Membership Secretary
PO Box 910, Bowral 2576;

Or

4. Direct Debit into BDCU Bank
A/c name Bowral Garden Club Inc
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"2016 Subs and your name"

From the President

I am just back from a visit to Perth and Kalgoorlie, with my sister. We finally decided to rummage through a significant part of our family history. Our dad was born and spent his early life in Kalgoorlie and regrettably, we had never been there. So, after much planning and a little background research, we jumped on a plane heading west. I think as we get older we have more time to reflect on our individual family history and want to know more about its roots and origins. Once begun the story expands to also include wonderful stories about the history of towns and buildings and all the colourful characters who lived there. What was so delightful for Jane and me, was the employees and volunteers working in the Information Centres and Historical Societies were so

helpful and enthusiastic about sharing their knowledge with us.

We came to understand that grand-dad was a builder and though we discovered a lot about him, alas, no buildings he built remain. He also created gardens; "The Post Office Picture Gardens" and the "Summer Gardens", in which, as the name suggests he screened films, but also nothing remains.

Indeed I have very little to share with you about plants and gardens from the trip. However, one tree that did make an impact on me was the Peppercorn tree (*Schinus molle*, a native of Peru) at Cook, an outpost town on the Nullarbor. Cook is on the longest straight section of railway in the world (478 km). It was a moderately thriving settlement of 40 and now is almost a ghost town of 4 inhabitants. The peppercorn tree planted in the town is in stark contrast to the native saltbush and bluebush scrub of the Nullarbor. It evoked lovely memories of providing shade from the hot sun when, as a child, I visited friends in western NSW.

Back to Bowral and this very cold wind. There is so much cleaning up to do outside, with many fallen leaves and branches, but I'm very reluctant to leave the warmth of the fire. What is heartbreaking, is that during the deluge, rain was going into the dam faster than the overflow could let it out. As a result the water spilled over the top of the dam and washed away my efforts to cover its sides with ground cover. That's gardening, two steps forward, one step back.....just got to get out there and repair the damage.

It was wonderful to see so many of you attending the AGM and to hear Charlotte Webb's engaging presentation on Perennials. I hope such interest and enthusiasm continues for the monthly club meetings and activities to be held in this second half of our 2016 program.

Happy gardening

Anne Curvers

From the Editor

As my garden is dormant at the moment with only a few jonquils to brighten it, I betook myself around the corner and up the slight hill to visit the much more interesting, and very much larger, garden of our member Anne Pelquest-Hunt. I am pretty sure you will enjoy this visit as much as did I. Anne's garden is not one of pretty borders as she is far more interested in growing vegetables. Her large area has a number of sheds with varying uses, in particular the gym shed, more like an elegant summer house, her potting shed with the lean-to 'garage' for her mowers, and most especially her hen house! Anne had shown me photos of her hen house and it was this I was interested to see, however, I was very impressed with Anne's labours over the 4 years living there, in eliminating a vast privet hedge and planting a border of lavenders in front of a small orchard underplanted with bulbs and backed with irises.

Now back to the hen house for Anne's little ladies. This is a cedar house, with front, back, and side doors, and chook patterned French linen curtains to make it homely. The

hens have a run into a large caged area adjacent to the large covered vegetable patch (?) not really a patch more nearly the size of my whole garden, and as they forage one area to the ground, they go out the back door to another fresh area set aside for them,. These girls look very happy with their domain and provide well for Anne. The nest boxes are labelled E G G S to make sure there is no confusion about where to collect the EGGS.

I have mentioned the size of Anne's 'vegie patch' which is laid out in rectangular beds, flowers planted around and arches to support tomatoes and vine produce. Roses are planted outside the structure and the whole area must be truly beautiful in summer.

I spent a most enjoyable morning with Anne, and I am sure you will have had a most enjoyable time reading this, thank you Anne.

Carole Scott



Garden tips for July

You probably haven't noticed it yet but the days are getting longer. It's midwinter and the gardens are supposed to be resting—but everywhere you look there is activity and colour with camellias and the pink and white sweet smelling Daphne blooming, bulbs emerging from the cool ground, the first of the hellebores and violets appearing. I love to plant pansies, poppies, primroses and polyanthus, but two of my favourite winter plants are the wallflowers and clivias—purple and orange—beautiful bright colours to welcome us into the garden on grey days. I usually forget where I've planted bulbs so it's a surprise to see the dark green shoots appear and then the flowers. The only ones whose location I never forget are the snowdrops and I search them out to see if the first flowers have arrived. What a miraculous thing the bulb is—that oniony-looking strange object in myriad sizes—producing spectacular blooms year after year. I remember a TV documentary some years ago about a large family in Scotland. The mother started listing her children starting with the eldest boy. She said he was her favourite because... (and I can't remember the reason) but it horrified me that she singled him out. Then she went on through all the six children and each one was her favourite because... And that is exactly how I feel about my children and bulbs. While you are enjoying the blooms, don't forget to remove all the spent flowers from the bulbs and annuals, but leave the leaves to die down in their own time.

I was watching a female Satin Bower Bird (*Ptilonorhynchus violaceus*) from the bedroom window very daintily eating the individual beans from *Sedum rubrotinctum* (the jelly-bean succulent). The bird looked so beautiful I didn't distract it by banging on the window but let it feed in peace. What with the Rosellas eating all the juicy stems of the geraniums, the Honeyeaters and the Eastern Spinebills gorging on the nectar produced by the native plants, our garden provides a goodly amount of winter forage for the hungry birds—not to mention the Powerful Owl leaving part-eaten remains of its prey on the lawn. 'To feed or not to feed'—that is the difficult question for many people. The organisation 'Birds in Backyards' recommends that you don't feed birds artificially but preferably plant for birds—much healthier for birds to gather natural food from your garden. I have to confess that we do feed the King Parrots on the deck sometimes, but if we don't they chew the house! Research shows that birds will not starve if you stop feeding them, because even whilst being fed, they continue to hunt for food naturally. 'Birds in Backyards' stress that 'birds do not become dependent on us for food'. But their advice is to cut down feeding as much as possible and make it an

occasional treat—so when you treat yourself to a Tim Tam with a cup of tea, you can give the birds a treat too. They do advise against giving Kookaburras and Tawny Frogmouths any mince. Mince is very high in protein, 'so a little will go a long way for a Kookaburra, and malnutrition could result. Huge problems can arise if the adult birds raise their young on this diet as the juvenile birds can suffer from brittle bones.' Make sure any places where you provide food are cleaned regularly as infections spread from birds to birds (and even to humans). Another tip is to make sure that birds can't access your pets' food.

Pruning and spraying: Hydrangeas and fuchsias may be pruned this month and we have already started pruning ours—we seem to have more and more plants to cope with—(NOTE: must remember not to be tempted to buy and propagate so many!). Those of you in frosty areas may choose to leave this task until late August so that there is less chance of any frost damage. Spray pruned plants with white oil for white scale infestations. Check trees and shrubs for any dead wood and prune accordingly.

Roses: If you attended Phil Maher's workshop you will know how to prune your roses and now is the time to put your knowledge into practice. Spray all rose bushes immediately after pruning with lime sulphur, and also spray the soil under plants to clear up spores of fungal disease.

Pests and Diseases: To protect against azalea petal blight, keep all azaleas sprayed (Bayleton) once the buds show colour. My old azaleas looked so dreadful last month that I have removed almost all of them, but the question is, will I be able to resist the new ones in the garden centres? I keep vowing not to buy any more but I find them difficult to resist. Spray winter-flowering prunus for peach leaf curl at bud-swell using Bordeaux, copper spray or lime sulphur. This is a parasitic fungus, which causes the leaves to thicken and distort (and usually fall off) in spring, so catch it before it becomes a problem.

Transplanting shrubs: When you walk round your garden you may realise that the borders have become overcrowded. Have your shrubs adequate space around them or have they been planted too close to each other? Now is the time to remedy this—but a word of warning: don't move plants with less than one year of growth and try to avoid moving plants that have reached full size or are very old and weak. Choose a new site that has the appropriate amount of sun and soil conditions.

Fertilise: When the bulbs emerge from the ground they love some blood and bone and potassium to help them flourish. All the annuals enjoy a feed of liquid fertiliser too.

Lawns: It's never the wrong time to weed the lawn and I've noticed a few dandelions in our front lawn that I must tackle. I used to use the old-fashioned potato peeler but it's disappeared—probably in the compost. Clive has just spent a fortune having our mower repaired and it's very useful to run it over the lawns (on very high) to remove all the rubbish that comes down with the rain. Keep the edges of the lawns trim and the garden looks a million dollars!

Camellias: When they finish flowering they may be pruned to keep in shape. Camellias are shallow rooted and they benefit from as much organic matter that you can provide for them. Keep the area around the base of the plants well mulched but avoid letting the mulch be in contact with the trunk.

Natives: All the dead fronds on our Gristle Fern (*Blechnum cartilagineum*), which is indigenous to Mt Gibraltar, need to be removed by the whipper-snipper; this allows the pink-tinted new growth to appear in spring. The branches of the wattles should be pruned by one third immediately after flowering. There are many beautiful varieties, which flower in winter, including the Gold Dust Wattle (*Acacia acinacea*). We have cut back many of the clumps of spiny-headed Mat-rush (*Lomandra longifolia*), but I keep finding more that require attention. My favourite of all the natives is the Wax-flower (*Philotheca myoporoides*)—so beautiful in late winter and spring with the pink and white flowers and perfect for flower arranging. Clive seems to be able to propagate it at any time of year so I may suggest that he has a little wander round the garden to cut some more material for propagation.

Keep warm and cheerful! Read a good gardening book by the fire: one chapter in Robin Lane Fox's *Thoughtful Gardening* made me laugh during that very wet weekend in June. He lists his New Year Resolutions:

'I will remember to feed everything in pots, even in the middle of the growing season. I will not leave flower bulbs unplanted in brown paper bags, I will try to stake in time, not in the morning after a collapse. I may even check for earwigs. I will not walk on the lawns during a heavy frost'

Happy gardening.

Meg Probyn

From the Patch

Strawberry Care

Fragaria x ananassa

Perhaps one of most successful forays into alternate methods of fruit /vegetable growing has been with strawberries. Up until 6 years ago I struggled with growing our strawberries in conventional raised garden beds. This proved to be primarily beneficial to all snails, slugs and birds. We were rarely able to pick a ripe strawberry at all.

It was on a visit to a friend's vege garden that we came across their method of strawberry growing which has revolutionised our own strawberry production. We now pick delicious, plump strawberries every day during the season and even have an excess.

Our revolutionary method actually involves growing the strawberries in sections of 200mm PVC drainage pipe which is suspended on chains and irrigated daily. The advantage of this is that you are providing perfect drainage, optimum sunlight, perfect moisture conditions and the fruit hangs off the plants well above the ground so no snails and slugs. We have actually placed the pipe arrangement inside a bird proof cage, so no birds as well!! To get started with our strawberry growing method buy 200mm diameter PVC drain pipe. Cut long sections from out of the top of the pipe into which you firstly place your potting mix and then into which you plant your strawberry plants at about 300mm spacing. Liberally fertilize with an organic fertilizer and install a dripper or leaky hose style irrigation system.

It is best in our climate to start this planting process in the late Winter to early Spring and you will be amazed how quickly the plants grow. By Christmas you will have your first crop.

I have found it is a good idea to mix early and late cultivars which then spreads your fruiting period.

After Christmas you will find that the plants will develop long runners in an attempt to multiply but unless you want to create new plants regularly remove them. In

autumn the plants will look quite messy with browned off leaves. It's at this stage I cut back all old leaves revealing the fresh rosette of green leaves and give them a good fertilize ready for the next season.

After about four years the vigour of the plants will have dwindled as will their productivity, and it is time to start again, new soil and new plants. If you have room ensure that you start a new crop every year so that you are never without an established planting.

Pests & Diseases

Snails, slugs and birds are the really the only common problems. Botrytis is common in damp warm weather but can be treated with a fungicide if necessary. Only buy virus free stock.

Strawberry Trivia

Strawberries are the only fruit with seeds on the outside.

The average strawberry has 200 seeds

Strawberries are low fat, low calorie; high in vitamin C, fibre, folic acid, potassium

Strawberries, as part of a 5 a day fruit and vegetable program, can help reduce the risk of cancer and heart attack.

In medieval times, strawberries were served at important functions to bring peace and prosperity.

A strawberry will not ripen once it is picked.

Strawberry Cultivars

Temptation; Non running, late

Kamu 50; Large fruit, Summer and Autumn

Chandler 20 & 50; Large sweet fruit, Summer

Alinta;

Now is also the time to plant a huge number of Winter vegetables including

Beetroot, Broad Beans, Broccoli, Brussel Sprouts, Cabbage, Chicory, Chives, Carrots, Fennel, Garlic, Kohlrabi, Leek, Lettuce, Mustard Greens, Onion, Parsley, Parsnips, Swedes, Peas, Spinach and Turnips

A Vegetable Thought

'Strawberry Fields is anywhere you want to go'.

John Lennon

Chris Webb

Muriel's Musings

Because of my increasing "armchair inertia condition" I have taken to whiling away time by reading extracts from my diaries and thought perhaps I could share some of the happy occasions with you. In late April 2008, my wonderful son Bruce (who sadly passed away in April this year) took me for a memorable 10 days holiday in Victoria. We left foggy Canberra around 7ish and made good time along the highway until we came to Holbrook_ where we encountered massive road works taking place. The countryside is so much in the grip of the drought_ the paddocks and hillsides are down to bare earth and gibber stones __ even the thistles have given up 'n died. Stopped at Wangaratta for lunch and I had for the first time ever a cup of Greys Lavender tea __ it was delicious. By 3.15 we were doing really well for time to reach our destination. The Nepean Country Club at Rosebud down along the Mornington Peninsula. Bruce said we have to be booked in by 8 pm and as we can already see the CBD buildings of Melbourne on the sky line "Only 100ks & we will be there" opined my dear boy as we drove onto the city ring road. Going on our past experiences with the Manchester and London ring roads that was an optimistic

remark for almost immediately the "weather God" turned on a spell of Melbourne weather and heavy rain began pelting down and once again I was consulting the road map looking for a suburb, road or street that would give us a hint that we were on the right road going the right way. Eventually the rain stopped and darkness took over though every now and then we would pass little communities lit up until EVENTUALLY we reached our destination with 15 minutes to spare. Believe me, I could have done with a teapot full of Greys Lavender tea to settle my nerves. That last 100ks had taken us 3 and 3/4 hours to complete.

In my next musings I will tell you more of our adventures finding our way to and from the various must see places we had on our itinerary.

My Thought for the day is a somewhat nostalgic one.

How dear are the faces that fill the pages of my picture book of memories.

Muriel Stuart

My Summer Salvia Garden

I have had such an enjoyable summer in my Salvia garden. Soon after my salvias came into flower, I found I had a constant companion in the garden, a red wattlebird.

Every time I came out into the garden, I would be welcomed with very loud 'squawks'. The bird obviously enjoyed my company busily fossicking amongst the salvias and was close to wherever I was working while enjoying the nectar from the flowers. His day was a busy one, always taking a bath around 4.30pm (after I had topped up the birdbath of course!)

Now winter is here, he is around only occasionally, despite some of the salvias still in flower. I do look forward to Spring when I hop he will return to keep me company each day.

It is notable he was never worried by my two cats and three dogs who often 'supervised' my gardening activities, and would remain in close proximity to them as well!



Gwen Bullard

Return to “North Burnima”

Adrian and I have recently been visiting old friends on the Monaro, and took the opportunity to visit our property of 10 years ago “North Burnima”, presently owned by Cathy and Allan Gillespie-Jones.

We find it rare to return to an old home and enjoy the experience. The home had had only a few changes, all making it more liveable.

But the garden was a delight to behold. Our daughter Amber and I had tried to build a stone wall with the extensive supply of basalt rocks on the farm. We were dismal in our attempt and engaged our brickie, Manfred, who completed a wonderful feature stone wall and also a fountain and pond. We put in a garden, using ship poo as mulch, but drought hindered its development, and we sold.

Cathy was and is a dedicated gardener, so she set about creating a varied, coloured, meandering garden, so good she won the 2014 House and Garden magazine “Garden of the Year” winning her a trip for two to the Chelsea Garden Show in England.

Now our feature was is backed by roses, our fountain flows through the statue and everywhere is colour and meandering paths, and we were there out of season, just before Cathy starts pruning.



Suellen Hall

Building my new garden

At last the machinery and weather co-operated and the front garden has commenced!! The grass at the front of the house has been sprayed to kill all and so the top layer was removed to get seeds as well—ie. bindii—this layer used as fill under the driveway. The only tree and shrub at the property removed, left a clear patch. The area was rotary hoed and levelled; the semi-circular driveway marked out; the tree placing marked out and holes dug. There is a clay base under 15cm of soil so gypsum, plant fertiliser pills were added to the holes and the trees planted between the front boundary and the drive. I have chosen *Betula utilis* var. *jacquemontii* which are known

for their very white, straight trunks. Along the front boundary I have planted *Berberis atropurpurea*, which in time will give contrast to the trees. All have been given a dose of Seasol which I think is great for everything after planting. There needs to be more soil, compost and mulch added to the area as the ground settles and under-planting can begin.



Maryann Hewitt

BOWRAL GARDEN CLUB INC.

Minutes of General Meeting 6 June 2016

Annesley Ball Room, 11 Aitken Road, Bowral

Present: 85 Members & 2 visitors

Apologies: Jacqueline Mortimer, Tristy Brown, Jill Haigh, Doreen Plumridge, Mary Leigh, Bernice Lichtenstein, Jenny Clegg, Carol Smith, Desley Clifford, Ursula & Gordon Hopkins, Lindsay Orr, Jennifer Hardwick

President Anne Curvers opened the meeting at 2.05 pm and welcomed everyone present including members and visitors and thanked Margaret Buckland for the

magnificent arrangement of flowers. Anne introduced our guest speaker and patron of our club, Charlotte Webb. Charlotte apologised for Chris who is currently in the United States at Kew Gardens and said they both love being patrons of our club. Charlotte said her talk and presentation of over 60 slides would be about taking us into unchartered waters based on plants in their garden. (A rare treat for us all to experience the Webb's garden). The first area was the yellow and purple border with pokers and roses. A border should lead you through the garden to a focal point at the end, perhaps a sculpture or large pot. Arbours add interest. It is not always about the flowers, sometimes it's about the leaves. Charlotte is a passionate collector of rare seeds and plants and we were introduced to many different varieties of Perennials, Sedums, Grasses, Hydrangeas, Salvias, Heucria, Hellebores, Echinacea, Achillea, Lithodora, Lamiastrum, Camassia, Campanula, Omphalodes, Ratibida columnifera and many other plants whose botanical names were second nature to Charlotte. Alderwood Nursery in Sproules Lane is a good source for plants and keep a look out for plant sales at the Southern Highlands Botanic Gardens. Charlotte kept us spellbound with many people taking notes and asking questions after the talk. Noelene Bailey gave a vote of thanks for an absolutely fascinating presentation and presented Charlotte with a token of our appreciation. Noelene also took the opportunity to hand over to Charlotte a cheque for the Southern Highlands Botanic Gardens being our annual donation of \$1,000 and asked for this to be used for a seat with a Bowral Garden Club plaque. Charlotte thanked us very much and said ours will be the first seat purchased.

MINUTES of the May meeting were printed in the June newsletter. Anne moved that the minutes of 9th May 2016 be accepted as a true record of the meeting. Proposed: Bob Bailey, Seconded: Janice Scott

Correspondence In:

The Secretary, Lorraine Richardson read out the correspondence which was also placed on the notice board as follows:

Garden Clubs of Australia

Legacy – Thank You for supporting Anzac Day

Harpers Mansion – Camellia Ark Australia at 1 pm on Sunday 3rd July 2016

Eric Savage info@harpersmansion.com.au

Daffodils at Rydal 17&18 September 2016
www.rydal.com.au

Challenge Southern Highlands – fund raising

Card from Barbara Wilson

Australian Plants Society – Southern Highlands Group – May Issue – Secretary

Kay Fintan kaynbrian@bigpond.com

Correspondence Out:

Emails to various contacts made re speakers and garden visits.

Cards to Wendy Gamble, Desley Clifford, Gordon Hopkins & Doreen Plumridge.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Noelene Bailey read the financial report to 31st May 2016 and proposed that it be accepted as follows:

Balance in cheque account as at end April 2016 - \$3891.73 plus income for May \$2600.50 which includes badges \$14.00, calendars \$100.00, club plant sales \$102.50, sale of compost \$24.00, membership renewals \$1380.00, Camellia Gardens Tour \$45.00, Xmas in July \$765.00, afternoon tea donation to Cancer Council \$170.00.

Less expenditure for May \$2436.70 – which includes badges \$63.00, bank transfer \$60.00, newsletter \$72.00, post & post office \$106.20, printing & stationery \$5.00, rent \$138.00, donation to Cancer Council \$170.00, expenses for Camellia Tour \$1822.50 .

Less April cheque presented May \$100.00

Plus unpresented cheque 31st May \$519.00.

Balance of cheque account as at 31st May 2016 - \$4474.53

Savings account – Balance b/fwd end April 2016 \$5141.75

Plus Income for May 2016 \$70.07

Balance as at 31st May 2016 \$5211.82

Plus balance in Special savings account for SHBG at 31st May 2016 - \$1680.71

Total funds in hand as at 31st May 2016 - \$11367.06

A full report was placed on the notice board.

Noelene Bailey proposed that the Treasurer's Report be accepted. Seconded by Clive Probyn.

GENERAL BUSINESS

Robyn Stephens was awarded an Honorary Membership and was presented with an Honorary Certificate and badge by Vice President Janice Scott. Robyn said when she joined 16 years ago there were only 18 members at their meeting at the Presbyterian Church Hall. The Club is now amazing with a lot of hard work by many good people. One thing that is not different about the club, is the friendship and love of gardens and Robyn is very proud of that.

Free Mulch - Clive Probyn advised that the SHBG has so much mulch spare that they are offering it free to members to collect on Tuesday 21st June between 10am – 12 noon. Bring your own containers.

Tulip Time Parade Saturday 17th September 2016:

Eric Paananen advised that the meeting at the Milk Factory on Monday 30th May went very well with 15 members attending. Cathy Watson has costumes available, music was selected, and decoration of the float was discussed. A further meeting will be held on a date yet to be advised. All members are welcome to join in the fun. Ring Eric on 4862 1570.

Updated Programs are available at meetings or ring Anne or Lorraine for a copy via email.

LUCKY DOOR PRIZE: Won by Josie Meincke

The meeting closed at 3.15 pm

Next Meeting: Monday 11th July 2016 at 2.00 pm – Uniting Church Hall, Bendooley Street, Bowral.

Guest speaker: Meg Probyn *"The Classical Gardens of Suzhou with a stop off in Shanghai and Beijing."*

Minutes of Annual General Meeting 6 June 2016

The President Anne Curvers welcomed everyone to the 53rd AGM.

Minutes of the 2015 AGM: The minutes were emailed and posted to members in May 2015 and tabled at the meeting. There were no amendments and were taken as read. Moved: Mary Mowbray. Seconded Glenis Orr. Business arising from the minutes: None

Presentation of the President's Report: President Anne Curvers advised the President's Report was published in the June 2016 newsletter and proposed this report be accepted. Seconded: Clive Probyn.

Treasurer's Report: Noelene Bailey moved that the records for the club's Financial Year ending 30 April 2016 be accepted as follows: Accumulated Funds brought forward from 30 April 2015 - \$13289.32. Accumulated Income for the Financial Year 2015-2016: \$28705.67. Accumulated Expenditure for the Financial Year 2015-2016 \$31380.94 plus unpresented cheque for April 2015

\$100.00. Total funds in hand as at 30 April, 2016 \$10,714.05. Seconded: Margaret Buckland. Carried. The accounts and end of Financial Year Statement for 2015-2016 have been audited by Trevor Faire of Oxley Partners, Bowral and a copy of Trevor's report has been attached to this Financial Statement which has been placed on the notice board and also on a chair at either end of each row of chairs in the meeting room.

Election of Auditor: It was put to the members that we retain the services of Mr Trevor Fair of Oxley Partners as our auditor for the next financial year May 2016-April 2017. Moved: Margaret Woodcock. Seconded: Noelene Bailey. Carried.

Secretary's Report: Lorraine Richardson as Membership Secretary reported that the membership as at 30th April 2015 was 133 members including 12 Honorary Members. Membership as at May 2016 was 166 including 7 Honorary Members. Proposed: Lorraine Richardson. Seconded: Muriel Stuart.

Election of the New Committee: The President stood aside and the Returning Officer, Margaret Woodcock took the chair. The names of the nominees and their positions were read out and additional nominations from the floor were asked for. None was forthcoming.

Names of the 201-2017 committee and their elected positions are as follows:

President: *Anne Curvers*
 Vice-President: *Janice Scott*
 Secretary: *Lorraine Richardson*
 Treasurer: *Maryann Hewitt*
 Newsletter Editor: *Carole Scott*
 Committee members: *Noelene Bailey, Ray Bradley, Kristine Gow, Judith Lewis, Catherine Mah, Eric Paananen, Judith Lewis, Margaret Parkinson, Judy White.*
 Afternoon Tea Hosts: *Wendy Gamble, Glenys Lilliendal.*

The President, Anne Curvers thanked Margaret Woodcock for being the Returning Officer and asked the new Committee to stand up and be introduced to the Club Members.

Presentations:

Anne announced that Noelene Bailey has stepped down as Treasurer after 3 years and will remain on the committee organising bus tours and functions for the club. Anne thanked Noelene for the tremendous job she has done for the club and presented her with a gift of appreciation.

Also retiring from the committee are Pam Cornett on the Trading Table, Lorraine Gregory and Marian St Ledger Moss our Afternoon Tea Hosts and Michael Launders who manned the trading table and was on the committee for 3 years. Anne thanked everyone for their valuable contribution to the club and reminded us that we would be lost without volunteers who are happy to give up their time for the benefit of all club members.

The AGM closed at 3.35 pm.

Social Liaison: Jan Scott

With the increase in membership it has been difficult to keep up to date with everyone's comings and goings. Please contact Jan Scott at the Welcome Desk or by mobile phone 0418215036 to notify the Club of a member's change of circumstance and welfare. Thank you, Anne.



Charlotte Webb



AGM at Annesley Ballroom



Margaret Buckland with floral display

President:	Anne Curvers	48613061
Vice-President:	Janice Scott	
Secretary/		
Membership:	Lorraine Richardson	48622677
Treasurer:	Maryann Hewitt	
Newsletter Editor:	Carole Scott	48624766
Public Officer:	Eric Paananen	
Trading table:	Kristine Gow, Jan Scott	
Front Desk:	Judith Lewis	
Committee:	Catherine Mah, Noelene Bailey, Margaret Parkinson, Ray Bradley, Judy White	
Afternoon tea hosts:	Wendy Gamble, Glenys Lilliendal,	

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