

Bowral Garden Club Inc.

(Established in 1963)

Affiliated with Garden Clubs of Australia Inc

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Friendship through Gardening

For your diary: June

Monday 6 June 2.00pm: Club Meeting and AGM at **Annesley Ball Room, 11 Aitken Road Bowral.** Speaker: Charlotte Webb: *Perennials for your garden'*

Please note this is the first Monday of the month as the second Monday is the Queen's Birthday Public Holiday

Membership renewals are due.

Monday 27 June: Garden workshop with Phil Maher: Mittagong Garden Centre, Old Hume Highway, Mittagong. Morning tea afterwards at Gilbert's Mittagong.

Members please note below

NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The AGM will be held on Monday 6 June 2016 at 2.00pm.

At Annesley Ball Room, 10 Westwood Drive, Bowral.

The new committee will be elected.

The annual subscription will be due at the AGM, the cost is \$30.00.

Payment options:

1. Cheque payable to the Bowral Garden Club Inc, or cash. Please place your payment in an envelope marked with your name and whether your payment is cash or CHQ on the front. Your receipt for cash payment will be available at the meeting.
2. You may post your cheque to The Treasurer, PO Box 910 Bowral 2576.
3. Direct deposit into BDCU bank, Account Bowral Garden Club BSB 802 101 A/c No 57038. Please make sure you include the following reference information, 2016 subs, and your name.

The committee recommends you arrive at the venue early if you are paying your subscriptions at the AGM to allow processing of receipts and to avoid parking difficulties.

For your diary: July

Monday 11 July: 2.00pm: Club Meeting: Speaker: Meg Probyn, *"the classical Gardens of Suzhou with a stop off in Shanghai and Beijing"*

Monday 25 July: noon: 'Christmas in July' Lunch in the Alexander Room at the Mittagong RSL Club. Cost \$45.00 per person. Booking is essential. See notice.



From the President

President's Report

AGM 6th June 2016

What a great club! It has been both an honour and a humbling experience to serve as your new president for the last year. Trust me, twelve months ago I hardly thought I would be presenting you with this AGM report, but if I'm honest the last AGM seems sooooo long ago. Perhaps it's because it's been so very busy. Certainly it has been an interesting and most enjoyable time and a time in which I've learnt a lot along the way.

Now down to business. The Bowral Garden Club has a present membership of 166, 159 financial members and 7 honorary members. Meg Probyn, my predecessor, left a wonderful legacy of a friendly and cohesive club. Today the club is in a solid position with an active membership as well as being financially sound. I have received many positive comments from guest speakers and organisations we visit on what "a good club" we are. So a big congratulations to all of you.

What is essential to the smooth operation of the club is a dedicated and cohesive committee. The committee has worked very well together and I hope you agree it has resulted in an interesting and informative program for all our members to enjoy. I am very grateful to all the committee members for their dedication and support.

Over the past 12 months we have heard from great guest speakers on a range of topics from "Gardens from Tradition to Modern"(Nicholas Bray), "Some Inspirational Gardens of North East USA"(Chris Webb), "The Chelsea Flower Show"(Jane Stockell), "Stay Young at Heart" (Babette Hayes), "The Whys and Wherefores of Growing Garlic" (Margie Stuart), "Le Potage-Encore" (Paul Kirkpatrick), "The Art of Bonsai" (Dean Wilson), "Bee Keeping and the Production of Honey"(Harvey Howard) and "Floral Art - simple designs for your home" (Deidre Hill). Let me thank all these wonderful speakers on your behalf who have given so generously of their time and expertise all completely free.

In what is now somewhat of a club tradition, we are most fortunate to have Charlotte Webb as the AGM's guest speaker for the third time in a row. It is great to have both Chris and Charlotte Webb as our Club's patrons and to have them actively involved in the club activities whether it be as guest speakers, contributing to the newsletter, donating plants or attending functions.

We are also very grateful to the five members who opened their gardens for club visits during the year. In addition we visited 5th Chapter Garden at Avoca, Berrima Public School Kitchen Garden and Dean Wilson's garden at Robertson. In October 2015 we had a very successful overnight bus trip to Bathurst visiting Everglades, Hillandale Garden and Nursery and Mayfield Garden. All of these gardens provided members with a wonderful experience and gave us lots of inspiration for our own patch of dirt.

Workshops were conducted by Phil Maher, from Mittagong Garden Centre on pruning roses and by Les Musgrave on propagating, in preparation of our Plant stall which is the main fund raising activity for the club that is held in October each year at Corbett Plaza.

When funds are available, it has been the club's objective to donate to local charities. This year we were pleased to have been able to give donations to Challenge House, Legacy, Cancer Council NSW, Berrima School Kitchen Garden Program and Southern Highlands Botanical Gardens.

Our participation in the Tulip Time "Mother Nature Hot Pink Street Parade" in September 2015 was a lot of fun and we secured first prize for best float with our entry of a Japanese Tea House. A huge thank you to all involved. We also celebrated Christmas in July and in December. Both these events were well attended and enjoyed by our members.

The Newsletter has continued to grow with the addition of bumper issues this year as more of you contribute. The newsletter is very important for the club as it disseminates information about club activities, to all members whether by snail mail or email.

The Website was re-designed early in the year and I would encourage you all to actively use it to keep up to date with info about current and future club events, past newsletters, and to view the regularly updated photo galleries. There is plenty of scope to develop the site in the future and I am delighted that Bob Bailey has agreed to be Web Manager in this next year. Over the last twelve months I have relied very heavily on my husband's computer skills for those "HELP" moments.

In closing I would like to reiterate my gratitude to the Committee. While not standing for re-election I would like to give a special thank you to Michael Lauanders, Pam Cornett, Lorraine Gregory and Marion St Leger Moss for their wide ranging contributions as committee members. Sadly Michael O'Boyle who was also part of this year's committee passed away in March this year. We will always be indebted to him for his involvement in the club. Noelene Bailey will be stepping down as Treasurer at the AGM, but is standing for re-election as a committee member. I am very grateful to Noelene for her friendship and hard work, she has been a very dedicated treasurer. To the other committee members who will be standing for re-election, Jan, Lorraine, Carole, Eric, Kristine, Judith, Catherine, Glenys and Wendy, a big hearty thank you for all your hard work, great ideas and support. It is very much appreciated.

Finally, it is wonderfully reassuring to see others stepping forward wishing to be involved in the work of the committee and I hope they receive your endorsement at the AGM.

Thank you to all of you for your ongoing involvement and support of the club.

Happy gardening

Anne Curvers

From the Editor

How lovely to read Meg's garden tips this month, I almost envy her large garden until I look out at the spreading gold leaves falling from the Manchurian Pear on the perimeter of my property, then I'm happy with my little patch. I do admit the colour of the tree is beautiful to look at, and it did provide dense shade through the last of the hot weather. I am enjoying the burst of pink in my garden as the camellias are beginning to flower and I have bought new hellebores to fill in the spaces where the fuchsias

didn't survive the snow last year. The daffodil bulbs the grandchildren planted have lush green leaves, however, those left in the garden from last year are just peeping out, the hyacinths not yet. The children thinned out the jonquil bulbs and those are up and some in bud, and the Dutch irises are looking healthy. The weather has finally decided to cool down so it is time to plant this year's tulips which I hope will add colour to those from the past few years. And the Curley's mulch organised by Noelene and Bob should ensure a colourful spring. I love this time of clearing, raking and waiting for each new colour to emerge, back to the pink, blue, yellow and white garden for autumn winter and spring.



Carole Scott

Garden tips for June

Ground covers: Recently visitors came for lunch and had an obligatory walk round the garden. They have their own large garden—absolutely beautiful—so I was particularly interested in their response to ours. It is lovely to share one's garden with friends and to hear their comments. I was amused when one of them sighed over our groundcover, particularly the *Lamia*. They had spent ages completely removing it from their garden and now regret their wholesale attack on the plant. As long as you can keep it under control, it provides protection for the soil and merges very prettily with the mulches. I didn't tell him about the hours we spend pulling out the runners and excess plant material to keep it looking trim!

- ***Lamia*** or 'Spotted Dead Nettle' has metallic silver streak down the middle of the leaf, purple-pink flowers and spreads by rooting on moist soil—it's not as invasive as *Lamiastrum*, which we also have in abundance.
- ***Lamiastrum*** or 'Yellow Archangel' (Deadnettle) has silver and green foliage and spreads rapidly by short underground stolons (stems which grow at the soil surface or just below ground that form adventitious roots—runners). It's a larger plant and its yellow flowers appear slightly later than *Lamium*—definitely more invasive, we have to cut it back regularly and have notional boundary lines over which we decide it is not allowed to spread. A bit like trying to control an unruly dog! Both these plants do well in sun to shade and moderately fertile soil. I have to use slug pellets around them.
- ***Stachys byzantina (lanata)*** (Lamb's ears) is loved by our granddaughters in spring, when it has those velvety soft, woolly evergreen leaves—silver to gray-green in colour. If left to bloom in summer, lamb's ear will produce spikes of pink to purple-

coloured flowers too. It prefers full sun and if your garden bed lacks good drainage it might not do well over the winter.

- ***Ajuga reptans purpurea*** (Carpet bugle) is one of my favourite ground covers. We have two varieties in our garden—one with big leaves and one with much smaller. It's such an attractive creeping evergreen perennial plant and will quickly fill in a large empty area, smothering out weeds while adding lovely foliage color and spikes of blue flowers in spring. It doesn't mind part shade. The only disadvantage is that it will take over if you let it!

Hellebores: Our garden has a large number of hellebores (sometimes called the Christmas rose or Lenten rose), which enjoy the moist, shaded conditions under the maples and hedges. The soil is rich and well-drained there too from years of adding manure and mulching. Of course, hellebores are not related to the rose family, but belong to the *Ranunculaceae*. From late autumn to early winter most of the hellebores enjoy a burst of growth. If you look under the old leaves of the *Helleborus x hybridus*, you will see the new growth pushing up from the underground rhizome. Remove the old leaves and feed the plants with a complete fertiliser (N, P and K—nitrogen, phosphorus, and potassium) and move or divide your hellebores if necessary. The plants are generally very deep rooted so use a spade to dig around the plant to avoid damaging the roots. Then use a sharp spade or knife to divide up the clumps. There are taller species of hellebores (*H. argutifolia*, *H. foeditus*, *H. xsternii*) and these cannot be divided, but if you look under the plants you should find lots of small seedlings, which you can move during the cold months.

Brugmansia sanguinea (or red angel's trumpet) is a fairly new addition to our garden. Julie Hulbert (who lives down the road from us) propagated it from her beautiful large plant, which is situated in a sheltered part of her garden. She assured us that it would withstand the Mittagong climate. It was fine during the cooler months, but didn't like us being away from home in February when there was no one to water it for over a couple of weeks. Since then it has thrived and grown more leaves and we look forward to it sharing a happy life with us. In May it produced those beautiful angelic red flowers. Every part of the plant is poisonous and in theory that terrible taste of the leaves stops animals from browsing it—but if you have any foolhardy pets it would probably be best not to introduce it into your garden! Heavy frosts may turn the foliage black, but these usually re-shoot from undamaged wood. Red angel's trumpet likes a sunny position and is frequently grown from soft tip cuttings in spring and summer or hardwood cuttings in autumn and winter. The plant will grow to about 2.5m in most climates—12m at altitude in the Andes, where it originates. Susceptible to red spider mite and caterpillars, it is also beloved by snails. Christopher Lloyd wrote: "Frankly, this plant is as coarse as they come, but it flaunts with a flourish and one loves it for that." (*The Well-Tempered Garden*, p.151)

Kniphofia (red hot poker): In autumn our plant produces yellow flowers, despite its name—indeed, kniphofias come in a range of colours including red, orange and yellow to almost lime green and white. Some plants are winter flowering, such as the red and orange variety 'Winter Cheer', while others flower in summer. All enjoy a spot in full sun with good drainage, although they will grow in part shade. We bought our plant from

Lambley's nursery in Victoria about five years ago and it's grown into a large clump so it's now time for it to be divided. It's important not to bury the crown of the plant any deeper than 3 inches. Water new plants thoroughly and cover with a liberal amount of mulch.

Other jobs to do in June:

Perennials: We'll be busy this month lifting and dividing the *Penstemon* and *Salvia* plants and checking whether some of the newer perennials require to be divided. Some of these we will pot on for the Club plant sale in October.

Rhubarb: If you have a rhubarb plant in your garden, give it a mulch of manure and a dressing of blood and bone. If you don't have one, look out in the garden centres for a rhubarb crown and plant it in enriched soil. So delicious!

Roses: Put rotting cow manure under the roses at planting time (but make sure you protect the roots with soil).

Prune: Abelia, Chinese plumbago (*Ceratostigma willmotianum*), abutilon, berberis, hydrangea. Don't prune any spring-flowering trees that are now in dormant bud and leave your roses until next month.

Bulbs: It's really the last month for planting the spring bulbs, including hyacinths and tulips.

Happy gardening!

Meg Probyn



Brugmansia

From the Patch

Asparagus care update

Looking at my vegie patch this morning, the job which really needs attending to is the annual tidy up of the asparagus. Currently the old asparagus fronds are turning golden and beginning to collapse and there is the odd weed tangled up in the mass of old fronds. Rather a messy scene.

Asparagus is such an easy vegetable grow and of course the great benefit is that it is perennial. The asparagus crown will produce happily for over ten to fifteen years if

not more but the trick is you do have to manage it appropriately to achieve the best results.

Winter is the time for cutting back the old fronds, heavily topdressing with organic matter, preferably cow or chook manure and mulching. Asparagus is a very heavy feeder and not only does it require this large winter topdressing but small regular amounts of fertilizer during the growing season as well.

To maintain a vigorous asparagus bed there are also few other things to remember during the growing season. Ensure there is good soil drainage.

Provide regular watering during the growing season.

Only harvest the established asparagus bed for 6-8 weeks. The harvest period is usually finished by December. Make sure when harvesting you cut the spears just below the soil surface, avoiding damaging the tips which may be adjacent and unseen

After the harvesting period allow the fronds to grow out which will then recharge the crown with nutrients and stored energy for the next season

Monitor the pH as asparagus prefers a pH of around 6.0-7.5

Always keep the asparagus bed weed free and mulch well.

I find sugar cane mulch is very affective

There are male and female asparagus plants, female plants produce red berries and seed prolifically. Best to remove the female plants.

If you need to divide or move the asparagus crowns make sure you do this winter after the old fronds have been removed.

Health Benefits

Asparagus is high in vitamin C, beta-carotene, vitamin E, and potassium. Asparagus also contains glutathione, an antioxidant that supports liver detoxification. Is high in fibre and is thought to have some benefits in the treatment of tumours.

Pests & Diseases

Snails and slugs are the really the only common problem with asparagus. They tend to nibble away on the young spears or around the stems at ground level.

Asparagus Trivia

That distinctive asparagus urine smell is due to the metabolising of the sulphur compound Mercaptan. A similar compound is found in rotten egg gas!!

Asparagus is in the Liliaceae family

Asparagus was first grown by the Romans 3000 years ago but became popular in Europe in the 16th century

White asparagus is not a cultivar but the result of being grown without light

Asparagus Cultivars

Fat Bastard; Large thick spears

Mary Washington; Vigorous plants, medium sized spears
Purple; Purple, sweet spears

Connovers colossal; Old cultivar with thick spears

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

'Asparagus inspires gentle thoughts'

Charles Lamb

Chris Webb

Muriel's Musings

I've just had a "Thank you God " moment (I have them all the time actually along with the Every Day Angels who call in to see if I need anything.

I was looking for an exercise book I use as a day to day diary when I came across an old one I had written in many many years ago, 30 years in fact. One entry said " I have been looking at a plant, self-sown, that has come up in the front garden. I've been keeping an eye on it since it dawned on me that the foliage isn't the same as the emerging *Platycondons*, (*Balloon flowers*). I'm curious as to what this foreigner is, because years ago our much loved member Joan Radik brought to our trading table a bunch of heavenly lavender-blue flowers and a little jar of tiny seeds. Seeing the flowers were my favourite colour, I instantly stumped up the very modest asking price and Joan told me they were *Nicandra Physolodes* (*Apple of Peru*). "They are so easy to grow " said Joan, 'they have a seed head like a *Love in the Mist* and inside that there is a ball the size of a *Jaffa* and inside that hundreds of tiny seeds'. At the time I wrote "I don't know if this plant could become a nuisance, but for the pretty blue flowers it is well worth having"

Years later I had written next to that quote, "NO IT IS NOT" for in no time there were Peruvian Apple plants everywhere in the garden, even in the lawns. It was like an epidemic of *Small Pox*, but eventually I was able to declare my little garden free of it.

I still have my favourite colour in the garden, an ever increasing in size clump of *Winter Iris Stylosa*. P.S. That foreign plant turned out to be a *Fennel* seed that blew in from someone else's garden.

I did have a thought for the day, but I've forgotten it, so you will just have to come up with one of your own.
Muriel Stuart

Thailand's Floral Festival

Recently I travelled to Chiang Mai in northern Thailand for the Floral Festival. The festival is held each year in February - this was the 60th year. Thailand has 22 provinces and each province prepares a beautifully decorated float for the parade together with a high school marching band. The parade starts around 10 am and continues through the morning for about 3 hours. The floats are amazing as they are completely covered in flowers.

When the procession is over the floats are assembled in a nearby park where they can be inspected for all the finer details and the winner is announced. There are many garden displays and market stalls selling all types of plants also in the park. There was an excellent display of bonsai, orchids and bromeliads.

From Chiang Mai we headed north to Chiang Rai where we visited the Queen Sirikit Botanical Gardens. This is Thailand's first botanical garden and covers 560 acres (there is a shuttle bus to take you around). There is a vast collection of plants from around the world. There were water gardens, glass houses of ferns and a great display of desert cacti. Also in Chiang Rai is Mae Fah Luang Garden, also known as the Queen Mother's beautiful mountain top garden. Here there are mass displays of annuals, clipped hedges, bromeliads and beautifully maintained lawns. We could have walked around this garden for hours. It was so beautiful and so pretty. It is very hot most of the time in Thailand, although it does get cooler in the north but it is amazing how they can grow

so many varieties of plants from climates from around the world. I came home all keen to work in my garden.

Glenys Lilliandal



Monaro and Tumut Tour

Buck and I joined the Australian Garden History Society group for a trip to the Monaro and Tumut Region and had four perfect golden autumn days in the district. Monaro means 'treeless plain' and this was so. Granite rocks and grass covered, but the four historic properties we visited were an example of perseverance and a love of gardening. Bobundra, is situated in a sheltered valley in a bend of the Myalla Cree, The 1830 garden has golden elms everywhere. The present owner, Trisha Dixon, said she has not watered her garden for 15 years, depending on the old creek bed where roots go soen to source the underground water.

Erindale nestles on the side of a hill well protected from the SW winds. Many old pines protect the garden which is owned by Janice and Richard Lawson. Janice has brought her own influence to the garden which was originally planted around a rambling timber cottage which disappears in spring under rambling roses and clematis. She has created her garden by trial and error, and has rose gardens with hardy perennials and bulbs. Many grey granite rocks are planted with grey succulent plants and a massive agave provided a great sculptural effect. The autumn colour was superb, birches, poplars and elms contrasting with the green Cyprus hedges.

Shirley, owned by John Cottle, had parkland features, mature oaks, elms, ashes and poplars, birches and conifers under-planted with perennials and shrubs. This garden has been redesigned by Paul Bangay to include hedges and parterres in an old tennis court, paved courtyards and stone walls.

Curry Flat, owned by Jim and Sue Jardin, has a garden featuring stonework throughout. Sue is passionate about her garden and has planted avenues of trees, and herbaceous plants chosen for the cold climate.

Tumut welcomed us with a glorious display of Lombardy poplars, and we explored the Stockwell Gardens which were ablaze with autumn colours.

We visited the Bago State Forest to view the sugar pines, and walked through this cathedral like forest awed by the silence and grandeur of these trees considered to be the tallest in the world.

On our way back to the Southern Highlands we stopped at Adelong gold mine and walked through the heritage town with many very old gardens.

A wonderful time in a colourful area.

Margaret Buckland



BOWRAL GARDEN CLUB CHRISTMAS IN JULY LUNCHEON

To be held at the Alexander Room, Mittagong RSL Club
Old Hume Highway, Mittagong.
Monday 25th July 2016 at 12 noon.

Please notify the Treasurer of your attendance by 4th
July.

Cost \$45 P/P payable to the treasurer no later than 11th
July.

Payment by cash, cheque to The Treasurer P.O. Box 910,
Bowral, 2576, or direct deposit to:
BDCU (Cuscal Ltd) Bank
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MEMBERS PLEASE NOTE

Thank you to all members who bring articles to the trading table, specimens for the Show and Tell table and plates of goodies for afternoon tea, however, **please remember to take home what you brought to share.**

MEMBERS ALSO PLEASE NOTE

When making payment for renewal of membership, an event or tour please mark your envelope with your name, what you are paying and the amount. Those members who pay by direct deposit to our bank account, please make sure you enter your name and event in the relevant box. Thank you for your cooperation.

BOWRAL GARDEN CLUB INC.

Minutes of General Meeting 9 May 2016

Uniting Church Hall, Bendooley Street, Bowral

Present: 68 Members and visitors.

Apologies: Elizabeth Meredith, Pam Cornett, Sharon Murphy, Roslyn Taylor, Heather Johnston, Trish Brown, Lindsay Manual, Peta Peter, Lindsay Orr, Jenny Clegg, Sue & Alan Bassett, Lois Morrison, Mary Shields, Robyn Stephens, Jacqui Lenaghan, Richard Phillips, Josie Meincke, Marion Bearup, Susan-May Notley, Peter Jones
President Anne Curvers opened the meeting at 2 pm and welcomed everyone present including members and visitors and introduced our guest speaker Deidre Hill author of "Gardening in the Southern Highlands." Deidre became interested in floral art in 1980 after doing a course on Christmas decorations. After attending a Floral Art competition organised by the RHS, Deidre decided she could compete at their level and became "hooked". Deidre had a beautiful array of flower arrangements which she introduced to us and pointed out the virtues of each one. Conditioning the flowers is very important and can prolong cut flowers for up to 7-10 days. If picking from the garden do so before 8 am or before the sun hits the plants. During winter allow the flowers to thaw if

frozen, before picking. Take a bucket if picking from the garden and put flowers and foliage into water immediately. Cut stems seal over quickly preventing the uptake of water. Cut all stems under water at an angle of 45 degrees which increases the surface area of the stem allowing the flowers to take up more water. Place in containers for a few hours or overnight to hydrate. Each variety of flowers should be placed in separate containers during the conditioning process as some produce inhibitors which are harmful to other varieties. Chrysanthemums produce high amounts of ethylene gas which is an odourless plant hormone. This gas speeds up the ageing process so they should be used on their own. The choice of a container decides the style and contributes to the harmony and unity of the overall design. Posies can be put in a paper cup with green foam in the bottom, make sure you give flowers water. Jan Scott thanked Deidre for an amazing presentation and presented her with a token of our appreciation.

MINUTES of the April meeting were printed in the May newsletter. Anne moved that the minutes of 11th April 2016 be accepted as a true record of the meeting. Proposed: Glenys Lilliendal. Seconded: Helen Mastro

Correspondence In:

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

- Thank you from Muriel Stuart for all the kind thoughts and cards.
- Apologies from Margaret Roberts unfortunately unable to present talk or open garden in August.
- Garden Clubs of Australia sales brochure.
- Our Gardens – Winter issue.
- Highlands Garden Society May Bulletin
- Ann McColl retiring from club after 12 year membership and sends best wishes for the continuing prosperity of the club and congratulates all officers, past and present, on a job very well done.

Correspondence Out:

-Emails re website renewal and various contacts made re speakers.

-Card to Ann McColl thanking her for her loyal membership and wishing her well for the future.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Noelene Bailey read the financial report to 30th April 2016 and proposed that it be accepted as follows:
Balance in cheque account as at end March 2016 - \$2409.44 plus income for April \$1959.10 includes club plant sales \$111.10, Membership \$105.00, payments for Camellia Gardens Tour \$1395.00, Xmas in July \$135.00 and funds raised for Legacy from sale of Rosemary \$100.00.

Less expenditure for April \$536.86 – includes Garden Clubs of Aust affiliation \$191.86, cheque to Legacy \$100.00 and a cheque to SHBG for BGC Brick \$50.00.

Plus April cheque unrepresented \$100.00.

Less March cheque presented \$39.95

Balance of cheque account as at 30th April 2016 - \$3891.73

Add balance in savings account No.1 as at 30th April 2016 - \$5141.75

Plus balance in Special savings account for SHBG at 30th April 2016 - \$1680.57

Total funds in hand as at 30th April 2016 - \$10714.05

Total raised in April for afternoon tea was \$88.50 of which \$50 went to pay for the BGC Brick at SHBG.

A full report was placed on the notice board.

Noelene Bailey proposed that the Treasurer's Report be accepted. Seconded by Glenis Orr.

GENERAL BUSINESS

Thanks to Noelene & Bob Bailey who kindly took orders and collected Curley's compost from Penrose as a fund raiser for the club.

Christmas in July (25th) Lunch at 12 noon to be held in the Alexander Room at the Mittagong RSL Club- \$45 per head. Make your booking with Noelene Bailey.

Tulip Time Parade Saturday 17th September 2016: Please join Eric Paananen and committee members for a morning tea meeting at the Milk Factory on Monday 30th May at 10 am to discuss ideas and to hear his plans for the float and costumes. Any enquiries? Ring Eric on 4862 1570.

Australia's Biggest Morning Tea, Cancer Council – Invitation to Shonagh Moore's home in Mittagong on 25th May at 10 am.

Welcome Gifts were presented to new members Tristy Brown and Jane Harris.

TRADING TABLE: Anne thanked everyone who had brought items for the trading table.

LUCKY DOOR PRIZES: Deidre Hill very generously offered her beautiful flower arrangements as gifts to be auctioned. The bidding was fast and furious with the victors being Meg Probyn and Celia Finnimore. Pam Bailey and Lyn Esdaile won the lucky door prizes.

Q & A: Plant identified from last meeting as a variety of Horse Chestnut.

The meeting closed at 3.05 pm

Next Meeting & AGM: Monday 6th June 2016 at 2.00 pm – Annesley, 11 Aitken Road, Bowral.

Guest speaker: Charlotte Webb OAM "Perennials for your garden"

Lorraine Richardson



Visit to Camellia Gardens

Photos thanks to Celia Finnimore



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.

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