

Bowral Garden Club Inc.

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Friendship through Gardening

For your diary: November.

14 November (Monday) 2.00pm: Club Meeting:

Speaker: Wariapendi Nursery Representative

21 November (Monday) 8.30am: Meet at Mittagong RSL for Day Trip to Glenmore House and Garden, Camden.

28 November (Monday) 10.30am: Garden visit to Arthur Lathouris' garden, 10 Norwood Street, Exeter. Please park in street.

For your Diary: December.

5 December (Monday) 12 noon: Christmas Lunch at Fitzroy Inn, 26 Ferguson Crescent, Mittagong. Bookings essential.

Theme for the Month: Clematis



From the President

It's November and our last meeting for the year. Warren Walker from Wariapendi will be speaking on "Native Plants suitable for landscaping in the Southern Highlands". A topic that follows on well from Jane Lemann's presentation at our October meeting. As it is our last meeting, I expect our general meeting to be short which will give us time to view some photos from the last Tulip Parade.

Looking back it has been a busy year with excellent speakers on a wide range of topics, enjoyable bus trips and visits to a diverse range of gardens. Hopefully we all learnt something new during the last ten months. Meetings were certainly well attended with 96 and 85 members present at the February and June meetings respectively, with an average 75 attendance overall. At present we have 144 members. I still feel uplifted when I reflect on our visit to the Berrima Public school where the whole community is so supportive of the school's kitchen garden. It certainly illustrated the change that Paul Kirkpatrick, our February meeting guest speaker, mentioned with the move from having the hidden walled kitchen garden during the Industrial Revolution to having

featured kitchen gardens in schools, incorporated in restaurants and part of our own gardens. Alas that is still an outstanding project for me and Pat. But a vegetable garden will be planted!

The challenge now for your Committee is to plan another interesting and exciting program for 2017. We are on to it! Please contact me with your suggestions.

At the October meeting I mentioned Council was canvassing interest in the establishment of a Bushcare group for Mansfield Reserve. Or more accurately, its re-establishment. I have recently received correspondence to say there has been sufficient interest and the group will meet on the 4th Wednesday of the month with the inaugural working bee on Wednesday 23rd November 9.00 – 12.00. As quite a few members live in East Bowral, I thought it was worth mentioning in case some of you are interested in joining the group.

Thank you to all of you who have contributed to the Plant Stall. As I write this, the Plant Stall is still to happen. So crossing my fingers and toes it goes well and will let you know the outcome at the November meeting.

Come a buy a plant!

Happy gardening

Anne Curvers

From the Editor

I returned from Hong Kong, (where the weather was challenging, a beautiful warm sunny day followed by a T3 (Typhoon category 3, ie heavy rain and winds) sunny day then the full blown T8 when **everything** shuts down, great day for Monopoly), home to a garden changed. The Montana clematis in full flower and the vivid Dutch iris and grannie's bonnets complimenting each other. Now time to follow Meg's hints and restock my flower garden for summer, such a pleasure preparing.

Carole Scott



Garden tips for November

At one stage last month it seemed as if the cool weather would go on forever, but now November, the last month of spring, is here and the final chance to prepare our gardens for the heat of summer. This is the time for

SERIOUS mulching! Our garden beds have enjoyed the compost from our compost pile and then either a eucalyptus mulch mix from Highlands Sand and Gravel or sugar cane straw. It takes time to wheelbarrow the mix down the garden but it is rewarding to see how the plants enjoy the protection from winds and heat.

Each year we are blown away by the maple trees looking so beautiful—I think they are just as lovely in spring with all the new leaves of every different green and red hue as in autumn.

We spent a fascinating weekend at the Australian Garden History Society Annual Conference in Canberra where we visited not only the lovely garden at Old Parliament but the Arboretum and Government House. The latter was a complete surprise to us and we were delighted to feel so proud of the grounds, which include extensive plantations of trees and sweeping lawns. The grounds cover 54 hectares (133 acres)—12 hectares are cultivated garden areas and 8 hectares irrigated turf areas. There are wonderful views towards Black Mountain in the north and the Brindabella Ranges in the south. Unfortunately, there are far fewer garden staff than in days gone by and it struck us that instead of all that mowing—and three of the nine full-time members are employed doing nothing else than that—pathways could be mown across the lawns so that visitors would be able to see where to walk and avoid snakes. The consequence in the reduction of staff is that many of the borders are overgrown with weeds, including Periwinkle (*Vinca major*) spreading in every direction. But the garden is a delight and if you have an opportunity, do go and visit it. Next month the roses at Old Parliament House will be in full bloom. We saw only a few roses but the wisteria was at its best. There were also four country gardens on the itinerary—'Wanna Wanna', 'Sharrow', 'Carwoola' and 'Foxlow'—all lovely gardens with fascinating histories and we delighted in the old farm buildings. It's always inspirational to visit other people's gardens.

Our beautiful climbing rose 'Cécile Brunner' was pruned too late and too heavily—not mentioning any names!—for us to witness the usual late October cascade of flowers. Thank goodness it is beginning to show some buds. It's usually a delight from October to November with its light pink flowers cascading over the front pergola. This [polyantha rose](#) was bred in France by Marie Ducher and introduced by her son-in-law, [Joseph Pernet-Ducher](#) in 1881. The website tells us that its parents were a double-flowered *R. multiflora* and a [hybrid tea rose](#), either 'Souvenir d'un Ami' or a seedling of 'Mme de Tartas'.

This is a lovely time of year when you can plant so many beautiful annuals to fill any empty spots in the garden. In 2015 we had some very hot few days in November when I was glad to be at home and ready to water the garden.

How to make white oil spray: One of our members requested the white oil spray recipe, so just in case you've forgotten how to do it, here it is again . . .

Combine 1 cup of vegetable oil (any oil will do) with ¼ cup of dishwashing liquid in a clean glass jar with a lid. Shake well and the mixture will turn white. In a spray unit, measure 1 tablespoon of this white mixture per litre of water. Shake well and spray on plants to control scale, mites, aphids, soft-skinned grubs and citrus leafminer.

Pear, apple and cherry trees—Look for pear and cherry slugs on leaves of hawthorns, plums, cherries and quinces. Spray with pyrethrum or carbaryl. Spray apple

and pear trees every three weeks with carbaryl against codling moth and light brown apple moth.

Lawn care: If your lawn is very dry (though after all the rain we've had this year it's not likely to be!), apply a soil-wetting agent. This helps rainfall soak through the soil and reach the roots. The lawns really enjoy some fertiliser at this time of year. Keep the lawn mower blades on high so that you don't mow too closely in the warmer weather. Prune: After they have flowered, prune rambling roses, Banksia roses and make sure you cut back the rampant stems on jasmine (*Jasminum polyanthum*) or they will take over your garden! Prune *Philadelphus* after flowering. For *Deutzia*, *Choisya* and many of the native bushes, such as bottlebrush and mint bush, cut off the stem behind the flowering heads when they have finished their spring flowering.

Spray—azaleas and lillypillies with 'Confidor' to protect from sucking insects. Spray aphid-infected roses with pyrethrum or white oil (see recipe above).

Bulbs: We don't lift our bulbs to store but if you are concerned about them remaining in the ground, dig them out and store in a dry place for autumn planting.

Polyanthus and primrose plants—can be lifted, divided and replanted in a sheltered spot away from the hot summer sun.

Plant—dahlia tubers and gladiolus corms for summer flowering.

Tomatoes: even if you don't have dedicated vegetable garden, you can grow tomato plants in a tub. Fertilise with blood and bone and potash as soon as you see the flowers appearing.

Mulch, Mulch, Mulch! Happy gardening!

Meg Probyn

From the Patch

Celeriac

Apium graveolens var. rapaceum

After a few challenging months 'the Patch' has returned!! Many thanks to all the Bowral Garden Club members for your kindness and support.

If you have penchant for warty, ugly vegetables Celeriac is for you. Despite its looks, Celeriac does provide a great addition to your culinary choices. Tasting a little like spicy Celery it can replace Celery in any recipe, particularly in soups and stews, but can also be eaten in salads or mashed like potatoes.

Celeriac has a very long growing period, up to 120 days but can only be planted after the risk of frosts has ended. Consequently ours are still sitting in their seed trays in the glasshouse waiting for this interminable cold to end!! The root is harvested when the night time temperatures fall again in autumn and once harvested can be stored for months.

Sow Celeriac seeds in seed trays in a protected, warm environment. They are slow to germinate so don't panic if it takes a few weeks for them to appear. Once established transplant the seedlings into well prepared heavily fertilised, well drained, sunny garden beds. Celeriac prefers constant moisture but not water logging. Space seedling at about 500mm apart and hill them as they grow to assist in blanching the root.

History

Celeriac is derived from the similar wild ancestry as Celery, probably in the Mediterranean.

The early Greeks referred to it as *Selinon* and it was mentioned by Homer in the *Odyssey* in 800BC. It did not become well known until the Middle Ages and it was first

recorded in France as an edible crop in 1623 and by the 1700's was widely cultivated.

In France it has been used in signature dishes such as '*celerie remoulade*' (matchsticks of celery in mayonnaise) and it is widely used in Italy.

Pests & Diseases

There are few pests and diseases apart from snails and slugs

Celeriac Trivia

Celeriac is low in calories but contains large amounts of Vitamin K and C as well as large quantities of Manganese and antioxidants. Basically it's good for your health and brain function.

Celeriac Cultivars

Prinz: Smaller to medium flattened round root and compact foliage, smooth and white

Diamant: Nice and clean, white, medium size; smooth, flattened, round, irregular.

Ibis: Neat round ball, very uniform, fairly small; smooth, round and regular.

Kojak: Flattened ball shape, clean and white, very smooth; round, irregular.

Monarch: Flattened ball shape, clean and white, very smooth; round, irregular.

Now is also the time to plant a huge number of Spring and Summer vegetables including

Beetroot, Broad Beans, Chives, Carrots, Fennel, Garlic, Kohlrabi, Beans, Zucchini, Lettuce, Sweet Corn, Squash, Pumpkins, Mustard Greens, Onion, Parsley, Parsnips, Peas, Spinach and Turnips, Potatoes

A Vegetable Thought

"I am afraid of losing my obscurity. Genuineness only thrives in the dark. Like celery."

Aldous Huxley

Chris Webb

Muriel's Musings

Seeing that nothing remotely amusing has happened to me of late (apart from a few domestic Oopses such as having to ask a first time visitor to unscrew the top off the carton of milk, the Moccona coffee jar and the bottle of crème sherry for me) the loss of my reading glasses, in town somewhere, really made life difficult. Small muzzy print only becomes large muzzy print when viewed thru a magnifying glass_ so I've had to have my eyes tested again and new lenses ordered to be picked up on Friday. So dear reader I'm throwing myself on your mercy and repeating an item I wrote 6 years ago with the weather warming up and storms likely to happen the stage will be set for a similar happening no doubt.

2011. After the flood that swooshed through the garden during a recent thunder storm, it turned the lower lawn into a water meadow for days afterwards. It also triggered an outbreak of ground fleas and they quickly hopped onto my 2 cats for refuge and in no time all the carpets were infected too _ so I treated Shah of Purrrrsia and the beautiful Voluptous, longhaired, black Sheba with a shot of squirty stuff between their shoulder blades. (I'm enjoying this, my computer is having conniptions trying to correct my innovative spelling (truly revenge is sweet), I also double bombed all the carpets so now my cats and carpets are free of fleas. But now the cats won't walk on the carpets, they jump up and furniture walk and sit on the back of the settee grooming themselves or meowing mournfully when they want to go outside. I regard carrying them outside umpteen times as my alternative to going to the Gym and

doing weights. No doubt some of you will think I'm a bit over the top but I do believe Robyn and Ulishka will be understanding. I'm signing off now as it's 5 minutes to Sherry (my favourite time of the day.) A small glass of wine every day does help the system. So our Great Grand Mothers Elderberry wine was a medical fact not a medical myth!!

My thought for the day is a saying that my Dar used to say

"When its dark enough you can see the stars"

Muriel Stuart

Wild flowers of Western Australia

I flew into Perth to join a tour of the wild flowers of the West. We left Fremantle and drove north to Geraldton stopping off at the Nambung National Park, home of the Pinnacles, thousands of limestone pillars rising to 3.5 metres. These peculiar geological formations were formed by calcified limestone thousands of years ago.

Further north to Cervantes and on to Lesueur National Park where there are over 2000 species of flowering plants. It is one of the most wildflower-rich belts in the mid-west. There we saw black kangaroo paw, cat's paw and vast areas of smoke bush. The smoke bush is a fern like bush with soft feathery like grey flowers. The cat's paw is smaller than kangaroo paw and is bright yellow and orange. Helen Young, a well-known horticulturalist and garden writer accompanied the tour so she was able to identify all of the plants.

From Geraldton we travelled east to Mullewa where we saw the colourful wreath flowers (*Ieschenaultia macrantha*). These flowers are amazing, only growing in the loose gravel on the graded edge of the road. They are only in this area for about 200 metres. There were fields of everlasting daisies in pink, white and yellow and pink native foxgloves also grevilleas, wattles and banksias.

We made our way south to Perth where we had a day in Kings Park. Nearly two thirds of the park is natural bushland with the balance superbly cultivated gardens and parkland.

We visited 2 private gardens in Perth. In the Perth hills was Patsy Durack's rose garden, which features over 1000 roses. Normally the roses would have been in bloom but due to the coldest September for many years there were no flowers. Deryn Thorpe's garden was a very pretty cottage garden and contains roses, perennials, flowering annuals, succulents and the veggie patch. Deryn is one of Perth's popular gardening personalities.

We left Perth and headed to Albany, on the way stopping at the farm garden of Cathy Wright. This garden covered a few acres and had natives and exotics along with succulents, fruit trees and veggie garden. In Albany we visited the 5 acre display of banksia at Banksia Farm, which is the world's only complete collection of banksia species.

On our way back up north to Margaret River we drove through the valley of the giants, where the karri and jarrah trees tower majestically over the countryside and red tingle trees have a base circumference of 16 metres. There were lots of wild clematis and brilliant red coral vine.

The wild flowers have been especially brilliant this year because of all the winter rain.

Glenys Lilliendal



TOUR TO GLENMORE HOUSE AND CAMDEN PARK HOUSE & GARDEN MONDAY 21ST NOVEMBER 2016

Meet at Mittagong RSL Club at 8.45am for a 9.00 am departure.

We will have a short stop at the Common Ground Bakery, Picton for morning tea. This will give us the opportunity to meet with representatives of the Wollondilly Garden Club and present them with a donation towards the replanting of public gardens in the area after the recent flood damage.

The coach will then continue to Glenmore House for a visit of its working gardens before having a BYO Picnic lunch in Macarthur Park, Camden.

After lunch we will visit Camden Park House & Garden for a guided tour of the historic house, a self-guided tour of the garden (with brochure), the largest intact 19th century garden in NSW followed by Devonshire tea/coffee.

We expect to return to Mittagong RSL at 5.30 pm.

Cost \$60.00 per person (includes all costs except BYO picnic lunch). Please pay before 14th November.

Payments may be made by direct debit: BDCU (Cuscal Ltd) Bank Account: Bowral Garden Club BSB 802-101 A/C 57038. Please include the following reference information: Camden and your name.

Alternatively you can pay by cheque to Camden Bus Trip, The Treasurer PO Box 910, Bowral 2576 or by cash to Maryann at the November Club Meeting on 14th November.

Sorry no refunds after 15th November.

Please contact Anne Curvers MOB:0408474710 /PH 48613061, anne.curvers@outlook.com.au for any enquiries.

Bowral Garden Club Wine Offer

Bowral Garden Club will be purchasing some local wine to enable us to continue with our practice of giving a bottle of wine as a token of our appreciation to people who assist the club.

The wine we are purchasing is: Cherry Tree Hill Cabernet Merlot 2010

Cost: \$14 (usually \$22)

If you would like to take this opportunity to purchase a dozen or half dozen bottles for yourself as part of the BGC's order at this reduced cost, please pay \$168 or \$84 before or on 14th November.

Payments may be made by direct debit: BDCU (Cuscal Ltd) Bank Account: Bowral Garden Club BSB 802-101 A/C 57038. Please include the following reference information: Wine and your name.

Alternatively you can pay by cheque to Wine Offer, The Treasurer PO Box 910, Bowral. 2576 or to Jan Scott at the November meeting.

The order will be placed on Tuesday 15th and pick up or delivery will be organised through Anne Curvers in time for Christmas.

Please contact Anne Curvers MOB: 0408474710 / PH: 48613061, anne.curvers@outlook.com.au for any enquiries.



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.**

BOWRAL GARDEN CLUB INC.

Minutes of General Meeting 10 October 2016

Uniting Church Hall, Bendooley Street, Bowral

Present: 59 Members and one visitor.

Apologies: Veronica & Michael Launders, Valerie Davy, Kay Lawson, Alan Bassett, Cherie Ogden, Peter Musgrave, Lindsay Maynard, Gordon & Ursula Hopkins, Marilyn Gleeson, Rosamund Mohacsi, Aaltje Stuart, Gwen Gilbert, Margaret Parkinson, Glenis & Lindsay Orr, Bruce & Heather Tredinnick, Eric & Phyllis Paananen, Tina Philp, Ulishka Virag & Elaine Lye.

President Anne Curvers opened the meeting at 2pm and welcomed everyone present including our guest speaker Jane Lemann. Jane gave an inspired talk on the history of The Gib which was quarried for almost 100 years and supplied stone for many significant Government projects i.e. Queen Victoria Building, Bank of Australasia, steps for the Art Gallery, foundations for the Hawkesbury River rail bridge and many others. Jane's great passion has been as the leader of her dedicated volunteers who have worked tirelessly for over 23 years and meet each Thursday morning on The Gib to eradicate the English Ivy which totally covered the area of the reserve, some 130 hectares. The reward has been the return of native flora and fauna like the birds, butterflies, mammals and other wildlife. Jane spoke of the corridor for migrating birds and wildlife from Cooma through the Morton Park, Southern Highlands to the Hunter Valley and how important it was for us all to play our part by planting 30% native trees and plants in our back gardens acting as a stepping stone on their migration north.

Jane was thanked for her fascinating talk by Kay Fintan who presented Jane with a gift of appreciation. (Kay has been weeding every Thursday and is still there after 7 years and Jonquil Temple is in her 12th year).

MINUTES of the September meeting were printed in the October newsletter. Anne moved that the minutes of 12 September 2016 be accepted as a true record of the meeting. Proposed – Kristine Gow. Seconded - Meg Probyn. Carried.

CORRESPONDENCE IN:

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

Australian Plants Society contact Kay Fintan kaynbrian@bigpond.com

Angus Stewart 2017 Tours to China and Southern Italy – Bronwyn Blake 0439718 580.

Vanessa Balfour – Open garden 2 Grose Street Leura Oct 1 & 2.

Bundanoon Garden Ramble 22 & 23 Oct 2016 www.bundanoongardenramble.org.au

Wakefield Press – special offer on their Best Gardening Books 30% off.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Maryann Hewitt read out the financial report as at 30th September 2016 and proposed that it be accepted as follows: Balance of main trading account @ 30th September 2016 \$8424.83 Less outstanding un-presented cheques \$2737.19. Balance

5 sauvignon in general trading account \$5687.64. Plus balance in Savings a/c #1 @ 30th September 2016 \$1034.71. Total available funds in hand @ 30th September 2016 \$12,211.56. From the last meeting, included in the above figures are: Trading Table \$122.50; Afternoon Teas \$90.90 and Subscriptions \$247.00 Proposed Maryann Hewitt and Seconded by Ray Bradley. Carried.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

Meg & Clive Probyn's Open Garden – Congratulations on raising \$650 for the Southern Highlands Botanic Gardens.

Tulip Time Parade – On behalf of the club Anne thanked Eric Paananen, Bob Bailey and Kathy Watson with a round of applause. Anne also thanked the members who involved their grand children who dressed up and played such a big part in our parade. Our trophy is still with the engravers and will be on display at our next meeting.

Mount Gibraltar walk with Kristine Gow on 17th October.

Nimmitabel Garden Club - Visiting the Southern Highlands on 24 & 25 October. Volunteers please contact Noelene Bailey on 4862 3741.

Plant Stall – Saturday 29th October 2016 at 8 am till 12 noon in Corbett Plaza. Plant Stall meeting at Anne's home 11 Kimberley Drive, Bowral 2 pm 19 October – all welcome. Propagated plants, flowers and anything for the garden to sell please bring to stall at 7.30 am

Joy Horne – Inhope Farm Exeter Peony open garden visit next year 30th October.

Wine Order - Anne reported more information on wine ordering at next month's meeting for the cabernet sauvignon @ \$14 a bottle reduced from \$22.00 with the BGC label.

Bus Tour 21 November to Glenmore House & Garden Camden – Anne will issue an email with details next week. The cost will be \$60.

Christmas Lunch Monday 5 December - 12 noon - \$48 Please pay Noelene by 21 November.

TRADING TABLE: Thank you to the members who kindly brought books and plants.

SHOW & TELL: Anne thanked Susan-May Notley, Noelene Bailey, Kristine Gow and Ray Bradley for decorating the table with their beautiful flowers. Members are invited to delight us with a posy or bunch of flowers for us all to admire.

LUCKY DOOR PRIZE: Won by Jill Haig.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

Suzanne Kingsford was introduced by Ray Bradley who advised us that at the recent Australian National Championships, Suzanne was awarded with the **Australian Rose Award for 2016**, the highest award bestowed on a member of the Rose Society in Australia. Ray congratulated Suzanne and led a round of applause.

Australian Garden History Society Tour – Ray spoke about the 9 day tour he is leading to Victorian Gardens and Historic Homes from Monday 1 – Tuesday 9 May 2017. This tour includes Beechworth Estate, Cruden Farm, McLelland Gallery and the Australian Botanic Gardens at Cranbourne and travelling back through the West Gippsland region, Warragul area to visit Broughton Hall and the Jindivic Country Gardener. Contact Ray Bradley 4861 4090 or email aghs.sh.info@gmail.com

Tim Webb got the job at East Kangaloon!

The meeting closed at 3.10 pm

NEXT MEETING: Monday 14th November 2016 at 2.00 pm – Uniting Church Hall, Bendooley Street, Bowral.

GUEST SPEAKER: Warren Walker, Wariapendi "Native Plants suitable for landscaping in the Southern Highlands".



Jane Lemann

CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON

To be held at the **FITZROY INN**
1 Ferguson Crescent, Mittagong.
Monday 5th December 2016 at 12 noon for 12:30pm sit down meal.
Please notify Noelene Bailey of your attendance by 24th October.
Cost \$48 P/P payable no later than 21st November

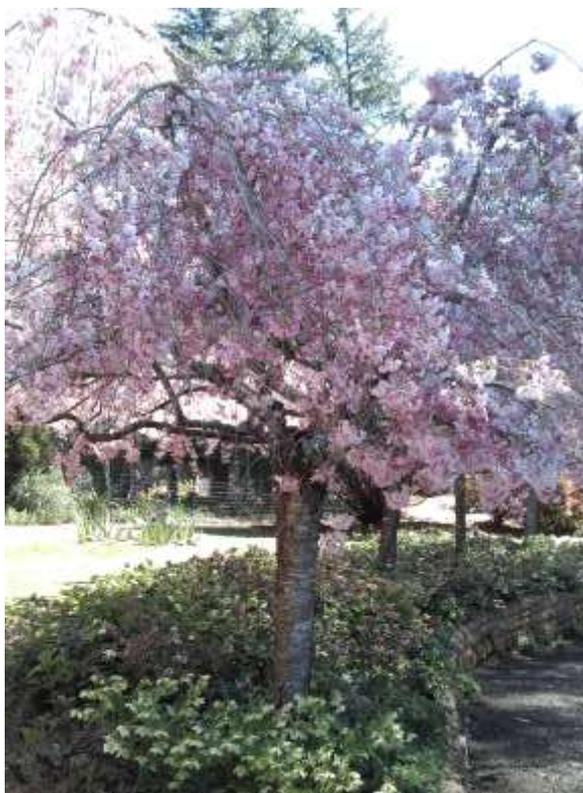
Congratulations to Sue Kingsford on being awarded the Australian Rose Award for 2016 for her untiring efforts in so many capacities to promote the love of the Rose and its quality cultivation over so many decades.

This is the highest award bestowed on a member of the Rose Society in Australia and was announced at the conference dinner for the Australian National Championships held in Perth on 8-9 October. The award was accepted on Sue's behalf by Colin Hollis, State President of the Rose Society of NSW.

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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