

Bowral Garden Club Inc.

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Patrons: Chris & Charlotte Webb OAM



Friendship through Gardening

July 2021 Newsletter

What's on in July

12 July (Monday) 2.00pm:

Club Meeting to be held at Mittagong R.S.L. Club.

Speaker: Jim Cootes "The Orchid Man"

NOTE:

Due to Covid restrictions potentially being extended, this meeting could be cancelled at short notice, so please keep your eyes on your emails

26 July (Monday) 7.30am

Coach Trip to Camellias R Us – Glenorie and Mother Earth Nursery - Kenthurst

SEATS STILL AVAILABLE

From the President

I just can't get enthused about gardening in Winter. It's a failing on my part I know, but hard as I try, a cup of coffee inside by the fire always wins.

As Covid continues to raise its ugly head, restrictions on capacity in rooms at the Mittagong RSL have not eased. We are fortunate to have this as an alternative to the Uniting Church Hall which is still restricted to 70 people.

However, for our **July 12 meeting** we don't have access to the large 'Carrington' room and have been given the 'Nattai & Joadja' rooms instead. Unfortunately, the capacity of these rooms put together, is only 70 people!

Therefore, registration is ESSENTIAL and maximum numbers will be 70.

I'm sorry it has to be this way. Believe me, it is as much a pain for me and the Committee, as it is for you, but that is what it takes to keep the club going, despite the difficulties confronting us all with Covid at this time.

Please let me know if you wish to register by email president@bowralgardenclub or text me on 0402 814119.

What's on in aUGUST

9 August (Monday) 2.00pm:

Club Meeting to be held at Mittagong R.S.L. Club.

Speaker: Paul Kirkpatrick from Gardenacious "The Extreme Gardener"

23 August (Monday) 10.30am

Visit to Meg & Clive Probyn's garden – 158 Oxley Drive, Mittagong



I find it hard to believe as July approaches, we will be remembering Sue Kingsford. A wonderful lady with a cheeky grin, gone but not forgotten....

Onwards and upwards, keep smiling and for those of you who aren't lazy like me... Happy Gardening!

Deb

From the Editor

*W*hat a lovely morning we shared for the Slide, Soup and Slice get-together. The weather outside was dull and dreary so warming up with delicious soups and slices was a delight. A most hearty thank you to Deb and her helpers. On that note I would also like to thank Deb for her continued work as our President. She does a great job and yes, she has her committee but her dedication to the Club is much appreciated, keeping we garden club members happy and entertained. Well done and thank you Deb!

Roz

Plant of the Month

Goodenia

I have this bush with its lovely little yellow flowers in my front garden, given to me from a neighbour who



Goodenia Ovata

propagated it. Not knowing its name, I was delighted to see it on a recent episode of Gardening Australia.

Goodenia is a genus of about two hundred species of flowering plants in the family Goodeniaceae. Plants in this genus are herbs or shrubs, mostly endemic to Australia. The leaves are variably-shaped, the flowers arranged in small groups, with three or five sepals.

Goodenia ovata (as pictured) is an erect, ascending to prostrate shrub that typically grows to a height of 2 metres and has sticky, often varnished foliage. The flowers are pollinated by insects, including native bees, honeybees, and hoverflies. The plant is killed by bushfire and regenerates from seed afterwards.

Source: <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Goodenia>

Muriel's Musings

*D*ear friends.....hopefully as you read on, you won't be thinking 'Hello she's been at the Baileys Irish Cream again' - actually I'm into evening 7 of "My annual overseas holiday from the comfort of my easy chair in front of the TV" watching the cyclists as they pedal furiously through the scenic French countryside, seeing the villages, and castle ruins and centuries old Cathedrals. Then crossing over to the green grass courts at Wimbledon with the players all outfitted in white and all the traditions adhered to. I'm rolling into bed 2 or 3 hours later than I usually do....AND there's still the Olympics!! I will be very much into the red in the 'Sleep Bank' by then.

I was so saddened when I woke this morning to see the heartbreaking sight that the fire had caused to the building on the corner of Bong Bong and Wingecarribee Streets. My mind went back to the 1930 and 40s when where the ANZ

Bank is or was now there was a cake and bread baker's shop - The Winsor Cafe famous for their Welch Barm Brack (a fruit loaf and the fruit was soaked overnight in cold tea so that the sultanas were plump and juicy), the melting moments biscuits were just that. Then there was the drycleaner's shop, Madame Nanette's lady's hairdresser and Dr Grey, the dentist around the corner in Wingecarribee St. Opposite the Grand hotel was the taxi rank. In those days Bowral had 12 guest houses and 6 riding schools - all very busy at school holiday time. I wonder how many of us are still standing who remember with a generous dollop of nostalgia those far off days??

My thought for the day

The times.....they are a changing.

Muriel

Helpful or not?

By Erica Spinks

Even though I've been growing plants one way or another since childhood, there's so much I don't know about the subject. That's why I often research when I want to learn about a certain plant or when my plant isn't behaving the way I think it should.

Searching for this sort of information is so much easier than it used to be. Before widespread use of the internet, I would pore through gardening books from my local library. Now I can quickly do an online search instead and find masses of information.

Assessing the worth of the information has become even more important now there are so many sources. Because of my experience as a librarian, I am used to automatically evaluating the source and

the value of everything I read. It's a habit that's difficult to break and it means I'm cautious about what I believe.

So, when I read that the cause of a *spathiphyllum's* problem could be either under-watering or over-watering, my reaction is to go 'hmmm, how helpful is that?'. Believe me, my plant is going to be scrutinised every day to see how it reacts to this non-specific advice!



Erica

Your July gardening task list

- Start spraying your fruit trees for fungus and overwintering pests. Whilst the sprayer is out, better spray the roses too!
- Onions, leeks and broad beans are now ready for planting and strawberries can be divided for the coming season.
- Keep fertilising – don't stop just because it's winter. Bulbs, citrus, camellia, daphne and all your annuals are still growing.

Source: <https://thefoldsouthernhighlands.com.au/the-guide/the-essential-winter-guide-for-your-highlands-garden.html>

- Pruning and weeding is a great job to do at this time of year. Deciduous fruit trees love a big old haircut now, except your apricot!

Dear Club Members,

Thank you all very much for my gift of two frogs, they will have a place in my garden of course!!

I have enjoyed my time being a member of BGC and being part of the Executive, in various roles. Best of all I have met some really nice and warm-hearted people!! This is a very valuable part of being a member of such a group!!

I will not be leaving the Club of course and not to be allowed to be idle, you will see me assisting Annette at the trading table.

Thank you all again,

Maryann



The beauty of Hellebores (winter rose) in the winter garden



Camellias Illawarra

2021 Camellia Shows

The 68th Annual CAMELLIA SHOW



C. Japonica "Prince Frederick William"



TIGS
The Illawarra Grammar School

Enter from Powell St. West Wollongong

Sat 17 July 2021
1.00pm – 5.00pm
Sun 18 July 2021
9.00am – 3.00pm

Admission: **Free**



The 22nd Annual RETICULATA SHOW



C. Reticulata "Glorious Gift"

Bulli Uniting Church
Cnr Princes Hwy & Point St
Bulli

Sat 14 August 2021
11.00am – 3.00pm

Admission: **Free**



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The History of Aprons

Remember making an apron in Home Economics?

I don't think many young people would know what an apron is.

The principal use of Grandma's apron was to protect her dress underneath because she only had a few and it was easier to wash aprons than dresses and they used less material, but along with that, it served as a potholder for removing hot pans from the oven. It was wonderful for drying children's tears and, on occasion, was even used for cleaning out dirty ears.

From the chicken coop, the apron was used for carrying eggs, fussy chicks and, sometimes, half hatched eggs to be finished in the warming oven.

When company came, those aprons were the ideal hiding places for shy kids. And, when the weather was cold, grandma wrapped it around her arms for warmth.

Those big old aprons wiped many a perspiring brow, bent over the hot wood stove. Kindling wood was brought into the kitchen in that apron.

From the garden it carried all sorts of vegetables. After the peas were shelled, it carried the hulls.

In autumn, the apron was used to bring in apples that had fallen from the trees.

When unexpected visitors drove up the road, it was surprising how much furniture that old apron could dust in a matter of seconds.

When dinner was ready, Grandma walked onto the veranda, waved her apron and the menfolk knew it was time to come in for dinner.

It will be a long time before someone invents something that will replace the "old-time apron" that served so many purposes.

Young people would go crazy now trying to work out how many germs were on that apron but I never caught anything from an apron.

Megan Tarrant



Slide, Soup and Slice Morning

*I*n the midst of the mist, wind, cold and rain, I seem to be spending more time in front of my screen. Some of it good and interesting, some of it just wasting time. Time spent putting the Slide show together was really pleasant and judging from the results, time well spent. It was a most enjoyable morning with members sharing their photos and information on different places and plants.

A special thanks to the Committee for providing yummy soups and slices, a perfect thing to do on a Winter's morning. This may become a regular yearly event, an idea stolen from the 1960-70s garden club event.

*T*his pic of Rhododendrons was taken at Cruden Farm, the home of Dame Elizabeth Murdoch by Kay Lawson and was awarded Best Picture



*T*hese beautiful parrots were snapped in the Blue Mountains, very pretty, but could not be awarded as they were stolen from the web!

*T*his misty shot was taken from a Burradoo verandah by Pam Mildwater. This was runner up.



*H*ighly commended were Poppies in Scarborough UK taken by Deb Evered

