

# Bowral Garden Club Inc.

(Established in 1963)

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Patrons: Chris & Charlotte Webb OAM



Friendship through Gardening

## July 2019 Newsletter

### What's on in July

#### 8 July (Monday) 2.00pm:

Club Meeting. Speaker: Horticulturists from Wingecarribee Council – preparation and work behind the scene for Tulip Festival

#### 22 July (Monday) 10.30am:

Garden visit to Corbett Garden, Bowral

31<sup>st</sup> July (Wednesday) 12.00 for 12.30pm Luncheon at Scottish Arms 69 Boardman Rd, Bowral

### What's on in August

#### 12 August (Monday) 2.00pm:

Club Meeting. TBA due to cancellation

#### 26 August (Monday) 10.30am:

Garden visit to Elaine Lye, 26 Boronia St, Bowral



### From the President

My second year as president with one change in the Committee. Thanks to Lorraine Richardson for all her hard work as she steps down, and hello to Ray Bradley, our boomerang member.



Ray, previously a committee member, has agreed to join our team as Tour Director and we welcome him back.



We are planning another year of talks, tours and visits to gardens to interest and inspire you.

The AGM this year saw a presentation of how the Southern Highlands Botanic Gardens are progressing with a talk from Charlotte Webb. We learnt that working bees are held on a Tuesday morning and everyone is welcome to join in and we were advised of the various ways we can contribute to the



expansion of the gardens. Charlotte's talk concluded with a donation from the Club and thank you, presented by our Treasurer Sue Ciscato.



We added to our valued list of Honorary Members when Catherine Mah was presented with her certificate and gold badge for her outstanding contribution to the club. Congratulations Catherine!



Also, in June the Queen's Birthday Honours are awarded and I'm delighted to spread the word that our very own Suzanne Kingsford has been awarded an OAM for her contribution to horticulture. We are very proud to have you as a member of our club Sue and congratulations from all your fellow members.

### Water Restrictions

Whilst I thought water restrictions had come into force in the Southern Highlands, I stand corrected. It was great to have the recent rains, but I notice the Council boys are regularly on the radio spruiking water saving measures that we all could, and according to them, should be embracing. Please refer to the Council's website for Wingecarribee Water Wise Initiatives.

<https://www.wsc.nsw.gov.au/services/water-sewerage/water-wise-initiatives>.

And so, we move further into winter with a bit of rain falling. Here's hoping we get some more.....

### From the Editor

Not being a winter person, it delights me to already see the promise of Spring in my garden as daffodils, snowflakes and ranunculi's start to peek their way through the moistened earth. This month we were lucky enough to visit two wonderful gardens, while I didn't get to Glenys', I did go to 5<sup>th</sup> Chapter Estate a beautiful garden even in winter.

Photos from Glenys' garden visit are at the end of the newsletter. Photos from 5<sup>th</sup> Chapter Estate can be found by visiting our website Enjoy your read.

### Plant of the Month

**Eucalyptus Macarthurii** (Camden Woollybutt or Paddy's River Box). At our June meeting Charlotte Webb in her talk on 'The Progress of the Southern Highlands Botanic Gardens' mentioned this endangered eucalyptus.

The Eucalyptus macarthurii is a medium-size tree (to 45 m) endemic to New South Wales. It is native in the Moss Vale District and South of Jenolan. The trees surround Bradman Oval, at Bowral. Flowering usually occurs in January and May.



Source: Wikipedia

### Muriel's Musings

Snails to me are all no hoppers  
I look upon them as interlopers  
I really find it quite incredible  
That some folk seem to find them  
Edible!!

*With thanks to Dorothy Lockett*

I burned the rose leaves carefully  
I burned the prunings too  
I went inside and then found out  
I'd also burnt the stew!!

*Muriel.*



## Garden Tips for July - Maryann Hewitt

With more rain falling steadily we are very fortunate, some areas are still without sufficient water to fill tanks etc.

If you have ordered roses, holes need to be prepared - dig holes 30 cm wide and 30 cm deep at least, if in clay soil, make the hole wider and deeper and add a good handful of gypsum, roughen the walls of the hole as well. If you use fertiliser 'pills' place one in the bottom of the hole with some compost. When the roses arrive, if bare rooted, place in a bucket with some water for 24 hours - if potted or in bags of soil, they can be planted straight away. The original soil from the hole can be mixed with potting mix for planting, or just use the original soil. Make a small mound in the hole, spread the rose roots over this and carefully put the soil over the roots. You will see a graft on the rose a few cm above the roots - this must not be covered with soil at all. Continue to replace the soil and pat down gently, giving the newly planted rose a drink of weak seasol or similar and fill the hole to above the original level to allow for 'settling' and give another small drink of seasol mix. Do not fertilise for at least 5-6 weeks. Sudden Impact is a good 'all-rounder' and don't forget to mulch!!

Time again to turn the soil in the vege garden and leave roughly turned for the frosts to get into it - I don't know what this does, but an old gardener many years ago said this is 'making use of the frost' and it cuts down on weeds - so I do this and I have to say, weeds are minimal!! Add some compost when you turn the soil.

Light pruning can start now but I would leave the really heavy stuff for another four weeks. Good time for transplanting things that are 'not in the right place' - this happens as gardens grow and mature.

Top up garden beds with compost, early bulbs should be coming up now, they can do with a feed too. I use Sudden Impact - easy!!

Have you thought of growing citrus? The trees are at the nurseries now. They will do well in a tub - has to be a good size though, if you do get a citrus, get a small 4 wheeled 'trolley' as well so that you can move the tree around - they are not really happy outside for winter. Sheltered on verandas and getting sun through the day is good. Cumquat, lemon,

lemonade and orange will do quite well in a pot and they last in the pots for some years.

With all the leaves now off deciduous trees and shrubs, it is a good time to sit and look at the garden and re assess the overall 'look' - where there are gaps and where there are too many things together - would it look better with some evergreens planted somewhere?

And last but not least, make sure there is some water in a birdbath - the crowd in one of our birdbaths at times is amazing. Add the water after a busy sunny day.

Birds all having a bath!! Happy Gardening!

Maryann



## Minutes of General Meeting

3<sup>rd</sup> June, 2019

**Present:** 68 members and 2 visitors

**Apologies:** Susie Burnard, Rosamond Mohacsi, Diana Taylor, Maureen Lynch, Wendy Gamble, Mary Graham, Judy White, Mary Mowbray, Kristine Gow, Annette Lane, Anne Curvers, Ann Gibson and Claire Wormleaton

**President** Deb Evered opened the meeting at 2pm welcoming members, visitors and our special guest Charlotte Webb.

Deb introduced Charlotte Webb, who along with her husband Chris are patrons of the Club.

Charlotte thanked the Club for inviting her to speak at our meeting then proceeded with her talk on 'The Progress of the Southern Highlands Botanic Gardens' from its inception 21 years ago, through to today.

Key milestones being:

- 2013 - The Gardens were officially opened by the Governor of New South Wales, Professor The Honourable Dame Marie Bashir, AD CVO.
- 2015 - The lease with the Wingecarribee Shire Council was finally signed after 17 years of negotiations.
- 2017 - The winner of the design competition for a new Visitor Centre was awarded to John Wardle Architects and what a beautifully designed building it is proposed to be.

The theme to underpin the establishment, plantings, design and operation of the Botanic

Gardens is that of 'four distinct seasons in a mainly cold climate'.

Sue Ciscato thanked Charlotte for her most interesting talk and presented her with a cheque of \$500 on behalf of the Club.

#### **Minutes:**

The minutes of the 13th May, 2019 meeting were printed in the June newsletter.

Motion: that the minutes be accepted as a true record of the meeting

Proposed: Deb Evered Seconded: Ruth Bailey

#### **Treasurer's Report:**

The financial report to be reported in the AGM

#### **General Business:**

- ❖ Cowra bus trip participants to see Ray Bradley for their refund
- ❖ Garden visit to Glenys Lilliendal's garden on Monday 17th June, please note the address is 36 Eridge Park Road not 26 as listed in the newsletter
- ❖ Working party for Tulip Time Parade: see Deb after meeting if interested
- ❖ Social lunch at The Scottish Arms on Wednesday 31st July at 12 noon for 12.30pm. Add your name to list as we need to book for the luncheon
- ❖ Normally present new members with a welcome gift, but this will be done at the July meeting
- ❖ Water restrictions will be in place for parts of NSW from June 1. Discussion around whether these restrictions apply to the Southern Highlands – further clarification required
- ❖ Website – a sorry to those members who may have received reminder notices even though they had paid – an automated response is sent out if database not updated on time
- ❖ Ray Bradley mentioned The Australian Garden History Society - Southern Highlands Branch have a coach tour in September 'Toowoomba a Carnival of Flowers'. Seats still available. See Ray if interested

**Any Other Business:** none

**Next Meeting:** Monday 8th July, 2018 at 2 pm, Uniting Church Hall, Bendooley Street, Bowral.

**Guest speaker:** Horticulturists from Wingecarribee Council – preparation and work behind the scene for Tulip Festival

## **Minutes of Annual General Meeting 3rd June, 2019**

President Deb Evered opened the meeting around 3pm and welcomed members to the 56th AGM.

**Motion:** that the minutes of 4th June, 2018 be accepted as a true record of the meeting

Proposed: Sandra Regtop

Seconded: Pam Cornett

**Business arising from the minutes:** none

#### **President's Report:**

Deb advised that the President's report was published in the June 2019 newsletter.

**Motion:** that the President's report be accepted

Proposed: Deb Evered

Seconded: Ray Bradley

Deb thanked all committee members who have done a superb job over the past year, with a mention to Anne Curvers who stayed on as Vice-President for 6 months to provide support to her and a mention to Roz Mulligan for her work in producing the newsletter.

#### **Treasurer's Report:**

Treasurer Sue Ciscato gave a summary of the Club's finances for April 2019.

Balance brought forward from March 2019 was \$8,093.85. Income from Cowra tour of \$4,800, membership \$250, trading table \$115, afternoon tea \$98 and raffle \$78 giving a total of \$5,371.85. Expenses were: Cowra trip \$4,900, website \$821, insurance \$238, postage \$183 and printing & stationery \$84 giving a total of \$6,631.17. Cheque and Visa balance \$6,834.53. Balance brought forward from Bonus Saver account was \$8,964.21, interest plus \$60 from cheque account amounting to \$74.04 giving \$9,038.25. Balance as at 31st April \$15,872.78

Oxley Partners have reviewed our books from the documentation provided. All sounds like we have lots of money. He has given a profit of \$6,580.03 but the Cowra trip goes over two financial years, so a lot of the costs of Cowra were not in this financial year.

The books have been audited by Trevor Fair from Oxley Partners. They confirmed that the financial position of the Club was represented in a true and fair way.

Sue proposed that Trevor Fair be elected to audit the books for the forthcoming year.

**Motion** moved by: Sue Ciscato

Seconded: Sue Edney



**Membership:** As at end financial year membership was 181 members which includes 13 honorary members

**Election of New Committee:**

The President Deb Evered stood aside and the Returning Officer, Keith Bailey took the chair. After an entertaining speech from Keith, he thanked the outgoing committee for their work over the past year.

Members for the new committee have been nominated and forms signed with one new member being nominated – Ray Bradley. Keith asked for any further nominations from the meeting. As there were no further nominations Keith introduced the new committee.

Names of the 2019-2020 committee and their elected positions are as follows:

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| President:                          | Deb Evered   |
| Vice President:                     | Maryann Hewitt   |
| Secretary:                          | Rosalyn Mulligan   |
| Treasurer:                          | Sue Ciscato  |
| Membership Secretary:               | Sue Ciscato  |
| Public Officer and Liaison Officer: | Maryann Hewitt   |
| Committee:                          | Elaine Lye, Judith Lewis, Glenys Lilliendal, Annette Lane, Ray Bradley |

The incoming President Deb thanked Keith for acting as Returning Officer and presented him with a gift.

**Resigning Committee Member:** Lorraine Richardson resigned from the committee having been the Club's secretary and membership secretary for the past 6 years. Deb spoke of her friendliness and her fabulous work over that time. Lorraine commented on how happy she has been serving on the committee and of the friendships, sharing of ideas and garden knowledge attained. Deb presented Lorraine with a gift in acknowledgment of her commitment to the club.

**Honorary Membership:** Catherine Mah was presented with a Certificate of Honorary Membership and gold badge. Catherine has been a member for 13 years, joining in 2006. She was the Social Secretary for 12 years, has always been ready and willing to help with anything required by the club. She has helped on plant stalls, participated in Tulip Time preparations and walk, still sits on the

welcome desk and helps out with afternoon tea.

Maryann thanked Deb on behalf of the committee and members for leading the club through a very happy and eventful year.

Maryann proceeded to draw out the lucky door tickets for 10 very lucky members each choosing from a beautiful array of plants.

Meeting Closed: 3.30 pm

**Welfare Officer**

Please contact Maryann Hewitt at the meeting or by mobile phone 0431717634 to notify the Club of a member's change of circumstance and welfare. Thank you

**Quote for the Month**

"Don't think the garden loses its zestasy in winter. It's quiet, but the roots are down there riotous"

*Rumi (1207-73)*

| Your Committee  |  |            |
|-----------------|--|------------|
| President:      | Deb Evered   | 48621407   |
| Vice-President: | Maryann Hewitt   | 0431717634 |
| Secretary:      | Rosalyn Mulligan   | 48713667   |
| Treasurer:      | Sue Ciscato  | 48713732   |
| Membership:     | Sue Ciscato  | 48713732   |
| Public Officer: | Maryann Hewitt   | 0431717634 |
| Welfare Officer | Maryann Hewitt   | 0431717634 |
| Committee:      | Elaine Lye, Glenys Lilliendal, Judith Lewis, Annette Lane, Ray Bradley |            |

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## Visit to Glenys Lilliendal's Garden



*It was a grey and wet day, but many of us braved the elements and made the trek to Eridge Road. What a wonderland of trees, shrubs, hanging baskets, cacti, vegetables, and a pond, something for everyone. Some of our members had been before and were able to appreciate the new members of Glenys's family of friends and for those of us who were 'Ashgrove' novices we were suitably delighted. It's a large garden for one lady to cope with and Glenys does it with such vigour, it's an absolute credit to her. With her ride on mower and her colourful wellies, she's a sight to behold. Thank you for sharing your inspiration with us all Glenys*

