

Bowral Garden Club Inc.

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Patrons: Chris & Charlotte Webb OAM



Friendship through Gardening

March 2020 Newsletter

What's on in March

9 March (Monday) 2.00pm:

Club Meeting: Speaker: Tim Pickles
Tim's Nursery, Campbelltown

23 March (Monday) 10.30am:

Devonshire Tea at Campbelltown Art
Gallery and Japanese Garden then visit
Tim's Nursery, Campbelltown
Bookings essential for morning tea
We will be car pooling

What's on in April

6 April (Monday) 2.00pm:

Club Meeting: Speaker: Warren
Walker from Wariapendi Native
Nursery

**Note: Meeting to be held Mittagong
RSL Club**

**Note: This meeting is on the first
Monday of the month due to Easter**

18 April (Saturday) – 19 April (Sunday) 9.00am:

Southern Highlands Botanic Gardens
Autumn Garden and Plant Fair

20 April (Monday) 10.30am:

Visit to Resource Recovery Centre –
177 Berrima Rd, Moss Vale –
'Recycling Better Understood'

To be confirmed

From the President

Autumn "Season of mists and mellow fruitfulness"

As we say goodbye to Summer, one that many of us would cheerfully forget, we can only look forward to Autumn. We gardeners, an optimistic lot, generally, look forward to a challenge and hopefully Autumn will bring more pleasing weather to indulge ourselves in our gardens.

Only an idiot would plant a woodland of Silver Birches in the challenging past months, but I did it.....not finished but we'll see how it fares.



You can
come and
check it
out in
October.

Don't forget to start propagating for the Plant Stall in October, we'll make it the best yet.

Stay Chipper.....

Deb

From the Editor

Autumn slowly makes her presence felt as we leave behind a horror summer, one not to be forgotten for a while. Drought, bushfires, heat then torrential rain, glad it's over as we welcome cooler mornings and pleasant days of sunshine. Have you noticed some bulbs are already popping through the soil?

I am introducing a new reading to the newsletter – 'My Garden'. I invite members to send me an article about their garden 300-400 words with some pics. I'll start us off with my garden – gradually evolving after 2 years of living in the highlands.

Plant of the Month

Gloriosa rothschildiana (Gloriosa Lily)

Common names include Climbing Lily, Flame Lily, Glory Lily, Fire lily, Gloriosa Lily, Creeping lily, Gloriosa Superba Rothschildiana.



The Gloriosa Lily is a superb tropical bloomer that will flourish just about anywhere in Australia. It is grown from a tuber and needs a sunny spot, sheltered from the wind with some sort of support e.g. stake, netting, chicken wire, as it uses tendrils at the ends of its leaves to hold on. It can grow up to 1.8 metres tall. After flowering in summer, the plant gradually dies off and the tubers should be dug out and stored over winter. It can be planted in the garden or as a pot plant.

Gloriosa rothschildiana is native to tropical Africa. It is the national flower of Zimbabwe, where it is known as "the flame lily".

Source: <http://www.gloriosanursery.com.au/>

However, Glory lily (*Gloriosa superba*) is regarded as a significant environmental weed in NSW and Queensland, and as a potential environmental weed or sleeper weed in other parts of Australia.

Source: <https://weeds.brisbane.qld.gov.au/weeds/glory-lily>

Perhaps grow this stunner in a pot!!

Muriel's Musings

Wasn't our visit to Jenny Rose-Innes' garden an eye opener! so many beautiful plants and shrub, trees with all soft restful colours artistically grouped together. To think that Jenny achieved this garden in just 2 years. I'm sure we all went home inspired.

Couldn't help smiling about the #41 instead of #39 next door mix up, but we all arrived at the right garden though I was reminded of how many years ago we had to come up with a solution to make sure that our much loved members Joan Radick and Nance Cooper would arrive safely at the arranged venues, for Joan didn't have a great sense of direction. On a visit to the Red Cow Inn garden at Sutton Forest Joan and Nance ended up at the Montrose Berry Farm. Another time when we were enjoying a farm visit at Margaret and Bill Missingham's, Buggaroo Park, along the Wombeyan Caves road the Girls, happily chatting, drove past the well signed property and were on the way to the caves when the "search party" caught up with them. We positioned Joan and Nance in the middle of our car convoy, with a stern warning " don't let them out of your sight".

On the subject of sight - a heartfelt Thank You to those kind folks who safely guided me up steps that were there and down steps that weren't there in Jenny's garden.

Gardeners All

*My garden is a friendship thing,
To it kind friends their treasures bring,
They give me this, I give them that,
A pleasant game of tit for tat,
We poke them in and water well,
With what result time will tell.*

Muriel



Garden Tips for March Maryann Hewitt

Now that we have had some wonderful rain and the 'greening' is in full swing, the nights are getting cooler and the leaves are changing colour - I have seen some very vivid colours already. It's time to go through the bulbs and sort out where they are to go in the garden, select the healthy ones of course, pots or garden, they seem to do well anywhere. When you turn the soil, throw in some 'wetta' granules as well as fertiliser, (just a little). Give more fertiliser high in potash when you see the shoots appear.

Keep pots in semi shade as the sun still has a sting that will heat the pots. Roses are well into a 2nd burst - deadheading again. It is also time to be planting chives, onions, spring onions, garlic etc., throw some dolomite into the soil if your soil is acid and be careful not to do this near acid loving plants!!!

English primroses will appear soon in nurseries, they do well with colourful polyanthus if you are looking for a bright winter flowering colour plant for pots and for semi shade gardens during winter, cared for through summer, in a shady place, you can keep the plants going for next year.

Lettuce, small carrots and basil can still be planted - there is time for them to reach harvest. The underground veges will last through winter. Some herbs for winter soups- parsley, sage, rosemary and thyme are good to have - all of these will survive the frost, may not be looking to fab, but flavour remains and still good for soups.

Don't forget the Q&A book at our meetings. I also want to say that Mt Murray Nursery has a great plan to help those who have no garden following the fire. You can buy a voucher for \$30 or \$50, your name goes onto the back of this card which is on a noticeboard in the nursery - so when one of the victims of the fires wants to buy plants for their new garden, there will be a gift card AND Mt Murray is also giving them a discount. This is very generous of the Nursery as well we know that businesses of all types have suffered one way or another with the drought and the fires. We gardeners must also support Mt Murray - who donate our prizes every month.

Happy Gardening.....Maryann

My Garden

I've been (dare I say it) a 'Highlander' for just over 2 years having moved from St. Helens Park in Campbelltown.

Building a new home in 'Nattai Ponds' Braemar I was looking forward to creating a Highlands garden from scratch. Much to my disappointment the soil was clay!!! Raised-garden beds were first on the list.

I had brought with me quite a few roses in pots which just loved being put into the ground. Most of my roses are planted in the front garden which faces north-west. I had to

leave one of my favourites behind 'Mr. Lincoln' so once I saw him at the Garden Centre, I had to purchase him. Now he is in the garden bed outside the front window.



I'd done some research on gardening in the SH and found there was a movement to bring back natives to our gardens and so I have been incorporating a traditional garden interspersed with natives.

There are so many flowering natives now-a-days they make a lovely addition to the garden.



Apart from having to have water tanks installed on new properties which I am grateful for we also had to have a rain garden (which the builders provided - very boring I might add, pebbles and some grasses). As I don't particularly like

grasses, I decided to make the rain garden a feature by taking out the grasses and replace

with society garlic, little gem kangaroo paw, crocuses and more then cover with a pergola.

Our gardens evolve over time, changing as we find what works and what doesn't. They fill with cuttings and shared plants from neighbours and garden club trading tables. You think you have finished then see an idea in a magazine or on a garden visit and think I can incorporate that in my garden, we just make room, re-adjust even start over again.

A garden is nature's gift, restoring our spirits and offering us peace and refuge.

Roz Mulligan



Our Muriel acknowledged in the Garden Clubs of Australia 'Our Gardens' magazine on receiving the Anne Williams Clark Medallion for her outstanding service to our garden club.

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"Plants are facing a global crisis. Up to 50% of the world's plant species are at risk of extinction. This holiday season, Foundation and Friends of the Botanic Gardens is raising support to share vital plant data online for the world to see and use, contributing to the growing network of online resources which could transform science as we know it. Help save our plants in crisis."

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Rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au/donate**

Christopher Webb OAM

Our congratulations to our Club Patron Chris Webb who was awarded a Queen's Honour this year for his service to Horticulture particularly through Botanic Gardens.

Well done Chris!



Would you like to join the Committee!!

The role of Honorary Secretary will be available from June 1, 2020. The Committee is looking for a member to join the team. No experience necessary but previous minute taking would be an advantage. Please contact Deb Evered if you are interested.

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

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Jenny Rose-Innes' Garden

How fortunate we were to visit Jenny's garden, beautiful and cleverly laid out bringing Jenny's skills in interior design into her garden creating spaces for enjoyment and tranquillity. Jenny started with a blank canvas transforming the 1,500 sq. metre block into a beautiful home and garden in two years. Of-course she had help from her architect and landscaper.



Through
(what I
call



'hobbit-like') gates, the path flanked by Rudbeckia (Brown Eyed Susan) and dahlias the glass house was admired by all.



Roz in particular admiring the outside washing basin (one of 3 outdoor basins).



Ben, Jenny's gardener was very generous with his time and knowledge and easy to chat with.



An abundance of plate-size dahlias, beautiful clematis, iris' and lots, lots more for us to admire



Then there was the 'summer house', a place to relax after a hard day's work in the garden with a cuppa or glass of wine.

