

BOWRAL GARDEN CLUB INC.

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Affiliated with Garden Clubs of Australia Inc

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NEWSLETTER FOR JULY

WHAT'S ON IN JULY

2 July (Monday)

**Garden Workshop with Phil Maher,
Mittagong Garden Centre, Mittagong**

9 July (Monday)

2.00: Meeting, Speaker

**Margaret Stuart, The Throsby History –
A Family Story**

FOR YOUR DIARY IN AUGUST

13 August (Monday)

2.00 PM Club Meeting, Speaker

**Carolyn Dwyer “Roses and Racers – Cup Week
in Melbourne”**

From the President

It's a new Financial year and a newish committee but the underlying message is the same...”Friendship through Gardening”. The Bowral Garden Club has weathered 55 years and has grown to 179 roughly like-minded members who want to join in learning about, sharing, and implementing new ideas, mainly to do with gardening, but also to do with building friendships and acquaintances.

We will continue our monthly meetings with guest speakers, an array of garden visits and coach trips and I would welcome any suggestions that members have to add to my list.

Voices from the past, and thoughts for the future.....let's go have fun!

Deb Evered



Friendship through Gardening

Guest Speaker at the AGM 2018

Charlotte Webb's talk on The Art of Trough Gardening



Trough garden designs look like miniature gardens because they are usually filled with alpine plants, which are often miniature versions of popular perennials and shrubs. They are the perfect low-maintenance, low cost container gardens originally planted in large troughs, old baths and tubs. The Aussie trough was traditionally stone stock water troughs. Most troughs today are small and low profile, therefore great for small spaces. They can fit almost anywhere, placed on a deck or patio, tucked along a walkway or nestled into the garden adding another dimension to the garden. Charlotte spoke on how to create your own trough garden using polystyrene boxes:

Constructing the trough: Firstly, cut box down to size making sure that it has a hole in the bottom for drainage. Cover box using concrete – can become quite heavy, chicken wire, brickies mortar - allow to cure for 2 weeks Add texture to your box using whatever tool you want, scraping the outside of the box. Paint with Dulux stone paint.

Fill the trough: lay wire mesh or flyscreen in the base of box, add base of perlite or coarse gravel, growing medium – fill to top, mulch.

Planting: give consideration to design. Add some height, give attention to architectural form, add a

feature plant, theme to the trough e.g. colour scheme, plant genus, consideration to plant requirements, don't forget rocks and mosses

Plants to consider: saxifrage, sun plants (small), shade plants, bulbs, Australian natives, succulents

Garden Tips for July Maryann Hewitt

This is the time to start getting your garden ready for spring planting. Remove all weeds, turn soil over roughly and leave for 3 weeks to allow the frost to get into the soil. Next, cover with compost (Curly's) and dig over again. Allow this to settle until you are ready to plant and dig over again, smooth out. It should now be ready for planting spring crops for summer. If you are going to grow tomatoes, now is the time to get some bio mustard seeds into the garden. When they grow to about 30cm (1ft) dig them in. Bio mustard is a soil fumigant and will stop most of the tomato problems. Keep feeding the winter crops that you have—leeks, chives, onions and herbs all like a liquid feed and/or a tonic thru winter. What to plant now depends on the exposure of your garden—very cold; stay with primulas, pansies, violas, and the last of your bulbs, a warmer garden, get some hardy things like Erigeron Karvinskas, poppies, lavenders, (Poppy seeds can still go in) Remember that most of the seedlings that are in Nurseries etc are not grown in a climate such as this and will need some protection for at least 2 weeks after planting. This is also a good time for moving plants as well as tidying those that have grown straggly. Prune fruit trees now (if you usually do winter pruning) and be sure to remove any shoots that are coming from the base of the tree- these are rootstock and will eventually weaken the tree-- Enjoy the frosts !! Maryann

Coach trip to Canberra 18 June 2018



'Rug up', we said and rug up they did. 42 brave souls ventured off to Canberra for a day trip to the National Botanic Gardens and the National Arboretum. With a stop on the way for morning tea, so much food.., we

arrived at our, the sun shining and it was very



pleasant. We roamed in various groups taking in the delights of the gardens. Most of us did the long walk, taking in native gardens, the Red Centre Garden and the Rainforest Gully. I missed the Tropical Glasshouse, so I'll need to go back



Back on the bus and off to the Arboretum for a wander and lunch. Stunning...I had driven by this place so often, having absolutely no interest. Silly me! After the 2003 fires that ripped through the Canberra Pine Forest, this area has been used to establish the National Arboretum which houses a vast selection of rare, endangered and symbolic trees. It's only been since February 2013 and already it houses 94 forests. One can do a self guide tour, but in our case we had volunteer guides Mike and Cheryl hop on the bus and tell us all about the forests and trees. They were so knowledgeable and friendly. Obviously we were there in Winter with many of the trees bare, but watch this space, a Spring trip would be amazing with blossoms galore. The panoramic views from the top of the hills was breath-taking, showcasing all the best parts of the National Capital.

Lunch was delicious and I believe some people even treated themselves to a glass of wine. The Bonsai Collection was most impressive, about 80 exhibits of Australian native and exotic trees on show. They are designed to reflect trees and landscapes in nature and create a general sense of calm, as did the glass of wine! The oldest specimen is about 60 years old.

And so it was time for home and as we left the rain set in. We had been blessed and had a fine time. Thanks to all who attended and contributed.....

Deb Evered

Photos from Canberra Arboretum



Muriel's Musings

To begin my musings I would like to say Welcome & Thank you to Kate who is our new Newsletter editor. When we were speaking on the phone the other day Kate asked me "how long have you been doing the Musings?" & I flippantly replied "Forever it seems" so I've been going back thru the archives (in one of my wardrobes) & came across this in the November 2009 edition. I hope the members who have joined since then & our long time members will Enjoy & relate to the following. I have been listening & laughing along with Janine on James Valentine's program. She needs advice about an archaeological dig in her wardrobes (like me she is running out of space). Hope springs eternal, I'm still a size 14, but only in places - sadly not all over. The lovely red blouse and skirt I wore to a family wedding 15 years ago still fits & is still a stunner & I still can't bring myself to bin it. Going deeper into the dig there is my Magnolia Satin Wedding gown!! Then on the top shelf there are my baby clothes hand sewn dresses, petticoats & nightgowns Then there is the 138 year old christening robe, my, how tiny the babes were in those days. In a bottom drawer there are THE CARDS- birthday, Christmas Congratulations get well & others-all too sentimental to part with. But wait, there's more. The First edition of The Australian with a picture of our pretty 3 year old daughter Annalee & Doona, the black Cocker Spaniel at the ACT Gun Dog show. I sometimes sit & try to sort out the memories but I don't get far the pile "to keep" is on one side, the "burn them" pile on the other & the "I will think about it pile", which is the largest is in the middle, which, you've guessed it, somehow morphs itself back into the "to keep pile". Time to close my wardrobe doors. I think I have let you know enough about my "treasures" that I keep behind them. I'm with you Janine you can't have too many wardrobes!!

BOWRAL GARDEN CLUB INC
Minutes of General Meeting 4 June 2018
Mittagong Senior Citizens Club, Queen St, Mittagong

Present: 76 Members and 3 Visitors

Apologies:

Elaine Lye, Lorraine Richardson, Jennifer Chadwick, Margaret-Ann Mann, Trish Dowling, Joan Stannard, Lindsay Orr, Noelene and Bob Bailey, Maureen Lynch; Judy Foy, Peta Peter, Robin Stephens, Barbara McKay, Barbara Bell, Wendy Gamble, Michael and Veronica Landers, Suellen Hall, Robyn Osborne

President Anne Curvers opened the meeting at 2.05pm and welcomed our members and visitors.

Anne introduced and welcomed Charlotte Webb, landscape designer and heritage consultant who, along with husband Chris are patrons of the club.

Charlotte has a degree in Agricultural Science and a Masters in Heritage Conservation.

In 2008 Charlotte became the president of Southern Highlands Botanical Gardens.

She has been involved in many community projects receiving the Order of Australia Medal in 2012 for her services to the community.

Charlotte proceeded to talk to us about her latest passion 'trough gardening' - on display were several wonderful trough gardens she had made.

A synopsis of Charlotte's talk will be printed in the July newsletter.

Maryann Hewitt presented Charlotte with a cheque for \$1,000 - a donation that the Club presents annually to the Southern Highlands Botanic Gardens. This year's donation will be used to purchase trees.

Jan Scott also presented Charlotte with a small give in appreciation for her wonderful talk.

Minutes:

The minutes of the 14th May 2018 meeting were printed in the June newsletter.

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

Accepted: Deidre White

Seconded: Annette Lane

Treasurer's Report:

Treasurer, Maryann Hewitt reported on the amended financials for April 2018, summarised in table below.

	General Trading Account	Bonus Saver Account	TOTAL
	\$	\$	\$
Opening Balance as at 01/04/18	3,644.52	8,096.14	11,740.66
<i>Plus:</i>			
Deposits	466.00		466.00
Tfr frm Trading a/c		60.00	60.00
Interest		12.68	12.68
<i>Less:</i>			
Withdrawals	2,986.59	0.00	2,986.59
Closing Balance as at 30/04/18	1,123.93	8,168.82	9,292.75

Motion: that the amended financial report for April be accepted

Proposed: Maryann Hewitt

Seconded: Margaret Buckland

General Business:

- Reminder of Coach Day Trip to the National Botanic Gardens and the National Arboretum on 18th June, 2018
- Program change – workshop at Mittagong Garden Centre now to be held 2nd July
- Working party meeting for Tulip Parade held 23rd May went very well - float with arch to be covered with blue flower, walkers to carry a photo of a family member/ an event – theme creating memories
- Raffle to be held today to be drawn after AGM
- Reminder to start propagating for plant stall to be held in October. Some members had asked for a workshop on propagation which may be scheduled for next year

Next Meeting

Monday 9th July 2018 at 2 pm at the Uniting Church Hall, Bendooley Street, Bowral.

The meeting closed at 2.55 pm

**Minutes of Annual General Meeting 4 June 2018
Mittagong Senior Citizens Club, Queen St, Mittagong**

The president Anne Curvers opened the AGM at 2.56pm and welcomed everyone to the 55th AGM.

Minutes:

The minutes of the 5th June 2017 meeting were published in the July 2017 newsletter.

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

Proposed: Judith Lewis

Seconded: Glenys Lilliendal

Business arising from the minutes: none

President’s Report:

Anne advised that the President’s Report was published in the June 2018 newsletter. Anne thanked everyone for their support over the last three years especially her husband for his invaluable help with computer and web work.

Motion: that the President’s Report be accepted

Proposed: Anne Curvers

Seconded: Pam Cornett

Treasurer's Report:

Treasurer, Maryann Hewitt gave the Club’s summary financial report for financial year 01/05/2017 – 30/04/2018.

Total Income for the year was **\$32,441.03** which is derived from the following sources:

membership, badges, trading table, teas, raffles, donations, calendars, tours and events.

Total Expenditure for the year was **\$34,494.21** which is derived from rent for meeting halls, postage/printing, stationery, gifts to guest speakers, street parade, garden visits, christmas lunch, web costs, tour costs, donations to registered charities, memorial flowers and wreaths, insurance and affiliation fees.

	General Trading Account	Bonus Saver Account	TOTAL
	\$	\$	\$
Balance as at 30/04/17	4,043.78	7,302.15	11,345.93
<i>Plus:</i>			
Deposits	31,574.36		31,574.36
Tfr frm Trading a/c		720.00	720.00
Interest		146.67	146.67
<i>Less:</i>			
Withdrawals	34,494.21		34,494.21
Balance as at 30/04/18	1,123.93	8,168.82	9,292.75

The financial records for the Club are audited by Oxley Partners of Bowral and once again received a favourable report.

Motion: that the Treasurer's Report be accepted

Proposed: Maryann Hewitt

Seconded: Margaret Buckland

A copy of the detailed financial reports follows:

Bowral Garden Club Inc Consolidated Profit and Loss Statement For the year ended 30 April 2018	
	\$
Income	
Member subs	5,367.00
Functions	1,642.35
Trading table	836.90
Event tours	24,125.00
Raffles	322.90
Interest received	146.88
	32,441.03
Expenses	
Advertising & promotion	112.50
Newsletters	2,157.71
Functions	920.00
Tour expenses	24,548.40
Raffle	68.54
Computer expenses	243.93
Donations	3,750.00
Fees & charges	44.00
General expenses	701.59
Postage	233.19
Printing & stationery	369.30
Rent on land & buildings	986.50
Subscriptions	358.55
	34,494.21
Net Profit (Loss) from Ordinary Activities before Income Tax	-2,053.18

Bowral Garden Club Inc Consolidated Balance Sheet For the year ended 30 April 2018	
	\$
Current Assets	
Cash Assets	
Redi Access S5	1,123.93
S25	8,168.82
	9,292.75
Total Current Assets	9,292.75
Total Assets	9,292.75
Net Assets	9,292.75
Equity	
Undistributed Income	9,292.75
Total Equity	9,292.75

Maryanne stated that if anyone wanted a copy of the audited financials to let her know and she will send out a copy.

Correspondence In:

Anne mentioned the club had received an email and flyer from Dignity to advertise their Annual Fundraiser and to celebrate their 3rd birthday. A dinner and entertainment at The Carrington Room, Mittagong - 11 August 6-11pm
Tickets are \$210 and they have reserved a table of 10 for BGC

Secretary's Report:

Deb Evered reported that membership as at May 2018 was 179 members including 9 Honorary members.

Proposed: Deb Evered

Seconded: Glenys Lilliendal

Election of New Committee:

The President, Anne Curvers stood aside and the Returning Officer, Meg Probyn took the chair. Meg thanked Anne and the outgoing committee for all their work over the year.

As the number of members standing for positions was equal to the number of positions there was no need to hold an election. Members of new committee have been nominated and forms signed. Meg introduced the new committee and congratulated all.

Names of the 2018-2019 committee and their elected positions are as follows:

President: Deb Evered

Vice President: Anne Curvers (for a period of 6 months)
Secretary: Rosalyn Mulligan
Treasurer and Public Officer: Maryann Hewitt
Membership Secretary: Lorraine Richardson
Committee: Elaine Lye, Judith Lewis, Glenys Lilliendal

The incoming President Deb thanked Meg for acting as the Returning Officer and presented her with a small gift.

Honorary Membership:

Eric and Phyllis Paananen were presented with a Certificate of Honorary Membership and badge. They have been members since 2005. Eric has served on the committee and Phyllis has helped out with preparing afternoon teas. Deb thanked Eric for his array of creative ideas and help with the annual Tulip Parade floats.

Introduction of new Committee:

Deb introduced and thanked the new committee members, especially Anne, Maryann, Judith and Glenys for staying on the committee.

Deb thanked Anne for staying on as VP to help with transition and learning, then presented her with a beautiful native flower bouquet. Deb proceeded to thank the resigning committee members, Janice Scott, Carole Scott, Kristine Gow, Catherine Mah and Diedre White. Each were presented with a pot of cyclamen.

Election of Auditor:

Maryann proposed that Oxley Partners be retained to audit the Club's books.

Proposed: Maryann Hewitt

Seconded: Margaret Buckland

Lucky Door Prize:

Drawn by Charlotte Webb

Meeting Closed: 3.15pm

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