

# BOWRAL GARDEN CLUB INC.

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Affiliated with Garden Clubs of Australia Inc

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## NEWSLETTER AUGUST 2018



*Friendship through Gardening*

### WHAT'S ON IN AUGUST

**13 August (Monday) 2.00pm**

**Club Meeting - Speaker: Carolyn Dwyer - 'Roses and Races' - Cup Week in Melbourne**

**Monday 27 August (Monday)**

**Coach Trip - Blue Mountains Botanic Gardens Mt Tomah, and Wildwood Garden at Bilpin.**

**Bookings & Payment - no later than Monday 13 August. No refunds will be made after that date.**

### FOR YOUR DIARY IN SEPTEMBER

**10 September (Monday) 2.00pm**

**Club Meeting - Speaker: Elaine Lye - 'A Year in my Garden'**

**18 September – 1 October**

**Tulip Time Festival, Bowral.**

**Parade 22 September, 2.30 pm**

**24 September (Monday) 10.30am**

**Garden Visit & Morning Tea at Elaine Lye's, 26 Boronia St, Bowral**

### **From the President**

Another month has come and gone and a big thank you to Margaret Stuart for her very enjoyable talk.

Whilst travelling up the north coast of NSW, I'm struck by the diversity of our country. I've left behind the frost and ice and rediscovered the sun, though not not as warm as I had hoped. I'm also appreciating the plants we're not so able to grow. Beautiful Hibiscus and wild orchids grow right outside my door, delightful.

Having said that, I love the fact that we can grow species in the Southern Highlands that wouldn't survive up here. Holiday, I shall, but 'There's no place like home.....'



### **Our July Outing**

A chilly morning at the Mittagong Garden Centre....We were well greeted by Ros and Phil and told we were sitting out in the garden. "Oh, ok".....Outside, we took our cups of tea and coffee and were presented with chairs next to gas fires and wraps for those who were still cold!

Phil's talk, entertaining as always, was on pruning roses and cleaning and maintaining our tools. Members asked questions and we all had a good laugh and some secured a bargain or two.

Thanks Phil, you're a good bloke.





Please remember our plant stall on 13 October, keep propagating and any donations for our raffle can be brought to the general meeting. Thank you in anticipation.

## **Garden Tips for August** **Maryanne Hewitt**

How lovely to see the early signs of spring with bulbs now blooming—and so many tiny buds starting to swell—spray stone fruit trees for curly leaf- I use Copper Oxychloride—does the trick!! Feed the fruit trees now as well with a soil tonic (Seasol, Kelp mixture) and a fertiliser with a high potash level. Shrubs and flowers can also have the same treatment; the tonic revitalises the soil and the fertiliser feeds the plant. Mulch needs to be applied as well—the outlook for the next few months is rather dire, with scant rain forecast for a long time. If you didn't plant your Sweet peas by St Patrick's Day then they need to go in now and snow peas can go in as well. Nurseries are getting plenty of stock in now, so much to choose from! If planting trees, the old rule is to make the hole twice the depth and width of the pot that the tree comes in—if planting in clay, as so many of us are, make the hole a bit bigger, make sure the bottom of the hole has been turned over as well, and add a couple of handfuls of gypsum, a couple of 'tree pills' (fertiliser pills) I always put one on either side of the bottom of the hole, add compost and good soil, another handful of gypsum and then more soil and compost to bring it nearly to the top of the hole - allowing for the rootball of the tree to just fit into the hole then add more soil and compost to make a mound around the tree, this will level out as the soil settles. One stake on either side of the tree

and two ties should be applied - these can be removed in 12 months (or more if the plant is in a very windy place) Water in and mulch. Look for insects on new foliage, they love the fresh new leaves - some can be hosed off, others respond well to an organic spray. Give potted flowers another dose (each 4 weeks) of fertiliser to keep them flowering-make sure it has a good potash level (Rose and tomato foods usually have a good level) whereas Thrive/Miracle Grow have a higher nitrogen level. Water small plants a couple of times a week and trees and shrubs every week if there is no rain-- Happy gardening !!! Maryann

## **Muriel's Musings**

Dear friends - these musings are truly "Heaven sent" you see I was sitting in my chair ov indolence wondering what I should write for my August Musings & az nothing woz coming to mind I said aloud in frustration "Oh Dear God what can I write about" & as I heaved myself up from the chair to get a pen n paper to cobble together some random thoughts \_ my wonky left knee gave way n I found myself sprawled face down on carpet \_ I hadn't hurt myself so no need to press the button on my medic pendant. I have a little booklet (probably in one ov those wardrobes that I wrote about) that gives instructions for how to position yourself to get up from the floor n the situation such az I found myself in \_ you roll over onto yer knees & take a hold ov a sturdy piece of furniture & heave yourself up again - my prob waz - if I rolled over onto my wonky - knees I would be further away from my chair - I did manage to roll over n sit up & just like the men in the back seat ov the Olympic Bob sleighs & paddle myself back to the chair. Once seated & breathing normally again I did look up & say aloud "Thank you Lord" - but that wasn't quite what I had in mind when I asked for help but it will have to do. My thought for the day. If you don't want to let the Genie out of the bottle then don't rub the bottle.

## Minutes of General Meeting 9 July 2018

Uniting Church Hall, Bendooley Street, Bowral

**Present:** 81 members and 3 visitors

**Apologies:** Anne Curvers, Lindsay Orr, Bev Andrews, Sue Ireland, Rosamond Mohacsi, Trish Dowling, Joan Stannard, Peta Peter, Pam Payne and Josie Meincke

**President:** Deb Evered opened the meeting at 2pm welcoming members and visitors.

Deb introduced our guest speaker for the meeting Margaret Stuart presenting "The Throsby history, a family story". Margaret who has been a member of the garden club for about 3 years is a direct descendant of the Throsby family.

Margaret took us on a fascinating journey through the Throsby family life from early convict days where in 1802 Dr Charles Throsby embarked for Australia as surgeon on the Coromandel, a convict transport ship. Dr Charles had no children and lived in a cottage on a land grant at Moss Vale. The current homestead was built by his nephew, Charles, whose marriage to Elizabeth (Betsy) Broughton resulted in 17 children and many descendants. And what a life 'Betsy' lived - father a first fleeter, mother a convict, Betsy survived the ill-fated trip on the 'Boyd' where the crew and passengers were attacked by Maoris in New Zealand on a journey back the England.

Further information on the Throsby family history can be found at Sydney Living Museums

<https://sydneylivingmuseums.com.au/>

Elaine Lye thanked Margaret and presented her with a gift of appreciation.

### Minutes:

The minutes of the 4th June 2018 meeting were printed in the July newsletter.

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

Accepted: Lorraine Richardson

Seconded: Deirdre White

## Correspondence In

- ❖ email advertising a Garden Design and Coaching Course run by Michael McCoy. The course runs for 5 weeks in Winter from 23/7 - 24/8 and in Spring from 1/10 - 2/11
- ❖ Sanctuary Point Garden Centre running a talk by Bill Parker talking on camellias. This is on 7 July at 10 am
- ❖ letter of thanks from Judith Lewis for her flowers
- ❖ flyers for Orange Open Gardens – Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> November
- ❖ flyer for Berry Gardens Festival – Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> to Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> October 2018
- ❖ flyer for Shoalhaven Heads Native Botanic Garden
- ❖ an invitation for our members to attend the Annual General Meeting of The Garden Clubs of Australia to be held 9<sup>th</sup> October
- ❖ email notifying the club of the Crookwell Garden Festival 2018 to be held Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> November - the dates are actually wrong on the email
- ❖ Wingecarribee TODAY June 2018 edition
- ❖ email giving preliminary details for the Melbourne Flower and Garden Show to be held 27-31 March 2019
- ❖ email from myopengarden on Upcoming Events
- ❖ email from The Garden Clubs of Australia Inc. Bulletin for May 2018
- ❖ email from Southern Highlands Botanic Gardens thanking the Club for the generous donation
- ❖ Flyer from Highlands Garden Society advertising their Winter Seminar
- ❖ Email from Southern Highlands Botanic Gardens thanking the Club for our generous donation



## Correspondence Out:

- ❖ Letter of support for Perennial Hill Garden (they are fighting a battle with an irate neighbour to stay open)
- ❖ Postal Address and Registration Information to The Garden Clubs of Australia

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

The financial report was read, proposed by Maryann Hewitt and seconded by Jill Haigh. This was the last report to be presented by Maryann and she thanked the members for their support over the last 2-3 years. Maryann will stay on the Committee as Public Officer and Welfare Officer. She will also take on the Vice President's role later in the year. Deb Evered thanked Maryann and introduced Sue Ciscato as the new Treasurer.

### **General Business:**

- ❖ Ray Bradley spoke to the members about the upcoming trip to Mt. Tomah Botanic Gardens and Wildwood garden at Bilpin on 27<sup>th</sup> August. Cost of trip is \$60 covering coach travel, morning tea, lunch and admission into Wildwood garden. There is a shuttle service at the botanic gardens, must be prepaid to the gardens and need to book for 11.00am
- ❖ Ray also mentioned that Cathy at Berrima nursery has sold the nursery and is to be vacated by end of next month
- ❖ Deb spoke on changes to the web-site especially the membership emails which need to be re-worded
- ❖ Lorraine Richardson asked members to let herself or Deb know if not receiving the newsletter via the webs email service. Plant stall 13<sup>th</sup> October – need to propagate, need contributions and donations for the raffle and bring to next meeting if convenient.

Tulip Parade – Eric Paananen spoke of the theme for the float– ‘Creating Memories’ displaying photographs and, music. The arch for the float has been done thanks to Ros Wootton and her husband, floral emblem is

blue forget me-knots, will use wisteria for decoration on float.

Working party meeting to be organized soon

**Welcome Gift to New Members:** Deb introduced Muriel Stuart who then presented the 7 new members for May and June with their welcome gift

**Lucky Door Prizes:** drawn by Shonagh Moore who has just turned 80 years of age. Won by Cherie Ogden, Linda Rose and Maryann Hewitt. Mount Murray Nursery has kindly donated lucky door prizes again, thank you

**Trading Table:** Thank you Annette Lane and Lois Morrison

**Show and Tell:** Muriel had brought in the christening gown (138 years old ) which she had mentioned in ‘Muriel’s Musings’ in the July Newsletter

**Any Other Business:** Eric Paananen asked if anyone who could play keyboard/piano to volunteer for Tulip parade

**Next Meeting:** 13<sup>th</sup> August 2018 at 2 pm, Uniting Church Hall, Bendooley Street, Bowral. Guest Speaker: Carolyn Dwyer - ‘Roses and Races’ - Cup Week in Melbourne

## A Garden Ramble by Keith Bailey

July 2018

I am sure my daughter meant well when she, somewhat peremptorily advised “Only 12 roses” for the garden in our new house. I think she had in mind the amount of weeding work involved with “borders”. On the other hand perhaps it was the maternally protective concern for the future when my assistant gardener would be bequeathed the job of pruning, regular fertilising, black spot spraying and the like, which are the necessary requirements of a successful rose garden. Yet again the economist in me perceived that perhaps she had in mind the likely problem of selling a deceased estate with a “low maintenance” garden demanded by the generation of the smart phone, app (whatever that is!) etcetera.

Any way I have assumed that when she advised “twelve” she actually meant “12 dozen”. And so it came to pass that when I started my pruning I found indeed that I had in fact bought 144 – no I tell a lie, my assistant gardener decided that “we” (i.e. the royal use of the word) should extend the pergola. This meant four more climbers which will take the total to perilously close to the number of roses I planted at the old house which was sold as the garden was allegedly “too much work”. Granted it was five times the size of the present one but, whatever horticulturally addictive trap exists out there, it appears to have caught me yet again. Downsizing after all must have its limits!

Given (so to speak) a new site, I could decide which rose lived adjacent to another. Certainly colours might play a part but should they be mixed or have a group of the same colour to create impact? And what of the names given to roses? Surely some might not prosper if they are unlikely to get on? “Helmut Schmidt” a pure yellow hybrid tea should be hardy in the frost passage area as Helmut saw service in the Ardennes offensive. So perhaps “Lily Marlene” should be placed close by. “Barbara Streisand” a perfumed lavender with pink tipped edges to the petals must go alongside “Satchmo” a McGredy floribunda of really

bright scarlet. Certainly “Dark Desire” should accompany “Seduction” and “Dolly Parton” perhaps go with “Gina Lollobrigida”.

“Charles de Gaulle” (who remarked how difficult it was to run a country with over 400 cheeses) must be planted close to “Chartreuse de Parme” (an amazing perfume) or perhaps “Guy de Savoi”

No, a grouping of five (the “feng shui” must be observed!) “France Libre”, a startlingly vivid vermilion Delbard must be at the front. Then I should have a memories section, roses are good for that and their perfume helps as does a white rose, “Memoire” perhaps or “Frau Karl Druschki” a 1901 hybrid much admired by my coal miner Uncle Joe.

And talking of uncles I should search for “Savoy Hotel”, a gold medal awarded double pink. My Uncle Arthur came out to Australia to produce refractory bricks in the early 1900 ‘s for the Newcastle steel works. On his last visit to the U.K. he recorded the personal details of nephews for bequests, only to be rushed back to Australia from the Savoy Hotel after a heart attack before he could complete matters. There is not a rose called “Near Miss”! So as I paint the recently discovered cast iron panels for the extended pergola and contemplate getting treatment for my rose addiction, I am working on an explanation for my offspring.

But then again “Alchemist” is a most beautiful rose.....

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