

Bowral Garden Club Inc.

(Established in 1963)

Affiliated with The Garden Clubs of Australia Inc.



Friendship through Gardening

December 2022 Newsletter

Upcoming Club Meetings and Events

December

5 December (Monday) 12 noon
Christmas Party at Mittagong RSL.

January 2023

16 January (Monday) 10.30am
Garden visit at Jonquil Temple's home. Please bring your own mug and if you wish a small plate of food to share.

February

13 February (Monday) 2.00pm:
Club Meeting: Uniting Church Hall, Bowral. Speaker: Erna Llenore who will be speaking about birds in our garden.
Please bring a plate for afternoon tea.

27 February (Monday) 10.30am
Garden Visit: Harpers Mansion in Berrima with morning tea and a talk from Chris Thompson at a cost of \$5.

President's Message

The final Newsletter for the year. We can all take a deep breath and hold it until Christmas, which is just around the corner.

The vote for the future venue for our meetings was overwhelmingly in favour of the Uniting Church Hall in Bowral. For those of you who voted for the RSL Club, I hope you won't be deterred from attending future meetings at the hall. I'd like to thank the members who have enthusiastically arrived early to help set up. Many hands make light work.

Another interesting year. I don't think we're back to normal yet, the weather being the main culprit rather than Covid, but events are proceeding with more clarity, and more members are creeping out of their front doors.

The end of the year and

the beginning of a new one, a time of reflection for me. How has it been and where is it going? Were things as successful as they could have been and what could have been better? Whatever the answers may be, I want to thank you, the members, for supporting the Garden Club. We've had some disappointments but we've also had some fun times.

To the Committee, you've done a terrific job and we've still got six months to go! Well done, it would be so much harder without you and the volunteers who are not on the Committee.

Whatever you're up too over the break, I wish you a Happy Christmas and a relaxing break. All the best for the New Year and we look forward to doing it all again.

Deb

What's on.....

13 December (Tuesday)

5pm in the Botanic Gardens

Cost: \$35 pp for Finger Food and Drinks

Venue: Southern Highlands Botanic Gardens.

Book online or contact Anne Goodman admin@shbg.com.au

17-24 December Santa's Grotto

Corbett Gardens, Bowral.

A walk through a winter wonderland, free Santa photo's, live music and more.....

There's always plenty of activity at **Retford Park!** See all the events coming up.

<https://www.nationaltrust.org.au/places/retford-park/>

From the Editor

*S*ummer will be upon us soon and hopefully some warmer weather.

Remember last month I mentioned the clematis I thought I'd lost, well here it is flowering!



*I*f you are like me, you have been busy fertilizing your garden and mulching. I've noticed the snails are about so start to put whatever control you use around your garden.

*B*irthday Wishes go out to our Muriel who celebrates her birthday next week. Enjoy your day Muriel!



I'd like to thank those members who have contributed articles to our Newsletter over the year and wish everyone a Merry Christmas!

Happy Gardening!

Roz



Plant Sale

Shandra Egan is having a Huge Plants and Garage Sale as she is moving to South Australia.

*18 Winifred Crescent, Mittagong.
9th - 10th December. 9.30am.*

Everything must go!

Plant of the Month

Bulbophyllum frostii



How cute is this orchid!

Bulbophyllum frostii, commonly known as Frost's Bulbophyllum or Dutchman's

shoes is a species of orchid. In the wild it grows as an epiphyte, inhabiting evergreen lowland rainforests in Vietnam and more rarely in China and Thailand, including the Malay peninsula.

This species blooms with cute, shoe-like flowers. The orchid maintains a compact, miniature growth habit and does best in semi-shaded light. Grow in New Zealand sphagnum moss and water when the moss feels slightly damp.

Source: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bulbophyllum_frostii
<https://www.orchidweb.com/orchids/bulbophyllum-cirrhopetalum/species/bulbophyllum-frostii>

"The glory of gardening: hands in the dirt, head in the sun, heart with nature. To nurture a garden is to feed not just the body, but the soul."

Alfred Austin

Dedication to Sue Kingsford

On November 10 a newly developed Rose Garden was dedicated to Sue Kingsford.

Many of you knew Sue and her dedication to and love of roses was legendary. It was only fitting that a wonderful way to remember Sue was to establish a rose garden in her memory.

This happened at Harper's Mansion in Berrima and was attended by many friends and a rose was planted by her children.

May her memory live on.



Seed libraries

by Erica Spinks

Do you know what a seed library is? I've become interested in these so have gathered some information. The idea may pique your interest, too.

Many gardeners collect seeds from their own successful flowering plants, herbs and vegetables. Sometimes they swap seeds but mostly use them for propagating new plants. A seed library takes this idea a step further by collecting local and heirloom varieties that might otherwise be lost. Seeds are then shared among the library's members, with the proviso that each member collects the seeds from any plants they grow for future use by members. Thus, the cycle of life continues.

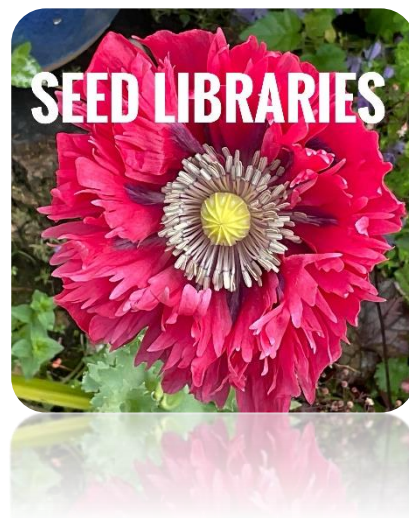
A seed library is different to a seedbank, which holds seeds against possible destruction. Some existing public libraries have created seed libraries, while others are started by individual gardeners. You can read about how Newcastle public library's seed library works here: <https://newcastle.nsw.gov.au/library/experience/library-projects/newcastle-seed-library> or Stonnington public library's one here: <https://www.abc.net.au/news/2022-01-07/community-seed-library-rising-in-popularity/100714078>

Here's an article about how a Toowoomba gardener started a seed library in her street: <https://www.abc.net.au/news/2022-01-07/community-seed-library-rising-in-popularity/100714078>

There are many references to starting a seed library if you search the internet for them. Here's one guide: <https://www.cclc.vic.gov.au/wp-content/uploads/2022/04/seed-library-toolkit-1.pdf>

I couldn't find a seed library in the Highlands – do you know of one? It seems a useful resource for local gardeners. Perhaps we could incorporate seed swapping into our future activities?

Erica



Congratulations to our members who won places for their roses in the combined Highlands Garden Society Bowral Inc. and Southern Highlands Regional Rose Society Rose Show. There were the usual suspects: Ray Bradley and Annette Lane. Ray took out Reserve Champion and 1st Prize Floribunda with Annette taking out Champion David Austin as well as 1st Prize Rose Show 2022 Miniature Roses. First timer Deb Evered took out 3rd place Novice.

Well done folks!!



Annette Lane (above and middle)



Ray Bradley



Deb Evered

My Trip to Sydney

Had to go to Sydney for a service. I had the Sunday to wander Sydney, but why? It's so busy and noisy, so I wandered off to the Botanic Gardens.



A beautiful day dawdling around watching people enjoying the

outdoors. I love the trees and the shade they provide, but my favourite sight was seeing children running through the meadow. It could be a scene from the 1960's, sheer delight of small people allowed to run free.



And let's keep the bees alive, both in architecture and practice.

I didn't get to inspect The Calyx, the modern glass-&-wood building for floral exhibitions, with a huge green wall. That will have to wait till next time.



Deb

Treasurer's Report as at 29th October, 2022

Opening Balance:	\$15,160.26
Income	1,713.29
Expenses	-141.95
Closing Balance:	\$16,731.60

Your Committee

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Our Thanks to:

Mt. Murray Nursery for their continued support of our Club by providing the lucky door prizes each month.

Visit their web stie at:
<https://www.mtmurraynursery.com/> for gardening news and specials.

Did you know that Mt. Murray Nursery also offers members a 5% discount on the 3rd Tuesday of every month.

Just show your membership badge.

Website: bowralgardenclub.com

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Tulip Top Gardens

You may remember back in September I visited Tulip Top gardens, an easy drive south, just past the now full Lake George, is the hidden valley of colour just off the highway.

*A*fter parking in the adjacent paddock, walking down the hill to the entry you get a glimpse through the trees of what awaits you.

*T*ulip Top Gardens was established in 1997 by the Rhodin family. Over half a million bulbs and flowers are planted by hand each year. The 10 acre garden of magnificent tulips and annuals creates a spectacular display amongst the 1,000 blossom trees.

Roz



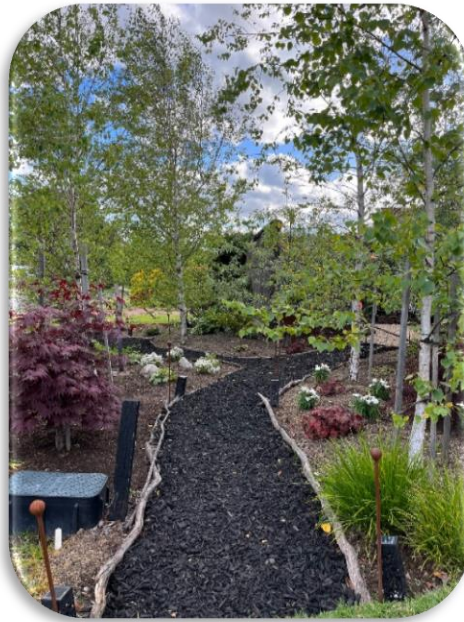


Our visit to Julianne Allan and Deb Evered's Gardens

A most enjoyable morning was spent visiting these two gardens, admiring Julianne's roses, especially 'Rosa Bonica' and how good was Deb's 'Just Joey!'



What a difference a few years can make to Deb's Woodland Grove with its under plantings and garden ornamentals scattered under the Silver Birches, a peaceful sanctuary has been created!!



Members enjoyed a relaxed and friendly morning tea out on the patio at Deb's garden surrounded by bountiful pots and outdoor décor with classical music and the sound of the water fountain in the background.

Delightful gardens! Thank you Julianne and Deb.

