

Bowral Garden Club Inc.

(Established in 1963)

Affiliated with The Garden Clubs of Australia Inc.

Patrons: Chris & Charlotte Webb OAM



Friendship through Gardening

March 2022 Newsletter

What's on in March

14 March (Monday) 2.00pm:

Club Meeting to be held at Mittagong R.S.L. Club.

Speaker: Robyn Bible "The Geranium Lady"

4 March: The Berrima District Museum will reopen

18 & 19 March: HGS Rose & Autumn Flower Show

24 March: Southern Highlands Evening View Club Fashion Parade

29 March: Bus trip to Merribee and Surrounds

What's on in April

4 April (Monday) 2.00pm:

Club Meeting and Friendship Afternoon to be held at Mittagong R.S.L. Club. Cost \$10 includes Afternoon Tea
Speakers: John Weatherstone "Sustainable Farming Practices" and Rick Shepherd "Retford Park in Winter"

5 April: AGHS Coach Trip to Canberra

24 April: SHBG Autumn Open Garden & Plant Fair



From the President

As we emerge from the Summer that never eventuated and the fog of Covid, let's keep our hopes high for the coming year.

The good news is, our Coach Tour to Merribee and Surrounds is going ahead and there has been a good deal of interest. Merribee has approximately 25 garden 'rooms' including 10,000 Buxus plants which have been shaped into hedges and topiary forms, in excess of 1,000 rose bushes and a Lavender Paddock reminiscent of Provence. Come with us to wander, discover and enjoy! The trip is on Tuesday 29 March. I have attached the details and if you would like to participate, please let Ray know.

As you can see from the What's On page, there is a lot happening in and around. There is a general feeling amongst the Highlands Clubs and Societies that a 'Friendship Through Sharing' attitude could and should be adopted, whilst still keeping our own identities. So, you will see a fair bit of cross advertising. This will give you greater opportunity to do different things and meet a variety of folk.

As I mentioned at the February Meeting, we are invited to join in at the SHBG Autumn Show with a group stall to inform people of the clubs available to them in the Southern Highlands. I would appreciate any member who has an hour or two to spare on the weekend of 23-24 April, to come and help out. It is not

arduous work and there is no hard sell. Just an ability to be friendly. Please let me know if you can help.

As confidence grows, I look forward to gradually welcoming more members back to meetings and outings. Take care.

Deb

From the Editor

Autumn is a great time to spend in our gardens, time to get planting and pruning, especially after all this rain. There is plenty going on around the Highlands so let's get out and about and enjoy Autumn.

Alas, Muriel is having computer problems and isn't able to share her usual 'Musings' with us. Not to worry Muriel I have found some namesake plants for members to enjoy.



Blue Muriel – Water Lily

Stunning pale powder blue flowers, becoming tipped with pink as flower ages. Leaves are green to bronze, with purple edges and specks.

Rosa 'Muriel'

Muriel' is a bushy, deciduous shrub with thorny stems bearing pinnate leaves divided into semi-glossy, toothed, mid-green leaflets and clusters of lightly fragrant, double, pink flowers from late spring into autumn



Muriel Fuchsia

Semi-double bluish-magenta corolla with sepals of scarlet. Blooms in early Summer to early Autumn. This fuchsia has oval, green leaves and produces fruit that is edible but not appetizing.



These are very versatile plants, they can be trained to baskets, trees, espaliers, pillars, and trellises. Fuchsias thrive in a temperate climate with moisture or humidity.

We look forward to more 'musings' from Muriel next month.

Happy Gardening!

Roz

Plant of the Month

Calibrachoa



While Calibrachoa million bells may be a fairly new species, this dazzling little plant is a must-have in the garden. Its name comes from the fact that it features hundreds of small, bell-like flowers that resemble miniature petunias. Its trailing habit makes it perfect for use in hanging baskets, containers or as a small area ground cover.

Introduced in the early 1990s, all cultivars of Calibrachoa are hybrids with the original species native to South America

They prefer to be grown in moist but well-drained, organically rich soil in full sun. They do not tolerate high pH soils, though the plants will take very light shade and may tolerate some drought. In fact, plants with some shade will survive longer into the summer months, especially in warmer regions.

<https://www.gardeningknowhow.com/ornamental/fowers/million-bells/calibrachoa-million-bells.htm>

Dazzling Dahlias

By Erica Spinks

Last year, I told you I was planting dahlia tubers because I was keen to establish a cutting garden. It was a successful season and only one of the seven tubers I planted did not sprout leaves.

Those flowers gave me so much pleasure. I decided to add more tubers to the garden bed and purchased a further nine last July. They were planted in early December and I waited... and waited.

We haven't had a lot of sun since planting. In fact, it's been cloudy and showery most days. Not conducive to encouraging dahlias to send shoots through the ground. But in the past couple of weeks, we've welcomed some sunny days and my dahlias have soaked up the rays.

Sadly, several of my new tubers have rotted in the ground. It's disappointing and an expensive waste. I had chosen different varieties and colours this time but it seems they weren't to be. I've been cutting flowers for vases inside the house for a couple of weeks now. So exciting! My healthy plants are covered

with buds so I'm looking forward to what will come.

Come winter, I'll no doubt be poring over dahlia catalogues again and dreaming of more beautiful blooms next year.

Erica



Financials as at 28/02/22	
Opening Balance 31/01/22	<u>\$14,726.02</u>
Badges	\$50.00
Bank Fee	-\$6.84
Income Membership	\$75.00
Interest Rec	\$1.89
Merribee Trip	\$1,530.00
Raffles	\$168.00
Trading Table	<u>\$130.00</u>
Cash Received	<u>\$1,948.05</u>
Badges	\$26.40
Gifts	\$94.00
Newsletter	\$32.40
Postage	\$6.00
Printing	\$90.00
Raffles	\$60.00
Stationery	\$108.63
Trading Table	<u>\$29.00</u>
Exps Paid	<u>\$446.43</u>
Closing Balance as at 28/02/22	<u>\$16,227.64</u>

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Garden Visit to 'Native Grace'

What a lovely morning we had out. It did rain on us a bit, but not until we had our talk from the owner of 'Native Grace' Luke Maitland.



This is a reasonably new nursery in an old setting in Robertson. It's been open for 15 months and specialises in native plants. Luke and his wife Catheryn run the nursery and an on-site café 7 days a week. You need to be passionate about your job to do this, and they are. The coffee was good and warming and the advice was honest and freely given.



The setting is surrounded by large green conifers and Luke has kept some very old trees from the past owners to give the nursery a peaceful and leafy feel. And it's as neat as a pin, beautifully laid out.

Most of us took a trophy or two home, my own personal gain will be a

new Philotheca 'Winter Rouge' hedge. This is the past named Eriostemon or Native Daphne. Hope it fares better than my Lavender that gave it away in the wet!

Even if you're not in the market for a new native, it's a lovely place to wander around, have a coffee or just a chat with Luke. He's a friendly bloke.

Thanks to all who braved the weather today.

Deb



Berrima Museum Exhibition Reopening

The Berrima District Museum will reopen on **4 March, 2022** featuring a new digital exhibition entitled *Gardens and Landscapes of the Southern Highlands - Then and Now*.

This is an amazing history of private and public gardens as well as commercial gardens over the past almost 200 years. Historical landscapes have been captured in digital displays of artwork as well as in digital displays of early photographs of the Bundanoon Gullies dating from C1890 and a Bundanoon garden before and after the bushfires of January 2020.

There are 10 TV screens as well as glass-cabinets and wall mounted displays. These feature several very old Bowral gardens and their history (Retford Park, Hopewood House and Milton Park) as well as other local gardens (Fifth Chapter, Upper Woodlands, Highdown and Chinoiserie). The redevelopment of Bangala (an inter-war homier Bowral) and Yarrabin (which was saved from demolition) provide insight into the efforts local people have undergone to "rescue" old homes in Bowral. In the glass cabinets are a variety of displays, including works by Louisa Atkinson, her granddaughter Janet Cosh and Elaine Musgrave (an internationally well known botanical artist), some old garden award trophies and a collection of old Tulip Time brochures.

The Museum will be open on Friday, Saturday and Sunday from 10am-4pm only but private group visits, **of four to eight people**, can be arranged by contacting Bud Townsing, the curator/coordinator of the exhibition by email (metow@bigpond.com) or his mobile (0429 030 195).

2022 Autumn Open Garden & Plant Fair

Saturday 23 April @ 9:00 am - Sunday 24 April @ 4:00 pm



5 private open gardens & plant fair. \$10 Entry for each gardens or plant fair. \$40 entry to all gardens and plant fair.



SOUTHERN HIGHLANDS EVENING VIEW CLUB

Invite you to join us for a

FASHION PARADE

Featuring Postie/By Willa Fashions

CWA ROOMS

(next to the beautiful Corbett Gardens)

Wingecarribee Street, Bowral

Thursday 24th March 2022

1.30 p.m. FOR FASHION PARADE FOLLOWED BY

AFTERNOON TEA

\$20

BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL BY 21st MARCH

Email southernhighlands.viewclub@gmail.com

Or phone Kath on 0437 590 819

Or Wendy 0414 451 271

ALL PROCEEDS TO THE SMITH FAMILY





BOWRAL GARDEN CLUB

COACH TRIP TO

Merribee Gardens, Wollongong Botanic Garden and Grand Pacific Drive

Tuesday 29 March 2022

Departing Mittagong RSL 7.30am - Returning approximately 5.00pm

**Cost \$90 - includes coach travel, morning tea, entrance to Merribee Garden, lunch
and guided tour of Merribee Garden**

Passengers should be fully vaccinated against Covid-19 and may be asked to provide proof prior to boarding the coach.

Grand Pacific Drive is a scenic coastal drive passing through lush rainforests, over the Sea Cliff Bridge and passing through the coastal townships of Wollongong, Shellharbour, Kiama and the Shoalhaven region. The 665 metre long Sea Cliff Bridge is a highlight of the Grand Pacific Drive.



Wollongong Botanic Garden has a range of varied collections or groups of plants. Each collection includes plants either similar to each other, or would naturally live together and includes an Azalea Bank, flowering trees and shrubs, roses, a woodland garden as well as a Japanese tea house and a rotunda overlooking the duck pond. A beautiful Tudor Manor-style house, Gleniffer Brae, is also located within the Botanic Garden. Built in 1938, it was originally the family home of Arthur Sidney Hoskins, who established the steel making industry in Wollongong. The garden around the house was designed by renowned 20th Century landscaper Paul Sorensen.

Merribee garden spans seven acres and features 2km of pathways. Wander through formal garden rooms, including the Rose Garden, the hedged Potager, the walled Snow Pear Garden, the Cottage Garden, Crepe Myrtle Walk, the Herb Garden, the Lavender Paddock, the Bunya Bunya Copse and finish up at the adjoining hedging, topiary and rose nursery. Birdlife is vibrant in the garden. In the orchard edible fruit ranges from mango, guava and apple to pomegranate, passionfruit and avocados. The garden is also home to beehives that yield Merribee honey



Enquiries / bookings: Ray Bradley (E) rbb1945@bigpond.net.au (T) 02 4861 4090 (M) 0416 191 905
When booking please advise of any dietary requirements.

Payment - no later than Monday 14 March. **No refunds** will be made after that date.

Payment may be made by:

1. Direct deposit into the BDCU (Cuscal Ltd) Bank Bowral Account name: Bowral Garden Club Inc. BSB: 802 101 Account no: 100009286 Please ensure you include your reference details - Surname & Merribee;
2. Cheque payable to Bowral Garden Club Inc. or cash at the February or March meeting - please place in an envelope with your name and marked Merribee Tour and hand to the Treasurer;
3. You may also mail your cheque to the Treasurer, PO Box 910, Bowral 2576.

Guidelines

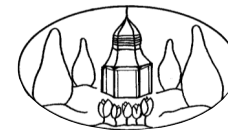
1. With the exception of Floral Art classes 29-32, all entries must come from plants which have been cultivated by the exhibitor for at **least three months**.
2. All entries, except Classes 16, 17, 18, 23, 24, 27 and Floral Art should be exhibited in green exhibition vases provided by the Society or, if insufficient available, 300ml soft drink bottles *which will be available on the day of the Show*. David Austin Roses (classes 8 and 9) are to be exhibited flat in containers provided by the Society.
3. NND means not necessarily distinct (i.e. they may be the same or different cultivars). D means different cultivars or varieties.
4. With the exception of **Floral Art** classes where an exhibitor will be allocated an exhibitor number, every exhibit must be accompanied by a plain white 'business/visitors' card showing the exhibitor's name on one side and, if known, the species or cultivar, together with the Class Number, on the other side. Cards must be displayed with the **name of the exhibitor facing down**.
5. Exhibitors may seek advice of the stewards about the tabling and classification of entries and must respect their decision as final.
6. Exhibits may be prepared on tables provided for that purpose but must not be prepared on display tables.
7. Exhibitors **must prepare** their own exhibit/s for tabling and **not touch** any exhibit other than their own.
8. The Judges' decisions are final.

Prizes

A Certificate and ribbon will be awarded for:

- Most Successful Rose Exhibitor,
- Champion Rose Exhibit,
- Reserve Champion Rose Exhibit,
- Champion Novice Rose Exhibitor (classes 12-15),
- Champion David Austin Rose Classes (classes 8-9),
- Champion Autumn Flower exhibit (classes 19-26),
- Champion Fruit and/or Vegetables
- Champion Floral Art; and
- Children's Class

A certificate will be awarded for the first placed entry in each Class and certificates may also be awarded for second and third placed entries. depending on the number and quality of exhibits.



HIGHLANDS GARDEN SOCIETY BOWRAL INC.

Rose & Autumn Flower Show *Schedule*

**To be held at the Uniting Church Hall, Corner Boolwey and
Bendooley Streets, Bowral**

Friday 18 and Saturday 19 March 2022

Exhibits must be tabled between 3.00pm and 4.30pm Friday

The show is open to members of the Highlands Garden Society and non members resident of the Wingecarribee Shire who are fully vaccinated against Covid-19.

Judging commences at 4.45pm sharp

Presentation of Prizes and Judges comments 6.45pm Friday

Open for Public Viewing from 10:00 am to 2.30pm Saturday

Retail stalls will be in attendance

Admission - Gold Coin Donation Exhibitors Free



Show Judges

Rose Specimens - Colin Hollis, The Rose Society of NSW
Floral Art - Kim Baillie, President Australian Floral Art Association and Floral Art Demonstrator

NOTE - Exhibitors **must prepare** their own exhibit/s for tabling and **not touch** any exhibit other than their own.

ROSES

Exhibition Roses include hybrid tea and climbing hybrid tea roses with one large flower to a stem with or without disbudding. Exhibition roses must have no side buds.

1. One exhibition rose - refer guideline 5(iii).
2. Three exhibition roses, different cultivars in three containers - refer guideline 5(iii)
3. One full blown rose - refer guideline 5(iv)
4. Three full blown roses, different cultivars in three containers - refer guideline 5 (iv)
5. Four exhibition roses of one cultivar at four stages of development in one container - refer guidelines below:
 - (i) 1st stage - Bud to show colour and petals not starting to unfurl
 - (ii) 2nd stage - Midway between first and third stage
 - (iii) 3rd stage - Exhibition Stage - half to three quarters open
 - (iv) 4th stage - Full bloom - petals symmetrically arranged within a circular outline, stamens exposed and of good colour, clean and fresh.

Floribunda Roses - modern cluster flowered shrubs or climbing roses.

6. One cut - the single stem must be visible at the rim of the container.
7. Three cuts in one container - NND three stems must be visible at the rim of the container.

David Austin Roses

8. One cut - to be exhibited in container provided.
9. Collection of three cuts of different cultivars to be exhibited flat in containers provided.

Modern Shrub Roses

10. One cut— stem must be visible at rim of container.

Miniature Roses - miniature flowered shrubs or climbers which have small flowers with proportionally small foliage. The stems must be thin and wiry. Flowers may be single or double, borne singly or in well-balanced terminal clusters.

11. Collection of three miniature rose/s NND.

Novice Classes for exhibitors who have never won a trophy or a first, second or third prize in the Highlands Garden Society Rose Show.

12. One exhibition rose - refer guidelines class 5 (iii).
13. Three different exhibition roses in three containers - refer guidelines class 5 (iii).
14. One full blown rose. Refer guideline class 5 (iv)).
15. Four exhibition roses of the one cultivar at four stages of development in one container refer guidelines class 5 (i) to (iv).

Spray

16. A spray of climbing roses to be displayed flat on bench in an orchid tube – not to exceed 50 cm (a limited number of orchid tubes will be available at the Show)

Vase of Roses

17. Glass or crystal vase of roses, minimum of 9 blooms NND, side buds and hips allowed. **Width not to exceed 30 cm**

18. **Float Bowl of Roses** - minimum of 3 blooms NND

AUTUMN FLOWERS

- 19 Vase of Hydrangea - flowers any stage; minimum of three stems
- 20 Oakleaf Hydrangea - flower any stage, one cut
- 21 Vase of mixed grasses
- 22 Vase of salvia - NND
- 23 Shallow container of foliage - autumn colour allowed - minimum of 5 stems or leaves NND. Exhibitor to provide own container
- 24 Mixed vase of autumn flowers featuring geraniums / pelargoniums. Exhibitor to provide own container
- 25 Fuchsia - maximum of five cuts NND
- 26 Flower from any bulb, corm or tuber - one cut

FRUIT OR VEGETABLES

- 27 Presentation of home-grown fruit and/or vegetables

CHILDREN'S EXHIBIT (under 12 years of age)

- 28 A posy of flowers, fresh material with natural stems to be in water

Enquiries - Rose Specimens, Autumn Flowers and Fruit and Vegetables

Sally Gaudry, (T) 0403 496 708 (E) johnagaudry@hotmail.com

or

Ray Bradley (M) 0416 191 905 rbb1945@bigpond.net.au

FLORAL ART

	Bench Space
29 Minimum material maximum impact	40 cm
30 Natural weathered wood or bark and roses	60 cm
31 The Only Way is Up	60 cm
32 Decorated Champagne / Wine Bottle - design to include glasses	60 cm
33 Patio or Barbeque Table Arrangement - foliage to predominate with a minimum of flowers, fruit or vegetables - horticultural material to be home grown by exhibitor	60 cm

Floral Art - Conditions

- A limit of one entry per exhibitor in each class.
- Exhibits must be the work of the exhibitor
- Exhibit height not to exceed 70 cm
- Horticultural material to predominate and no artificial flowers or foliage
- Embellishments allowed BUT must not predominate arrangement.
- Unless specified any flowers may be used.
- Flowers and foliage do not have to be grown by the exhibitor unless specified
- Judging is in accordance with the R.H.S. of N.S.W. Floral Art Show Guide.
- Entries to be judged from front and side.
- Registrations close Wednesday **16th March at 6.00pm** to allow for space allocation.

Enquiries/registration Floral Art

Judy Keast 0429 461 927 (E) judykeast2576@gmail.com

Australian Garden History Society (Southern Highlands Branch)

Coach Trip to the

National Arboretum and a Private Garden at Griffith, Canberra

Tuesday 5 April 2022

Departing Mittagong RSL Club - 7.30 am - Returning approximately - 5.30 pm

*No bookings can be accepted OR refunds given for cancellations after **Monday 21 March**.*

Cost \$60 - includes coach travel, morning tea at Lake George, coach tour of the Arboretum and garden admission at Griffith. Lunch at own expense or bring a picnic lunch to enjoy at the Arboretum

Passengers should be fully vaccinated against Covid-19 and may be asked to provide proof prior to boarding the coach.

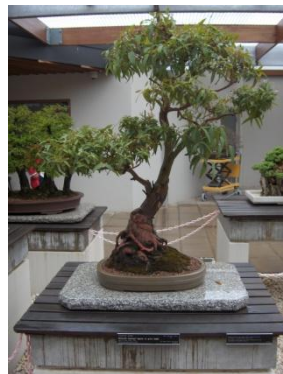
The **National Arboretum** in Canberra, created on a 250-hectare (618 acre) site, combines a living collection of



forests with over 44,000 trees from around the world and Australia. It is one of the world's largest living collections of rare, endangered and significant trees surrounding visitors with spectacular views, stunning architecture and the natural beauty of trees and gardens. The site has been planted since 2005 and was officially opened in February 2013. The award-winning Village Centre is at the heart of the Arboretum. A Gallery of Gardens is being developed with a distinctive story and design and a variety of trees, plants, landscape features and welcoming spaces to enjoy the

inspiring surrounds. Avenues of trees have been planted along the gardens' roads and walkways to create an ever-changing setting across the seasons.

The bonsai pavilion, housing the superb National Bonsai and Penjing Collection of Australia includes native and exotic exhibits which are rotated through the seasons.

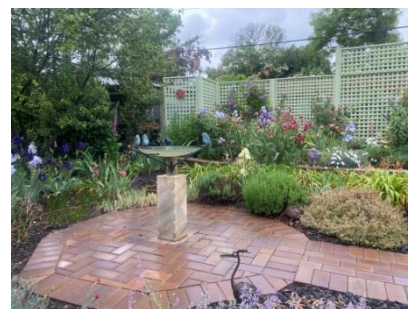


A guided coach tour has been arranged for the Arboretum.



A **private garden** in Griffith established by Liz & John Baker on a 970 m² block has a garden area of about 550m². Designed for low maintenance, the garden utilises shrubs, plants and bulbs which could be left for several weeks at a time using pine bark as mulch under all of the trees and shrubs and irrigation with timer-controlled sprinklers. An eclectic collection of sculptures are located throughout the garden including works by established artists and a range of works by students from the ANU's School of Art and Design.

The front garden contains flowering shrubs, perennials, many bulbs and roses in shades of pink, purple, blue and white. Trees include a *Magnolia x soulangeana*, *Malus ioensis* 'Plena', and two Crepe Myrtles whilst the small patio area near the front door is a serene space with several sculptures. **The back garden** is defined by paved paths and features several sculptures and raised beds full of hot colours whereas the lower beds are more muted shades. Trees include *Malus floribunda*, *Prunus serrulata* 'Prentice Dancer', a white Crepe Myrtle 'Natchez' and the new *Diamonds in the Dark* 'Blush'. Many bulbs have been planted to flower in most seasons and David Austin roses are a favourite. The shady part of the garden has a collection of Hellebores plus Bergenia and *Camellia sasangua* 'Yuletide' and 'Paradise Vanessa'. **The vegetable garden** comprises five 2m x 1m raised garden beds about 0.5m high watered by five 180° sprinklers. The area is paved for easy maintenance. Three rotating compost bins serve the vegetable garden





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Cost - \$60 per person

Please print clearly.

Tour Passenger/s Details

Mr/Mrs/Ms/Miss/Other _____ First Name: _____ Surname: _____

Mr/Mrs/Ms/Miss/Other _____ First Name: _____ Surname: _____

Address: _____

Suburb: _____ State: _____ Postcode: _____

Telephone No: _____ Mobile: _____

Email address: ***Please print clearly*** _____

Dietary / Medical Requirements you believe we should be aware of. (e.g. - diabetic, vegetarian, gluten free)

EMERGENCY CONTACT DETAILS:-

1: Name:Phone:

2: Name:Phone:

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Enquiries / bookings: Ray Bradley (E) rbb1945@bigpond.net.au (T) 02 4861 4090 or (M) 0416 191 905

Payment Options:

- **By Cheque:** payable to Australian Garden History Society: **PLEASE NOTE** – use the full title and return this form and cheque to The Canberra Tour, PO Box 2327, Bowral 2576
- **By EFT:** Account name: AGHS BSB: 012 547 Account Number: 237 514 077 and include the following reference information 5 April and your surname. Email the booking details of those travelling to rbb1945@bigpond.net.au
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