

Bowral Garden Club Inc.

(Established in 1963)

Affiliated with The Garden Clubs of Australia Inc.



Friendship through Gardening

Upcoming Club Meetings and Events

September

12 September (Monday) 2.00pm:
Club Meeting: **Uniting Church Hall, Bowral**. Speaker: Melanie Van Til – 'Springtime in Holland'.

26 September (Monday) 10.30am
Visit to Meg & Clive Probyn's Garden - 158 Oxley Dr, Mittagong. 'A Different Season'.

October

10 October (Monday) 2.00pm:
Club Meeting: Uniting Church Hall, Bowral. 'A Talk on Cliveas'.
Please bring a plate for afternoon tea or a gold coin.

15 October (Saturday):
Plant Stall - Ruth Bailey's home, 16 Shepherd St Bowral.
8.30am - 2.30pm

18 - 20 October – Coach Tour
Mayfield Garden and Little Hartley.
7.30am departure from Mittagong RSL Club.

24 October (Monday) 10.30am
Visit to Diane Davis' Garden 311 Thirlmere Way, Thirlmere, followed by Jayne Blundell's Garden 110 Stratford Rd, Tahmoor.

President's Message

With the change of season, I wonder what we can expect?

Have you done all the right things? Pruned, sprayed, composted, but is it too early to mulch and fertilize? It seems the rules of gardening have gone out the window with temperature fluctuations and 'the wet'.

Anyway, whatever you've done, I hope you've had fun doing it.

I've just looked at my newsletter message from September 2021. Interesting, not a lot has changed.

It's still pouring rain and gusting winds, but at least we're allowed to go out and play in it! And, we are allowed to have meetings and outings and for that we should be grateful.



I'm still banging on about the Plant Stall coming up on Saturday 15 October at Ruth Bailey's home. Thank you, Ruth. I really hope you're all quietly potting up and collecting goodies to sell. They can be dropped off to Ruth's place, 16 Shepherd St, Bowral on Friday 14 October after 12 midday, ready for an 8.30am start on Saturday.

If you are able to lend a hand for an hour or so, please let me know. It's an easy job and generally good fun. We had many laughs last year and sold a good deal of garden related product.

So, now we've done all the planning and preparation that the wet weather would allow, Spring is just around the corner and Tulip Time is less than a month away. Let's light up our gardens with all the colours imaginable.....yes, even yellow, lots of yellow!

Deb

What's on.....

~~**2 September:** Highlands Gardens Society Bowral Spring Flower and Camellia Show. Uniting Church Hall, Bowral. 1.30-6.15pm.~~
Cancelled.

16 September – 3 October – Tulip Time

17 September: Annual Orchid Show Southern Highlands Orchid Society at Mittagong RSL 10am Alexandra Room - gold coin entry.

13 October: Australian Garden History Society (Southern Highlands Branch) Rescheduled Coach Trip to the National Arboretum, a Private Garden at Griffith, and the Rose Gardens at Old Parliament House Canberra.
Enquiries / bookings: Ray Bradley
(e) rbb1945@bigpond.net.au
(m) 0416191 905

13 – 16 October: Berry Garden Festival 9.30am-4.00pm
<https://berrygardens.org.au/berry-gardens-festival/>

29 - 30 October: - Bundanoon Garden Ramble - 8 stunning gardens.
<https://www.bundanoongardenramble.org.au/>

29 - 30th October: - Spring Central Tablelands Garden Trail is on again. Five fabulous and colourful gardens all located in the beautiful Hartley Valley.
Search: Central Tablelands Garden Trail for more information.

5 – 6 November: - Crookwell Garden Festival. One of the gardens open is Markdale.

From the Editor

Spring at last. It's been a long, cold, dismal winter so the arrival of Spring sees warmer days, colourful gardens and plenty of open gardens and festivals to visit.

In my garden over winter the self-sown primula have flowered, even in the lawn. The daffodils are starting to multiply and create a lovely contrast to the purples and whites of the primula. Daffodils are always a welcome sight, the yellows lifting our spirits after the gloom of winter. I also have clumps of the miniature daffodils interspersed throughout the garden, one clump of little doubles.



Enjoy and Happy Gardening!

Roza

Plant of the Month



Anthurium has large, glossy deep green leaves. Some varieties may have variegated or darker leaves. Even without flowers, it makes an attractive indoor plant. However, it is its 'flowers' that draw attention. These are not, in fact, true flowers! The large coloured leaf-like part is known as the spathe. The flowers themselves are very small and insignificant, and develop on the central yellow or cream 'spear' known as the spadix.

Anthuriums like good indirect light –do not place them on windowsills where they will be exposed to the sun through the glass, or they'll burn. Avoid air-conditioning and heater vents, which will dry out the air. Cut off spent flower stalks and yellowing leaves when necessary.

"Spring is sprung, the grass is riz,
I wonder where the birdies is?
The bird is on the wing, but that's absurd,
Of course, the wing is on the bird!"
Anon. (not Ogden Nash as commonly
thought)

"Spring has sprung, the grass is riz,
I wonder where the birdies is?
Angry farmer wipes his eye,
Says, thank goodness, cows don't fly"
Anon.

ALTERNATIVELY.....

If we had no winter, the spring would not be so pleasant. Anne Bradstreet

Give me Colour

By Erica Spinks

I admire gardeners who have plans for their gardens and carry them out. They may have garden landscapers in to advise, drawn their own proper diagrams or simply have a design in their heads. I appreciate they have clear visions of how they want their gardens to look.

I'm not one of them - there are too many interesting plants to distract me. The previous owners of my garden created structure here, with defined beds and paved areas. They planted trees and shrubs, most of which stayed and a few I removed because they were in the wrong places.

Now my time for close observation has finished. I know where all the bulbs pop up (so many bulbs), what flowers when and the microclimates in different areas of my garden. It's time to overhaul some areas and fill the gaps in others.

This requires sensible planning but I keep getting distracted by the possibilities. If I stopped visiting nurseries maybe I wouldn't be tempted by new plants but that's a ridiculous idea, isn't it? There is so much to discover.

Instead, I'll admire the flowers of my late winter bulbs and dream about how my garden may evolve. I may even make a drawing so I know where everything is!



Erica

September in your garden

By Annette Lane

HELLO SPRING!!

In September it's time to.....

- Trim salvias to encourage new growth
- Take cuttings from succulents
- Move pot plants that have been sheltered over winter into the open and fertilise them.
- Increase frequency with which you water indoor plants and FERTILISE.
- Move cyclamens into a dry shady spot after their flowers have finished dying.

Tip: Start a garden diary.

Photos of successes and where they were planted. Dates of seed sowing, germination, pests and diseases so you are prepared for next year.

Poppy Love

There's a big family of poppies to choose from.

The most vibrant and vigorous is the Oriental Poppy. These poppies come from West Asia and thrive in a cold frosty climate



The Iceland Poppy is a charmer. The flowers have a crepey petals in gorgeous colours- orange, salmon, yellow, pink-are a delight and make terrific cut flowers.

The California poppy likes cool, rainy winters and hot summers – Perfect for the

Highlands (if we have summer weather this year!) Liquid fertilise every three weeks in the growing season for amazing flowers.



Sow Summer Colour Now!

Get a head start with summer flowers such as California poppies, petunias, salvias and alyssum. Invest in a good seed-raising mix. Read instructions on seed packets carefully, taking special note of the sowing depth.



Vegie Patch.

- Sow carrot seeds. Why not coloured carrots and astonish your friends when they produce purple, cream and well as orange roots.
- Plant pumpkin, cucumber, peas, lettuce and zucchini seeds.
- Prune rosemary, and use prunings to make skewers for lamb kebabs (soak them first to avoid burning).
- Rejuvenate old tired citrus by cutting back hard. Spray with white oil to deter scale.

Crops in Pots:

Tomatoes: Compact bush varieties tend to be best for containers.

I have had success with Tiny Tim, Patio and Grape varieties.

Choose a spot with 5-6 hours of full sun per day, with some protection from drying winds. Fill pots with a good quality potting mix and add a complete slow-release fertiliser fortnightly.



DID YOU KNOW?

*P*lanting mint around the house or in pots indoors its known to prevent ants. Mint destroys their sense of smell and is a great deterrent. Have a growing pot handy in case ants become invasive.



*S*pring has sprung and enjoy it,

Annette.

Life begins the day you start a garden. – Chinese proverb

*C*ongratulations and well-done Shandra!.

Shandra's entries at the Camellia Show Dapto held 16th/17th of July won 5 First, 2 Second and 2 Third places for her beautiful camellias. One of her Camellia's won Best in Show.



Muriel's Musings

Because of my ever-fading eyesight the time has come for me to write my final 'musings'. It is now 51 years since, at the October 1971 meeting I joined the Bowral Garden Club and have been rewarded by the friendship of so many friends – past and present and memories of some outstanding guest speakers. The most memorable for me was a gentleman from one of the Wollongong suburbs who spoke to us about the History of Roses.

He began by telling of the finding of a million years old fossil in Asia Minor, so I think it is appropriate that I finish my 'musings' by writing from the notes I was taking at the 28th September 1992 meeting.

The earliest record of the Rose was found in Asia Minor in a fossil estimated to be one million years old. Migrating tribes took the rose plants with them using the hips for medical purposes as they travelled across India into China and eventually crossing the Aleutian land bridge to North America. Not only are the North American wild roses beautiful but nature has looked after her species of roses as they are flat when open with a crown of golden stamens to make it easy for the bees and other insects to be able to pollinate them.

In 1792 a rose was found growing in China that was the progenitor of the modern rose. This little rose – a double carried the gene that caused a repeat flowering. Another important rose in our history was *Cathayensis* Rosa multiflora for it put the fragrance into our roses.



My final Thought for the Day

Here's to the days that are yet to be,

Here's to the work that lies ahead

To the joy in striving constantly

Till the last miles paced

And the last word said

Muriel

Treasurer's Report as at 29 August 2022

Opening Balance:	\$14,556.35
Income	2,251.21
Expenses	-2,299.3
Closing Balance:	\$14,508.26

Your Committee

President:	Deb Evered 48621407
Vice-President:	Ray Bradley 0416191905
Secretary:	Claire Wormleaton 0438627572
Treasurer:	Sue Ciscato 0448112321
Membership:	Sue Ciscato
Public Office:	Sue Ciscato
Welfare Officer:	Judith Lewis 0438523660
General committee:	Glenys Lilliendal, Judith Lewis, Deirdre White

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
Newsletter Editor: Rosalyn Mulligan

Fairground Follies

We really had no idea what to expect from this visit. We arrived to a blank looking warehouse with no hint of what lay behind the white door. When you walk into the warehouse you are struck by the lights and colour and then the music played. The carousel started, the horses bobbed and we were all 8 years old again.

Craig Robson, our host, and his assistant Ellen, took us on a journey from the mid 1800's with his collection of fairground attractions and music machines.

On the left: The Centre Robot stood to do his "set" during the performance.



Right: One of two genuine gypsy wagons at Fairground Follies in Bowral. Note the small, white wheel near the front step which was used as the hand brake when the wagon was travelling downhill.



If you appreciate leadlight, there was a fine example of a lampshade with an antique light in the centre...



Mortier Taj Mahal



The façade of this organ is 8.5 metres long by 8 metres high and symbolises good luck (Chinese dragons), prosperity (Grecian urns of plenty), music (Saint Cecelia – Patron saint of music) and love (Aphrodites statue). The façade was carved in Italy over a two-year period and decorated with three forms of gold leaf. It has over 1,000 light globes that are activated by cardboard music.

It was spectacular to see and hear the Taj Mahal playing modern and traditional music, including "Happy Birthday" to one of our attendees Pam King who was celebrating her birthday.

I can't list all the wonderful features on display, only to say, if you didn't have the opportunity to be there, don't miss it.

*A*gainst all Council odds (that's another story), Craig Robson is bringing joy to many people and we should support his passion.

Deb

And thank you to Catherine Kyngdon for a couple of the photos.