

Bowral Garden Club Inc.

(Established in 1963)

Affiliated with The Garden Clubs of Australia Inc.

Patrons: Chris & Charlotte Webb OAM



Friendship through Gardening

December 2018 Newsletter



What's on in December

3 December (Monday)
12 noon
Christmas Function
Bookings essential

What's on in January 2019

9 January (Wednesday) 10.30am:
Garden visit and morning tea at
Maryann Hewitt 34 Lytton Road,
Moss Vale

What's on in February

11 February (Monday) 2.00pm:
Club Meeting: Speaker: tba



From the President

And so, another year passes, our 55th year, as it happens. Haven't we done well.

In my first term as President, I now understand Malcolm Fraser's quip 'Life wasn't meant to be easy'but I'm sure somebody else said 'Life is meant to be fun and enjoyed to the full'. If not, I'll take credit for it.

Two garden visits this month. The first was to Miel Kroon's garden in Bowral. This was a trio of episodes.... Firstly, Miel's garden is a credit to her. We were a little late for the stunning azalea show but we got the general



idea and it is a relaxing garden to be in, generally. However, this is where the second experience

kicks in....the greed of developers.

The once tranquil view from the verandah has been well and truly spoilt by the development of a block of apartments right behind. Sadly for Miel and her family, the constant noise of machinery drones on in the background.

Thirdly, we tacked on the end of the Art Trail and Miel had a collection of her artwork on display. What a talent she has. I couldn't resist.....

Thank you Miel for letting us visit....



Our second visit was to 'Prittlewell', Patty Mouhtouris's garden in Fitzroy Falls. What a one-woman band.... 29 acres of garden with a large lake in the middle to walk around. Many



mature trees, manicured hedges, roses, acers, a Japanese garden, sitting and pondering places and a serene patio to view it all from. Not only is she a top gardener but the morning tea spread was more than we needed. Quiches,



cakes and scones. I heard more than a couple of people pronounce this to be the best garden in the Highlands. All in all, a very pleasant morning.

Thank you Patty, a joy.

I'd like to thank you all for contributing your ideas, time and enthusiasm to make the club the friendly sharing experience it is. I'd also like to thank the Committee for their support and hard work. There have been a lot of changes this year and so far.....so good.

Have a joyous Christmas and a relaxing break

Cheers

Deb Eversed

From the Editor

Another year draws to its close and as Deb has mentioned what a year we have had. Aren't we lucky folks to be able to share and enjoy all these gardening delights.

Muriel has entertained us with her 'musings' and Maryann has given us great gardening advice. Thank you, Ladies.

As a first timer to the BGC I have thoroughly enjoyed visiting your gardens and experiencing the friendship that gardeners

have to offer as well as the sharing of plants to boost my own new garden.

Merry Christmas!!!



Plant of the Month



Christmas Bell (*Blandfordia nobilis*) is a small plant of the Lily family, one of only four species in this eastern Australian group.

Among the many beautiful heath species, Christmas Bell is prominent in form and colour with its erect stems and bicoloured, firm bells. Nothing else has its tones of orange, through scarlet to blood-red tipped with saffron yellow, or paler tints of these including salmon pinks. Flowers entirely yellow are seen occasionally.

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Muriel's Musings

The following is from a letter that I wrote to my Dad back in August 1992 when he went into respite care for a fortnight. I came across it some years ago tucked away in his deed box.

Commodore Apartments Batehaven,
11th August 1992

*Darling Dar,
here we are "basking in the blue of beautiful Batemans Bay" sitting on the wharf watching the fishing boats coming in and being mugged by pelicans and seagulls. We had a very pleasant drive down to the Bay. Left Bowral at 10.30, arrived in Canberra 2 hours later, met up with Graham and we had lunch at his favourite café. There was an icy wind blowing through Civic Square and I've never seen so many business type gentlemen dressed in top coats, scarves and gloves it looked more like Red Square in Moscow!! Driving through Braidwood we looked to our left at Elrington St*

and saw Gwen and John Mayberry with some people in their back garden, didn't stop as we wanted to drive down the Clyde Mountain road in good light as the sky was overcast and there were snow clouds gathering on the mountains to the SW. There was a vast improvement to the road compared to the last time we travelled on it. We reached our destination about 4.30 pm, parked in our allotted space in the underground parking area, tottered up the 2 flights of steps to our apartment with all our belongings. Was suitably impressed with the look of the apartment and soon had the kettle on for a cup of tea. After all the hustle n bustle of the past week we were so tired we slept in and didn't wake up until past 8 o'clock the next morning. Drove back to Batemans Bay and walked around the shopping centre, considering the times we weren't surprised by the number of vacant shops and living isn't cheap here. 4 bananas, 4 pears, 4 apples and 2 mandarins cost us \$6!! The afternoon sun is streaming into the bedroom and Neil is fast asleep, too much sea air perhaps?? so I guess it's my turn to make the afternoon tea - AGAIN. Dar, you would have laughed seeing us packing the car for this long looked forward to holiday. 2 suitcases, we had to take our own bed linen and towels, big esky with groceries, homemade Dundee cake and tin of Garden Club biscuits, small esky with tea, coffee and milo. Neil's medications, picnic basket and thermos, portable radio and all the other bits n pieces I tend to throw in at the last minute just in case and as I staggered out the front door with my handbag, beauty case and little travelling basket tucked under my arms Neil asked in an incredulous tone of voice "Where are you going to put that lot??" I answered as you would "On the floor" and HE asked "HOW MANY FLOORS DO YOU THINK THEY PUT IN CARS??"

It's more fun packing for a holiday than unpacking all those clothes you didn't need to have packed anyway.

Muriel



Garden Tips for December - Maryanne Hewitt

More lovely rain!!

Chores for this month - deadheading spent blooms, tidying up shrubs/cutting back and shaping shrubs, trimming hedges, feeding tomatoes, roses, asparagus, strawberries; pruning the clematis varieties that flower only once.



A busy time to be preparing for summer with further mulching – staking taller plants and those in a wind prone place, covering such things as ripening tomatoes and strawberries, blackberries and fruit trees - birds are opportunists!!! I have found the white knitted tree covering to be the most effective - however, parrots in particular have worked out that sitting on the netting will bring them closer to the fruit!! Beans are also getting a move on now - if your red flowered runner beans are not forming beans, give them a couple of doses of potash.

Keep watering regularly, especially tomatoes; the light rain that we have been having does not always penetrate the soil to the root depth of plants particularly after a hot day - various lettuce are well on their way to maturity now, get ready for a second planting for Christmas and January. Have an old umbrella or two handy to cover plants on a very hot day - petals and leaves can be burnt too on a very hot day. Keep a lookout for snails that love young and old plants, (not too fussy) after your first harvest of strawberries, feed again and get a second crop.



Best Wishes for a great Christmas in the garden. *Maryann*

Minutes of General Meeting 12 November, 2018

Present: 78 members and 4 visitors

Apologies: Niki Rebay, Stephen Westwood, Judy Martin, Megan Tarrant, Susan Ireland, Colleen Douglas, Wendy Gamble, Camilla Williams, Lindsay Orr, Peta Peter, Ros Mohacsi, Clive Probyn

President Deb Evered opened the meeting at 2pm welcoming members.

Today's presentation was a series of photos taken from overseas (Chelsea Gardens and other English gardens) as well as local garden visits. These photos included Gardenalia, Hunter Valley Gardens, Judy Foy's prize-winning peony, Chinoiserie's beautiful peonies, Berry gardens and a range of other beautiful flowers and fauna.

Maryann thanked Deb for organising the slide show and presented her with a gift.

Minutes:

The minutes of the October 2018 meeting were printed in the November newsletter. Motion: that the minutes be accepted as a true record of the meeting
Proposed: Deirdre White
Seconded: Marian St Leger-Moss

Correspondence In:

- ❖ Email from Bowral Uniting Church regarding parking in the church carpark requesting that users don't double park or leave cars in the carpark before or after a meeting to go do their shopping
- ❖ Upcoming events from myopen garden
- ❖ Flyer from NSW Floral Art Association Inc are having their 'Floral Design Competition and Demonstrations' on Friday 1 & Saturday 2 February 2019
- ❖ The Summer issue of Our Gardens from The Garden Clubs of Australia

Correspondence Out: none

Treasurer's Report:

The financial report was read, proposed by Sue Ciscato and seconded by Anne Curvers

Lorraine Richardson (Membership secretary) reported the Club now has 162 members

General Business:

- ❖ Plant Stall raised \$1,773 comprising \$1,318 from sale of plants, \$335 from raffle tickets and \$120 from the auction for the garden arch. Suggestion that the plant stall be held in mid-October and start at 9.00am. Deb asked if any members were interested in running the plant stall yearly and if so to see her after the meeting as she would require a working party. Still missing one garden apron, if anyone has it at home can they please return to Deb

- ❖ Closing date for payment for Christmas Party is 23rd November
- ❖ Committee changes – Anne Curvers has finished her 6-month role as vice-president. Deb thanked Anne and presented her with flowers. Maryann will now take up the vice-president role. Annette Lane was nominated and accepted as a new committee member
- ❖ Website – Deb asked if any members not receiving newsletter or emails to see her after meeting
- ❖ Garden Clubs of Australia calendars purchased can be collected from Sue Ciscato
- ❖ Overnight Tour – Deb asked for a show of hands from interested members to an overnight tour to the Blue Mountains in late October 2019
- ❖ Deb had brought in the painting she had bought when members visited Miel Kroon's garden. Miel's Art Studio featured as part of the Southern Highlands Art Studio Trail. Miel donated 15% to the Garden Club of the sale price of works sold on the day of the open garden
- ❖ The Club will hold a Bazaar at future November meetings for flora related handmade crafts. Elaine Lye had brought in today the quilt she had made based on flowers from her mother's garden

Welcome Gift to New Members: Muriel Stuart presented new member Jean Dart with a welcome gift.

With Remembrance Day held the day before Muriel had a story to tell us when in 1923 (in London) her father had worked as a supervisor for the company who had secured the contract to make the war memorial headstones. She showed us a bullet used during WW1 fighting along with carving tools of the last engraver of the memorial headstones who had presented them to her father before sailing with his family including a very young Muriel to Australia.

The day before our meeting her daughter had taken her down to Canberra to see the field of poppies for our fallen soldiers who never made it home.

She finished her story as usual making us laugh.

Lucky Door Prize: Lucky door prize won by 1st: Alison Durbin; 2nd: Trish Dowling; 3rd: Roslyn Taylor

Show and Tell: Lois Morrison had brought in some beautiful La Mare and Pierre de Ronsard roses; Christine Gow had brought in a posy of wildflowers

Any Other Business: none

Next Meeting: Christmas Party Briars Historic Inn 3rd December, 2018

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**The President, Committee and Members of
The Goulburn Garden Club Inc.**

**Warmly invite your members to join us for
a**

Friendship Morning

on 12th March, 2019

at

**The Goulburn Workers Club Auditorium,
McKell Place, Goulburn.**

**Guest Speaker – Judy Horton, GCA
Committee & Magazine Editor.**

RSVP: 5th February, 2019

Time: 10am for 10.30am

Maggie Snape – ph. 48216605 Cost: \$10.00

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Welfare Officer

Please contact Maryann Hewitt at the meeting or by mobile phone xxxxxx to notify the Club of a member's change of circumstance and welfare. Thank you

Please note:

Membership Secretary
Lorraine Richardson
has a new phone
number: 4801 2741

**Merry
Christmas**

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Cherie Ogden's garden

Susan Hand's garden



*Simply stunning
- wisteria at its best*



*Prunus Elvins - courtesy
Glenys Lilliendal*



*Gwen's pups -
mum's little helpers*



Elaine's girls