

Bowral Garden Club Inc.

(Established in 1963)

Affiliated with The Garden Clubs of Australia Inc.

Patrons: Chris & Charlotte Webb OAM



Friendship through Gardening

May 2021 Newsletter

What's on in May

10 May (Monday) 2.00pm:

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

Speaker: John Swainston – "How to photograph your garden".

No need to register for the May meeting as there will be no afternoon tea provided. However, members can adjourn downstairs for tea/coffee if they wish.

May 28 (Friday) 7.30am Coach trip to Ulladulla visiting 3 gardens.

Note: *This Trip is full. If you have not paid, could you do so by 10th May please.*

You can pay cash at the May Meeting - See Ray or post a cheque to PO Box 910 Bowral 2576 or

Bank transfer to BSB 802 101

Acc # 100009286. The cost is \$45

What's on in June

7 June (Monday) 2.00pm:

Club Meeting and **AGM** to be held at Mittagong R.S.L. Club.

Speaker: Chris Webb "Garden Design and Landscaping".

Note: *This is the first Monday of the month due to the Queen's Birthday Public Holiday.*

Membership renewals due.

21 June (Monday) 10.30am

"Picture on the Big Screen" followed by Soup and Slices

From the President

"Didn't we have a lovely day, the day we went....."

to the RSL. Doesn't quite have the ring to it does it. Anyway.

Thank you to everyone who attended the Friendship Afternoon, I hope you all enjoyed the event. Judy is a fine speaker and I think Michael is well worth supporting. It was a pleasure to welcome our surrounding clubs and a special thanks to the 7 Goulburn members who had to cancel, but paid anyway because they knew they had been catered for. I really appreciated that because we lose \$18 (\$10 a ticket plus \$8 club subsidy) for each person who doesn't turn up.

I'm excited to say our trip to Ulladulla has been a sell-out. For those of you who have not paid, you can see Ray on Monday 10th May at the meeting.

Does this mean you're all tired of being locked away or do you just love trips? Either way, it will be fun and for those of you who weren't quick enough, the July trip to Camellias-R-Us and surrounds will open for bookings this month.

June is the month we hold our Annual General Meeting. All positions will be declared vacant and committee members will be elected.

My 3-year term finishes this year, but I have discussed with the Committee and they are agreeable, and if you are, and there are no other contenders, I will stand

for another year to make up for 'lost covid' year.

I would encourage any member who would like to contribute to the club by joining the Committee, to phone me for a chat 0402 814 119. We are a fun group and really enjoy thinking up new things to do.

As the weather cools, don't forget to get out there and enjoy the stunning colour as the trees turn. We should venture out from our hibernation, from time to time, to appreciate what we have here in the Southern Highlands

Deb



From the Editor

Winter is coming! The evenings and mornings have that touch of iciness about them yet the garden still manages to surprise with autumn flowering camelias and azaleas displaying a last show before winter sets in and jonquils are flowering in some gardens. I've just noticed my lilac tree has decided to produce some flowers and my clematis which I thought I had lost has two final flowers on it. At the nurseries there is an abundance of colourful cyclamens especially at Mittagong Garden Centre. Plenty of colour to carry us through

the winter. I've planted some more daffodil bulbs out in the front garden which gets plenty of sun through the day.

Well done to Deb and the Committee for a successful and enjoyable Friendship Afternoon last month.

Roz

Plant of the Month

Crowea Exalata

The small Crowea or Waxflower (*Crowea exalata*) is a

native shrub of Victoria, related to the Boronias, and valued for the quality and quantity



of its flowers. One of its brightest displays comes when most welcome, during autumn and winter. It is frost hardy and suited to cool and moist rather than hot conditions. This species flowers during most months of the year, resting only in extremes of heat and cold, and with flushes in autumn and spring. Pointed buds open to five-petaled starry flowers 2 cm across, in clear tints of rose purple. They are of a solid waxy substance, and make a vivid display for the size of the plant. Before falling they close again to look like buds of deeper pink. Pruning should be done to maintain bushy growth, or a straggly plant with bare stems may develop. The end of winter is a good time to do this - or any time when sprigs of cut flowers are wanted, as these are dainty and long-lasting in water.

Source:

<https://www.anbg.gov.au/gnp/gnp3/crowea-exalata.html>

Shed love

By Erica Spinks

I never thought I'd be writing in praise of a garden shed yet, here I am, doing just that.

It's a very ordinary colorbond shed in our back garden and would probably be ignored by most visitors except those who long for a shed of their own. I think it was one of the features that tipped us in favour of buying this house and garden, as ridiculous as that sounds. Coming from a townhouse where everything bulky was stored precariously in the garage, this shed is a total luxury.

*I*t was always tricky arranging garden tools and associated paraphernalia in my previous garage so that I could still get into the car without knocking anything over. My garden rake often tilted towards my car and I became quite adept at grabbing it just before it made contact with the duco. It's amazing how that improved my reflexes.

*I*n our shed, though, there is space galore for the new garden tools I have acquired since we moved to the Highlands plus a place to keep the lawn mower, which is something we never needed at our previous place. And there are shelves - lots of shelves - to store pots and packets of seeds.

I know this all sounds silly but confess – if you have a garden shed, you probably feel the same way, don't you?

Erica

I have just read Erica's article on her shed.....

And I have to agree. Here's my pride and joy! Cheers. *Deb*



Get ready....

Monday June 21 will see our old-fashioned

***“Slide, Soup & Slice
Afternoon”***

To make this a success, we need your pictures, supposedly of gardens plants and flowers, however, I will accept cheeky pets too.

Please send your offerings to:

president@bowralgardenclub.com

There could be a prize for the best shot, so do your best



Did you know there is a Community Garden in Bowral?
The Four Seasons Community Garden meets at
182 Bowral Rd Bowral.
Have a look at their website:
bowralcommunity.garden

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Lest we Forget

Our thanks go to Pam Mildwater and Ray Bradley for making the effort to lay a bouquet of native flowers in Bowral on Anzac Day.



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What's on.....

"The Kaya", Les and Elaine Musgrave's garden, 68 Cleary's Lane, Wildes Meadow, will be open Saturday 1st – Sunday 2nd May in support of Can Assist. Entry \$10 per person. There will be a Can Assist marquee stall, with volunteers selling merchandise which will include a superb range of tablemat and napkin sets generously crafted by the Southern Highlands Quilter's Guild as well as some knitted animals and toys lovingly made by CA volunteers.

SH Botanic Gardens will host "Music in the Garden" on Sunday 30th May 11am – 2pm at the gardens in Old South Road. Refreshments will be available and entry by donation

Happy 
Mother's
Day

Our Friendship Afternoon



