



September 2018 Newsletter

What's on in September

10 September (Monday) 2.00pm: Club Meeting: Speaker: Elaine Lye 'A Year in My Garden'

18 September – 1 October: Tulip Time Festival. Parade 22nd September 2.30pm: colour blue, theme "Creating Memories" in support of partners' theme "Forget-Me-Not".

24 September (Monday) 10.30am
Garden Visit and Morning tea at Elaine Lye's, 26 Boronia Street, Bowral

What's on in October

8 October (Monday) 2.00pm: Club Meeting: Speaker: Nicholas Bray, Landscape architect and horticulturalist

13 October (Saturday) 8.00am-12 noon:
Plant Stall: Corbett Plaza, Bowral, part of National Gardening Week 7-13 October.

22 October (Monday) 10.30am
Garden Visit to two Bowral town gardens: Edward Street, Bowral followed by Kristine Gow's garden at 32 Boolwey Street, Bowral where morning tea will be provided.

From the President

Whatever happened to Spring being on the way. We have been thrust back into the depths of Winter despite the daffodils popping their heads up everywhere.



However, September is on its way and so is Tulip Time in the Southern Highlands. Plans for our float are under way and if you would like to contribute any blue flowers to help deck the float, I know Eric will be very pleased. I hope you will all come along and support the walkers and cheer as we walk by at 2.30pm on September 22

I have just returned from a train trip to Melbourne. The trip was a stark reminder of the differing conditions between the states. Travelling south from probably June onwards, things became a little green and by the time we hit around Wangaratta in Victoria the contrast was obvious. The fields were almost lush and the sheep were round and woolly. We really need to support our NSW farmers and some funds from our raffle, to be held at our Plant Stall on October 13 in Corbett Plaza, will be donated to the Drought Relief. A gentle reminder to keep propagating would be in order here, and any donations for the raffle can be brought to the September and October meetings. Thank you, in anticipation.

If you attended our August meeting I hope you enjoyed the, behind the scenes, talk given by Carolyn Dwyer. Nobody could guess the answer to Carolyn's quiz question "Which horse won last year's Melbourne Cup?" It was 'Rekindling' She did have a back-up question though, answered by Glynis Orr, who won a superb bunch of yellow roses donated by Carolyn. The yellow rose being the signature rose of Cup Day.



Bus Trip to the Blue Mountains



A day out with our head in the clouds.....literally! And sometimes down to our ankles! It was a wonderful trip to the Blue Mountains Botanic Gardens at Mount Tomah, but the weather was cold, misty and eventually, by the end of the day, rainy. It did add to the outing by creating a romantic atmosphere and I think everybody was having such a nice time, they forgot to whinge about the damp. It was a bit of a shame we couldn't see the view from the Visitors Centre, sometimes we couldn't see our hands in front of our faces, but what we could see, was most impressive. The structure, both floral and man-made gave us all some good ideas for our own gardens

And, look at that, they even had our logo emblazoned on their lawn!!!!

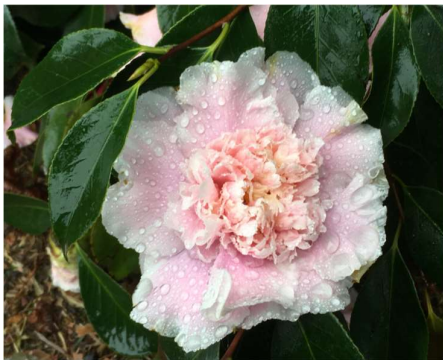


Then it was off to Wildwood Gardens and Tearoom in Bilpin, where Ray had organized lunch and a tour of the gardens. Lunch was first, but we had to walk through the nursery to get to the cafe, that took some time.....

We met Wayne and Sue Tapping who began this garden more than 30 years ago, and what a job they've done. Camellias a plenty, Cliveas, Roses, Maples, Hellebores, a waterfall and a pond and topiaries of horses galloping up the slope.

It was such a romantic setting aided and abetted by the mist and light rain.





After the garden visit we had to run the gauntlet of the gift shop, not to mention the return to the nursery between the gift shop and the bus. Those crafty owners made it even more difficult by offering a 20% discount on everything! We emerged with our trophies and a smile on our face and fairly sodden as the heavens opened.



“Oh! thank you God, for a lovely day.....
And what was the other I had to say.....”

Oh yeah.....thanks Ray....and Ros Wootton for
the pics at Mount Tomah
Until next time.....



Garden Tips for September - Maryanne Hewitt

How wonderful to have some rain - every little bit helps!! This will bring on many of our plants and get Spring moving!!

Plenty of seedlings at nurseries at the moment, more to come of course - don't forget the herbs that you use, get those in ASAP as well - Polyanthus and primroses should have a clean-up - get rid of the yellowing leaves and spent flowers and feed - same with cyclamen which will flower for a while yet - time to deadhead spent flowers on bulbs and give a high potash feed to encourage flowers for next year as well as multiplying the bulbs - tie new shoots now on Clematis varieties and feed, mulch to keep root areas cool - stake and tie new growth - same with peas and sweet peas and your sugar snap peas! Time to plant parsnips in soil that has been well turned to at least 20cm, also plant carrots - try the dark purple ones - they do have a good flavour and were the original carrots some years ago!! Seedlings or seeds of chard and spinach, silver beet can go in now. 'Architectural' Plants are the great garden features that will hide, break up long bare areas or fill a corner - look at globe artichokes and Cynara cardunculus (Cardoon) have interesting purple flowers; grasses come in many sizes and can have all sorts of markings on the strappy leaves; some grasses are red, some blue. Some have burgundy seed heads, some fluffy small or large seed heads - it is my experience over 20 years with different types of grasses that they do not shed seeds that will spread all over the countryside as some people think - and they are minimum care - feed early spring, cut down to 10/12cm late winter. Happy gardening and let's get more rain!!
Maryann

Muriel's Musings

I'm sitting in my easy chair where I'm letting my mind sift through my memories and as the enormity of this present drought unfolds I'm reminded of memorable droughts I can recall. There was a drought during the second World War years, it was "kept quiet" for security reasons but I remember when for days on end the sky was filled with red dust and the sun shone as an eerie orange-red ball. The properties were being run by the women folk and land girls as their menfolk were away serving in the Forces. The 1968 drought, when

we were living at Yass was severe, it was an awesome sight when we drove down to see the mighty Burrinjuck Dam 'empty' save for a few muddy pools at the base of the dam wall and the bleached skeletons of the trees that had drowned when the dam had begun to fill back in 1913. Emma MacAlister drove down to Wee Jasper and found the ruined remains of the old family home and happily returned with a large stone, the back door step that her Granny used to have her whitewash to keep it clean and Dudley Barber was amazed to find a clump of reeds growing again where once they grew, in a dam, on the old family property also at Wee Jasper before it too was inundated by Burrinjuck 50 years and more ago. And the third "dry spell" I recall happened while Neil and I were the mature aged Jackaroo and Jillaroo on the Oxley Hill property during 1982/3, the paddocks were brown and bare. Even the thistles had packed it in and the desperately hungry foxes used to nose over the dry cow pats looking for grubs and beetles to eat. How true is the saying 'We don't know the value of water until the well runs dry.'

Minutes of General Meeting 13 August 2018

Present: 91 members and 2 visitors

Apologies:

Rosamond Mohacsi, Lindsay Orr, Sue Edney, Alison Durbin, Jenny Clegg, Peta Peter, Elaine Moore, Lois Morrison, Mary Oakey, Kate Mitchell

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

Deb introduced our guest speaker for the meeting Carolyn Dwyer a horticulturist and tour leader. Carolyn gardens in the Southern Highlands and is passionate about the flora of the district. She has a Diploma in Horticulture and Landscape Design from Ryde College of TAFE and is on the Committee of the Friends of Southern Highlands Botanic Gardens. Caroline brought in a stunning bouquet of yellow roses as a prize for a quiz at the end of the talk, the yellow rose being the rose of the day on Melbourne Cup day. Caroline took us on a journey behind the scenes of the stunning rose gardens at Flemington and the preparation that goes into the gardens leading up to the Melbourne Cup. This preparation is led by The Keeper of the

Roses, Terry Freeman who has worked at the racecourse for 41 years starting at age 16 years. In the early days of the Melbourne Cup the garden wasn't roses but rather lots of colour using perennials. Roses were planted as a deterrent to over-partying patrons. There were 5,000 roses at first, today there are 16,000 roses planted on mass playing an integral part of the Melbourne Cup Carnival.

Caroline gave us a few tips for growing roses – the more effort put in the greater the outcome:

- always deadhead
- deep water
- feed with Sudden Impact for Roses

Carolyn's quiz won by Glynis Orr

Maryann Hewitt thanked Caroline and presented her with a gift.

Minutes:

The minutes of the 9 July 2018 meeting were printed in the August newsletter.

Motion: that the minutes be accepted as a true record of the meeting

Proposed: Patty Mouhtouris

Seconded: Cherie Ogden

Correspondence In:

- ❖ Email from The Gloucester Garden Club Inc who are combining with the Destination Gloucester Committee for a Gardening Expo to be held over the weekend of 13th and 14th October, this year.
- ❖ Flyer for the Illawarra Rose Show to be held 27th and 28th October, 2018
- ❖ Flyers for The Universal Penjing Conference to be hosted by the National Arboretum in Canberra running 18-20 September 2018.
- ❖ Email from Illawarra Regional Rose Society advertising the 2018 Spring Rose Show to be held 27th and 28th October
- ❖ Flyer for the Bathurst Spring Spectacular garden weekend to be held 27th and 28th October
- ❖ Donation receipt and thankyou from the Rotary Club of Sydney for our donation for the Rural Support appeal
- ❖ Email from My Open Garden detailing upcoming events – refer to the notice board
- ❖ Flyers from the Highlands garden Society Bowral Inc for the Camelia Show to be held Saturday 1st September

- ❖ Flyers from the Southern Highlands Orchid Society Inc. inviting all to its Annual Orchid & Plant Show to be held Mittagong RSL on Saturday 15th September
- ❖ Quarterly magazines from The Garden Clubs of Australia Spring 2018 edition – please pass on to other members when you have finished reading
- ❖ Flyers from Robertson Garden Club advertising open gardens & spring plant fair to be held 13th & 14th October, 2018
- ❖ Dignity – Supporting People Experiencing Homelessness sent their 2018 Giving Catalogue
- ❖ Further email from My Open Garden informing us that the Secret Gardens of the Dandenong Ranges is on again this Spring. The Secret Gardens of the Dandenong Ranges opens the gates to some of Melbourne's finest privately-owned gardens from October 17-20 & 24-27. Further information can be found at the MyOpenGardens website
- ❖ Marulan Coaches advertising a coach trip to Tulip Tops garden on the 24th September
- ❖ Southern Highlands Botanic Gardens are having a day of kite building and flying on Sunday 19th August – see their website for further details
- ❖ upcoming trip to Mt. Tomah Botanic Gardens and Wildwood garden at Bilpin on 27th August is an 8 o'clock start; must be booked and paid today, no refunds after today; the shuttle service at the botanic gardens needs to be organized by members today; Deb asked for 6 generous people to provide morning tea on the day
- ❖ Tulip time – Eric gave the meeting an update and asked for potted blue flowers for the float. The next meeting for working party to be held at Anne Curvers home on 22nd August at 2.00pm.
- ❖ Berrima Cottage Nursery is closing end of August and now offering 50% of all plants
- ❖ Website - Deb asked if anyone did not receive the monthly Newsletter
- ❖ Plant stall to be held 13th October – Deb asked for a show of hands as to who is propagating and asked everyone to please keep propagating. Money raised from the raffle will now be two-fold with the Club donating towards the NSW drought relief.
- ❖ Tudor rose hedge – Jill Morris has a 25-metre hedge to give away, she can be contacted on 0419 419597 or see Deb after meeting
- ❖ Pictorial Calendar 2019 - The Garden Clubs of Australia's 2019 Calendar is produced exclusively for members and makes an excellent gift for gardening friends, particularly those from overseas. See Roz after meeting to order and pay for calendars
- ❖ Trading table – still had some plants available for purchase
- ❖ Noelene and Bob Bailey have been nominated for Honorary membership, initially to be presented at July meeting however, due to ongoing illnesses the Club has not been able to present them with the Honorary memberships as yet. Deb read out a letter from Noelene thanking the Club for the flowers that had been sent to her. Glynis Orr kindly donated her quiz prize, the bouquet of stunning yellow roses to be given to Noelene
- ❖ Deb presented Anne Curvers with a beautiful pink camellia plant in further appreciation for her time as president of the Club

Correspondence Out: none

Treasurer's Report:

The financial report was read, proposed by Sue Piscato and seconded by Elaine Lye

General Business:

- ❖ For purposes of changing signatories on the Bowral Garden Club Inc. bank account

Names to be added	Names to remain
Sue Piscato	Debra Evered
Rosalyn Mulligan	Maryann Hewitt
	Anne Curvers

- ❖ The members at the meeting approved registering for internet banking with following signatories to approve transfers:
 - Debra Evered
 - Sue Piscato
 - Rosalyn Mulligan

Proposed: Debra Evered
Seconded: Ray Bradley

Welcome Gift to New Members: Muriel Stuart presented new members Jennifer McCormack and Megan Tarrant with a welcome gift. Kathryn Smith was not available to receive her gift this meeting

Lucky Door Prize: Lucky door prize won by Judith Lewis

Show and Tell: Maureen Lynch had brought in a poster showing the flora of Iceland which she had picked up on a recent trip to Iceland botanic gardens

Any Other Business: none

Next Meeting: 10th September, 2018 at 2 pm, Uniting Church Hall, Bendooley Street, Bowral.
Guest speaker: Elaine Lye – “A Year in my Garden”



Yellow roses donated by Carolyn Dwyer, won by Glynis Orr.

Your Committee	
President:	Deb Evered 48621407
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Welfare Officer	Maryann Hewitt
Committee:	Elaine Lye, Judith Lewis, Glenys Lilliendal



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