

Friendship through gardening

NOVEMBER CLUB MEETING

Cancelled due to COVID restrictions.

50th ANNIVERSARY PARTY

Rescheduled for next year, ticket money can be held over or refunded as requested.

PLANT STALL at Exeter Market on Saturday 7th November from 9am

FRIENDSHIP GARDENS

Saturday 14th November 10am-1pm

MEMORIAL GARDENS TIDY-UP

Thursday 19th November 9am

SEAT OPENING AND PLANTING WOLLEMI PINE

Thursday 26th November 10.30am

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From the President

Hello Garden Club members.

It was fabulous seeing so many members visiting the Friendship Gardens in October. It's good to know that we're all still out there, just waiting for the meetings to begin again. And any excuse to get together is warmly welcomed. David has organised four more gardens for November which I'm really looking forward to seeing.

The rain has been wonderful. Everything is just popping out – flowers, weeds, etc. Each year conditions favour one particular species and I would have to say that this year it is Rhododendrons that are flourishing. I'm sure you've seen masses of colour around town. Even our trees of rhodos have flowered profusely after looking as though they wouldn't survive the drought last year. They get very little sun and I haven't gotten around to giving them any attention, but they are rewarding me anyway. Don't you just love gardens?



Another thing that is most obviously flourishing this year is cicadas. Having grown up in a bushy suburb of Sydney, I know cicadas well. Or so I thought. We all know of greengrocers and yellow Mondays and the occasional black prince. But I hadn't actually looked them up until this year. The Australian Museum has a good site with masses of information about them:

<https://australian.museum/learn/animals/insects/cicadas-superfamily-cicadoidea/>
One of the most startling things is that there are over 200 species in Australia. Probably just as well we don't have all of them living in Bundanoon.

Birds appreciate them a lot more than we do. I watched a bird eat the body of one and the poor insect's head and wings were still flapping about on the path even after the bird had flown away. Since then I've seen lots of dead cicadas without a body. I imagine there are a lot of happy and well-fed birds.

The ebbs and flows of a garden in all its forms are what gardening is all about and why I am still enthralled after a lifetime of gardening, which I hope will continue for many more years.

See you at the Friendship Gardens on 14 November and the 50th Anniversary events on 26 November.

Robin

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Friendship Gardens Saturday 14th November 2020 - 10am-1pm

We are very grateful to the owners of the three lovely gardens who hosted us last month for our first Friendship Gardens since the pandemic began. This was such a success that this time we have four gardens around Bundanoon to visit.

We will be **observing covid19 protocols**, registering names, contact numbers and times of entry and exit at all entrances. **Please wear your name badge** to help the committee members who will be recording this information. **Social distancing is mandatory**, and if you come with someone please remain together. Friends of members are permitted, but only from our locality. **NSW regulations stipulate 20 visitors at a time in a garden, so please be patient if you need to wait as there are too many visitors at one time.**

There will not be any morning tea. All the owners have agreed to be available, and will be pleased to speak with you as restrictions allow.

Please choose any order for your visits, so that we can achieve roughly equal numbers at each garden.

Garden A – 182 Erith Street – Sue Davison

Please park in the road with care.



Apart from a few large trees on the property my garden was non-existent 13 years ago. It has slowly evolved with lots of fun and mistakes along the way.

I describe it as a wild garden, full of whimsy, once called a fairy garden with surprises around every corner. Plants are put in here there and everywhere with no semblance of order, and if they grow well and good, if not goodbye. In the beginning lots of tube stock were planted then plants struck from the tube stock as well as cuttings from friends and other passionate gardeners.

The garden which featured in the 2017 Ramble and the 2018 calendar is a mix of natives, exotics, perennials, hellebores, bulbs, vines etc. It speaks for itself; it is a never ending pleasure and a labour of love. Please enjoy the foliage, flowers and of course my ceramics.

The ceramics are inspired by the garden so you may wish to take a piece home with you. There will be a stall where you can purchase or perhaps order something you like. Cash is preferred.

Sue

Garden B – “Belmore Lodge” - Willis Street, Bundanoon – Sue Fraser and Denis Debenham

Coming from Bundanoon along Penrose Road, turn left into Florence Street after the first big bend, then left into Willis Street. The property is on the right. Park along the street. The ground is very level but may be damp depending on rainfall. Please note there are unfenced water features.



Denis and I moved to Bundanoon in August 2014 and soon realised that we would need expert advice in order to turn 3 acres of horse paddock into a garden. That's where Charlotte Webb came in with a detailed plan for a park like garden and a more formal courtyard garden. A natural watercourse runs through the property so we made the most of this by enlarging the small waterhole that was already there. Hitting sandstone rock was a bonus!

Since then we have planted around 80 trees as well as some garden areas and a large raised vegetable garden surrounded by a bay tree hedge. The very back of the property is planted with natives and the courtyard is planted with weeping Japanese maples, under planted with Pia Mina hydrangea and dogwood azaleas.

Most of the trees and gardens were planted according to the garden plan in 2015 however we have also added a tree or two here and there. We now just have to wait for them to grow. We hope you enjoy our garden.

Sue and Denis

Garden C – 'EVELYN' – 17 Church Street Bundanoon – Ted and Cat Ayers

On the corner of Church Street and The Gullies Road, there is plenty of parking along the street. The garden will be a challenge for the less mobile, with steps and slopes, but the essence of the garden can be enjoyed from level paths around the house.



Set on a steep slope on the fringe of the Bundanoon gullies, 'Evelyn' is a tranquil shaded garden created as a series of rooms and vantage points. Encircled by towering eucalypts and a grandfather pine, it is hushed yet thrums with life. Mature Japanese maples and other specimen trees create an idyllic micro climate for the many native birds. The gardeners have worked hard since 2019 to restore this long neglected gem. Their efforts over a relatively short period of time show what can be achieved with imagination, hard work and propagation.

At the heart of the garden are a wisteria arbour, summer house and bush-stone pond. Winding gravel paths weave through a maze of terraced stone garden beds overflowing with perennials and bulbs. The rose beds include ancestral antiques and modern painterly blooms. There is a nod to the garden's history as a geranium nursery with bright plantings. The rear of the property is given over to a potted mini arboretum and shrubbery and a disused fire-pit has been reclaimed to create a woodland hollow lined with banks of azaleas, hydrangeas, maples and forest floor plantings.

A work in progress, this garden is a whimsical collection of old fashioned delights.

Ted and Cat

Garden D – 2A Lorna Close Bundanoon – Laurel Hones OAM

On the corner with Ellsmore Road, with parking in Lorna Close. Level walking with lots of hidden paths – don't get lost!



Tall, thick hedges frame a garden of grassy spaces, secret corners, winding pathways lined with masses of plants. Softly curving low hedges lead you to 'rooms' and whispering trees. The sunny patio with a clever Star Jasmine in a diamond pattern, the rare trees, sculptured borders and restful garden gazebos create a visual feast.

This is a garden that manages to be simultaneously both spacious and intimate. It's peaceful and practical with a fabulous chook house and working vegetable garden. Colourful, playful and full of surprises, each garden room is different but subtly linked. Set on one acre, this garden feels so much bigger with so much to see and do. The garden combines the exotic and unusual with traditional planting.

My garden is always different, yesterday, today and tomorrow, and I just love it!

Laurel



50th Anniversary Events



A "Double-Header" 50th Anniversary Event.

There will be two short events to mark the Garden Club's 50th anniversary on Thursday 26th November. That day marks the actual date 50 years ago when the Bundanoon Beautification and Garden Club was founded, through the initiative of Mrs Beryl Gosbell, who with her husband owned the (then) Royal Hotel.

The first part of the "double-header" will be to inaugurate/open/warm the new metal seat for Nancy Kingsbury Memorial Park, for which a grant of \$1650 was secured from WSC. The old wooden seat needed replacing because it was dilapidated and beginning to restrict the trunk of the tree it encircled.



The former BCA President, Christine Rowell-Miller, and the current BCA President, Peter Gray, have been invited to officially inaugurate (or is it to open or warm?) the seat, by jointly cutting the yellow ribbon 'round the old pine tree, which the seat surrounds. Peter Gray will also ceremonially hand over the cheque for \$5,000 which the BCA is donating to the Garden Club to mark its 50th Anniversary.

The inauguration of the seat will take place at 10.30 am in Nancy Kingsbury Memorial Park in Anzac Parade.

Another small event will follow at 11.00 am, when a Wollemi Pine will be ceremonially planted in the back garden of the (now) Bundanoon Hotel, where it all started. The special silver spade will be wielded around the planting by the current Garden Club President, Robin Coombes.

Following this event, Garden Club members who wish to can purchase drinks, and even lunch, at the Hotel, to round off activities for the year. It will not be possible to hold any sort of Christmas event this year, of course, due to the plague.

Members are invited to attend either of both parts of this "double-header". There may be a restriction on numbers attending, because they are outdoor events (current limit is 30). The organisers will be keeping an eye on the latest Covid-19 rules, and if there is a change to the restriction on numbers, a system of registering to attend may need to be put in place. We will keep you all informed closer to the time.

Bruce Marshall

Organic Pest Control

Even a healthy garden will at times attract a range of pests or diseases. Many are seasonal, some are opportunistic but all are a nuisance when they destroy your favourite garden produce. While it is tempting to declare war and bring out an arsenal of pesticides, it is better for your health and the environment if we can minimise the use of harmful chemicals in the garden.

Fortunately there are quite a few practices you can adopt that will help reduce the impact of pests and diseases in your garden.



Healthy plants can protect themselves, provided they grow in the right conditions (sun or shade), in healthy soil and appropriately watered.

Check the micro-climate. Many fungal diseases occur when there is too much shade, poor ventilation due to plants being too close together or more vigorous plants out compete weaker plants.

Get close to your plants and regularly check them for emerging pest and disease problems.

Set tolerance levels unless pest problems are at an unacceptable level. Accept that some losses and blemishes are normal in a chemical free garden.

Practice a range of techniques – grow companion plants, net fruit trees, manually remove pests and weeds and encourage biodiversity in the garden.

Consider purchasing some beneficial insects e.g. green lacewings that devour aphids and whitefly.

Home remedies can be effective. e.g. milk spray can be used to combat powdery mildew; beer traps for slugs/ snails or; linseed oil for earwigs.



Many insects in the garden such as ladybirds are good guys that will eat pests such as aphids. If you overuse chemicals you may also kill beneficial insects and make your pest problem harder to control. Multi-sprays in particular kill anything they touch.

Too much fertiliser makes plants produce a lot of leafy growth that often becomes a target for pests.

When a plant looks sick the worst thing you can do is feed it a synthetic fertiliser.

Sterilise your secateurs with methylated spirits between pruning plants to prevent the spread of disease.



Sometimes, even in the best of gardens – **THINGS GO WRONG!** Don't panic.... help is at hand! The most important thing is to accurately identify the problem. Your local garden centre can help or visit www.SGAonline.org.au for further information on common pests and diseases.

Veggieman – November 2020 – David Humphrey – 4883 6634

The warmer weather and lots of rain has certainly got the veggies growing. I have never had such tall broad beans, and the potato haulms are enormous, so I hope the harvest below ground will be as generous. I have tried interplanting the rows with brassicas and dwarf beans, but the potatoes may well crowd them out.



We are in the last month of Spring, if the seasons can be believed, and the planting schedule is much like last month. Successional sowing is always the answer, preventing gluts and harvesting when the veggies are at their peak, rather than leaving them to grow for too long. Peas and beans especially must be picked when just mature to encourage more to set, and of course zucchinis unless you want marrows. Sweetcorn is another crop to watch carefully for ripeness, and root crops can become woody if not harvested in time. Salad items like lettuce, rocket and radish are quick to grow, should be sown often, and found a cool corner in the plot when the hot weather arrives. Tomatoes tell you exactly when they are ready to be picked. The two vegetables you don't have to worry about are pumpkins, which if planted now will not be ready until late autumn before the frosts, and potatoes that can be dug as required when ready.

At the moment I am harvesting asparagus, sugar snap peas, broad beans, leeks, lettuce, spring onions and radishes, with dwarf beans and snow peas in a couple of weeks. Potatoes should be at the end of the month, and beetroot which was started inside is nearly ready. Zucchinis won't be too long, and the tomatoe plants and cucumbers in the greenhouse should be producing before Christmas.



It's National Recycling Week!

9-15 November

National Recycling Week is all about valuing resources, giving them a second life, reusing and recycling. Reducing our waste not only keeps valuable materials out of landfill, it also benefits the environment by reducing greenhouse gas emissions and our need for new materials.



**National Recycling Week
Tours and Workshops**

RRC Tour and Recycling Workshop
Monday 9 or Wednesday 11 November, 10am – 12pm
Join us for a tour of the RRC! Come learn how to recycle correctly, the processes involved in recycling and all the opportunities available in the Southern Highlands.

Plastic Free Workshop
Tuesday 10, 9:30am – 12:30pm or Thursday 12 November, 12:30pm – 3:30pm
Come along and reduce your reliance on plastic. Join us in a lesson on creating beeswax wraps and coffee ground scrub.

Eco Cleaning Products Workshop
Friday 13, 9:30am – 12:30pm
Come join us for an eco-cleaning products workshop, where you will get the chance to make an all-purpose cleaner and dish-washing tablets.

Recycling in the Garden Workshop*
Saturday 14, 10am – 12pm
Join us for a recycling in the garden workshop. Learn how to effectively compost and use worm farms as part of National Recycling Week.

Details
When: 9 – 15 November 2020
Where: Waste Education Room - Resource Recovery Centre - 177 Berrima Road, Moss Vale NSW 2567
*Recycling in the Garden Workshop will be held at the Moss Vale Community Garden, 14 Railway St, Moss Vale.
Cost: Free
Register: Register online at wsc.nsw.gov.au/events/national-recycling-week
Maximum participants for each event is 20 people due to COVID-19 restrictions. As the Recycling in the Garden Workshop is held outside, 25 people will be able to attend.

Contact: Phoebe Ward, Waste Education Officer
mail@wsc.nsw.gov.au 02 4868 0888

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For National Recycling, **Wingecarribee Shire Council** will be hosting two tours and recycling workshops at the Resource Recovery Centre, two plastic free workshops, with the opportunity to make beeswax wraps and coffee ground scrub, one eco cleaning products workshop, making dishwashing tablets and all-purpose cleaner and one recycling in the garden workshop, co-hosted with Moss Vale Community Garden.

Come join us for a fun packed week!

Bookings

Booking is required due to limited numbers in line with COVID19 restrictions.

Booking can be done through Eventbrite at <https://wsc-resource-recovery-education.eventbrite.com.au>.

Further Information

Contact: Waste Education and Policy Officer
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Email: mail@wsc.nsw.gov.au

November Workout

THIS MONTH IN YOUR PATCH | BY DONNA ELLIS

We're always being told to eat more fruit and veggies and get more exercise with this diet or that exercise program. If the thought of donning the Lycra and heading to the gym has you reaching for the chocolate cake, what about green gym? Get out into your sustainable garden for your daily workout.

Sustainable gardening is not only good for the planet; it's good for your health. There are more and more people using their gardens and growing fruit and veggies to help manage chronic diseases such as type 2 diabetes. Think about all the weeding, digging, mulching, planting, and raking you can do in your garden. Wow, what a workout.

Not only that, your sustainable garden is a great mood booster, so it's good for your mental health as well.

Make November your month to start your green gym in your patch!

November is one the best months to be starting your green gym in this part of the Australia, the soil and temperatures are warming up, but it's still cool enough for a good garden workout.

- Use your workout to plant some healthy herbs: dill, chamomile, parsley, oregano, rosemary, rue, thyme and sage. Plant some lemon balm and mint into pots...or you'll get an even tougher workout pulling them out when they take over your patch.
- Time to plant some home grown vitamin powerhouses: capsicum, chilli, beetroots, carrots, cucumber, eggplants, lettuce, potatoes, pumpkins, leeks, silverbeet, squash, sweet corn and zucchini.
- Some colour in the patch isn't only pleasing to the eye, but will attract pollinators and other good guys, try some chamomile, petunias, snapdragons, phlox or marigolds.
- Get a super workout, top up your mulch on all your garden beds. Make sure you choose sustainable, low environmental impact mulch, that'll enrich your soil as it breaks down
- Build up some muscle for you and your soil by planting green manure crops, think soy bean, barley, millet and mung beans. Next season's hungry plants will love it.



- Before you know it, it'll be hot, so plan for the heat by making a couple of shade cloth tents. They don't have to elaborate, just a simple, moveable structure that you can pop over the top of some of the sun sensitive veggies. Think of it as slip, slop, slap for your plants! Don't forget to slip, slop, slap, seek and slide yourself.
- Got grafted fruit trees? Check for shoots growing up from below the graft and cut them off. The rootstock will take over your trees if you let them go.
- Want a great mind and body workout? Pull out those weeds. It's good for your muscles and relieves stress!

Staying active is important for us all, whether we're managing a chronic disease or not. So next time you read about a new miracle diet, superfood or exercise program and feel like hiding under the doona, remember you have your own green gym in your patch. Exercise, fresh air and growing your own tasty and healthy superfoods. Who needs fad diets or crowded gyms?

Remember, conditions and climate in your patch might be a bit different, so take this as a general guide. Spending time out in the patch will help you to understand the climate, microclimate and seasonal variations.

Happy and healthy November.

<https://www.sgaonline.org.au/november-in-your-patch/>

Garden Ramble Plant Stall Saturday 7th November at Exeter Market

Club members Carlie Gould, Sandra Hankin and Veronica Rickard have been potting up plants in preparation for the Garden Ramble which has sadly now been cancelled. However, instead of the Ramble stall we will now be selling the plants from a stall at the **Exeter Market** on **Saturday 7th November**. We hope to see many of you there to support the Garden Club!

If any Club members have plants to contribute to the stall we would appreciate it if you could drop them off at one of these four addresses on the 6th November. In all cases please leave plants near the garage.

30 Rosenthal Ave, Bundanoon
17 Garland Rd, Bundanoon
2 Larkin Close, Bundanoon
3 Dorothy Friend Pl, Bundanoon

Many thanks

Veronica Rickard

myopengarden

<https://www.myopengarden.com.au/>

In this email we would like to remind you about the following gardens or events that will open this week:

[Private Gardens of Monaro - Private Tour Dates](#) : Cooma

[Riverina Iris Farm](#) : Wagga Wagga

Also you might like to visit one of these gardens that are open regularly, or by appointment:

- [Campbell Rhododendron Gardens](#) : Blackheath
- [Everglades Historic House & Gardens](#) : Leura
- [Gory'u Japanese Gardens](#) : Little Hartley
- [Harpers Mansion National Trust \(NSW\)](#) : Berrima
- [Merribee](#) : Numbaa
- [Perenniale Plants Nursery](#) : Canowindra
- [Retford Park - National Trust of Australia \(NSW\)](#) : Bowral
- [Secret Garden and Nursery](#) : Richmond
- [Tablelands Trees and Shrubs Garden & Nursery](#) : Cooma

Click on the link(s) provided to get the full details about open days and times. Events are shown here because they are within about 300kms of your postcode area. Please double check our listing, and an events own website if available, prior to going to make sure that it is open when you are planning a visit.

We hope you have a chance to enjoy one or more of these gardens/events...and when you visit don't forget to let the garden owners or event organisers know that you heard about them on My Open Garden! Then afterwards why not add a comment to their profile page on our website.

info@myopengarden.com.au

Discounts for Members

The following local businesses give a 10% discount to Bundanoon Garden Club members.

Bundanoon Bloomery: discount given anytime for cash purchases of plants, fertilisers and chemicals.

Mt Murray Nursery: discount given on the last Tuesday of each month for all purchases.

Tricks to find the best light for your indoor plants



An indoor plant has stolen your heart at the nursery. After taking it home, you're faced with a dilemma: where do I put this new prize? "Light is one of the important determiners on growing houseplants well," says Craig Miller-Randle, a Gardening Australia guest presenter specialising in indoor plants. "I get lots of messages from people saying 'Where do I put this? What does the label mean?' All plants need some light to create energy and survive. But not all light is created equal. Craig's jungle thrives because of his understanding of varying indoor light. Read in ABC News:

<https://apple.news/AssJeOwFyT5irluAcfjXPoQ>

It's almost summer...



The spring garden is at its absolute best now, with trees, shrubs, perennials and seasonal annuals all flowering, fruit trees and vegetables showing the promise of crops to come and the lawn lush and green. It could be a time to sit back and rest on your laurels, enjoying the rewards of the hard yards you've done throughout the year, but...

There's still work to be done to prepare your garden for the long and most likely hot summer ahead. Feeding and watering are paramount this month. So too is repotting of indoor plants, orchids and other plants in larger pots and tubs. In cooler mountain and hills areas, rhododendrons and azaleas are at their very best.

What to plant now:

November is the end of the spring planting season – once summer hits, it is far too hot for any plant to withstand the trauma of having its roots disturbed as it is moved from pot to soil.

In warmer regions, planting of shrubs and flowering plants should be completed as early in the month as possible. Planting out can continue throughout the month in cold to cool areas but be guided by prevailing conditions and weather forecasts.

- **Seasonal flowers:**

Summer flowering annuals can still be planted in most areas, depending on the weather and availability of water

- **Woody and perennial herbs:**

Complete planting of "hard" herbs - rosemary, sage, thyme, bay laurel, oregano, mint* – early in the month. "Soft" herbs – parsley, basil, coriander, chives, tarragon – will do better in pots over summer, where they can be moved out of the sun and watered frequently if necessary.

*Mint should be grown in a pot to stop it becoming invasive

- **Spring & summer vegetables:**

Keep planting all the leafy salad favourites, especially the "pick and come again" lettuces, as well as beetroot, beans, peas and Asian greens. Tomato seedlings can be planted out in all but the hottest regions.

<https://www.lovethegarden.com/au-en/garden-calendar/november>

Southern Highlands

ARTSfile

Here we go again!

Locals and visitors will again be following the ever-popular Trail (social-distancing of course!) visiting Highlands studios and galleries featuring the work of Highlands's artists.

7/8 and 14/15 of November

<https://artsfile.com.au/arts-trail-2020/>

Famous Keukenhof Garden in April 2020

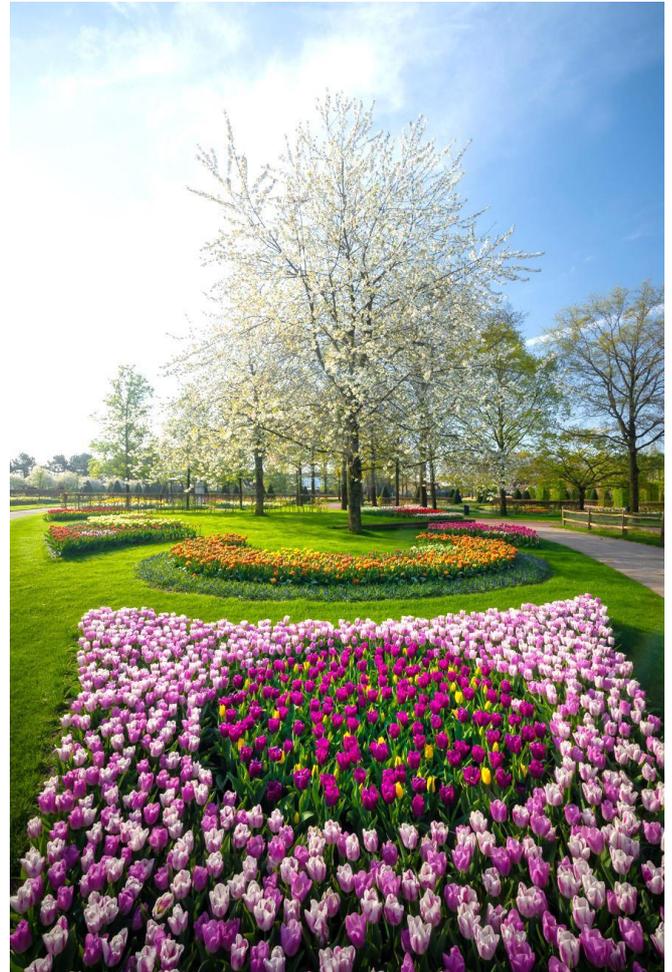
The Most Beautiful Flower Garden In The World Has No Visitors For The First Time In 71 Years And I Got To Capture It!



As a real Dutchman, I am a big fan of our flowers. And as a landscape photographer, I enjoy our beautiful spring each year in which I always find time to photograph the flowers and show the beauty of the Dutch flowers to the whole world. Most of you probably know the world-famous Keukenhof, the most beautiful tulip garden in the world. Every year millions of tourists visit this garden. That's a huge lot considering the garden is only open in spring! Every year, a hard-working crew makes sure the garden looks as good as ever, including this year!



This year is special. Keukenhof is closed, for the first time in 71 years. But that doesn't mean there are no flowers. On the contrary; the flowers look incredible and get as much attention and care as always. All the passionate gardeners do their work as they're used to. Because even without people, nature and the show of the garden goes on.



I have been photographing the tulips since forever, mostly in the countryside. I photographed them from all angles you can possibly imagine, but there was one thing that I still wanted to capture one time in my life: Keukenhof without any other people. This seemed impossible, until this year's April 2020. With the COVID-19 virus keeping everyone at home and tourists away, I knew this was my only chance of making this happen. I contacted Keukenhof explaining what I had in mind and they were so kind to let me photograph the garden for a day.

When I visited the park it looked at its best. Interestingly enough, we have experienced the sunniest April EVER in the Netherlands, making all the flowers pop very fast. Photographing in broad daylight with the strong sun was a challenge. But forget about the photography for a moment: walking around there all alone, with only the sounds of birds and the incredible smell of all these flowers, is an experience by itself. I sometimes just sat next to the flowers and the water, enjoying nature for 30 minutes long. It was just a magical experience. Having no people in the park allowed me to photograph paths and angles in a certain way that you normally don't get to see because of the crowds.

This photo series is an initiative from myself in collaboration with Keukenhof. We aim to show the beauty of the park through these images. Too bad there's no smell involved!

Theo Kerkhoff

Thanks to Trish Jessop for sending this article.

6 indoor plant myths busted

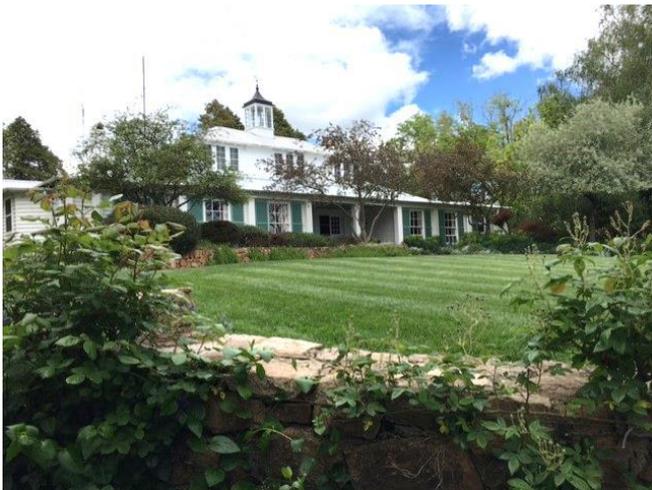


When it comes to indoor plants there's a lot of advice out there, but not all of it will keep your plants healthy or alive.

Darlene Ladio is an indoor plant expert who runs her own nursery in Melbourne's west. She's used to doling out advice to first-time plant parents.

<https://www.abc.net.au/life/indoor-plant-myths-busted/12718644>

Out and About



On Sunday 18th October, having looked up the recommendations from **myopengarden**, we ventured to **Markdale**, an original homestead, to explore an Edna Walling Garden. Some two hours from Bundanoon, by way of Crookwell to Crooked Corner, we discovered Markdale, some way down an unmade no-through-road, in the middle of nowhere. But it was a beautiful afternoon, and the passing views were green and pleasant.



Markdale's garden is acknowledged as one of the great country gardens of Australia. It was started in the 1920's and redesigned in 1949 by the pioneer of Australian landscape gardening **Edna Walling**. Spanning 5 acres, it has been featured in many books and magazines over the years and is synonymous with Walling's signature design – blending native plants and exotics, thyme lawns, informal garden pool, hand built paths, and integrating the house with a serene yet untamed garden



Markdale's garden features a pergola of blue and white wisteria, stunning golden and weeping elms, a profusion of roses, stone-walled garden and a sweeping lawn down to a small lake.



Walling was determined to use the glorious natural scenery of paddocks and hills to advantage, removing many of the existing hedges in the process. Today, silver birch, aspens, pinoaks, hawthorns, golden elms, golden ash and claret ash, spireas, viburnums and native eucalypts shelter and frame the garden without obscuring the view.

Gwenneth and David

A Visit to Beatrice Park Garden, Bowral

We recently visited the Beatrice Park garden in Bowral on a rainy weekend in October. The garden was opened as a fund raiser for the Australian Garden History Society (AGHS). To my mind the rain enhances a garden so long as it's not torrential or too boggy.



The garden is just over 4,000 square metres and surrounds a 1920s house on the corner of Ben Dooley St and Kangaloon Road. The garden sits behind high hedges and it's hard to believe you are next to a busy road.

The garden has beautifully manicured lawns (not a weed in sight), the full range of typical highland trees and shrubs with statues and interesting garden furniture spread throughout the garden. It's heartening to see many of the plants in these magnificent gardens that are also in our garden, plants like forget-me-nots, wandering buttercups and periwinkle – all great plants if you can manage to keep them under control.

Steve Press

Out and About in 1999

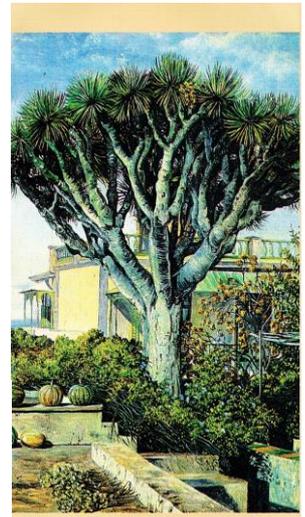
In June of 1999 Gwenneth and I visited the Sitio Litre Orchid Gardens, the oldest surviving garden in Tenerife (now 240 years old) which has been continuously owned by British families since 1774.

The Sitio Litre consists of an 18th century mansion with a garden that is open to the public. The name comes from the Spanish for "site" - sitio, plus the name of the original owner, Archibald Little. Over the years, "Little" sort of metamorphosed to "Litre" (pronounced "lee-tray"). In the mid-19th century, the property was purchased by a certain Charles Smith, connected

to Bristol college and his family owned it up to 1996.

The garden has had many famous visitors over the years, such as Agatha Christie, William Wilde, the father of Oscar and the explorer (not the actor) Richard Burton.

<https://www.google.com.au/search?sxsrf=ALeKk01o0QWOR4GbAg9iFn5pk3SX-h8-uQ:1603837861864&source=univ&tbm=isch&q=orchid+gardens+of+sitio+litre&sa=X&ved=2ahUKewiKnaLQ6dXsAhVG7XMBHsJdB5gQjJkEegQIDBAB&biw=1448&bih=774>



JARDÍN DE ORQUÍDEAS
MANSIÓN DE
SITIO LITRE

ORCHID GARDENS
OF SITIO LITRE

But how did we get there?.....

From London's Victoria Station we travelled on the Orient Express to Southampton, where the train ran along the pier next to the QE2 for our three nights sailing to Tenerife.



And how did we get back?.....

We flew Concorde! The trip back home to Heathrow went over the Atlantic to allow a long enough journey for Concorde to reach Mach 2 (twice the speed of sound).

Still possible to ride the Orient Express today (we have since been all the way to Venice), but the QE2 and Concorde are long gone!



WE NEED YOU!!!

Call for Committee Volunteers!

There are five members of the Committee retiring at our AGM in March 2021.

The President, Treasurer and Secretary are retiring as well as a couple of general committee members. Please support your Club by taking a turn on the Committee.

We have nominations for President and Secretary, but we are still looking for a Treasurer and general committee members.

The Committee is a small group, and, as such has met for most of the year even though we have not been able to have general meetings. If you are missing social contact, being a committee member is a rewarding way of helping the community as well as yourself.

Please call Robin or speak to any of our Committee members if you would like to volunteer or ask any questions about being on the Committee on: 4883 7747 or 0488 508 598.

Pumpkins for Halloween?

Home grown pumpkins and squashes for use at Halloween only work in the northern hemisphere, unless they can be carefully stored through our Australian winter. Either way, they are delicious, and now is the time to sow the seed.

We (gardener and cook) prefer the butternut squash (or pumpkin) variety, enough for a couple of meals, and we find they store perfectly until the next seasons' are ripe for harvesting



<https://www.gardenclinic.com.au/how-to-grow-article/pumpkins?pid=44194#:~:text=Choose%20a%20spot%20with%20full,the%20weight%20of%20the%20fruit.>

From our Treasurer

Hello Everyone

Here is the Financial Report for October:

Cash Flow Summary for October 2020 .

Opening Balance:.....\$12,625.84

Income:\$ 50.00

Expenditure:.....\$ 674.61

Closing Balance:.....\$12,001.23

50th Anniversary Account.....\$ 3,635.00

Petty Cash.....\$ 135.00

Float for Trade Table.....\$ 45.00

Total Funds held as at 21/10/2020 - \$15,366.23

Loving this rain.

Some of my plants are drowning I think!!!

Cheers

Trish Badami (Treasurer)

Dia de los Muertos

or 'Day of the Dead' is a Mexican holiday which runs for three days from October 31 to November 2. It is a spiritual holiday that celebrates and remembers loved ones who have passed. Known for its bright displays of colour it's no surprise that Marigolds are the official flower for Day of the Dead. Marigolds symbolise the fragility of life but also help guide spirits back home with their vibrant colour and strong scent. They are commonly seen decorating graves and altars as well as made into wreaths and garlands.



Marigolds are not only beautiful; they are a great companion plant in the garden to ward off bad insects and even mosquitoes. Plant them between your veggies and herbs for best effect

<https://www.mrfothergills.com.au/seeds-vegetables/a-z-vegetables-herbs.html>

New Library Online Catalogue

During the enforced break we have renumbered and catalogued the library.

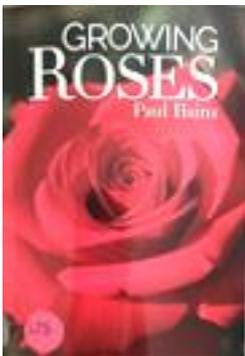


BUNDYGARDENCLUB

A list of books and DVDs in the Club Library, including an image of each cover, can be found [here](#) or on first page of newsletter as <https://bundygardenclub.libib.com/> or the Resources page of the BGC website

There are 110 books in the collection, 30 more are registered as on loan and we are missing over 20 books. Please check your bookshelves!

New additions

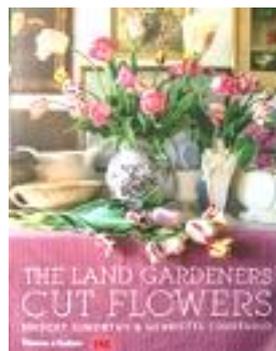


Growing Roses has been added to the Club Library in memory of **Sue Kingsbury**, who loved to grow roses. Written for Australian conditions, Growing Roses is intended to help every day gardeners to choose and care for the roses in their garden.

Gabrielle Downie was Librarian for the club for many years, Easy Organic Gardening was selected for the library in memory of Gabrielle and her passion for organic gardening. Easy Organic Gardening is a comprehensive guide to gardening without chemicals and organic gardening principles. Includes an extensive listing of Australian native plants, and a month-by-month diary of what to plant when for all climate zones of Australia and New Zealand.



The authors of Land Gardeners Cut Flowers are passionate about soil health and its connection to the health of the planet. This well illustrated book describes reviving the tradition of working with the land to produce abundant, seasonal cut flowers. Inspiring!



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Get sent tomorrow's forecast if rain is expected, including temperature and rainfall probability.

Great for those playing sport outdoors - get the advantage over your opponents or know when it is time to take a break.

Planning a big day, don't let the rain spoil the party by staying one step ahead.

Know when to take shelter when enjoying the great outdoors, and when to hit the trail again.

How much rain is going to fall and when.

Planning ahead is easy with a full view of how much rain is on its way. Stay dry by knowing to move now or wait for the rain to pass.

Beautiful maps of current rainfall conditions
See the current radar animation, with your choice of backgrounds. Includes customisation settings to control the animation speed and number of frames, plus view current radar information about any incoming storms.

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<https://www.rainparrot.com/>