

BRAIDWOOD GARDEN CLUB

NEWSLETTER AUGUST 2016



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<https://braidwoodgardenclub.wordpress.com>

UPCOMING GARDEN CLUB EVENTS

SEPTEMBER Thursday 8th

Visit to Gardens in Araluen

9.00am Meet at Ryrie Park to Carpool to Sue Quinnell's garden where we will have morning tea (N to Z members please bring a plate to share).

11.00am Arrive Sally Matthews's garden.

12.00am Arrive Penny and David Hayman's garden.

1.00pm Lunch at Wisbeys Café (at own expense) or bring a picnic and a chair to enjoy lunch in the park. If you intend to buy your lunch at the café, please RSVP to Sue Murray by September 1st on suejmurray@yahoo.com or phone Sue on 4842 2381.

CALENDAR OF MEETINGS

OCTOBER 13th - Bus trip to a private garden in Berrima . M/tea here (A to M) please. Then on the National Trust Harper's Mansion where we will have a guided tour of the house and garden. We can lunch in the beautiful gardens there. There should be time for a walk around the village of Berrima before we head home stopping at Sutton Forrest on the way to see the Red Cow Farm garden. There will be entry costs to 2 of the gardens.

NOVEMBER 10th - Bus trip to 2 Canberra private gardens and a tour of the Rose Garden at Old Parliament House. More details next time.

DECEMBER 8th - Christmas Lunch

MARCH 2017- MELBOURNE VISIT

We need just a few more people to ensure the bus trip to the Melbourne International Flower Show and Ballarat area garden visits next March can go ahead. For planning reasons we do need final numbers before the end of September, and \$100 deposit before 1st October so please give it some serious consideration as plans for this trip sound exciting. Please contact Robyn Sim phone 48461330 robyn-sim@bigpond.com or Sue Murray phone 48422381 suejmurray@yahoo.com if you would like to join a wonderful bus trip away.

REMINDER- \$15 MEMBERSHIP FEES DUE NOW

Please pay your annual subscription for the year 2016/17, and newsletter supplement of \$11 if applicable, at the Bendigo Bank as soon as you can to ensure your newsletter arrives regularly & you can attend our meetings.

The newsletter is emailed each month, however for those who require a hard copy mailed to them, please be aware that the price for this service has increased to \$11 due to the dramatic postage increase this year.

FROM THE MAILBOX for your information

SEPTEMBER 18th Sunday

Goulburn Homestead Markets at 'Riversdale' 2 Twynam Drive Goulburn

Luscious Devonshire Teas and a chance to wander through the historic 1830s National Trust property and gardens.

OCTOBER 22nd -23rd Bundanoon Garden Ramble

The 20th Bundanoon Garden Ramble will be held on the weekend of October 22nd and 23rd. This annual event in the village of Bundanoon features eight private gardens that will be opened from 9.30am to 4.30pm on both days. This year there are some larger gardens with expansive vistas as well as half acres in the centre of the village with lots of garden art and innovative design features.

OCTOBER 29th - 30th

Bathurst Spring Spectacular

The theme for 2016 will be those gardens belonging to the Bathurst Gardeners' Club Members.

Cambewarra, Miss Traill's House, Mt Tamar, Anne's Garden and Bishops Court Estate are the gardens this year.

<http://bathurstgardenclub.org.au/bathurst-spring-spectacular/>

OCTOBER Sunday 30th

Riversdale Rare Plants & Growers Fair 2 Twynam Drive Goulburn

Demonstrations, talks and garden tours in Riversdale's revived and restored historic garde. Morning & afternoon tea & light lunches available. Plenty of parking.

NOVEMBER Saturday 26th

Yellow House Perennial Nursery & Garden 20 Jervis St, Nowra.

"Join us as we open our private garden in conjunction with our once a year nursery sale. The garden had its genesis when we longed for a simpler life in a country town not too far away from Sydney and family. Our aim is to collect, propagate, conserve and distribute some of the more endangered garden plants and this is the basis of the nursery collection, and our garden."

Free entry. For more information phone 4421 8681

<http://www.myopengarden.com.au/openGarden.jsp?e=1&id=1497>

REPORT ON THE AGM held at Sue & Ulli Tuisk's Home on Thursday August 11th

We thank Sue & Ulli Tuisk for hosting a warm & cosy meeting for 36 members of the BGC on Thursday 11th August. After a tasty soup & dessert lunch, provided by the committee, the AGM was held and chaired by Sue Tuisk. Sue Murray, our President, gave a comprehensive account of the club's activities for the year, followed by a report from Fran Woods, our Treasurer.

Heartfelt thanks were given to the outgoing committee members, Sally Thackway who was relinquishing her role as a committee member and secretary, Shauna Moses also stepping down from her committee and secretary roles and Sue Tuisk who was stepping down from her committee and vice president roles. Kate Chinnick was also warmly thanked for her wonderful 'Plant Of The Month' section in each newsletter.

The election results for the committee for 2016/17 are as follows:

President: Sue Murray
Secretary: Jane Moore
Treasurer: Fran Woods
Newsletter Editor: Margy Gardner
Catering Organizer: Charmian Thomas
Raffle Organizer: Leonie Jolley
General Committee: Marilyn Carle, Pat Maher, Sally Matthews, Sue Quinnell, Chris Riley,

President's Report 2015-2016

Again we have had a very successful Garden Club year. Our membership has remained steady at 80 financial members, and a number of new members have been welcomed to the club this year. All of our monthly events have been very well-attended, and we have also hosted several visits from garden clubs in our district.

As a club we try to offer a range of different activities, hoping to cater for the interests of all our members. This year we have organised several bus trips, starting with a wonderful visit to Bundanoon in September, organised by Suzy Molyneux and other members of the Bundanoon Garden Club. We then went to Berry in October, and had a great day in some beautiful gardens. Sadly we had to cancel our planned trip to Canberra in November as guests of the Canberra Garden club, due to torrential rain on that day. Our final bus trip was to Crookwell in April, where we were welcomed to two iconic Edna Walling gardens, Markdale and Kiloen.

In February we went to three local gardens, kindly opened for us by Leonie and Richard Jolley, Jane Moore and Cecily Bisset. These three gardens demonstrated how in this difficult climate it is possible to create very different, very beautiful, and very productive gardens.

Several members went to the Lanyon Plant Fair in March, and came home laden with some wonderful and unusual plants. This event is highly recommended as a source of rare plants and other garden-related activities.

During the cooler months we try to offer indoor activities. This year we had a very interesting talk by well-known landscape architect Michael Bligh. Michael's knowledge and long experience in cool climate gardening made his talk particularly interesting. The photos which accompanied his talk were inspirational, and he offered many ideas on landscape design principles. Several members took advantage of the opportunity to book Michael for a personal garden visit and advice.

A highlight of the winter months was an unusual trip to visit several local chook farms. Those brave members who defied cold and wet weather to attend this outing, organised by Margy Gardner, had a great day and learned a lot about the intricacies of egg production in our local area.

Our final activity was a floral art workshop conducted by Marilyn Carle. We came away with new insights into the principles of floral art, as well as a lovely arrangement to take home. Marilyn's preparation and presentation made this a fun and interesting activity.

Each year we also have our two annual lunches, the AGM and the Christmas lunch. Our last AGM was successfully held on a sunny day in Araluen, where we visited Harrison's orchards and vegetable farm before having lunch at Robyn Clubb's café. The Christmas lunch was as always a very enjoyable social gathering, with the traditional quiz organised by Robyn Sim and Cecily Bisset, and a delicious lunch provided by Vanessa Bunn of Vanilla Catering

Last Spring we hosted visits from garden clubs from Canberra, Belconnen and Yass. This was made possible due to the generosity of several local garden owners, who opened their gardens in both sunny and rainy conditions. Our thanks go to these garden owners: Cheryl and Don Raper, Phillip Hart and Adam Robertson, Sally and Phil Thackway, Cecily Bissett, Kate Chinnick, Wayne and Sarah Merriman and Richard Barker from Misty Mountains nursery.

As always there are many people who have contributed time and energy to this year's activities. The Committee have all worked in different ways to make sure that the club runs smoothly. Fran Woods looks after our financial and membership records, maintains the website and takes wonderful photos of our activities. Margy Gardner produces our fantastic monthly newsletter, answers online enquiries, and helps with membership records. Leonie Jolley organises our raffles even when she isn't able to be present at our activities. Charmian Thomas looks after our tea and coffee supplies, making sure we always have that cup of tea when required. Sally Thackway has been invaluable as our very conscientious and hardworking secretary. Many of our events have been organised by Sally during her 4 years as Secretary. Sally is retiring this year, and we extend to her our heartfelt thanks for doing such a wonderful job. We will be calling on her knowledge and generosity for some time to come, I suspect. Our other Committee members Sue Tuisk, Pat Maher, Marilyn Carle, Chris Riley, Shauna Moses and Sue Quinnell have all contributed to the success of the club this year in multiple ways. To all these wonderful Committee members, I extend my grateful thanks for your support. Sue Tuisk and Shauna are also retiring this year, and we thank them both for their time, their work and their company over several years. We look forward to seeing them at future events, of course. A particular thank you to Sue and Ulli Tuisk for inviting us to Palerang and hosting this event today.

We thank the Braidwood Serviceman's Club for providing their facilities on many club occasions. Michelle is always extremely helpful in making sure everything we need is on hand. BRAG is a wonderful venue for our Christmas lunch and we thank them for the use of their facilities. A big thankyou to the very helpful and friendly Bendigo Bank staff who collect our membership fees and payments for our bus trips. Bensley's Bus Service provides the comfortable buses for our trips and Allan Lukey is always a very reliable and patient driver.

Finally, thank you to all our members for your company and ongoing support. We exist to provide for the needs and interests of our members, so will always welcome your ideas and suggestions for ways to improve the club. We look forward to seeing you at many of our events over the next year.

Sue Murray

Treasurer's Report 2015/16

The following report was presented by Fran Woods as a summary of our Financial Year 2015-2016.

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FINANCIAL YEAR 2015 - 2016

Financial Summary (August 2015-July 2016)

Opening Balance @ Bendigo Bank \$3,676.31 Balance - 31 July 2016 = \$2,463.04

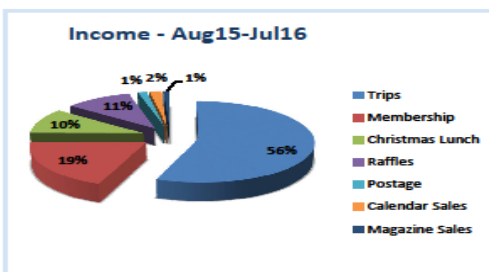
Income

	Amount	Code
Trips	\$3,690.00	10A
Membership	\$1,274.00	1A
Christmas Lunch	\$675.00	6A
Raffles	\$694.60	2A
Postage	\$91.00	9A
Calendar Sales	\$122.00	8A
Magazine Sales	\$62.00	7A
Events	\$210.00	12A
total:	\$6,818.60	

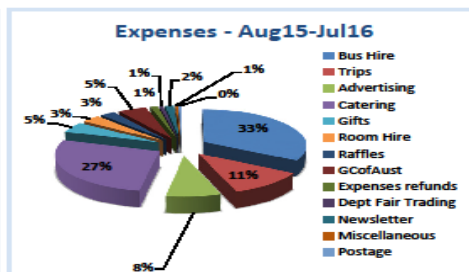
Expenses

Bus Hire	\$2,470.00	9B
Trips	\$840.00	20B
Advertising	\$581.60	8B
Catering	\$2,025.14	7B
Gifts	\$352.05	4B
Room Hire	\$240.00	2B
Raffles	\$191.50	1B
GCoFAust	\$369.89	17B
Expenses refunds	\$92.31	15B
Dept Fair Trading	\$54.00	16B
Newsletter	\$111.28	18B
Miscellaneous	\$35.00	21B
Postage	\$35.00	5B
Meeting Expenses	\$502.50	12B
Christmas lunch	\$151.55	19B
total:	\$8,051.82	

Income - Aug15-Jul16



Expenses - Aug15-Jul16



Notes:

1. Cheques not yet presented = \$19.95
2. Garden Clubs of Australia (GCoFAust) includes our insurance
3. Meeting Expenses includes speaker (May) and for flower arranging (July)
4. Miscellaneous: flowers for sick member
5. Cancelled Canberra trip payments assigned to Christmas lunch unless refund preferred

Following the conclusion of the meeting, we were treated to a passionate picture presentation by Jackie Warburton on her subject 'Growing Succulents & Cacti in Our Conditions' with images of her garden in Tuggeranong. Jackie is president of the Cactus & Succulent Society of the ACT and her presentation on what will grow and survive in our gardens was engaging. She stressed that placement of plants, watering, sun or shade and frost protection are all crucial to their flourishing, with stones and retaining walls used as heat banks during the day and giving up heat at night. Jackie also generously brought succulent cuttings for our members to take home and a product called 'Dismiss' which kills oxalis was available for purchase. Another product called 'Envy' was recommended to protect plants against frost and sunburn.

Jackie warned us about the Elm Leaf Beetle, a 4mm long dark brown and green beetle, introduced into Australia in 1989 and it has spread to Canberra, threatening the survival of Canberra's elms. It is a serious, deadly pest of the elm tree and the best treatment against the beetle is by systemic tree injection every 2 years. This beetle attack is not to be confused with Dutch Elm Disease which is not present in Australia, at this stage.

Her website, Terra Solarus Gardening Service has a wealth of information on local garden advice and maintenance and further information about the Elm Leaf beetle. <http://www.terrasolarus.com.au/index.html>

THE BRAIDWOOD HOSPITAL GARDENS

The Braidwood community has a marvellous asset in the local Braidwood Hospital. Braidwood Hospital management has problems in finding the right resources to keep the hospital gardens looking good and surely a well maintained garden will help in the overall effectiveness of the hospital, by helping patients and visitors feel better. We all know that a lovely garden can make anyone feel much better.

It would be a great partnership if the Braidwood Garden Club could join forces with the Hospital and have the hospital garden as a local show piece for Braidwood. The way these arrangements could be put into place would be for the Garden Club to work out a gardening programme, and have the Garden Club members volunteer to work together to achieve it – e.g. Working Bees, spring planting bees, weeding etc. For Club members to be able to work in the garden they will need to become approved hospital Volunteers. Becoming an approved Volunteer is a simple process and all people need to do is fill out several forms and submit them to the Hospital Admin Office. The Volunteer information kit is self-explanatory, but if you need help in completing it, contact the Hospital office or Brian Carle on 4842 1096. Kits are available at the Hospital or from Brian Carle (Hospital Auxiliary member).

Please consider being a part of this great idea and have the hospital garden at Braidwood a show piece. We will have further discussions with the Garden Club members to work out the best way to make this plan a reality.

AROUND MY GARDEN at 'Hyland' by Margy Gardner

Our garden is now 10 years old and its beginnings from newly cleared bush was a challenge, battling strong westerly winds and sandy soil. I searched for plants that withstand the extremes of -8 to 40 degree temperatures, observing what grew in our region and some have been successful though there have been many non survivors.

My roses (some favourites are Pierre de Ronsard, Spirit of Peace, Julia, St Cecilia, Seduction, New Dawn, Lamarque) have only just been pruned and the white Icebergs have been done with my hedger this year, a technique I have seen successfully used by professional rose growers. I hope it will be successful on mine!



Salvia 'Anthony Parker', a hardy plant, is still to be pruned of its' last season's canes, and the gaura also, as I leave them till the last in case a heavy frost surprises me.

My Camelia 'High Fragrance' (at left) is flowering this year and in a pot, has been moved to the shade during summer. I don't have much success with camellias in the ground so this has given me great pleasure as it is one of the few camellias with a perfume.

Flowering at the moment is my favourite Hellebore, 'Mrs Betty Ranicar', a beautiful variety with masses of full crisp double white blooms.

A tip I have been given recently is to slit up the stem 1 inch, after cutting, to prevent head drop in a vase and I have kept hellebores inside for over 2 weeks. Amazing!

"The urge to garden in early spring is primal. Re-connecting with the earth is affirming, renewing, promising. Waking up the garden to a new growing season is about more than soil and seedlings...this rite of spring is a tonic to the gardener as well."

http://eartheasy.com/grow_garden_early_spring.html

PLANT OF THE MONTH

by Kate Chinnick



Helleborus

"Penny's Pink"

- A good garden hybrid
- Evergreen perennial 50cm high by 60cm wide
- Spotted silver - green foliage
- Beautiful mid pink flowers from winter to spring
- Frost hardy
- Elegant flowers for shady areas
- Prefers well drained soil
- Propagate from division in spring or autumn
- High allergen plants, all parts poisonous

What to do in the garden for September

- Tie Sweet Peas to supports
- Dahlia clumps left in the ground can be divided now
- Plant new perennials & pot on any cuttings
- Winter flowering Sasanqua Camellias can be pruned after flowering
- Feed Camelias, Rhodo's, Azaleas, Daphne, Pieris and Ericas with old animal manure
- Plant and repair lawns
- Still plant onion seedlings
- Tomato seedlings should not be planted yet (late frosts!!)
- Weeds are thriving after the lovely rain, keep them clear
- Spray Peaches and nectarines for leaf curl at pink bud swell
- Prepare vegetable beds for spring planting
- Enjoy the spring bulbs