

BRAIDWOOD GARDEN CLUB

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APRIL Thursday 12th

Bus Trip to Nelligen and Eurobodalla Botanic Gardens

Bookings for the trip are open at Bendigo Bank, and will close on Saturday 6th April. We have booked the bus at a cost of \$30 per head. The Nelligen garden owners ask for a donation of \$5 per head for their chosen charity, the Lantern Club. **The total cost to be paid at the bank is \$35.00 per head.**

We need to know numbers by 6th April for the bus booking so please make a note of this date and book at the bank or by direct deposit at **Bendigo Bank BSB 633-000 Acct No 118 346 444 and please add 'BUS TRIP' to the entry.** If by chance you are unable to do this, please contact Sue Murray on 48422381, or Jane Moore on 48421494.

We will meet at Ryrie Park at 9.00am and return to Braidwood between 4.00-5.00pm. Members with surnames from A-N, please bring a contribution for morning tea. The Eurobodalla Botanical Gardens have a café where lunch can be purchased, or you can bring a picnic lunch. Also, bring a chair and wear your name tag!

THE GARDEN PARTY NELLIGEN

If you have travelled from Canberra to the coast along the Kings Highway you may have noticed the houses at the top of the hill at Nelligen. You know the one, it's opposite the River Road turnoff. The one with the poplar lined driveway that wraps around hills of mown grass paddocks. Well, now is your chance to sticky beak.

The properties are owned by sisters Sandra Martin and Glenda Blanch along with her husband Paul. The girls' family have lived in Nelligen since its settlement and on that particular patch for 7 generations. Originally there was a little cottage that stood on what was once the dairy farm that supplied the village of Nelligen with milk, cream and eggs. The sisters, who grew up in Liverpool, remember school holidays at Nan and Pop's, helping in the garden and playing cake shops with dried cow pats for cakes! Although a little more sophisticated these days, the girls haven't lost their youthful enthusiasm for their family home, days in the garden and homemade treats

Inspired by iconic Australian gardens and the English country aesthetic, the sisters share a passion for old-fashioned roses, many of which can be found in Sandra's garden while Glenda has over 70 roses in her garden including climbing roses and standards. Both gardens have an extensive range of deciduous trees such as Pin Oaks, Chinese Pistachios, Silver Birch, Silver Elms, Weeping Mulberry, Golden Elms and tree lined driveways of Bradford Pears and Chinese Tallow. Both gardens mix formal structure with vegetable patches and rambling cottage flower beds.

You are invited to come along and find out exactly what is at the top of that hill. You may also find plants for sale depending on the season.

There will be a \$5 per person donation (included in the overall fee for the day) for this visit to the South Coast Lantern Club. Lantern Clubs were established to fundraise for the Royal Institute for Deaf and Blind Children (RIDBC).

Further details at '[The Garden Party Nelligen](#)' Facebook page which has some lovely photos of the gardens.

MEMBERSHIP

The committee has made a Temporary Membership category for those of us who have houseguests staying for a short time and would like to bring them to one of our events. For a fee of \$5 per event, non-resident visitors and houseguests can join our members at an outing or meeting. We have felt for a while that paying the Garden Club joining fee on top of the outing cost was too much so we hope this will make it easier for everyone.

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March 8th Braidwood Garden Visits Report

On a perfect early Autumn day, 32 members enjoyed visiting four relatively new gardens in and around Braidwood. Members gained a range of ideas from all the gardens and were impressed to see how other local gardeners deal with the vagaries of our weather. It will be interesting to see how these gardens evolve over the years to come.

The first garden belongs to John & Margaret Tuckwell in Wilson St. They have just completed (November 2017) building their house, with members invited to walk through, and are in the process of developing the garden on a relatively large town block. They benefit from a row of mature elms (which may date back until when the Anglican Church was on their block) which provided good shade from the hot western sun. The beginnings of Margaret's rose garden already features Braidwood Show's reserve champion rose, Just Joey, with most of the other flower beds still to be developed – the perennial border currently growing no-dig potatoes. John's vegetable and soft fruit patch are already in fully production with a green-house recently assembled.

Further along in Little River Rd, we visited John and Charmian Thomas's garden which was started in 2010. Members loved their winding path and restful front garden, featuring a variety of complimentary plants of different colours, height and shape which are pruned to allow unhindered views of Wilson's Hill, including some lovely roses. A lot of interest was expressed in John's project in progress to put shade cloth over their productive vegetable beds.

We enjoyed a scrumptious morning tea at Janniece Elphick's quirky and delightful colourful garden in Wallace St (just down from the IGA), which she developed garden from scratch over the past 7 years. There is so much going on in her garden, including impressive large pots of salvias 'book-ending' either side of the front of the house, with many pots of geraniums and other flowers in between. Members loved the cottage style garden and many humorous pieces of garden art and were impressed by the productivity of the vegetable and fruit garden

Our final garden was Margaret Royds' new home, 'Bohun House'. It was an ideal place to enjoy our picnic lunches with its amazing vistas over Braidwood and surrounding landscape. Built into a hill, the garden presents quite a few challenges which Margaret has met in imaginative ways and her love of gardening shows through with many roses and natives planted. To provide shelter from the westerly wind she has planted hedges and trees. A series of terraces have been developed at the back and in the front a large prostrate grevillea (Bronze Rambler?) covers a bank which leads onto an orchard and chook run. Her large underground water tank in the front has cleverly been covered with soil and mushroom compost and planted out with thyme, surrounded by box hedge.

Photos of the gardens are at: <https://braidwoodgardenclub.wordpress.com/photo-galler>

UPCOMING GARDEN CLUB EVENTS

MAY Thursday 10th

A demonstration of a range of garden tools from a company European Tools and perhaps a garden visit.

JUNE Thursday 14th

A talk by the well-known horticulturist Judy Horton

Judy Horton is a Horticulturist who worked as garden adviser for Yates 22 years. She was responsible for the regular updating of Yates Garden Guide, the best-selling Australian gardening book. She is one of the weekend regulars who, for more than twelve years, has answered garden questions on ABC 702 "Weekends with Simon Marnie" program and also has regular spots on 2UE on Saturday afternoon with Tim Webster.

In 2012 Judy was presented with the Golden Wattle Award, the highest award from the Australian Institute of Horticulture, for her contribution to horticulture. A few weeks later she also received an Award of Merit from the Nursery & Garden Industry of NSW & ACT for her outstanding contribution to the industry.

Judy also acts a Horticultural guide for themed tours conducted by Botanica. She has conducted these tours in Europe and the USA.

<http://rjhorton.com.au/index.html>

<https://www.dailytelegraph.com.au/newslocal/hornsby-advocate/middle-dural-horticulturalist-judy-horton-honoured-with-oam/news-story/33a24e5301e8d5221ef0bad751e8ea3b?nk=b684d43b0c136dd98661e5921827c8d6-1521500217>

PLANT NURSERIES

AUSTRALIAN PLANT MARKET DAY , Yarralumla Nursery

The Yarralumla Nursery holds a growers Plant Market on the first Saturday of each month from 9am to 4pm in Autumn and Spring.

- Individual stallholders
- Unusual or hard to find species
- Exclusively Australian plants
- Plants in smaller containers
- Learn from local growers

Follow the path through the Heritage Nursery, Banks Street, Yarralumla

IDP NURSERY, MURRUMBATMAN

IDP Nursery is owned and operated by Iris Philp who has a passion for the Australian landscape and indigenous plants. She has 25 years of experience in Horticulture. This includes 10 years working at the Australian National

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Botanic Gardens Canberra. She retired from ANBG to establish IDP nursery in 2000. As the nursery is at Iris' home property, it's best to ring her beforehand and arrange a convenient time to call in.

Address: 1264 Murrumbateman Rd, Murrumbateman NSW 2582

Phone: (02) 6226 8132

<http://www.idpnursery.com.au>

FROM THE MAILBOX for your information

My Open Garden

Visit the 'My Open Garden' website <http://www.myopengarden.com.au> for information on the latest Open Gardens in NSW. The following open gardens or events are open within the coming week:

- [Chanticleer Gardens](#) : Arcadia
- [Chinoiserie](#) : Mittagong
- [Perennial Hill](#) : Mittagong
- [Retford Park - National Trust of Australia \(NSW\)](#) : Bowral
- [Wildwood Garden](#) : Bilpin

APRIL Easter Monday 2nd

The Leeton and District Water Wheel Garden Club will be holding their annual Open Gardens on Easter Monday 2nd April from 9.30am to 4.00pm. There will be 6 gardens open (3 in town and 3 larger country gardens). Morning and afternoon teas will be available at the gardens as well as lunches and drinks. A variety of stalls will be scattered through the gardens. The cost is \$20 for the 6 gardens with a morning or afternoon tea included in the price. Lunch can be purchased for \$8.00.

For further information, please read the flyer attached. Could you please give a copy to anyone interested or refer them to our website at <http://www.leetongardenclub.com.au>

Why not make it a long weekend in Leeton and also come for our Sunrice Festival that runs over the entire weekend. It is a fun filled weekend with a street parade and carnival in the park, a long lunch, balloon rides and balloon glow and much more. Further information can be found on the Sunrice festival website or find both our events on facebook.

APRIL Saturday 21st and Sunday 22nd

Autumn Garden Weekend and Plant Fair, Bowral 9-4pm Kangaloon Rd, Bowral

This year there are 2 large country gardens and 3 very different town gardens. The Plant Fair, which is based at the Southern Highlands Botanic Gardens, feature all sale plants grown by the SHBG Plant Growers group, most of which are rare, unusual or hard to find. A plant collectors dream.

<http://www.myopengarden.com.au/openGarden.jsp?e=3&m=65409&id=1633>

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NIMITABEL PLANT FAIR and OPEN GARDENS

The Nimmitabel & District Garden Club is holding the inaugural combined Plant Fair and Open Gardens. The Plant Fair [including various materials for the garden and gardener] as well as over 14 nurseries will be held at the Nimmitabel Showground. As usual, three outstanding gardens of the Monaro will be open, over the weekend, namely *Old Bibbenluke Inn*, *Bibbenluke Lodge* and *Gourock*.

MAY Sunday 6th

Collector Pumpkin Festival <http://pumpkinfestival.com.au>

In 2018 the Collector Village Pumpkin Festival will feature over 100 stall holders and many activities with the flavour of a traditional country fair full of simple fun, lots of colour and imagination.

The festival showcases local produce and the arts/craft community. Pumpkin-focused competitions are run each year ranging from the largest pumpkin to pumpkin themed baked items.

Entry: Adult = \$10, Seniors = \$5 and children (15y and under) FREE

MAY Sunday 6th

Tallong Apple Festival <https://www.tallongappleday.com/whats-on/>

Attractions: Live Music, Market & Food Stalls, Rock Climbing, Archery, Silent Wood Auction, \$200 Lucky Entry, Wood Chopping, Whip Cracking, Sheep Shearing, Snake & Reptiles, Medieval Battles, Car Show and Much more.

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PLANT OF THE MONTH by Kate Chinnick



**Centaurea
hypoleuca**
" John Coutts"

- Native of the Caucasians and Turkey
- Hardy spreading perennial
- Flowers on slender stalks to 60cm tall in late spring and again in autumn
- Prefers a fertile moist soil in a sunny position or part shade
- Has long lobed leaves green on top and grey underneath
- Frost hardy
- Flower heads are large and pink
- Also in the Centaurea family are Cornflowers and Billy Buttons
- Can be divided in spring or autumn

What to do in the garden for April

- Trim evergreen shrubs so they recover before winter
- Choose trees for autumn colour
- Good time to plant or move Camellias, Rhodo's & Azaleas
- Look for Lilium, Hippeastrum & Sprekelia Bulbs
- Complete planting of spring bulbs
- Tidy leaves of Hellebores, Winter Iris & Aquilegias
- Sow Asian Greens, Broad Beans & Peas
- Plant all Brassicas (cover with fine netting against white butterflies, old lace curtains ideal!)
- Remove all old leaves from Strawberries (put in garbage)
- Remove 3 year old Strawberries & replace with new stock
- Repot herbs and pot plants with new potting mix
- Pick up any fallen fruit & dispose of if diseased