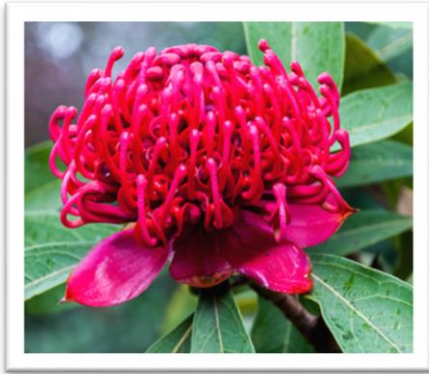


BRAIDWOOD GARDEN CLUB

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THURSDAY AUGUST 8th

AGM AND LUNCH

Our AGM is always a highlight of the year but due to a booking mix up, we have had to change the venue at short notice to Palerang Homestead, the home of Sue and Ulli Tuisk. Thank you Sue & Ulli for allowing us to come to Palerang.

We will meet at Rylie Park at 10am to car pool, and then drive to Palerang which is on Hazeldell Road, 30kms from Braidwood on the way to Bungendore,

Palerang Homestead was originally an inn on the old coach road that connected The Monaro to Goulburn and eventually to Sydney and our AGM will be held in the large bluestone room which now serves as a function centre. The Homestead and the Cottage provided accommodation for Mick Jagger and the crew during the filming of Ned Kelly in 1969 - 50 years ago!

There will be time to renew memberships and look at the garden before the AGM starts at 11am.

Following the AGM, Tim Geyer from QPRC will talk to members about the public garden spaces in Braidwood and we will then have a simple lunch of soup and dessert prepared by the committee. Wine and champagne will be available.

After lunch, Mike Pieloor from the ACT Orchid Society will talk to us about orchid growing, especially cool climate orchids.

Bookings for the AGM and lunch are now open. The cost is \$10 for members, \$30 for non-members.

Bookings close 2nd August. Bendigo Bank will take deposits at the bank in Braidwood, or by Direct Deposit, **Bendigo Bank BSB 633-000 Acct No 118 346 444 and please add 'AGM Lunch' to the entry.**

Garden Club annual memberships are due on the day - \$20 annual membership and an extra \$11 if you would like a printed copy of the newsletter.

Report on July 11th Meeting - Native Seed Propagation

At our last Garden Club get-together we were lucky enough to have Lyn Ellis as our guest speaker. For years, Lyn and her partner Murray McCracken, owned Currajuggle Creek Nursery at Mongarlowe specialising in Australian native trees and shrubs, particularly local species.

Lyn spoke to us about native seed collection and storage, especially remembering to identify the genus and species (if possible), and clearly labelling where and when collected. Planting and raising the seed was covered in depth too, plus watering and care while still in pots and then in their final planting position. There was plenty of do's and don't's and tips for managing in adverse conditions including insect and larger animal attack. She showed us examples of different seeds that she had collected and brought with her and answered any stray questions. All really informative. Thankyou Lyn. This was followed by a really lovely lunch.

'Correa' - ONE OF MY FAVOURITE PLANTS by Bronwyn Johnson

*Correa** is a genus of flowering plants in the important family Rutaceae, which contains a large number of ornamental and food plants. These include citrus (oranges, lemons, limes, grapefruit etc) as well as many Australian natives such as *Boronia*, *Crocea*, *Eriostemon*, *Phebalium*, *Correa* and a few rainforest trees. *Correas* are native mainly to eastern Australia, with about 11 species, 26 subspecies and many named cultivars.

As with any plant, and Australian natives in particular, careful attention to type of soil and fertiliser (if used) is important, as is mulching and providing extra shelter during the early stages of growth. Over the years I've had my share of failures, but once happily established I've found *Correas* to be robust and adaptable. In fact, several have self-seeded, some in quite odd places (e.g. between patio paving stones). My garden now contains a number of healthy 'second generation' plants, which I've potted up as seedlings and later replanted with excellent results.

My initial reason for planting *Correas* was to attract native birds to the garden, which certainly succeeded. Planting a variety which flower at different times throughout the year will encourage the birds to stay and possibly nest in your garden as well. A birdbath will add to the attraction. Several species of honeyeater can be seen year-round, either nesting in the garden or visiting regularly. *Correa* flowers are of two types – bell-shaped or tubular – perfect for the nectar-seeking beaks/tongues of our honeyeaters.

Most *Correas* prefer soils that are reasonably well drained in a sunny or part-shaded location. For many the main flowering season is autumn/winter, and all produce occasional flowers year round. They respond well to pruning and propagation is mainly from cuttings. *Correas* currently flourishing in my garden are listed below. All have proved frost hardy.

Correa alba has open white bell-shaped flowers, grey-green near-circular leaves and grows to around 1.5 metres. It can become straggly but responds well to regular pruning and has potential as a hedge.

Correa baeuerlenii (*Chef's Hat Correa*) is a handsome medium shrub 1.5m x 1.5m with glossy dark green leaves and greenish/cream tubular flowers with a flattened calyx, giving the appearance of a chef's hat. It needs well-composted soil with good drainage and prefers heavy shade. In my garden with sufficient watering it has tolerated dappled shade, though can show signs of stress in extreme summer heat. [*Conservation Status: Vulnerable*. This *Correa* has a very restricted natural distribution, occurring in isolated small populations from north of Batemans Bay south to Bega].

Correa decumbens has red tubular flowers with yellow-green tips and dark green leaves. It has a prostrate/semi prostrate growth habit, spreading to 1.5 metres (or more) across and about 30cm high. It is an excellent ground cover (also long-lived: one planted by previous owners before I arrived 18 years ago is still going strong).

Correa glabra is a neat rounded shrub up to 2.5m high by 2 m wide, with glossy green leaves and bearing profuse green/cream bell-shaped flowers in winter. Prefers some shade - however, I suspect that too much shade in wetter seasons may have encouraged severe white fly infestations in several of my *C. glabras*. No other *Correas* were affected.

Correa reflexa is a variable small to medium shrub (upright forms 1.5m high, low forms 0.5m). It bears bell-shaped flowers in winter, ranging from greenish yellow to deep red with yellow tips. A hardy plant preferring well drained soils from full sun to part shade.

Correa 'Dusky Bells' – a registered cultivar – is a dense low shrub with oval green leaves and dusky pink bell-shaped flowers. Excellent ground cover to about 0.5m high spreading to 1.5m wide. In dappled shade it copes well with frost and dry conditions.

Correa pulchella 'Autumn Blaze' is a low-growing small shrub 30 cm x 1.5m bearing bright orange bell-shaped flowers from autumn to early spring. Low maintenance and tolerant of dry conditions once established, during extended hot weather it requires only a regular long soak.

You may be interested to know that we have a local species, *Correa lawrenceana* var. *cordifolia*, occurring naturally in Monga National Park (also in Badja State Forest NE of Cooma). Growing up to five metres, it is the largest of the *Correas* and has cream or red tubular flowers. Given its natural habitat in the forest understorey, *C. lawrenciana* needs to be grown in a protected, moist and shaded position. I've seen these growing in the sheltered conditions of Monga National Park, but the species would not be suitable for gardens in more exposed and drier locations. However as far as I can ascertain, it is not commercially available.

*The name *Correa* honours the Portuguese botanist Jose Correia da Serra (1750-1823).



Correa pulchella "Autumn Blaze"



Correa baeuerlenii

Correa 'Dusky Bells'



Correa reflexa



Correa glabra



A Note From Rose DeMartin

For those of you in a quandary as to what to use as a weedkiller in the light of continuing debate about Glyphosate and its possible ill-effects on our health... There is an organic alternative called Slasher, made in Australia by Organic Group Protectants, under the name of Eco Products. Slasher is a contact only spray, not systemic, with no withholding period. It is suitable for both home gardeners and farmers and it is approved by the Australian Certified Organic.

<https://ocp.com.au/news/slasher-gets-2nd-gong-for-the-year/>

<https://braidwoodgardenclub.wordpress.com>

FROM THE MAILBOX for your information

My Open Garden

For gardens and events in NSW and ACT, log in to this website <https://www.myopengarden.com.au>

AUGUST 9th- 4th NOVEMBER Autumn Friday 22nd March-Monday 10th June. Spring at Wildwood, 29 Powell's Rd, Bilpin. Salvia Shows in April. Phone 0417 042 460

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

AUGUST 24th Saturday –SEPTEMBER 1st Sunday

Sculpture On The Clyde Batemans Bay and the amazing Willinga Park in Bawley Point will be transformed in the last week of August when sculptors from all around Australia and overseas set up their sculptures to create a 9 day art festival celebrating imagination in 3D with prize money in excess of \$70,000.

<https://willingapark.com.au/events/sculpture-on-clyde-2019/>

SEPTEMBER – NOVEMBER 14th September- 3rd November

'Nooroo' Garden Mt Wilson. This magnificent garden, planted in 1880 is open daily in spring from 10-5pm and is famous for its wisteria court. <https://www.nooroomtwilson.com.au>

SEPTEMBER Saturday 14th

9:30am - 3:30pm, "Cloverleigh", 23 Tait Street, Crookwell, will open its gates possibly for the last time. Plants and seeds from the 2 acre garden will be available for sale. Gold coin entry.

SEPTEMBER Saturday 21st & Sunday 22nd.

Mt Wilson Spring Garden Festival 10am - 4pm
Enjoy a delightful Spring day in the unique village of Mt Wilson. There will be Open Gardens and a gift shop along with delicious home cooked food. All proceeds raised for the Mt Wilson/Mt Irvine Rural Fire Brigade. Participating Gardens include: Breenhold, Carmarthen, Hawthorn Hill, Merry Garth, Nooroo, Sefton Cottage & Withycombe. <https://www.trybooking.com/book/event?eid=492767>

OCTOBER Thursday 17th – Sunday 20th

Berry Garden Festival 10am -4pm daily, \$20 for all 8 gardens or \$5 for individual gardens.

<https://berrygardens.org.au/berry-gardens-festival/>

OCTOBER Saturday 27th and Sunday 28th 9.30-4.30

Bundanoon Garden Ramble is in its 22 year with 8 private gardens open from 9.30 – 4.30. Free shuttle buses are available from garden to garden with market stalls set up in the village and the Soldiers' Memorial Hall. A display of old farm equipment set up in the Old Goods Shed and refreshments, provided by the Lions Club available in one of the open gardens. Tickets \$20 for all 8 gardens or \$5 for a single garden, valid for Saturday & Sunday and are for sale in the hall from 9am. <http://www.bundanoongardenramble.org.au>

NOVEMBER Saturday 9th and Sunday 10th

Crookwell Garden Festival. 9 Beautiful cold-climate gardens open all weekend. Garden lovers market on Saturday. www.crookwellgardenfestival.com

UPCOMING GARDEN CLUB EVENTS FOR 2019

August 29th Bus Visit to Willinga Park
September 12th Local Garden Visits
October 17th Bus Trip to Berry Open Gardens
November 14th Local Garden Visits
December 12th Christmas Lunch

PLANT OF THE MONTH

by Kate Chinnick



Helleborus orientalis

(Lenten Rose)

- Native to Greece, Turkey and the Caucasus
- Blooms middle of winter till spring
- Grows to 60cm high and wide
- Prefers a fertile moist soil in part shade, under deciduous trees
- Cut old foliage back just as flower buds appear
- Frost hardy
- Flowers come in many colours: white, green, pink, red and purple
- Propagate from division or seed in Autumn
- Check for aphids
- Feed with compost or old manure after flowering plus dolomite
- All parts are poisonous

What to do in the garden for August

- Prune and spray Roses later this month
- Plant new bare rooted Roses (soak in seaweed solution before planting)
- Plant summer and autumn flowering bulbs
- Winter flowering shrubs can be pruned now
- Prune and feed Daphne after flowering
- Prune Crepe Myrtle, which flowers on new wood
- Cut ornamental grass clumps to the ground
- Perennials may be divided as the weather warms up
- Prune Jasmines and summer flowering Clematis
- Prune Hydrangeas to two strong buds
- Spray Peaches and nectarines for leaf curl
- Plant Onion seedlings, Asparagus crowns & Spinach seedlings
- Check herbs for dividing and replanting
- Prepare vegetable beds for spring planting