

BRAIDWOOD GARDEN CLUB

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THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 12th **Bungendore and Warri Gardens Visit**

09.00 Meet at Ryrie Park to car pool. Members with surnames from M-Z please bring something for Morning tea

Also please your own mug, chair & lunch and please wear your name tag.

~15.00 Return to Ryrie Park

We are visiting two gardens in Bungendore and one in Warri:

The first is Anthea Thomson's garden and house "Thornleigh" (with Kevin Jones her gardener)

This is a newly restored 1887 house and garden, which was highly commended in the 2019 QPRC heritage awards. The restoration of the gardens surrounding this dwelling demanded an empathetic understanding of its history, which was commensurate with the planning and execution of their passion to restore its 19th Century profile.

Despite its uniform, lateral streetscape, the house comprises two titles. It is joined in the centre by a shared common wall, affording open fireplaces to each of its Eastern and Western components. During your visit, Anthea will explain the well-researched origins of the dwelling; while Kevin Jones, will point out his rationale for what you see today.

They hope that, as you wander through their small, but historically significant site, you will sense the aura of pride of its original designers, as it was a town residence of significant cost in that era.

The second is Marcia and Brian Voce's garden 'Piccolo'

The woodland garden at *Piccolo* aims to present a smooth transition of interest from season to season. The garden covers almost an acre and ranges from intimate plantings to wilder garden and grassed areas.

The garden at *Piccolo* has been progressively planted and extended since Marcia and Brian Voce moved there in November 1999, although it was formed from a framework of trees, roses and shrubs some years older - the remnant of their former herb garden is now the site of their present home.

Today the garden features many mature trees, grassed areas and varied plantings to provide year-round interest.

The third is Lesa Schuster's garden.

For those on the Gardeners of Braidwood & Villages Facebook page you do not need an introduction to Lesa Schuster's garden, as we are regularly treated to many photos of her delightful garden and plants. Lesa and Laszlo built their home in Warri in 2014 and started the garden from scratch shortly after that.

It is mainly a native garden, but Lesa is in the process of establishing an herb / cottage garden near their home. They have a productive vegie patch and also fruit trees and soft fruit. It is well worth a visit to be inspired and see what can be achieved in such a short space of time.

GARDEN CLUB EVENTS FOR 2019

September 12th Local Garden Visits

October 17th Bus Trip to Berry Open Gardens

November 14th Local Garden Visits

December 12th Christmas Lunch

Report of AGM & Lunch at Palerang Homestead

On a cold, windy morning on August 8th, 50 members and guests gathered at Palerang Homestead for our 2019 AGM and lunch. The day provided a number of unexpected challenges, which were managed calmly and efficiently through a wonderful team effort by our hosts and BGC Committee members.

Sue and Ulli Tuisk generously agreed to host the event at Palerang after a venue change was required. They did not anticipate a decision by Essential Energy to schedule a power outage on that day, but bravely decided to carry on regardless.

Michael and Jennie Marston provided a generator, and lots of firewood was provided and consumed. The enormous fireplace and candles created a medieval atmosphere, which perfectly suited the stone-walled function room. The tables were beautifully decorated with early spring flowers from Sue's garden.

The formal proceedings commenced at 11.00am. The AGM saw a couple of changes to the Committee. Resignations were received from Sue Murray, Marilyn Carle and Chis Riley. All other members of the previous Committee were re-elected, and Chris James was added to the team. John Tuckwell's President's Report was read by Jane Moore, as John was on the way home from a wonderful overseas trip.

The Committee elected for 2019-20 is John Tuckwell – President

Rosemary DeMartin - Vice President

Jane Moore – Secretary

Amanda Scott - Treasurer

Margy Gardner - Newsletter Editor

Chris James

Bronwyn Johnson

Leonie Jolley – Raffle Organiser

Jennie Marston – Publicity

Charmian Thomas – Catering Organiser

Fran Woods - Deputy Treasurer / Web / Photographer

During the meeting, Margaret Royds was presented with Life Membership in recognition of her many years of membership, and her contributions to the Club in that time. . Margaret was one of the Garden Club's first members, and still takes an active part in our activities. Kate Chinnick has also been awarded Life Membership, but sadly was not able to attend the AGM. We will present her award later in the year.

Following the AGM, two guests from QPRC spoke to our members about their work. Tim Geyer, Service Manager, Urban landscapes, and Sean Kaden, Program Coordinator, CBD & Horticulture, outlined their roles and answered questions. Sincere appreciation of the hard work and commitment by the QPRC gardening team in Braidwood was expressed by our members.

After the formalities, champagne was served, followed by a delicious lunch provided by the Committee.

Our Guest Speaker after lunch was Mike Pieloor, President of the Canberra Orchid Society. Mike was an entertaining and inspirational speaker. His passion and enormous knowledge of orchids overcame the last-minute technical glitch which prevented Mike from showing us photos of the beautiful orchids he described. It will be interesting to hear of experiments by our members in growing the cold climate orchids he recommended.

Finally the sun shone at the end of the day, and few of us managed a walk around the garden, champagne glasses in hand. Our grateful thanks go to Sue and Ulli for being such wonderful hosts and making us all feel so welcome. Many thanks also for the catering and other contributions by our amazing team of Committee members.

Sue Murray



President's Report 2018-19

2018-19 was my first year as President and what a great year it has been. We have delivered a varied programme of activities, commenced a closer relationship with Braidwood Rural and became more involved in improving gardens more generally in the Braidwood area.

Activities

We followed the tried and tested mix of local garden visits with car-pooling, bus trips to gardens further afield and talks or workshops.

Local garden visits are my favourite activities as we can see how our fellow gardeners' ingenuity, skill and perseverance to deal with our challenging climate and environment. This year we were privilege to start with visits to Donna Sherriff and Mark Sullivan lovely gardens at Charleys Forest (September). Our next local outing was to the delightful gardens of Jennie Marston, Rosemary De Martin, and Sally Thackway on Nerriga Rd (November). An informal meeting was slipped in at the end of November to revisit Donna Sherriff's garden at its prime and also Sandra South's welcoming and restful garden. We then had an eclectic mix of old and new / large and small gorgeous gardens when we visited Bev Lightfoot and Jenny Wallace in Braidwood and Pat Maher in Reidsdale (March). Finally, we enjoyed three charming gardens on the outskirts of Braidwood when we visited Lyn Slade, Fran & David Pritchard-Gordon and Leonie & Richard Jolley (May).

We enjoyed two bus trips this year. The first was to Bundanoon and Robertson where we enjoyed three stunning gardens (October) and the second to Lanyon Gardens and Homestead, the Yarralumla Heritage Nursery, and River Road Nursery in Queanbeyan where much shopping was done (April).

When it is too cold or too hot to be out and about, we organise presentations by experts on particular topics. This year these included a talk by Jack Simpson, President of the Horticultural Society of Canberra on 'Trees of the Southern Tablelands and their diseases' (February), a talk by Lyn Ellis on 'native seed propagation, the soils to use and best practice with native plants' (July) and today Mike Pieloor, ACT Orchid Society, will speak on 'Orchid cultivation and propagating' (August). We cannot forget the fun all those present had at the floral art workshop led by Marilyn Carle (June) or the Christmas party held at Marilyn and Brian Carle's home (December).

Closer relationship with Braidwood Rural

This year we started to build a stronger relationship with Braidwood Rural. This entitles Garden Club members to a 10% discount on their garden lines, with other special offers in the pipeline. This also led to two presentations being given on new lines stocked by Braidwood Rural by Rocky Point (September) and HealthyEarth (May).

Improving gardens more generally in the Braidwood area

We have also been active in other areas to assist improving gardens in the Braidwood area. This has included supporting the new playground in North Ryrie Park, particularly a possible sensory garden; working with QPRC on the Elm Leaf Beetle Infestation; taking cuttings and removing roses which otherwise would have been destroyed by the redevelopment of Braidwood Hospital; and finally providing advice on which plants suit Braidwood best for the new gardens at Braidwood Hospital.

Membership

Membership continues to be strong with 95 members at the last count, slightly up on last year, although we are pleased to have welcomed 15 new members this year. The committee resolved to keep the membership rates unchanged at \$20.

Thanks

A few thanks are in order. To the Bendigo Bank staff, who do our banking and take our bookings. To Braidwood Buses and Rhonda in particular, we thank you for getting us to and from our destinations safely. To the Braidwood Servicemen's Club and Michelle Griggs for always having the meeting room ready for our events which we are very appreciative. The Club provides a venue for our Committee meetings as well as our talks and we always feel very welcome there.

Thanks also to Kate Chinnick for her contributions to our monthly newsletter, with her columns on Plant of the Month and "What to do" each month, and making our name badges. The Garden Club is extremely lucky to have such a great committee of able and dedicated people who have worked as a true team and delivered the excellent programme I have just outlined, with every member contributing to the successful outcome.

I would like to thank each and every one on the committee – please would the committee member stand and be acknowledged — namely: Marilyn Carle (flower artist and host extraordinaire), Rosemary De Martin (Instagram), Margy Gardner (our outstanding Newsletter Editor), Bronwyn Johnson (awesome event organiser), Leonie Jolley (Raffle Organiser), Jennie Marston (Publicity), Jane Moore (Secretary), Sue Murray (Vice-President), Chris Riley (Badge Organiser), Amanda Scott (Assistant-Treasurer), Charmian Thomas (Chief Catering Officer) and Fran Woods (Treasurer / Web Manager / Photographer). Thank you all.

Sadly three of our key committee members are stepping down - Marilyn Carle, Chris Riley and Sue Murray.

Marilyn joined the committee in 2015 and has been a valuable contributor to our discussions in committee and been very generous in sharing her expertise in floral art with the club and opening her home to the garden club for the last two Christmas lunches. Her contribution to floral arranging has been recognised in 2017 by the Garden Club of Australia when she received the Joan O'Brien Award for excellence by an individual in Floral Art.

Chris also joined the committee in 2015 and has served firstly as the bus organiser then in the last two years coordinating badges for new members. She also assisted in organising the catering for our Christmas parties.

We cannot say enough about Sue's contribution to the Garden Club. Sue became President in 2014 when no-one else would stand. It is not an over statement to say that without her dedication we may not now have a Garden Club at all in Braidwood. During her four years as President, she built a very strong committee, grew the membership and oversaw more than 40 highly successful events. This was all thanks to her inclusive leadership, enthusiasm, and attention to detail.

Our sincere and hearty thanks to Sue and Marilyn and Chris; we hope they will remain active members of the club.

In addition, Fran Woods is stepping down as Treasurer after 5 years in the role. To my mind it is the hardest working position on any committee and Fran has undertaken this role with great diligence and humility – so thank you Fran. We are very pleased that she is still willing to stand for the committee.

Finally, thanks to all our members for their continued support of our club.

In conclusion, we already have exciting plans for 2019-20, assuming I am re-elected, and I look forward to working with the Committee members and the broader garden club membership in the coming year to make our wonderful club even better.

Happy Gardening.

John Tuckwell, July 2019

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FINANCIAL YEAR 2018 - 2019

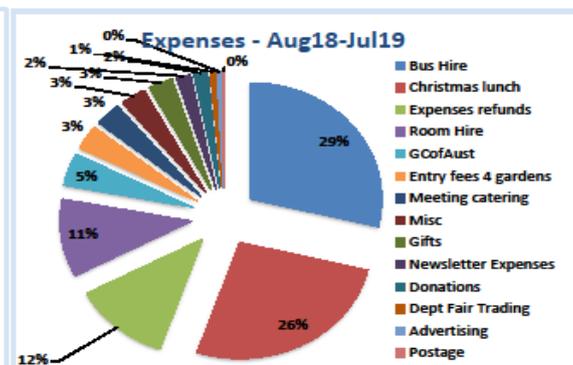
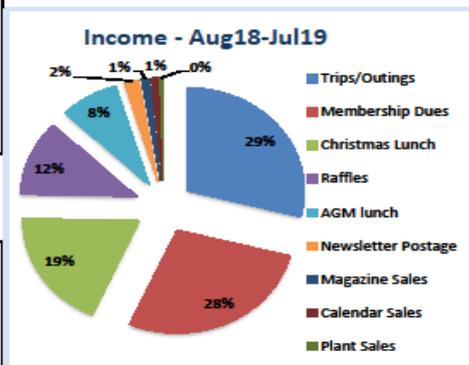
Financial Summary (August 2018-July 2019)

Opening Balance = \$3,672.96

Closing Balance = \$4,301.07

Income	Amount	Code
Trips/Outings	\$2,066.00	12A
Membership Dues	\$1,965.00	1A
Christmas Lunch	\$1,330.00	6A
Raffles	\$844.00	2A
AGM lunch	\$580.00	5A
Newsletter Postage	\$143.00	9A
Magazine Sales	\$77.00	7A
Calendar Sales	\$70.00	8A
Plant Sales	\$38.90	4A
total:	\$7,113.90	

Expenses	Amount	Code
Bus Hire	\$1,870.00	9B
Christmas lunch	\$1,715.81	19B
Expenses refunds	\$775.64	15B
Room Hire	\$700.00	2B
GCofAust	\$293.14	17B
Entry fees 4 gardens	\$216.00	20B
Meeting catering	\$207.90	7B
Misc	\$199.95	21B
Gifts	\$192.85	4B
Newsletter Expenses	\$110.50	18B
Donations	\$110.00	10B
Dept Fair Trading	\$46.00	16b
Advertising	\$32.00	8B
Postage	\$16.00	16B
total:	\$6,485.79	



Notes:

1. Garden Clubs of Australia (GCofAust) (17B) includes our national membership plus insurance
2. Trip payments refunded (15B), plus miscellaneous expenses
3. Donation (10B) to Braidwood Show for prizes

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBER
Joy van Zomeren

MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTIONS NOW DUE

You can pay \$20(plus \$11 if a mailed newsletter is required) at the Bendigo Bank, in person or online **BSB 633-000 Acct No 118 346 444** & please add Annual Subs to the comment.

LOST AT THE AGM

A red RMWilliams umbrella and a pair of very nice fingerless gloves were left at Palerang after the AGM. Please ring John Tuckwell on 0408 625 156 if you own them.

WORKING BEE ON WEDNESDAY 4th SEPTEMBER

Some members of the Braidwood Hospital Auxilliary are helping in Frank Judge's garden (weeding and pruning) on Wed 4th September from 1-3pm. We are wondering if members of the Garden Club may be interested in helping too? Frank's address is 'Otolith' - 1099 Little River Road, Mongarlowe. Enquiries: Sue Tuisk 0413 841 645

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 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 Saturday 19th Braidwood Hospital Fete, National Theatre Braidwood

A request for all gardeners to pot up some plants for the Fete and keep the date free to support our local Hospital.

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 26th and Sunday 27th 10-4pm

Braidwood Open Gardens- A fundraiser for the not-for-profit Braidwood Preschool

<https://braidwoodgardens.com.au>

OCTOBER Saturday 26th and Sunday 27th 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.

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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

THE PLANT OF THE MONTH
by Kate Chinnick



**Skimmia
japonica**

- Native to Japan, E. Siberia & Taiwan
- Evergreen shrub growing to 1.5m
- Dark green glossy leaves
- Cream flowers in early spring followed by red berries.
- “Rubella has red buds
- Both male and female plants are needed to produce berries
- Frost hardy to -15 degrees
- Prefers moist, cool acid soil in shade
- Propagate from seed in Autumn or cuttings in late Summer

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, keep them clear
- Spray Peaches and nectarines for leaf curl at pink bud swell
- Prepare vegetable beds for spring planting
- Enjoy the spring bulbs