

BRAIDWOOD GARDEN CLUB

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THURSDAY OCTOBER 13

Visit to Three Gardens along Cooma Road -

- Meet at Ryrie Park at 9:15am to carpool (note: we need to try and have more than 2 in a car as parking is limited, also ~25km of the drive will be on unsealed roads)
- Bring a Chair, Mug, Name Badge and your Lunch
- Members M – Z please bring morning tea to share
- Directions will be handed out at the park

Our next gardens visit to along Cooma Road in the heart of the Clarke Brothers country in some fairly remote country with some stunning vistas. Like everywhere else it is wet out there with one of the original gardens, Nithsdale, reluctantly having to pull out because their property is just too wet to get access. However, one of our early members, Teresa Lindwall, has come to the rescue and filled the void. We will visit three gardens:

The first will be to **‘Tillarra’, Harolds Cross**, which 84 years-young Teresa Lindwall looks after her large garden all by herself. She has developed this garden in the bush down a hillside over the past 40 years. It is full of interesting trees - with an advanced Wollemi Pine, a Tulip Tree, California Redwood to name but three. There are a variety of plants in the garden with an abundance of Camellias and Rhododendrons. The Garden Club has visited her garden a number of times, the last being in April 2015, so longstanding members can see how it has evolved since then.

The next is on **Harts Road, Krawarree**, the home of Karen Butler and Peter Treyde. This new garden is on 81ha of mostly grassland reserve with extensive views that includes the South-West side of Mt Bunhybee. The mainly native garden is a work in progress, being created in the past two challenging years using only the soil and rocks that were moved for the construction of the house and two sheds. The extremely windy site was allowed to stabilize with what grew naturally from the soil. As plantings establish, the less desirable plants and weeds are being removed. Seeds and cuttings from local plants are being used to increase the diversity of the flora in the attached woodland which is an extension of the garden. Karen will also give some insights into the management of the protected grassland.

The last will be **Warragandra Homestead**, a delightful historic homestead and gardens in Jerrabattgulla. The homestead was built in the late 1800's and once upon a time covered an area of 6,100 acres. When Michael & Anna Robson bought the property almost 10 years ago it had reduced in size to 210 acres. The original Jerrabattgulla Schoolhouse was moved on to the property circa 1960 and attached to the main homestead via a breezeway. Unfortunately, a large portion of the original homestead either burned down or was for some reason dismantled probably sometime in the 1940's. Thankfully several of the previous owners contributed to the planting of a variety of trees which are now quite substantial in size, some being more than 100 years old. All of the hedges were planted by an Englishman by the name of Guy Baring who was the owner in the late 1950's through early 1960's. There are a multitude of different varieties of plants in the gardens most of which were inherited, but some added by the current owners. One of their latest projects has been to plant 1000 oak trees in their paddocks with a view to growing truffles. The Jerrabattgulla stream runs for approximate 1.7km along the western boundary so please bring suitable walking shoes if you'd like to go exploring.

REPORT ON THE VISIT TO FOUR ARALUEN GARDENS, September 8 by Jane Moore

We met at Ryrie Park to car pool on a day that was cool and bright, but the forecast was for rain. We drove in convoy down the mountain with the workers repairing the road looking very surprised to see so many cars travelling past them.

Our first visit was to Greg and Margaret Stone's garden. Greg kindly showed us around, sharing their plans for the place.



They had moved onto the block in February 2019 at the height of the drought. The block had only one tree on it, so they set about planting more, including the rare Araluen gum (*Eucalyptus kartzoffiana*) which only grows in the Araluen valley.

The first project was to start the veggie bed, fruit trees and a food forest and plant deciduous trees for shade and native beds around the house for screening and to attract birds. Greg had so much to tell us, and it was lovely seeing how much they had done in such a short time.

We arrived at Sally Matthews's garden which was quite a contrast, as the house is circa 1860's so there are some very old trees in the garden. By the main gate is a large crepe myrtle on one side and a large eucalypt on the other.



When Sally first moved in there was a salt water pool and with a lot of work, she has created a wildlife haven she calls a 'poolabong'. From the sound of the frogs they were certainly enjoying it.

We enjoyed a delicious morning tea provided by members A-L, and then went for a wander around the rest of the garden. Lots of deciduous and native trees dotted everywhere, many different rose varieties, fruit trees and veggie beds.

The clouds had rolled in while we wandered around, but so far the rain was holding off so reluctantly we left the Old Post Office for our next garden.



Our next garden is owned by Tracey Armstrong and Peter Sweedman. We have visited this garden 6 years ago when it was owned by a previous committee member Sue Quinnell and those that visited 6 years ago remarked how much everything had grown since then. Tracey and Peter only moved there in April, and are very much looking forward to seeing the garden during spring and summer. The garden is on a couple of acres, and has some quite tall trees. Around the house are different pergolas and garden rooms, and some lovely natives, some of which we had difficulty identifying. There are several outbuildings with interesting decorations, and when we walked to the back of the house we smelt the delicious chocolate scent of the chocolate vine.



Our next garden was just a short walk across the road and is owned by Lyn and Trevor Irving. Lyn and Trevor have lived there for 3 years, extending the veranda to take advantage of the stunning mountain views. They inherited some mature trees and hedges, but are slowly adding to them.

In front of the house, they call it the house paddock, they are adding more garden beds and have installed a walkway



planted with wisteria to complement the archway and fountain already there. Around the back of the house was a pool surrounded by more plantings with some interesting ferns.

And so it was time for lunch, which we had at the Araluen Campground, surrounded by majestic casuarinas. We finished a lovely day out with a raffle which was won (to his delight) by our Japanese guest.



AND THE RAIN WAITED UNTIL WE ALL WENT HOME.

The Braidwood Hospital Auxilliary Fete is on Saturday October 15. Would you please deliver your contributions of plants, cakes and jams to the National Theatre on Friday October 14 between 9am. Thanks in anticipation.

Gardens I have visited: RHS Harlow Carr Garden, North Yorkshire, UK

by John Tuckwell

There are so many wonderful gardens to visit when in the United Kingdom, but some of the most instructive are the Royal Horticultural Society (RHS) Gardens (further information at: <https://www.rhs.org.uk/>). Not only are they beautiful, but they often showcase new approaches, new varieties, and are full of planting ideas for all situations. Also, many of the plants are labelled which is great for those of us who often cannot remember the name of the plant, let alone the variety.

Perhaps the best known RHS Garden is the Wisley garden in Surrey, which is considered one of the world's great gardens. However, it is not the only one and we visited the Harlow Carr Garden near Harrogate in North Yorkshire.

Harlow Carr is a delight and showcases diverse landscapes with different garden styles and an extensive plant collection. The garden has expanded to cover more than 58 acres to explore. The gardens range from water features to woodland and wildflower meadows; from the lavish main borders, bursting with prairie-style planting, to the lush, moisture-loving plants around Streamside.

Harrogate is a lovely spa town and well worth a visit in its own right, and the Harlow Carr Garden is not the only garden there. There are also the Valley Gardens, a 17 acres English Heritage Grade II listed park-land, themed gardens, floral displays and historic buildings; and the adjacent Pinewoods, which is a further 96 acres of woodland with footpaths leading to Harlow Carr Gardens and Birk Crag an area of outstanding natural beauty.



Within the tranquil woodland



The exquisite main borders



Edwardian Garden illustrating the skills of Gertrude Jekyll



Streamside- an iconic part Of the overall gardens



Funky art abounds



Within the woodlands



Warning for those Gardeners traveling overseas

If you are like us, when traveling overseas, and like to buy packets of seeds of plants you cannot get here, then I have some bad news for you. As 8 July 2022 you can no longer bring seeds into Australia because of the risk of Khapra beetle, unless you have phytosanitary certificate which confirms that the seeds are free from any listed species of Trogoderma (for detail see: <https://www.agriculture.gov.au/biosecurity-trade/pests-diseases-weeds/plant/khapra-beetle/requirements-for-seeds>).

We had bought seeds and declared them, as you should, and they were confiscated. Disappointing, as including among them were some giraffe sunflower seeds which grow to 5m tall and would have been fun to have in the Garden Club's Sensory Garden in Ryrie Park.

How to make leaf mould?

GARDEN CLUB COMING EVENTS

November 10- Southern Highlands Garden Visit

December 8- Christmas Party Lunch

February 9, 2023- Speaker

March 9, 2023- Mongarlowe Gardens Visit

April 13, 2023- Bus Trip

WHAT'S ON

SEPTEMBER 17 – OCTOBER 16 – Floriade Canberra

OCTOBER Saturday 15 **Braidwood Hospital Auxilliary Fete**

OCTOBER Saturday 15- Sunday 16 **Braidwood Preschool Open Gardens – 6 Gardens open**

<https://braidwoodgardens.com.au>

OCTOBER Saturday 29 & Sunday 30 - **Bundanoon Garden Ramble- 8 Stunning gardens will be open.**

Eight stunning private gardens open their gates from 9:30-4:30 on the Garden Ramble weekend.

There are stalls and refreshments in the gardens and you'll find more plants and locally made items on sale in the Community Hall. A Garden Market in the Bundanoon Hall offers plants, gifts and art for sale while scarecrows pop up around the village for the Lions Club competition.

<https://www.bundanoongardenramble.org.au>

OCTOBER Saturday 29th & Sunday 30th

Bathurst Spring Spectacular - 10 Open Gardens. 9.30-5pm Live Music, Garden Stalls & Displays. 2 days-\$20

springspec@bathurstgardenclub.org.au For more information phone Chris Bayliss- 0499 049 29

OPEN GARDENS CANBERRA is an organisation which has seasonal gardens open for members and for visitors, with an entry fee. The autumn 2022 program was well attended with 4 gardens open to visitors and planning for the spring 2022 program is now underway with the first gardens expected to open in late October. Annual membership is \$30 and contact can be made through the website-

<https://opengardenscanberra.org.au>

MY OPEN GARDEN

These gardens are open regularly, or by appointment. Check the website for opening dates and times.

- 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
- Secret Garden and Nursery : Richmond
- Southern Highlands Botanic Gardens : Bowral
- Tablelands Trees and Shrubs Garden & Nursery : Cooma
- Wildwood Garden : Bilpin

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

THE PLANT OF THE MONTH

By Kate Chinnick



**Camelia
japonica**
“Brushfield’s Yellow”

- Found on the Chinese, Korean, Taiwanese & Japanese Islands
- Evergreen shrub growing to 3m
- Long lived
- Dark green glossy leaves
- Cream and yellow flowers in late winter to spring
- Shaded to semi shaded positions
- Frost hardy
- Propagate from grafting or cuttings in late summer to winter

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 bulb