

BRAIDWOOD GARDEN CLUB NEWSLETTER MAY 2023



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JUNE MEETING - Thursday 8th

A Talk by Tracey Bool on Propagation

Place: Meeting Room Servicemen's Club

When: 10.30 for Tea, Coffee & biscuits, 11am for Talk

Bring: Members with Last Names J-Z Bring a Plate of Lunch to Share, Wear your Name Tag

For our next Garden Club meeting we have the Canberra based Horticulturist Tracey Bool to talk to us about the Fundamentals of Propagation via Seed and Stem Cuttings, including a basic demonstration.

You may remember that Tracey spoke to us a while ago on drought-proofing your garden and ways to deal with climate change and more. She was very informative.

She grew up in Goulburn on a small farm and has always had a strong connection to the land, particularly through the home garden and the growing of fruit and vegetables.

Having studied Horticulture, she then began a career in the retail nursery industry, further developing her knowledge and experience of everything plant related, including permaculture techniques, organic gardening and growing and caring for native plants.

She has established a reputation as one of Canberra's leading Horticulturists, regularly giving talks, writing gardening articles and consultation work.

She will be very interesting. So, come and spend a few hours with fellow gardeners and bring your curiosity and gnarly garden related questions.

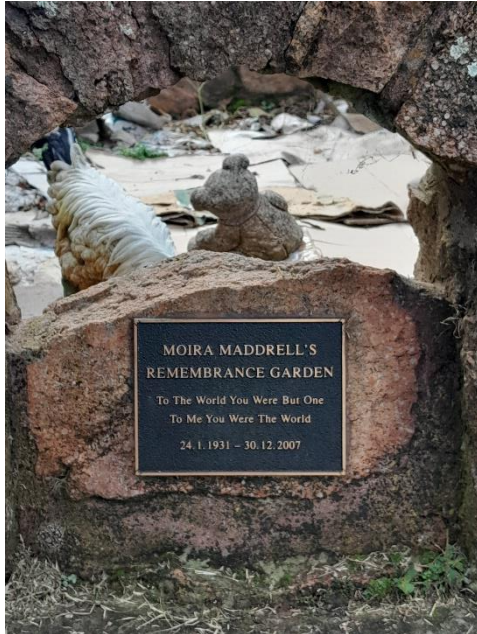
<http://www.traceyboolgardenwriter.com>

Report on Braidwood Garden Visits - Thursday 11 May.

Bronwyn Johnson

Provided with a perfect autumn day, we rallied a keen group of 35 members to carpool to 3 local gardens. Our tour began with a short drive to 'Garan Vale', where host John Maddrell gave us a warm welcome and a brief introduction to the peaceful old garden of his historic family property. Members enjoyed morning tea before strolling around the freshly mown green lawns, admiring the rural views and the many large old trees which still provide welcome shade in summer. John, a proud 92 year old, gave us a history of the property and the local surrounds. The Garan Vale woolshed, built in 1936 and with historic significance, was converted into a reception centre and sold in 2016. The stone front fence was built by a visitor to Garan Vale in 2003 and is recorded on a plaque on the fence.





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The group then moved on to our second garden 'Longsight' on the north-western edge of town. The house and garden date back to the 1850s, and currently comprise approximately 3 acres. The owner Samara first saw the property in winter 2016, when it had been empty for five years and the garden was very unkempt. Despite its inherent 'rambling charm', clearing overgrown sections and planting more appropriate species has been a huge and still continuing task.





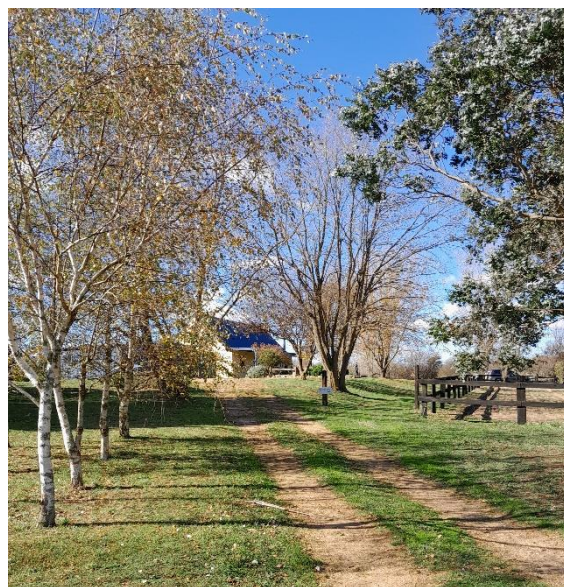
After removing old vegetation from the eastern boundary, a *Thuja plicata fastigiata* hedge was planted to provide privacy and separation from the neighbouring property, as well as an avenue of capital pears. The old driveway required repair and re-routing past the stables. As well as trimming the mature trees and shrubs, several years of weeding followed, such as removing impenetrable thickets of elm suckers and ivy at the front of the property.

The garden has now regained a sense of its original magic, and can only continue to improve as new plants become established. The garden along the eastern side of the house now has box balls and iceberg roses under-planted with munstead lavender. Another focus has been to open up the vistas to the surrounding farmland and re-establishing gardens at the front of the property. Garden rooms will be created, such as one created by maybush and box honeysuckle hedges. A lovely old property which will continue to improve as areas are restored and time continues to work its magic.

We are pleased to report that one of our members has recovered from her fall at this garden but it reinforces the need for signing the attendance book, for insurance and Garden Clubs Association requirements.

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Our final visit was to the productive property of Laurie and Inge Camilleri, in a picturesque setting close to Mount Gillamatong. Laurie is an experienced and knowledgeable vegetable grower, and his huge vegetable garden continues to yield a rich and varied produce to feed family and friends. Laurie (like a mature Peter Pan) led the group around his garden, explaining his techniques and dispensing advice – as well as gifts of garlic. So much valuable advice, emphasizing that knowledge of your soil, good seed/seedlings, the local climate – plus hard work and experience – can indeed yield an amazing harvest on a small acreage.



WHAT'S ON

OCTOBER Saturday 28th -Sunday 29th

Visit beautiful Bundanoon on Ramble weekend

Wander through eight gorgeous gardens, Browse the plant and gift stalls, Explore all Bundanoon has to offer. <https://www.bundanoongardenramble.org.au>

OCTOBER Saturday 28th -Sunday 29th

Bathurst Gardeners Club Spring Spectacular 9-5pm springspec@bathurstgardenclub.org.au

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THE PLANT OF THE MONTH

By Kate Chinnick



Aloysia triphylla

**(Lemon scented
verbena)**

- Native of Argentina, Uruguay & Chile
- Straggly semi-evergreen shrub
- Reaches a height of 3m
- Terminal flower clusters, pale lavender in Autumn
- Rough lanceolate leaves in whorls of three
- Strong scent of lemons when leaves are crushed
- Used for herbal teas and potpourrie
- Easily grown in sheltered spot in sun or part shade
- Propagate from cuttings in summer

What to do in the garden for June

- Camelias are blooming so buy new plants now
- Older Hydrangeas may be pruned now - remove older grey wood and reduce younger canes to a good pair of buds
- Plant new deciduous trees, shrubs, roses and vines
- Lift Dahlia tubers, divide and store in sawdust in dark dry area
- Houseplants should be moved away from heaters
- Do not allow vegetable plants to dry out
- Prune Pome fruits (Apple, Pear, Quinces etc.)
- A winter spray of pest oil or copper spray will clean up fruit trees
- Shred prunings and add to compost or mulch
- Remove any broken or crossed branches from trees or shrubs
- Rake fallen leaves onto beds or compost - don't burn