

BRAIDWOOD GARDEN CLUB

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Thursday December 14 – CHRISTMAS PARTY LUNCH from 11am

At The Braidwood Old Sunday School Hall, 68 Wilson St

A glass of bubbly on arrival & a delicious buffet lunch provided by Vanilla Catering from 12.30pm

The ever popular and mind extending garden related quizzes

Lucky door prize

Extra Special Christmas raffle

First Prize a 1 night's stay in the 'Shearers Quarters' at Mona Farm with a complimentary dinner.(valid till August 31, 2024)

Christmas Table Decoration competition

Must be home-made from natural, non-man made materials, candles(unlit) allowed

Charge: \$40 per head (a subsidised cost. \$45 for guest of a member).

The booking sheet is available at Bendigo Bank or you can book via direct transfer (BSB: 633 000 account number 118 346 444 - put 'Christmas lunch' in the reference section). **Bookings**

Bookings close online by Monday December 4

If you need more information, please email braidwoodgardenclub@gmail.com
or phone Rose DeMartin on 0439 412 134

REPORT ON THE MONGARLOWE GARDEN VISITS. November12 by Rose De Martin

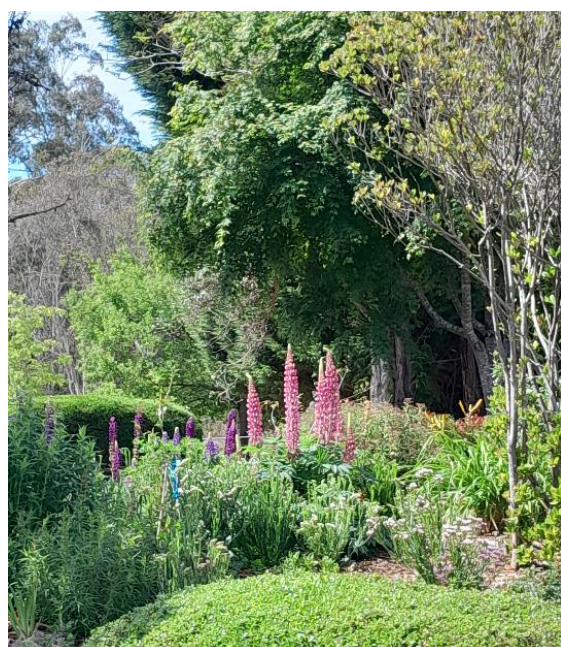
What a lovely day! 28 members attended our last garden visits at Mongarlowe where there was something for everyone.

The first garden belonged to Barbara and John Dawe and what an immaculate and large garden it is! On a gentle slope running down to a rill and across to the other side, with wide open lawn areas, mature trees under-planted with shrubs and flowers, colour-filled borders of bulbs and annuals, all mostly hidden from the road by an undulating clipped golden Cyprus hedge. At the back of the house a walked garden with espaliered fruit trees and a protected vegetable garden.

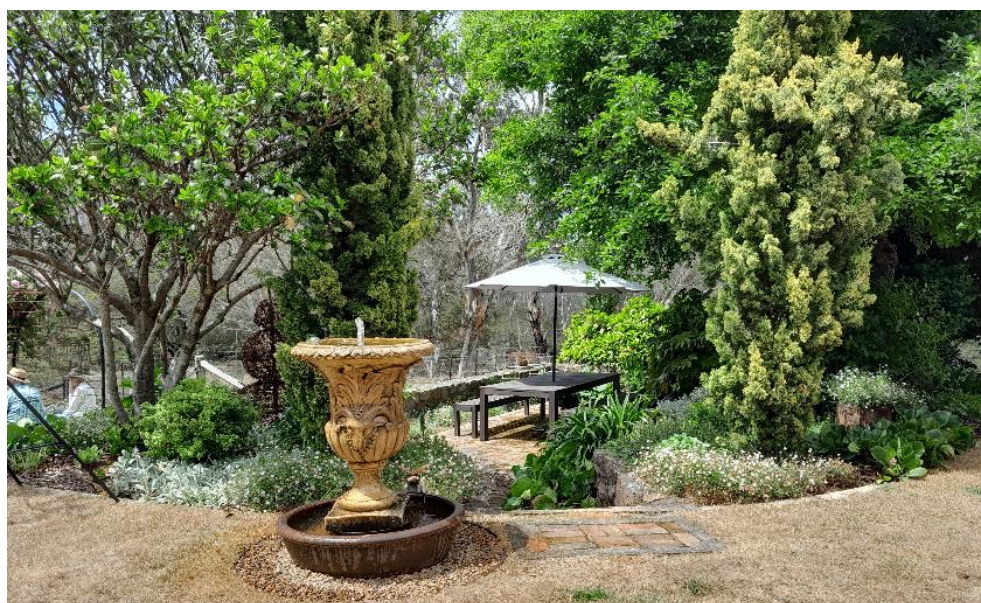
Outside this, more fruit and nut trees and an enviable asparagus

bed, and yet more vegetable plots. Barbara had potted up plants surplus to her needs which allowed those with plant envy to purchase and slake their thirst so to speak. This is a truly beautiful flowing garden to roam and ponder. Gardens are always a work in progress and constantly growing and evolving... a credit to you both.





The second garden, a short drive away, belongs to Bob and Sandra South, who have obviously worked hard in the past moving rocks! There are beautifully crafted - local to their property - stone retaining walls along the driveway and around the house, large sheltering trees and a magnificent rhododendron in flower. There are gardens and lawn areas on different levels, garden art (that wire grass tree!!) a huge fish pond fountain, sheltered nooks for outside dining and a wonderful vegetable garden. All this in a borrowed landscape of a creek gully with large eucalyptus and a horse in the paddock behind the house. Bob has learnt his lesson of not primping the garden for visitors when he overenthusiastically fertilised the lawn with glyphosate! Oops. Commiserations Bob, and a very big thankyou to you and Sandra for having us wander about in your charming garden and the welcome sign at the back.



The final garden - and all these gardens so different to each other - was a large bush block. We had lunch here sheltering from the not very much rain, (upstairs in a loft area with grand views through the trees and across the gardens). Parts of this bush garden have been gently tamed into 'found timber'-defined paths meandering past a chain of ponds down to a large dam, partly covered in pink and yellow water lilies. Above this is a huge covered, double fenced (!) orchard and vegetable garden. Closer to the house, on an old quarry site, are more open areas with both exotic and native plantings. There is also a covered outside entertaining area and a fabulous potting/mucking around in shed with cherished 'finds' of nests and rocks and bones in amongst nurtured seedlings and succulents. One thing however that we missed out on was seeing the waratah garden in flower, only one remained. There are plantings of bottle brush to provide windbreaks and colour and nesting sites for little birds. Thankyou Noela Hoerlein, for such hospitality in a wonderful bushy oasis.



We came away understanding that the Mongarlowe area receives quite a bit more rain than other parts around Braidwood!



MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS ARE NOW DUE

Please pay at Bendigo Bank – BSB-633 000 – Account Number 118 346 444 & add 'Membership in the reference. \$20 / year plus \$16 for a printed & posted newsletter. Unfinancial members may miss out on the newsletter!

2024 Garden Club Plans

8 February 2024 — Gardening As We Age, with Sue Tuisk

8 March 2024 – Governor General's garden Canberra

11 April 2024 – Local Gardens

9 May 2024 - Local Gardens Visit

13 June 2024 – Speaker at the Servicemen's Club

July 2024--- No Meeting

8 August ---- 2024 AGM

Nurragingly Reserve, Knox Road, Doonside. Sydney by Chris James

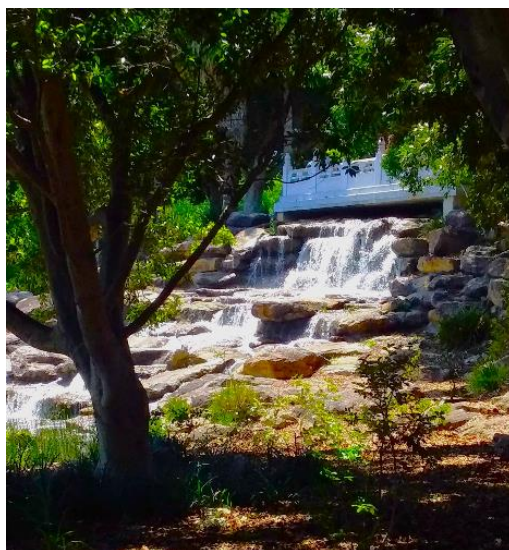
<https://www.blacktown.nsw.gov.au/Sport-recreation/Parks-and-recreation-directory/Nurragingly-Reserve>

We found this gem of a place when we had to wait several hours in Sydney. Accessed off the M7, it's a wonderful escape and well worth a visit.

A 63 hectare bush land park located in Doonside and it includes the Chang Lai Yan Chinese gardens, an Aboriginal heritage garden, miniature railway, water play space and play grounds for the kids.

There are lots of lovely sweeping lawns and paths meandering though, making easy access for wheel chairs or strollers.

There are three separate wedding gardens which feature pavilions and shaded areas. The wedding pavilion commands sweeping views of the lakes, the Chinese garden and waterfall.



There is plenty of seating with shade spread throughout the reserve and the miniature railway operates the 3rd Sunday of every month.



WHAT'S ON

FEBRUARY Friday 23-Sunday 25, 2024 - Royal Canberra Show

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

MARCH Saturday 2, 2024 Braidwood Show

<https://www.agshowsnsw.org.au/shows/all-shows/79-braidwood-show>

A message for all the Braidwood Girls- Breastsreen is in Braidwood at the moment so don't forget to book your appointment TODAY.

<https://www.breastscreen.nsw.gov.au/your-mammogram-appointment/screening-centres/wagga-wagga/braidwood/?locationId=6539&location=Yass>

THE PLANT OF THE MONTH

By Kate Chinnick



**Phlomis
russeliana**

- Native to western Syria
- Shrub growing to 1 metre
- Long stemmed heart shaped felted leaves (8-20cm long)
- Spikes of widely spaced pale yellow flowers
- Frost hardy but suffers in wet conditions
- Thrive in an open sunny location
- Propagate from soft tip cuttings or seed

What to do in the garden for December

- Plant summer and autumn annuals
- Remove weeds and top up mulch
- Watch for sucker growth from below the graft on roses and remove
- Dianthus can be layered or cuttings taken
- Finish pruning spring flowering shrubs
- Deadhead annuals and perennials to promote more flowers
- Take cuttings of Daphne, Grevilleas and Buxus
- Remove whippy growth from Wisterias
- Twist off finished Rhododendron flowers & spray for lace bugs
- Divide Bearded Iris if congested, plant new outside growth and discard old rhizomes
- Continue to make sowings of vegetables
- Prune stone fruits and thin fruit if too heavy
- Watch for Pear and Cherry slug - spray with Success or Dipel