

# BRAIDWOOD GARDEN CLUB NEWSLETTER

## September 2023

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### MEETING Thursday October 12, 2023

#### Visit to 5 Town Gardens in Braidwood

**WHEN:** Meet at 9.30 am in Duncan Street around the corner from Nutrien Real Estate (western side of Wallace Street). Please park in Duncan Street as the next gardens are on this side of town.

**BRING:** Morning Tea & Lunch. BYO chair and mug. Wear good walking shoes & your name tag

#### **Garden 1:**

The 'small but perfectly formed' garden of Philip Hart and Adam Robertson is located behind the Nutrien Real Estate premises. Thoughtfully designed and planted, it makes the most of limited space with flair and colour - a real gem. **We will have morning tea here.**

10.30 am - we will then drive to **Leona and Joe Casanova's garden**, in Ryrie Street.

#### **Garden 2:**

The garden has only recently been totally redesigned and planted with a range of varied and fascinating species. Whereas a couple of years ago the area was all grass, it is now visually stimulating and requires minimal maintenance. Few of the original plantings remain, apart from roses and a few bulbs. It shows what can be achieved in a short time with thought, planning and imagination, sensitive choices and harmonious design.

11.30 – we then walk next door to **Kerrin & Martin Glover's garden**, Ryrie Street.

#### **Garden 3:**

This garden has only been established in the last 10 years. The old site first needed to be cleaned up and the soil improved before the gardens could be laid out, fertilized and planted. The main focus is now on the production of fresh and healthy fruit and vegetables for the family table.

12.00 – we then walk next door to **Amanda & Ken Burton's garden**, Ryrie Street.

#### **Garden 4:**

This mature garden has developed over a long time. While the Burtons have been here for 10 years, the previous owners were in residence for more than 30 years. As a result of its long history, the garden contains mixed plantings ranging from bulbs and annuals, a vegetable patch, native and exotic shrubs and trees, with a wide expanse of lawn dominated by a magnificent old ash.

12.45 – back to vehicles - drive to the **Courtenay-Crombie garden**, Duncan Street (corner of Elrington Street). (Please park carefully, in either street but clear of driveways and traffic).

#### **Garden 5:**

This is an historic garden which includes several plants of considerable age. The garden has been sensitively restored by the current owners, while still retaining a number of original trees and shrubs. Classic species (which we may recall from grandparents' gardens) are included among the more recent additions. A delightful and peaceful oasis in the centre of town.

**We will have lunch here. BYO chair and picnic lunch.**

### **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!

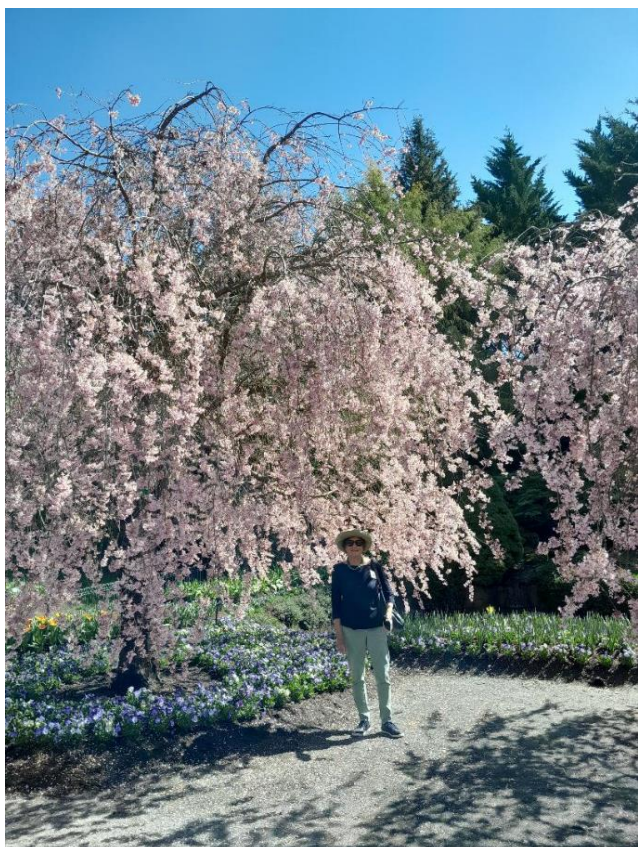
## **REPORT ON THE VISIT TO TULIP TOPS GARDEN - Thursday September 14**

It was in perfect sunny spring weather last Thursday that 7 BGC members arrived early to visit the gardens, with only a small crowd present. It was just the second day of the season's opening, which extends to Sunday October 15, so some flower beds were in full bloom while others have been planted to be at their best later in the season. The pristine garden presentation was a sight to behold and how beautiful were the tulips, the blossom trees, the daffodils, the pansies, plants edging the larger beds.

A table had been reserved in the cafeteria for our club and with free tea and coffee, we enjoyed a respite after a wander in the gardens. The wine company Contentious Character has a wine bar and will supply hampers to order and to enjoy under trees in the garden at set up tables or on a picnic rug.

If it is possible, do visit Tulip Tops before it closes for the season.

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





The Braidwood Hospital Auxiliary is holding its Annual Fete this year on Saturday 14th October. The Auxiliary would be so grateful for any contributions for our Plant Stall from the Garden Club Members. Donations can be brought to the National Theatre either on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> October or on the day of the Fete, or we can pick them up. Please call Sue Tuisk if help is needed with plant contributions. Ph 0413 841 645

## Scaevola aemula – Fairy Fan-flower by Bronwyn Johnson

*Scaevola aemula*'s common name relates to the appearance of this versatile plant's dainty flowers. In the wild it is distributed along the NSW and Victorian coast in the form of a low-growing perennial herb. In cultivation it may be either low growing or ascending in height, sometimes up to 60 cm, often sprawling over rocks and other plants. Where necessary its shape may be easily controlled by pruning.

Flowers appear from spring to the end of summer, spreading along the stems among the soft green leaves. The delicate fan-shaped flowers come in the colour range of purple, blue or mauve, with a bright white or yellow centre. Several cultivars of the species are available, extending the colour range to white and pink



This versatile species is now more readily available, as it should be, considering its fast growth rate and prolific flowering season. It attracts birds and insects, may be grown in pots or garden beds, and the low-growing forms have potential as ground covers.



'A mauve form of *Scaevola* aemula

Propagation may be by seeds or cuttings, although seeds need to be sown fresh. Cuttings need to be semi-ripe, placed in a sand-filled container and kept at warm temperatures. *Scaevola aemula* prefers well-drained sandy soil, a sunny position and regular watering.

Note: **This species is frost-sensitive**, although given a warm position sheltered by nearby plants or trees, several happily survived in my Bombay garden for a number of years (see picture).

P.S. The species name '*Scaevola*' may have a colourful derivation. Gaius Lucius Scaevola was a legendary Roman hero who demonstrated his courage by thrusting his right hand into a blazing fire and holding it there. His bravery was rewarded by a grant of land, and being given the name Scaevola, meaning "left-handed". The fan-shaped *Scaevola* flowers could perhaps also be interpreted as "hand-shaped"?

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### **10% discount for on Braidwood Rural Mitre 10 Garden & Greenlife products**

Braidwood Garden Club members are eligible for a 10% discount on Braidwood Rural Mitre 10 Garden & Greenlife category products (note: some products in those categories which are already at reduced prices do not get a discount).

Braidwood Rural Mitre 10 has a list of current members, and you should only have to give your name and state you are a Braidwood Garden Club member to receive the discount. For those with accounts it should be automatically applied.

Thanks to Braidwood Rural from Braidwood Garden Club and we are very appreciative of this ongoing discount for its members.

**BRAIDWOOD RURAL MITRE 10**

### **WHAT'S ON**

**SEPTEMBER 23 – OCTOBER 22** Spring Festival at Mayfield Garden

<https://mayfieldgarden.com.au>

Visitors to the Festival between 23 September and 22 October will once again get to experience the full 65 hectare garden - including the 50-hectare private family estate.

### **OCTOBER Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> -Sunday 29<sup>th</sup>**

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 28<sup>th</sup> -Sunday 29<sup>th</sup>** The Illawarra/Shoalhaven Festival of Roses in Jamberoo.

**Location** :Jamberoo School of Arts, **Address** :30 Allowrie Street Jamberoo Ph 0422 157 353

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**OCTOBER Saturday 28th -Sunday 29th**

Bathurst Gardeners Club Spring Spectacular 9-5pm

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## **THE PLANT OF THE MONTH**

**By Kate Chinnick**



**Magnolia  
soulangeana**

**(Tulip Magnolia)**

- Bred in France, a cross between *M. denata* & *M. liliiflora*
- Deciduous low branched tree or large shrub
- Flowers appear before the leaves in Spring
- Has big simple leaves
- Flowers are pollinated by beetles
- Many different coloured cultivars
- Prefers well drained acid soils rich in humus
- Does well in light shade
- Does not need pruning as will destroy natural shape
- Propagate by taking cuttings in summer or seed in autumn

### **What to do in the garden for October:**

- Prune flowering shrubs as they finish flowering
- Azaleas should be clipped back & any dead growth removed
- Choose new Azaleas & Rhododendrons while in flower
- Roses will respond to fertilizer
- Check Roses for fungal problems & mulch to retain moisture
- Nip out Sweet Pea shoots as they reach top of supports
- Gladiolus corms can be planted at two weekly intervals (90 to 100 days to flower)
- Dead head annuals and bulbs (don't remove foliage)
- Feed all bulbs with a high potash fertilizer
- Plant Pea and Bean seeds and erect supports
- Plant out Lettuce, Cabbage etc.