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# Braidwood Garden Club Newsletter

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*My new arbour*

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## **Editor's Note**

Week 2 of retirement and I have changed my walking routine. I now walk past different gardens in town. I love hearing the magpies sing and watch small birds flit about. I'm still on the lookout for interesting flowers, and have just noticed how well kept are the municipal garden beds. They keep improving every year thanks to the hard work done by Barbara and her team. I am now spending a lot of time in my own garden, weeding and getting beds ready. Chris bought us a new arbour, and we are covering it with winter flowering clematis and kiwi fruit. I still have a million bulbs from Tesselaars to plant, and am dividing extra plants to make room for them. I love that a garden is an ever changing place.



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*To plant a garden is  
to believe in  
tomorrow." – Audrey  
Hepburn*

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## Committee News

What is a garden club, but a place for like-minded people to share ideas and information. This week we held the AGM at the Club. Around 30 members came to out the luncheon meeting, with a few new members attending. The 2024 committee was declared void and positions vacant. Margaret Tuckwell conducted the election with Dot Willcoxson re elect President, Jane Moore Scretary and John Tuckwell as Vice-President. Treasurers are Leo Richard Jolley. Fran was re elected as web coordinator and Sunita and Erika re elected to committee. The tables were beautifully decorated with seasonal flowers. Committee men made great soups and desserts. The AGM was followed by a general meeting. Fran show presentation of all the events we attended this year. Please know that the committee would appreciate any ideas for club activities. You can add any ideas to

<https://braidwoodgardenclub.org/contact-us/>

Committee meetings are usually the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of the month at 10am, and all are welcome to join at the Club. The next meeting is Wednesday 27 August.



*Australian Midyim Berry*

## Community Garden News

I feel like Mole from *Wind in the Willows*: the urge to garden is surging. With the moon waning, it's now time to weed and mow the grass. I have many donated plants and divided plants from my garden to place somewhere in this garden. The broad beans look better now and the strawberries, hidden by the grass, are becoming stronger. This week I hope to plant some grape vines. There is a berry bed in which I have planted Australian bush berries (see photo) Unfortunately a wombat is making holes in the community garden. The garlic is growing and we will soon be able to plant vegetable seeds. Come by and have a look.



*Hospital Garden*

## The Hospital Fete needs your plants

The Braidwood Hospital fete will take place on Saturday 18 October at the National Theatre. It is a day to get in there early if you want the choicest plants which come from everyone else's garden. The committee would be grateful for any donation of potted up plants and seedling which are crowding your gardens.

Please deliver your plants to the National Theatre on Friday 17 October

Reminder: all submissions for this newsletter to be sent to [theboxgirl@gmail.com](mailto:theboxgirl@gmail.com) by the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month

**If you see good looking plants at your location and would like them included in this newsletter, please forward a small photo with description to [theboxgirl@gmail.com](mailto:theboxgirl@gmail.com)**

*Committee members: Dot Willcoxson, Jane Moore, Leonie & Richard Jolley, Fran Woods, John Tuckwell, Sunita Kotnala, Erika Mordek*

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## Plants around town



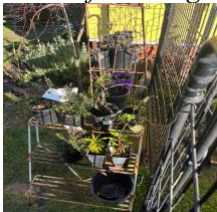
*Daphne Odora*



*Erigeron or Fleabane*



*Winter flowering clematis*



*Plants for fete*



## In the gardening world

**Garden Clubs of Australia** is the site to go to if you are travelling interstate and would like to know about events on your journey: <https://gardenclubs.org.au/>

### **October 4: [Maleny Garden Club Spring Fair](#)**

*Maleny Showgrounds Pavilion 13 maleny Stanley River Road, Maleny, QLD, Australia* Come along to the Maleny Garden Club Spring Fair at Maleny Showgrounds pavilion. There will be open gardens and a garden market featuring a variety of plants and products from Queensland nurseries.

### **October:** Braidwood Open Gardens

### **October 18& 19:** Goulburn Open Gardens

<https://stoga.org.au/goulburn-spring-gardens/>

This is the first Goulburn Open Gardens. 8 gardens are on show. The website above has all the information. \$5 per garden. \$25 for all gardens

### **November 1: [New England Garden Festival](#)**

*New England Garden Festival Barney Street, Armidale, NSW, Australia*

The 2025 New England Garden Festival (NEGF) will be held at the Armidale Racecourse on the first weekend in November, offering plenty of gardening activities, demonstrations and stalls for gardeners!

## 2025 Garden Club Planned activities

- **11 September**

We are pleased to welcome Rohan De Britt from Searles to speak about cool climate gardening. We will be meeting at the Braidwood Servicemen's Club on Thursday September 11 at 10:00am. We will begin with morning tea, provided by members L – Z, followed by the talk.

- **16 October** – Bus trip to Berry Open Gardens; price is set at \$50
- **13 November** – Braidwood Ridge Gardens
- **11 December** Christmas Party and catering by Vanilla

## Book of the Month

### About the Garden EMagazine

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

So this is a website that some of our garden club members visit regularly and recommend.

Great gardening tips.



### If you missed out on those August jobs

- Prune and spray Roses later this month
- Plant new bare rooted Roses (soak in seaweed solution before planting)
- Plant summer and autumn flowering bulbs
- Winter flowering shrubs can be pruned now
- Prune and feed Daphne after flowering
- Prune Crepe Myrtle, which flowers on new wood
- Cut ornamental grass clumps to the ground
- Perennials may be divided as the weather warms up
- Prune Jasmines and summer flowering Clematis
- Prune Hydrangeas to two strong buds
- Spray Peaches and nectarines for leaf curl
- Plant Onion seedlings, Asparagus crowns & Spinach seedlings
- Check herbs for dividing and replanting
- Prepare vegetable beds for spring planting

### Kate's Tips – What to do in 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 Camellias, Rhododendrons, 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

### Plant of the month

#### Chaenomeles Speciosa (Japonica, flowering quince)

- Native to China
- Deciduous shrub, many branched
- Tough springy branches are often thorny
- Very frost hardy and adapt to many garden situations
- Flowers appear in late winter or early spring, pink, red, white and orange
- Yellow green fruits are strongly perfumed and make good jams and jellies
- Cut back older branches each year
- Propagate from cuttings in early Summer

