

# BRAIDWOOD GARDEN CLUB NEWSLETTER

## JULY 2025

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### Editor's Note

I take my early morning walks in the frost swiftly. I stride on the new footpaths, down Coronation and Duncan, and turn left at Angela's house. I used to walk down Garvey and past the community garden, but these days it's too muddy a journey. On my way I hear the birds, and I get to view gardens. Daffodils are poking out of the ground in the garden on Duncan and Elrington (I've forgotten the lady's name; Jenny?). I can see small changes in people's yards. It is a quiet and special moment of the day.



Oorong circa 1997

### Committee News

Please remember that Committee meetings are usually the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of the month at 10am, and all are welcome to join at the Club. This month it will be Wed 23 July. Membership year runs according to the financial year. So memberships are due and can be paid as per follows: Account Name: Braidwood Garden Club  
BSB: 633 000  
Account Number: 118346444  
Or you can pay at the AGM in August. Fee is still \$20

## Community garden news

Oh it's too cold, but Max (my son) and I have been weeding. Lots of small birds and the herons have been flying about, and frogs are croaking everywhere.

We have plans to put in a lot of vegetable seeds for the spring; unfortunately the broadbeans I planted earlier in the year are looking very sad. There are lots of parsley seedlings coming up here and there. Parsnips are also growing underground. But no spinach (eaten) or silverbeet (didn't come up). We have had to erect some fences to stop the wildlife eating the greenery.



## 2025 Garden Club Planned activities

- 10 July - no meeting
- 14 August - Annual General meeting at the Club.
- 11 September - talk on cool climate gardening by Rohan de Britt
- 16 October - Bus trip to Berry Open Gardens
- 13 November - Braidwood Ridge Gardens
- 11 December Christmas Party and catering by Vanilla

**July meeting:** none this month

## August meeting: Annual General Meeting - 14 August

This year's annual general meeting will be held at the Braidwood Servicemen's Club. As last year, it will be soups and desserts made by some members. Fran is making a film of this year's activities. Application forms for committee positions and the agenda have already been sent out. Please be there at 11am.

**In the gardening world -** [Click on the link to find out more](#)

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

24 July Thursday talk - Australian Botanical Gardens

*Anke-Maria Hoefler*

Frog-tastic facts: Bringing local croakers into your mind (and into your garden)

#### **October4: [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

#### **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!

No photos this month as I have been away and it is too frosty!

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)

### **BOOK OF THE MONTH**

#### **Gardening Australia Magazine**

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

I don't buy many magazines, but since I've become the editor of this newsletter and re joined the Garden Club, I thought I'd keep myself up to date. At just under \$9, it is a little expensive every month, but is packed with ideas. On the other hand you can always go to their website.



## Kate's Tips

Just in case you haven't gotten around to doing the following in July

- Remove flower buds from spring annuals for better displays
- Rhododendrons, Azaleas & Camelias will need watering leading to blooming
- Prune Wisterias and deciduous climbers
- Prune later flowering shrubs (not spring flowerers)
- Order summer flowering bulbs - Lilliums etc.
- Clean up prunings from fruit trees and mulch
- Sow Globe Artichoke and Asparagus seeds
- Clean and sharpen secateurs, loppers and saws
- Sand and oil (linseed oil) wooden handles on tools
- Turn over vegetable beds for spring plantings
- Watch for pink bud swell on early Peaches & Nectarines & spray for leaf curl with copper or lime sulphur

Read on for

## What to do in August

- 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

## Plant of the month – Narcissus (Daffodil)



- Native to Europe, Asia and North Africa
- Hardy bulbs which are easy to grow
- Many cultivars have been developed
- Have been divided into 12 divisions, depending on variety
- Flowers in winter and spring
- Flower colours come in white, yellow, red, orange or pink
- They enjoy full sun in cool areas and partial shade in warmer
- Propagate from division or seed in Autumn
- Allow leaves to die down before removing

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