

BRAIDWOOD GARDEN CLUB NEWSLETTER

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Editor's Note

I think winter is here. Suddenly the days are cold, and the breeze is not pleasant. I resigned from work the other day, but it will be another 2 months before I finish. However I am happy to have had holidays in which I tended my garden by cutting back perennials and removing branches. Means I don't have to do two weeks of work in 2 days. Happily it has been raining and the pond at the club is slowly filling up. I recently came back from Bali, and it is interesting to note that they don't specifically grow flowers in their backyards; they focus more on vegetables; specialist flower growers on the edges of the town grow flowers their offerings.



Ubud Rice paddies

Committee News

Next meeting is Wednesday 28 May at the Servicemen's Club. 10am. Please come join in the discussion or just listen. Then you can join them for lunch.

Community garden news

Winter is here. Trees newly planted have settled in and I have put guards around them to stop either the wallabies or the hares de-barking them. We've had a couple of people help us recently, and donating water irises. The greenhouse was again pulled over by vandals, but I've rebuilt it with poly pipe. We have chamomile and erigeron growing in there now. Betty Bradley also recently donated a planting table and a large barrow.



2025 Garden Club Planned activities

- 12 June - Garden Bric-a-Brac @ the Club - Entry by gold coin donation
- 10 July - no meeting
- 14 August - Annual General meeting
- 11 September - TBC
- 16 October - Bus trip to Berry Open Gardens
- 13 November - Braidwood Ridge Gardens
- 11 December Christmas Party and catering by Vanilla

June meeting - Thursday 12 June 2025 - 10am

Garden bric a brac swap morning.

Where: Ex Servicemen's Club.

Entry: Gold coin donation at the door. It's a swap table rather than bric a brac being for sale. However you need to bring along anything garden related eg plants, pots, books, old tools, ornaments, produce from your garden.

Morning Tea: Members A-K

BUS TRIP TO EUROBODALLA - a message from Fran

Photos are up from our May bus trip to Mogo and Eurobodalla Botanic Gardens. You can find them at: <https://braidwoodgardenclub.org/pixt/bgc94/index.html>

I didn't take many photos at the gardens as I used up my energies walking the red path with the Tuckwells. It was rather challenging. They went on to visit more of the gardens while I staggered back to the cafe and indulged in a nice lunch enjoying the company of Dot, Charmian, and others. If anyone has photos of the gardens they'd like to share send them to me via email (or dropbox) and I'll add them to the gallery.

Fran

Any queries at braidwoodgardenclub@gmail.com.

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/>

Yates Gardening Club: if you buy Thrive you might like to check out this website <https://www.yates.com.au/garden-community/>

June 1: [Logan Eco Action Festival \(LEAF\) 2025](#)

Griffith University Logan Campus 68 University Dr, Meadowbrook, QLD, Australia

Celebrate sustainable living at the Logan Eco Action Festival (LEAF) at Griffith University's Logan Campus on June 1. This free community event at Meadowbrook, on the southern outskirts of Brisbane, aims to raise awareness of key environmental challenges and inspire positive change through a line-up of talks, seminars and exhibitors.

June 21: [Esk Garden Fair](#)

Old Esk Railway Station Brisbane Valley Rail Trl, Esk, QLD, Australia

On June 21, the Esk Garden Fair returns to Pipeliner Park in the picturesque Somerset region of South East Queensland. Visitors can look forward to a vibrant day of gardening inspiration and creativity.

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!

Plants in Bali

I took some photos while I was walking around. More often than not there were flowering trees within the home precincts. Our driver told us that growing flowers was done in large plots and supplied everyone for their thrice daily offerings.

At the coffee plantation some trees were still in flower, and the turmeric plant is not the same as the one I grow here, more of a tree.

Some of the flowering trees looked familiar, but I didn't get their names.



Frog eats snake



Unknown



Taken at the coffee plantation



Flower being looked after by ants

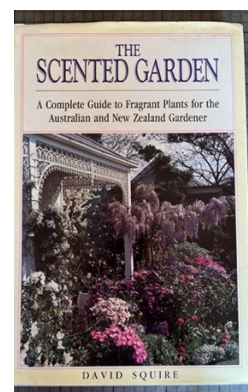


Tumeric flower

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

BOOK OF THE MONTH

The Scented Garden by David Squire. Another oldie but a goodie. What is a garden if not scented? For generations we have grown flowers not only for their beauty but for their fragrance. Generations have made pot-pourri or fragrant bags for storing places in order to stave off insects. This is a guide specifically for Australia and New Zealand



Kate's Tips

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

- Evergreen shrubs can still be moved
- Spring flowering Camelias can be disbudded for larger flowers
- Tulips and Dutch Iris can be planted now
- Pinch back spring flowering annuals to strengthen growth
- Tidy Hellebores & apply a complete fertilizer + dolomite lime
- Monitor vegetable crops for pests and weeds
- Seedlings of Asian vegetables can be sown till mid May
- Prepare beds for Onion seedlings in late winter
- Plant new Strawberry plants
- Tie up sweet Pea plants
- Rake up fallen leaves and compost
- Try not to buy plastic wrapped early Roses as the frosts will burn them

However read on.....

What to do in 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

Plant of the month – Nerine Flexosa (Spider Lily)



- Native to southern Africa
- Hardy bulb, sometimes evergreen
- Sturdy stems to 60cm
- Bears clusters of narrow reflexed petals in pink or white
- Has narrow strap like leaves
- Prefers full sun with well drained soil
- Propagate from seed or offsets in autumn
- Plants do not like to be disturbed
- Propagate from division or basal cuttings

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