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APRIL/MAY 2017 NEWSLETTER

Welcome to new and returning members: Janette Anne Whitehead, Alan McKay, Liz Mendes, Judith Black, Linda Fuller, Joy Adams, Karen Stocks, Karen Tomlinson, Tony Keech, Liz Nakhla, Sarah Fairhurst, Jenny Dunn.

Thank you to Edwina and Robert Foster for allowing the club to visit their garden for our first meeting of the year. It was a very hot day but many members braved the conditions. Thank you to Graham and Lesley Carter for letting the club view their garden. Graham shared his wealth of knowledge on propagating.

MEETINGS: Our meeting on April 2 will be held at the garden of David and Judy Pennells, 90 Windemere Road, Robin Hill at 2pm. David and Judy have only lived in this beautiful location for three years, and have enjoyed the established plantings and lovingly restored many gardens and added their personal touch. The prostrate conifers are an outstanding feature as is the small productive orchard.

Windemere Road is a right turn off the Mid-Western Highway (road to Blayney) and proceed to the very end. Parking will be in the cul de sac at the end of Windemere Rd, and then enjoy a wander up the magnificent driveway to the home. Drop off will be up the driveway and proceed to the level area behind the home. There is only limited shade in our meeting location.

Our May 7 meeting will be held at the garden of Ton and Betty Peeters, 9 Hassall Grove, Kelso at 2pm. Hassall Grove leads off Tareena Avenue. Ton and Betty have lived here for only three years and have established a wondrous display of Australian natives which is very gratifying as they are not "native" themselves. However, they have certainly demonstrated how to select and enhance our wonderful plants. Ton and Betty owned and ran the Cranebrook Native Nursery near Penrith for 28 years and another nursery at Warrimoo simultaneously. There is very little shade in such a young garden.

For both meetings, please bring a chair and a plate of food to share for afternoon tea. For enquires regarding meetings, contact Kathy Annis-Brown on 0403 398 366.

MEMBERSHIP FEES: Membership fees are due by the end of March 2017. Fees can be paid at club meetings, sent to PO Box 1049, Bathurst 2795 or paid by direct deposit. The club's bank details are: BSB: 637 000 ACCOUNT NUMBER: 713853828 (Greater Building Society). The fees are \$15 per member or \$20 if joining as a new member (includes \$5 joining fee).

A reminder that this is the last chance to pay fees before we stop sending out newsletters to non-financial members. Membership fees ensure that you continue to be covered by insurance, to receive this newsletter, to participate in Club activities and receive the discounts offered by garden suppliers.

TRIPS: ORANGE - SATURDAY APRIL 8 COST \$60: Visit five Orange gardens of varying sizes. There will also be time to visit Orange Botanic Garden. Morning tea and two course lunch included. If you don't already have your name on the list and would like to go, please contact Judy or Chris Bayliss. 6332 2560 or 0409 710 055. Email - jcbayliss@bigpond.com

Money can be paid by direct deposit to the club's account or by posting a cheque (details on previous page). Please arrive at Bathurst McDonald's Car Park at 8.30am for 8.45am departure. We will be returning to Bathurst at approximately 4.45pm

LEURA GARDENS - THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 28 COST \$65 This is a pre-festival tour. Four private gardens with a tour guide for the day. These are gardens which will not be included in the Festival.

TASMANIA - NOVEMBER 7-13: Beautiful gardens, historic homes, arts and crafts, local food and wildlife in the Launceston, Deloraine and Mole Creek areas. Deposit of \$600 per person to be paid to Ella at Bathurst Travel Centre in William Street by March 31. Total cost will be approximately \$1800 per person. For more information please contact Judy or Chris.

NB. Ella is only collecting deposits on our behalf. For specific questions, you will need to talk to Judy or Chris. Contact details above.

AUTUMN COLOURS HERITAGE WEEK: The Garden Club will have a stand at Old Government Cottage May 13 - 14. For more information go to autumncolours.com.au then click on Heritage Week then click on Bathurst Artisan Trades Trail.

SENIORS VISITS: The visits will start in April with Cheraton (Bathurst Masonic Village), Bathurst Seymour Centre and Illumba Gardens (The Whiddon Group) taking part in the weekly visits to member's gardens over Autumn.

OLD GOVERNMENT COTTAGE GARDEN: Working bees will be held from 8.30am on the first Monday of the month. Contact Peter Varman on 6332 4443 for more details.

COMING EVENTS: Wild Meadows Garden 2017 Garden Workshop Program - 243A Cox's River Road Little Hartley. For inquiries or bookings contact Steve on 0439 070 670 or email stephenvella70@gmail.com. Cost is \$40.00 per person per workshop. Bookings essential.

Gardening with Streptocarpus - tips on how to grow these indoor beauties. The presenter will have some plants for sale at the workshop. April 28, 9am to 12noon

Designing your Garden - tips on garden design that are functional and rewarding with productive plants, e.g. fruit, vegetables, herbs and flowers. May 26 – 27, 9am to 12 noon

Hardwood Cuttings - learn methods of propagating trees and shrubs in winter with hardwood cuttings, using nursery industry methods that won't fail you! June 23, 9am to 12 noon

Garden Presentation from David Kennedy - David has been growing specialized plants in his Katoomba garden 'Clover Hill' for many years. The PowerPoint presentation will demonstrate what he has achieved at his new Little Hartley property 'High Fields' in a short period. June 24, 9am to 12 noon.