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APRIL/MAY 2018 NEWSLETTER

Welcome to new members: Cherrill and Michael Burrey, Brianne McCarthy, Jessie Davidson, Ellen and Owen Bennetts and Mel Parker.

Thank you to Michael and Cherrill and Shirley and John for opening their gardens for our February and March meetings respectively.

MEETINGS: Our April 1 meeting will be held at 12 Diamond Close, Kelso. The garden owners, Tom and Elizabeth, moved in five years ago with little more than the tall trees and cement edging. The garden started out quite formal, however due to various plant failures, it has taken on a feature of its own. It is a quarter acre block in which it is a delight to entertain family and friends. The main focus in the garden is the gazebo which can sit 16 people comfortably and the view each evening towards Mt Panorama is quite magnificent. Take Sydney Road to Harvey Norman, Kelso. Turn left into Ashworth Drive, 200 metres along take first left into Diamond Close, number 12 is on the right.

The May 6 meeting will be held at the garden Sol Y Vista ("Sun and View") owned by Sandra and Greg at 42 Wigmore Drive, Robin Hill. Sandy and Greg have been the custodians of this garden for approximately seven years. The original builders of the garden had a love of low maintenance, fragrances and herbs. This suited Sandy and Greg because neither of them considers themselves a gardener and most of the work they have done they'd call "clipping and snipping". They have tidied up their two acres, constructed a front fence, established several fruit trees, a couple of veggie beds and planted natives where possible, to encourage the birds and stay low maintenance. Greg loves his chooks and both Sandy and Greg love seeing them roaming the garden. However, they harbour suspicions about those TV home and garden shows where you see chooks roaming freely through beautifully immaculate gardens: Real chooks just love to scratch up gardens! Directions: Turn right off Blayney Road into McDiarmid Street, then left into Wigmore Drive. There is plenty of parking within the property on grass around the pile of boulders (a future sculptural installation).

Both meetings will commence at 2pm. Please bring a chair, a cup and a plate of food to share for afternoon tea. For enquires regarding meetings contact Elizabeth Gilchrist on 0416 115 796

PHOTOS: Please be aware that photos are taken at Garden Club meetings and these photos may be posted on Facebook and the Garden Club Webpage.

MEMBERSHIP FEES: Membership fees are due by the end of March 2018. They 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).

TRIP: Chris Bayliss has volunteered to be our tour and trip organiser. Thank you, Chris.

The first trip for this year will be to Nutcote (May Gibb's home) on Thursday May 17. Members will need to make their own way to Circular Quay. We plan to travel by the 10.25am ferry to Hayes Street Wharf, from which there is a short walk to Nutcote. Our tour will commence at approximately 11am, with a video and house tour, followed by lunch at 12 (tea/coffee, sandwiches and cake) after which there will be time to explore the garden. Cost will be \$20 per person with an extra charge of \$1 per person for gluten or dairy free.

Following the visit to Nutcote, we will return to Circular Quay where members may choose independent activities for the afternoon; an option being to visit Wendy Whiteley's garden at Lavender Bay. (Entry to this garden is free). Members will need to make their own arrangements for the trip home. Karen will have a sheet at the April meeting for you to put your name down for this trip if you are interested.

Payment will need to be made on or before the May meeting. If you wish to pay by EFT transfer, the Club's banking details are mentioned on the previous page. More details will be available closer to the trip e.g. where and when to meet at Circular Quay. Chris will **not** be available between March 21 and April 23. He can be contacted before or after these dates on 6332 2560.

COMING EVENTS: The Country Women's Association Kandos Branch Presents: Kandos Garden Fair- Every Garden Tells a Story. April 7- 8, 10am - 4pm. There will be eleven open gardens, market stalls, garden talks, food and entertainment. Tickets \$20 for all gardens, or \$5 per garden. Tickets are available at www.visitmudgeeregion.com.au , at the Box Office 84 Market St Mudgee, or call 6372 1020. More information www.kandosgardensfair.com . For enquiries call 0417 029 457.

Collectors Plant Fair April 7- 8. Hawkesbury Race Club, 1 Racecourse Rd, Clarendon NSW. This year the fair will be bigger than ever with over 90 specialist growers from all across Australia. For more information phone Linda Ross 1300 133 100, convenor@collectorsplantfair.com or www.collectorsplantfair.com.au

The Nimmitabel and District Garden Club Presents: Autumn on the Monaro - Open Gardens and Plant Fair, April 21-22 at Nimmitabel and Bibbenluke. Morning tea is provided. There will be rare and cold climate plants, masses of delicious food, new and old books and magazines, garden art and furnishings. For enquiries, call Pat Nichols on 6454 6351. Cost is \$30 and school age children are free.

Rise Up Tours and Travel is organizing: Festival of Roses 2018: 5 days / 4-night small group, English speaking guided tour of Bulgaria (Sofia, Kalofer, Karlovo, Kazanlak, Stara Zagoro) from May 31-June 4, 2018. Price is \$1,095 twin/double share. Fully inclusive tour.

Contacts: www.riseuptours.com.au or sales@riseuptours.com.au

Macleay Valley Travel Pty Ltd are offering the following tours: Singapore Garden Festival: 8 day conducted tour of Singapore gardens. Tour departs Australia on July 19 and returns July 26. Cost is \$2,995 twin share (Single supplement is \$495.00). Tour includes airport taxes and levies, return air fares from Sydney with Qantas, accommodation, breakfasts, entry to some gardens, three different tours of Singapore, all transport and transfers, prepaid gratuities to main guides and drivers, and the services of local tour guides. Enquiries: info@macleayvalleytravel.com www.macleayvalleytravel.com or phone 6562 6699.