

# Bathurst Gardeners' Club Inc.

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## FEBRUARY/MARCH 2017 NEWSLETTER

**Happy New Year!** A thought for 2017: “The most noteworthy thing about gardeners is that they are always optimistic, always enterprising, and never satisfied. They always look forward to doing something better than they have ever done before.” - Vita Sackville-West

Welcome to new and returning members for 2017: Bronwyn Merrick, Robin Keates, Judy Rodenhuis, Faye Tighe, Jan Reedy, Leeanne McCulkin, Michael Reece, Isobel Lancashire. Karen Mitchell, Fiona Ogilvie and Lyn Haley

At the Annual General Meeting held December 4, 2016 at Miss Traill's garden, the following members were elected to the Bathurst Gardeners' Club Committee:

### Committee for 2017

President	Karen Granger
Vice President	Peter Harvey
Secretary	Susie Perrott
Treasurer	Terri Crumpler
Publicity & Newsletter	Jenny Meenahan
Ordinary Members	Elizabeth Gilchrist and Peter Varman

### Organisers and Assistants

Assistant Secretary	Kathy Annis-Brown
Assistant Treasurer	Judy Bayliss
Monthly Program	Kathy Annis-Brown
Tours	Chris and Judy Bayliss
Gifts	Don Stafford
Afternoon Tea	Gwen Stafford, Sue-Ellen Molloy
Seed Bank	Susie Perrott
Attendance Book	Yvonne Thurtell
Raffle	Gwen White, Yvonne Thurtell and Peter Varman
Spring Spectacular Co-ordinator	Heather Hanneman
Facebook Master	Karen Granger
Archives	Val Hart
Web Master	Peter Harvey

**MINUTES:** Minutes from the meetings of the Bathurst Gardeners' Club Committee will be available on the Garden Club website once approved: [bathurstgardenclub.org.au](http://bathurstgardenclub.org.au)

**MEETINGS:** Our first meeting for 2017 will be on Sunday, February 5 at 2.00pm in the expansive garden of Edwina and Robert Foster. This garden is located at 465 Rockley Road, Perthville. Travel to Perthville and turn left over the bridge and travel 4.65 km to “Chatsworth”, located on the left. Continue up the gravel driveway, admiring the birches; keep right of the garage, following the parking signs, and park in the paddock east of the house. Edwina and Robert have lived at “Chatsworth” for

25 years and have designed the entire garden themselves, now hosting weddings and major functions. They specialise in English box hedges, special roses, and a wonderful display of camellias. There is an ample undercover entertaining area, so a damp day will not deter us.

The March 5 meeting will commence at 2.00pm. We will be visiting the productive garden of Graham and Lesley Carter at 17 Wellington Street, Eglinton. Graham and Lesley have lived on this site, but not this home, for 40 years and have attended the various plant markets for over 25 years. They specialise in exotics, and all things green will be for sale. We will have the opportunity to see Graham demonstrate propagating from stem cuttings and seeds as well as a large variety of bulbs. The tale of the original home, the well, and the huge protected pine at the entrance will enthral us all.

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. 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).

**GARDENERS' CLUB MEMBER DISCOUNTS** are available from Churches Garden Centre (10% except seedlings); Riverside Nursery (10% except seedlings and potting mix); Australian Native Landscapes; and Books Plus (gardening books only). Current Club membership card must be shown to obtain discounts.

**COMING EVENTS: The Wildwood Garden 2017 Autumn Season:** March 24 to June 12. For all bookings, please ring 0417 042 460. Wildwood Garden is located at 29 Powells Road, Bilpin, NSW.

**The Melbourne International Flower and Garden Show:** March 29 to April 2 at the Royal Exhibition Building and at Carlton Gardens. For enquiries, phone (03) 9864 1111 or email [info@melbflowershow.com.au](mailto:info@melbflowershow.com.au) or visit [melbflowershow.com.au](http://melbflowershow.com.au). Daily tickets for the show are on sale now and cost \$27 for adults or \$22 for concession holders.

**Wild Meadows Open Garden:** February 11 to 12 at 243A Cox's River Road Little Hartley. Open 9.30am - 3pm. \$8 entry.

**Wild Meadows Garden 2017 Garden Workshop Program:**

**January 27 and 28:** Propagation - learn how to grow your favourite plants successfully from cutting. 9am - 12noon.

**February 24 and 25:** Organic Gardening - about organic pesticides, fertilizers, compost and ecosystems. 9am - 12noon

**March 24 and 25:** Perennial Borders - learn how to create a colourful, flowery perennial border. 9am - 12 noon.

**March 26:** Garden Photography - An eye for detail, suitable for beginners or enthusiasts with SLR, compact or phone cameras. Learn tips and tricks to help capture beautiful images. 9am - 12noon.

For enquiries or bookings contact Steve on 0439 070 670 or email [stephenvella70@gmail.com](mailto:stephenvella70@gmail.com). Cost is \$40.00 per person, per workshop. Bookings are essential.

## **President's Report 2016**

I would like to thank all Bathurst Gardeners' Club members for a wonderful first year as Club President.

The contribution by over 180 members this year has been amazing, from attending monthly meetings, creating sumptuous cakes, slices & sandwiches...to the trips enjoyed thanks to Ted & Coral, thank you.

With the size of our club now, & it continuing to grow each meeting, the help provided by everyone volunteering their time is even more important & what makes ours such a wonderful club.

To continue the meetings we enjoy I would hope that some of our new members feel comfortable & confident within the club to come forward and contribute their skills & talents in 2017.

The year has been a learning curve for the Committee & assistants with many new members, we learnt as we went, together, with the guidance of long term members for support.

I would like to thank ordinary members Val & Chris, Judy for continuing with the treasurer's position & Jenny for ongoing newsletter work.

Vice President, Peter, for his support from the many different islands throughout the year. Special thanks to Susie for her role as Secretary. As we became immersed in enquiries, letters and procedures at the beginning of this year, we learned our new positions as we went & I would have found my role much harder without her help.

The Committee has had many organisers & assistants keeping the wheels turning behind the scenes. Anne coordinated another successful Spring Spectacular, with the combined effort from her committee & helpers. Kathy has done an excellent job sourcing meeting locations. Don, Gwen & Sue-Ellen setting up our afternoon tea's and gifts for hosts. The raffle tickets & prize ladies Yvonne, Terri & Gwen.

Thank you also for the continued encouragement starting the Seniors Visits this year. This was a project I had a personal interest in starting & I really appreciate the sharing of member gardens with the Community Centres, bringing smiles to their faces, thoroughly enjoying the garden visits.

I look forward to an exciting & inspiring 2017 for the Bathurst Gardeners' Club.

A year of continued sharing of knowledge & friendship by volunteering our time and experiences with each other. Making our club what it is today.

Thank you, Merry Christmas & Happy New Year.

Karen Granger

President