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OCTOBER/NOVEMBER 2017 NEWSLETTER

Welcome to new members: Peter and Janelle Matus, Brent Snedden, Judith Carpenter and Lynn Hewitt.

Thank you to our August guest speaker Cathie Hale, from the Bathurst Wholefood Co-operative. Cathie explained the aims of the Co-operative and spoke on how club members could become involved in the Wholefood Co-operative.

Thank you to Robyn Ward for allowing the club to visit her garden for our first spring meeting. It was a very, very windy day but we were fairly sheltered in Robyn's lovely garden.

MEETINGS: Our October 1 meeting will be held at 2pm at the home of Wendy and Andrew Wells, 11 Wattle Close, Kelso. Take Illumba Way, turn into Coolabah Close and find Wattle Close on your right. Parking will be in the cul-de-sac with entry to the garden via the left side gates to the back section of the garden. Andrew and Wendy have lived here just five years and have been challenged by this relatively new suburban area, the knowledge of soil type, drainage and appropriate plantings. We will enjoy the favoured maples, water features, restful soft colours and of course Wendy's woman cave.

The November 5 meeting will be held at 2pm in the large garden of Karen and Scott Mitchell, 87 Morrow Place, Robin Hill. Take the Blayney Road, turn right into McDiarmid Street, left into Wigmore Drive, right into Morrow Place and drive to the end of the cul-de-sac. Parking is only on the street with drop off available up the drive near the home. Karen and Scott have been developing this large five-acre garden for 3.5 years, enjoying the mature trees and magnificent views. As we gardeners do, they have planned many exciting projects to keep them busy. Karen enjoys different areas with different themes; has convinced herself that brown is the new green; thus, creating delightful areas including the animal kingdom for their children.

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

LEURA GARDENS: Thursday, September 28. This trip is now full. If you would still like to come email Judy and Chris on jcbayliss@bigpond.com in case there is a cancellation. (Or phone them on 6332 2560 or 0409 710 055 after September 19). We will be meeting at McDonalds car park opposite Bathurst Aquatic Centre, Elizabeth Street at 7.30am for a 7.45am departure. Lunch will be at Wentworth Falls Country Club at own expense. We have made a booking for all of you at Wentworth Falls Country Club. They will provide a buffet lunch for \$15 per head. If you do not wish to have the buffet lunch please let us know as we have to confirm numbers with the club. We should be back in Bathurst at around 5.30pm.

SENIORS VISITS: Now that spring is here Karen will be contacting all the Senior Citizen's Centres for dates and times, to start visits to members gardens rolling. If you would like to host a visit, please contact Karen on 0417 066 515.

BATHURST SPRING SPECTACULAR: (A Country Garden Ramble) October 28 and 29

Volunteers: Thank you to all those members who have volunteered to sit at gardens over the Spring Spectacular Weekend. Sitters are still required so if you can help please contact Sarah Fairhurst sfairhurst66@gmail.com or phone 0419 825 635.

Launch: The launch of the Spring Spectacular will be held at Miss Traill's House on Thursday October 26 from 5.30pm for 6pm. Wine and canapes, all garden club members are welcome.

Spring Spectacular Plant Stall: All Gardeners' Club members are invited to sell plants at Miss Traill's House during the Spring Spectacular. We donate one third of the sale price to Miss Traill's House and two thirds is returned to the grower. There have been about 10 growers in recent years and we'd love to have more growers and more plants to sell. This year a *Garden Market* is being held at Miss Traill's so our presence will neatly complement the other stalls.

Simply pot-up spare plants or bring any potted plants you no longer need to Miss Traill's House garden on the Spring Spectacular weekend. We need your initials and the price you're asking on separate labels (e.g. paddle-pop sticks) in each pot. If unsure, just ask at the next Gardeners' Club meeting.

COMING EVENTS: Forbes Open Gardens: One day only on Saturday September 30 from 9am-5pm. Eight gardens open. Wrist bands are sold at the first garden only, lists, maps included at the Forbes North School Vegie Garden, Thompson/York Street. \$20 covering all gardens or \$5 per garden.

Robertson Open Gardens: October 7- 8, 10am to 4pm. Explore 7 beautiful local gardens. \$5 per garden, \$20 for all gardens, tickets and information available from 8:30 at the Community Technology Centre. For more information www.robertsonopengardens.weebly.com

Berry Garden Festival: October 12-15, 10am to 4pm. Eight wonderful gardens. Refreshments available at designated gardens, as well as plant and garden ornaments stalls. Tickets available at all gardens and Apex park. \$20 for all gardens or \$5 per garden. For more information www.berrygardens.org.au

National Gardening Week: October 8-14. A new and exciting addition to the Australian gardening calendar was launched at the Melbourne International Flower and Garden Show Australia - Dig In & Celebrate! National Gardening Week is open to everybody – people of all ages, organisations, businesses, local communities, local councils, schools, etc. The community is encouraged to participate and celebrate gardening in any way. Throw a garden party, visit a local park, join a garden club, plant a tree, visit your local nursery or just spend a day relaxing on the lawn.

Galston Open Gardens: October 20-22, 9:30am to 4:30pm. Tickets available on open days at the Galston Club, or at any of the open gardens. Tickets are \$20 for all gardens or \$5 for individual gardens. For more information www.galstongardenclub.com.au

Wellington Open Gardens: October 22, 9.30am to 5pm. In conjunction with Wellington celebrating the 200th Anniversary of the discovery of the Wellington Valley, the Wellington Garden Group will feature six open gardens around historical homes. For more information phone Jennifer Wykes 0471 427 839 or www.visitwellington.com.au

CanAssist Christmas Lunch at the Bathurst RSL on November 16. Tickets will be available shortly. Tables of 8-10 or single bookings welcome. Cost is \$35 per person for a 2-course meal including tea and coffee. Great raffle prizes. Contact Barbara Piddington on 6332 1036 or nakiska@aapt.net.au for tickets.