

# Bathurst Gardeners' Club Inc.

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## APRIL/MAY 2016 NEWSLETTER

Welcome to new members for 2016 - Lorraine Clifton, Jo Simpson, Roslyn Marks, Barry Anderson, Susan Turner, Jenny Stuart, Vicki Byrnes, Robyn Stapleton, Elizabeth Gilchrist, Lesleyann Collins, Sally Bennetts and Deborah Ryan.

Thank you to Kathy Annis-Brown and Ray Berry for allowing the club to visit their lovely garden for our first meeting of 2016. Thanks also go to Peter and Janelle Matus for letting the club visit their garden "Tara" at Rockley. We had a great role up of members for such a hot day.

Thank you to Terry Crumpler and Gwen White for volunteering to help with the raffle this year.

**MEETINGS:** The April 3 meeting will be held at the garden of club member Lorraine and Ted Inwood, "Tranquillity" 16 Locksley Station Road, Locksley. Lorraine and Ted have lived at their beautiful haven for over 20 years and have established a wonderful garden to explore. Beautiful conifers, deciduous trees, formal garden, covered walkways leading to hideaways and all highlighted with Lorraine's garden art.

From the Great Western Highway, turn right into Littlebourne Street at Kelso, continue on the O'Connell Road for 6.3 km, turn left at Tarana Road and continue approx. 14km. Parking will be roadside, with a drop off point down and around the circular drive for those who require this facility. We will hold the meeting in the formal area.

On May 1 we will visit the garden of another club member Barb Mactaggart and Norman Wise, 205 William Street, Bathurst. Barb and Norman have lived at this historic 100-year-old gem for over 13 years, inheriting a range of terraces, large trees and formed garden beds. Barb has enjoyed using her horticultural and ecology skills to enhance the site with fresh ideas forming an eclectic garden boasting many rooms. Parking is available on William Street and Rocket Street, entry through front gate on William Street.

Meetings will commence at 2pm. Please bring a chair, a cup and a small 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 2016. 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).

**NAME BADGES:** Garden Club name badges can be purchased at Fifty 8 George. As the name suggests this is at 58 George Street, Bathurst.

**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.

**GARDEN CLUB TRIPS: Cairns:** A seven-day six-night trip to Cairns is being finalised for August 9 to 16. It is planned to include coach transfers to and from Sydney, return flights to Cairns, four-star accommodation, visits to private gardens, public gardens including the superb Cairns Botanic Gardens, tropical wetlands, city sightseeing, the world-famous Daintree rainforest, Mossman Gorge, a day trip to the beautiful terraced gardens at Lake Barrine, markets and a visit to the picturesque village of Kuranda up on the escarpment by scenic railway with the return journey skimming the tops of the rainforest in the cable cars of the Cairns Skyrail. There will be a free day for you to enjoy your choice of the many other attractions that Cairns and the Barrier Reef have to offer.

Seven full breakfasts will be included, together with three lunches and a farewell dinner. The cost for this trip providing 20 or more travel, will be \$2,100 per person twin share (single supplement \$780). When booking, it is vital that the name given be exactly as shown on your proof of identity (such as your driver's licence or passport).

Because of the difficulty in securing airfares, a deposit of \$900 per person will be required at or before the May meeting (1st May) with the balance payable by the date of the June meeting. Payments can be made to the club's bank account (see first page for details).

After May 1 there can be no refunds so travel insurance is strongly recommended if not already held (as an example, cover for a 70-79 year old with no pre-existing conditions is available for \$77.00)

**Springtime:** A one-day coach trip to a beautiful springtime garden at Mount Wilson is planned for September. More details later.

**Overseas:** For those who wish to combine spectacular gardens with an overseas trip, Ross Garden Tours [www.rosstours.com](http://www.rosstours.com) have tours to the Singapore Garden Festival in July, New Zealand in October, Europe and many more destinations. Travelrite International [www.travelrite.com.au](http://www.travelrite.com.au) has lots of special interest tours including garden tours to Europe, New Zealand and Australian destinations.

**COMING EVENTS:** CWA Kandos Garden Fair April 2 and 3. 12 open gardens and guest speakers - Costa Georgiadis (ABC Gardening Australia), Diego Bonetto (wild food forager) and Fiona Ogilvie (The Land). For information [www.kandosgardenfair.com](http://www.kandosgardenfair.com) or phone 0417 029 457.

The Collectors Plant Fair at Hawkesbury Race Club, 1 Racecourse Road, Clarendon. April 9 and 10. For more information visit [collectorsplantfair.com](http://collectorsplantfair.com)

**OPEN GARDEN:** 15 Acre garden open to the public on April 15, 16 and 17 from 10am to 4 pm, proceeds to cancer research. Entry \$10, food and plant stall (plants from Hillandale Nursery) available. Address 39 Heifer Station Lane, Borenore. Phone 6362 6946 for enquires.