

The Bathurst Gardeners' Club Incorporated



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**With the cooler weather Autumn
is a good time for being busy in
the garden. See Fiona's article
for some great tips.**

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Closing Date for Contributions to next newsletter 10th May, 2023
NB - slightly earlier deadline than usual

PRESIDENT'S REPORT JANUARY 2023



I am very happy to see the beginning of Autumn, my favourite season. Still lots flowering in the garden and new things popping up all the time. I find this a good time of year to work in the garden, it's not so hot.

This is a great time of year for dividing and propagating plants, and I am hoping many of you have potted up plants for the Heritage Trades Trail which is on the 15th and 16th April. If you can't drop plants off on the day, between 7.30am and 9am at the Showground, Karen has once again generously offered to accept plants at Scott Mitchell Plumbing, bottom of Russell St.

There will be a trailer left out the front for plants to be stored and Karen will get them to the H.T.T.. This event is a great opportunity to promote our Garden Club and also inform people, of what grows well in our area. If you would like to be involved with HTT, please contact Susie, she is doing a roster for the weekend of HTT and we could use some extra helpers please.

Plants should have 2 paddle pop stick labels, one with plant name and one with initials of grower and cost. 1/3 of sale price goes to the club and 2/3 to grower, or you can donate all funds as many people do.

Another promotion we are involved with as a club is the welcome to new Bathurst residents, which is on Sunday March 26th at the Visitors Information Centre. The council is hosting a lunch to welcome new Bathurstians and to inform them of what is available for their information and enjoyment. I know when I first came to Bathurst 30 years ago, I felt a bit lost. I joined the Garden Club and through the club I have met many wonderful people, gone on some wonderful trips and learnt and gained from the knowledge within the club. Mind you, I did lose a lot of plants that I brought here from Sydney, they just didn't tolerate our severe winters.

Another source of information for gardeners, Bunnings is going to host some "Garden Corner" meetings every 4th Wednesday of the month from 11am -1pm. Some of our members went last month where the topic was succulents, the next meeting 22nd March is all about growing vegetables. It would be good to support these meetings if any of you are free on Wednesday's.

We've had 2 meetings so far this year, Anne and Norm Bromfield's at Yetholme and Genevieve Spence's garden on Gilmore St. We've had great turnouts for both meetings with lots of new faces which is nice to see. We really appreciate our members making us welcome in their gardens, it does create a bit of work for our garden owners, as they obviously want to have their gardens in the best shape, when they have lots of people coming to look at it. So thank you Anne, Norm and Genevieve.

If anyone knows of nice gardens that would be good for a Garden Club meeting or for Spring Spectacular, please let one of the committee know.

April/May 2023 Newsletter

Some of the committee have set up new email addresses in an effort to make contact easier, and for continuation and availability of all correspondence for office bearers. They are as follows

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If anyone needs reimbursement for monies spent, please email Genevieve our treasurer, for a reimbursement form which,, when filled in, will provide Genevieve with all necessary details for recording and forwarding payment to your bank account. Of course all expenditure will have to be approved by either the garden Club Committee of the Spring Spectacular sub- committee.

Our next meeting will be at 306 Back Swamp Road, Graham Humphries home, which is off the Orange road, **2nd April. THIS IS A DAYLIGHT SAVING CHANGE DAY.** The garden is a farm with a eucalypt lined driveway, 2 big kidney shaped gardens with conifers and deciduous plants.

May meeting will be on 14th May as I will be overseas and Karen is busy with the Bathurst show which is on the 1st weekend. Details of this meeting will be in Karen's calendar further on in the newsletter.

An issued raised at last meeting was garden etiquette, while most members know about our policy on this matter and are very respectful of the gardens we visit, someone was walking in a garden bed and had to be asked to get off it. Also we don't take cuttings or any garden matter without the consent of the garden owner and don't leave any rubbish behind. These are the basics and most everyone is very mindful, we don't want garden owners dreading the thought of us visiting!

On a happier subject, the Spring Spectacular committee has been working very hard, organising advertising, insurance, flyers, sponsors, contacting other garden clubs and actually organising and sorting of gardens to be on show. There are many details to attend to and we have a wonderful team on the job. It is coming together very nicely.

Hope everyone is enjoying this wonderful Autumn weather, we could use some more rain though. If you have discovered something, new or interesting pertaining to gardening, drop us a line or mention it at our next meeting, the club is our collective knowledge and friendship through gardening, very special.

Happy gardening

Terri



One of our lovely Bathurst
Gardeners' Club Spring
Spectacular gardens for 2023.
Thanks to David and Ann Weal
for offering their beautiful
garden.

April and May Meetings

From Karen Mitchell

2nd April 2023, 2pm

Location: "Millwood", 306 Back Swamp Road, The Rocks.

Host: Graham Humphries

You will be welcomed into Graham's Property by a beautiful Gum tree lined driveway. Graham has a large garden on his farm that has lovely staggered trees and traditional style garden beds which delight all year long.

We thank Graham for welcoming the Bathurst Gardeners' Club into his garden.

Directions and Notes: Go on Orange Highway. Go over bridge at Dunkeld (Evans Plains Creek) continue on flatish road. Before the road starts to go up hill there is a white sign "Back Swamp Road" on the left. There will be a Green Garden Club Flag placed on the highway.

Continue along the country road and the property is on the right hand side - 306 Back Swamp Road



Please Bring:

Your chair, cup and a plate of food to share
Tea and coffee will be served.



Note Change of Date from usual first Sunday of the month
14th May 2023, 2pm

Location: 525 Mid Western Highway, Robin Hill

Host: Philippa Thompson

Welcome to a hidden sanctuary. As you wander through the garden under the canopy of 40 plus year old trees which effortlessly sit amongst an amazing array of structures, planting and landscaping, the garden opens up and just keeps giving. I am very honored to share this garden with fellow members.

Directions and Notes: (Blayney Road) Before Cherry Lane on the LEFT- Flag will be placed near the Letter Box.



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Please remember that all garden club meetings are to be attended by financial members and approved member guests.



From the Secretary - Susie

Collectors' Plant Fair Weekend of April 15-16, 2023

Hawkesbury Race Club, Clarendon, NSW

Whether its slipper orchids, angel trumpets, unusual salvia, cactus, veggie seeds, super rare house plants, succulents and a few cool indoor-plant celebs. We couldn't be happier with who's coming and the range of plants on offer

Tickets available at <https://www.collectorsplantfair.com.au/tickets/>

Garden Clubs of Australia Biennial Convention & AGM:

Hosted by Toronto and Districts Garden Club on September 10-15th 2023.

The GCA Biennial Convention and AGM 2023 will be held in beautiful Lake Macquarie, just 90 minutes north of Sydney, 40 minutes south of Newcastle and at the gateway to the Hunter Valley Wine Country. When you come to the convention you will want to stay a little longer to enjoy all this region has to offer. Easily accessible by car along the M1 Pacific Motorway. Travel by train on the scenic Central Coast & Newcastle Line or fly to Newcastle and hire a car or to Sydney airport and link to the train

Early Bird registrations received before 31st March 2023 will go into the draw to win a tour of Lake Macquarie for two by trike. There are three hundred places available for this convention, plus accompanying partners. Registrations will close on 30 June 2023 or when 300 members have registered. This is necessary due to venue capacity limits. Book now and don't miss out.

Optional extra: Order Tulloch Wines. Enjoy wine from the Hunter Valley and Tulloch Wine will donate 20% of wine sales to support the convention, see separate order form on the website.

Find us on Facebook or visit our web site: www.torontoanddistrictsgardenclub.com.au

To be a good guest in another gardener's garden, please follow these common rules of courtesy.

Take care to arrive at the arranged time for the visit. Exercise care and consideration for others when parking. Park only where indicated. Check that garden owners are happy for you to take photographs. Stay on pathways or mowed lawn areas. Stay within the garden area. Observe signs and directions. Leave flowers, all plant material, plant labels and all garden property as you found them. Do not collect, remove or eat any plant material. If you wish to know the identity of a plant, please ask. Do not walk in mulched or planted garden beds, climb trees, wade in water features or block pathways. Do not disturb containers, fountains, statuary or water features. Do not feed animals, fish or birds. Respect the privacy of the garden owners - do not peer in windows or any enter any buildings without permission. Take out what you take in - please don't litter.

Your observance of these courtesies to garden owners may determine if we, and indeed other groups are welcomed back to these gardens.

Annual Club Membership

It is now time for us to renew our membership. If you have already renewed your membership we thank you very much.

Membership is due by March 31st.

Annual Membership is \$20.00 per person and can be paid by cash or cheque to PO Box 1049 Bathurst or to the Treasurer Genevieve at the April Club meeting

Our Bank details are as follows:

Greater Bank, BSB: 637 000, Account No: 713853828

It is always helpful if your name used as a reference so we know who the payment is from.

We look forward to your ongoing membership.

Thanks to Anne,
Norm and
Genevieve for
sharing your lovely
gardens

A few pictures from our February and March meetings.



Thanks to
Don
Stafford
for the
photos.

Oberon Autumn Colours trip Thursday 13th April.

A self-drive tour of five lovely Oberon and Black Springs gardens for members of Bathurst Gardeners' Club. Schedule as follows:

8 am Meet at McDonalds carpark off Elizabeth Street (opp. Manning Aquatic Centre) for car pooling.

(Directions will be provided at the carpark.)

8.10 am Depart for Oberon via Great Western Highway and Littlebourne Street, Kelso.

9.00 am Arrive at Garden 1: 200 Albion Street, Oberon. (Oberon members meet at this garden.)

10.00 am Arrive at Garden 2: 'Gairloch', 27 Blenheim Ave, Oberon . Morning tea provided at this garden – please bring a cup, chair and \$5 cash donation.

11.00 am Arrive at Garden 3: 20B Blenheim Ave, Oberon.

12 noon Arrive at Oberon RSL Club for lunch (bistro – own expense).

1.15 pm Depart Oberon for Black Springs

1.40 Arrive Garden 4 Garden 4: 68 Reserve Ave., Black Springs.

2.40 Garden 5 ' Swatchfield', 69 Swatchfield Road, Black Springs

3.40 Return to Bathurst. (Or stop off in Oberon for afternoon tea).

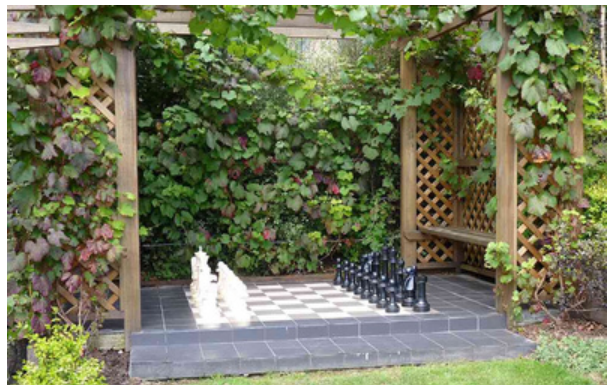
NB: For insurance purposes, participants must be members of Bathurst Gardeners' Club Incorporated.

RSVP - FRIDAY 7TH APRIL

PLEASE CONTACT CHRIS BAYLISS IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN THIS TRIP -

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Gairloch Garden

Bathurst Gardeners' Club Spring Spectacular Report April-May 2023

The BGCSS Committee met on 6th March. All positions have been filled with most 2022 members returning. Chris Bayliss has agreed to chair this Committee again in 2023. The Committee comprises Chris Bayliss (Chairperson, Insurance, BRC liaison and Music), Jo Deane-Butcher (Sponsorship), Dianne Thurling (Publicity and Facebook), Judy Bayliss (Website, Brochures and Coaches), Lorraine Griffin (Catering and Garden Owners Liaison), Anne Bromfield (Plant Stall), Kate Baigent (Volunteers Roster and Tickets) and Brian Fox/Peter Varman (Signs).

Chris distributed a letter from Andrew Gee MP, congratulating Bathurst Gardeners' Club and the SS Committee specifically, on winning the BRC's Australia Day Destination Event of the Year Award for the 2023 Spring Spectacular. This Award carries a prize of \$2 000 worth of advertising from 2BS and Central West Village Voice.

The very popular plant stall will again be located adjacent to the Bathurst Visitor Information Centre and members are asked to once again begin propagating and potting up plants for the stall which raised a significant amount of money last year.

At this time of writing, we have seven gardens confirmed.

Thank you to confirmed sponsors/donors (at this time of writing) – Terri Crumpler, Jo Deane-Butcher, Churches Garden Centre, Mitre 10, Terry James Landscapes, Norm Bromfield and Premium Wine Negiciasto P/L – your support is very much appreciated.

Online ticket sales and publicity (a big thanks to BVIC) will again be happening this year, also over-the-counter sales at BVIC and in the gardens. Please put the weekend of 28-29 October in your diaries, contact Kate Baigent (0408 703 341) to volunteer as a garden sitter and let all your friends know.

Chris



Thank you to Fiona for these Autumn tips.

Relief from summer's heat makes autumn a busy season for gardeners. There's lots to do, starting with pruning. Recent growth in Bathurst has been phenomenal- our trees seem to have doubled in size in the last six months, though that's probably my imagination.

This is the perfect time to cut back large summer flowering shrubs like buddleias, hardy hibiscus (*H. syriacus*), deciduous ceanothus (blue 'Gloire de Versailles' and pink 'Marie Simon') and evergreen *Eleagnus x ebbingei*. This large shrub has silvery undersides to its leaves and miniscule flowers in late summer with a penetrating and distinctive scent – halfway between sugar and spice, like very expensive soap.

Although it can reach 5 metres it's easily tamed with an annual cut, and being virtually drought proof it makes a beautiful hedge.



1. Deciduous ceanothus 'Gloire de Versailles' flowers for many months during summer.

Pruning is a good excuse to take semi ripe cuttings. Apart from our own ever demanding gardens, the Spring Spectacular organisers are always looking for plants to sell.

Take 15cm. lengths of stem from this season's growth, if possible with a 'heel' – the bit where the stem is attached to the older wood below it. Remove all but a couple of leaves at the tip, dip the cutting base into hormone rooting liquid (this produces stronger roots), make a hole in the potting mix with a pencil, push in the cutting and firm it down.

Keep cuttings damp under a sheet of plastic or a plastic bag; a dehydrated cutting is a dead cutting. New shoots mean new roots, which is when you transfer the plants to their own pots, to grow on until needed.

Autumn propagation includes sowing. Broad beans can be sown around the equinox (21st March). Sow quick growing sugar snap peas now to snip all winter to flavour soups and salads. Sweet peas sown now will race away next spring and flower in early summer.



2. Broad beans can be sown now to harvest next October.



3. Always save your sweet pea seeds – you often have a nice surprise!

Autumn is the ideal month for planting in districts with hot, cloudless summers. While our last three summers were warm and wet, we all know that's not likely to last.

Autumn planting gives plants time to settle down and grow enough roots to get them through next summer, which they'll certainly need if water restrictions are tightened. Bare-rooted trees and shrubs, including roses, can wait till winter but I like to get other plants in now; anyway, it's a perfect excuse for nursery visiting.

Finally, plant a few hyacinths now for lovely colour and scent in the kitchen in July.

4. Plant hyacinth bulbs now and put into a dark corner to flower indoors in midwinter. Remember to keep them damp



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Thanks to Fiona Ogilvie – Gardening Writer for 'The Land'

Calendar for 2023

MONTH	MONTHLY MEETINGS	OTHER BATHURST GARDENERS' CLUB ACTIVITIES	OTHER GARDEN CLUBS AND ORGANISATIONS EVENTS
APRIL	<p>Sunday 2nd April, 2pm. 306 Back Swamp Road, The Rocks</p> <p>NB - Daylight Saving Ends</p>	<p>Trip to Oberon. Thursday 13th</p> <p>Heritage Trades Trail Saturday 15th Sunday 16th</p>	
MAY	<p>Sunday 14th May, 2pm. 525 Mid Western Hwy, Robin Hill</p> <p>** NB - change from the usual first Sunday of the month.</p>		
JUNE	<p>Sunday 4th June, 2pm. Panthers, Piper Street, Bathurst</p>		

