

The Bathurst Gardeners' Club Incorporated



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Gardening keeps your mind young because it's full of hopes and dreams.

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Closing Date for Contributions to next newsletter 19th May, 2024

President's report April-May newsletter 2024



Suddenly the realisation that summer has ended is evident, and the end of daylight savings always make me feel like making soup. With all the produce around at the moment it's the perfect time for making soup and freezing it for later on.

Time to get out the winter clothes and prepare our gardens for the winter months, which in Bathurst as you would know can be quite harsh. All of my frost tender plants are inside now, the roses are blooming beautifully again and the bulbs are starting to pop up everywhere. The autumn leaves are appearing and the fallen leaves are great for compost.

Our Plant stall for Heritage Trades Trail was a great success again. Thank you to the many members who have potted up plants and taken them along for the plant stall. Also thank you to all of those who volunteered to work at the plant stall. We had plenty of volunteers. Many hands make light work. Volunteering there is a pleasure, it is such an interesting event and Samantha Friend who organises it does such a great job. Samantha is very generous with the stall holders as well. Vouches for coffee and lunches were provided for all the stall holders, and she brought around chips and chocolates to share as well. The stall cost nothing and it allowed us to promote our club as well. We sell a lot of plants which raises money for the setup of Spring Spectacular.

I met an interesting lady there, whose husband had a stall with his bow and arrow making. She has created a permaculture garden in Medlow Bath near Katoomba, and she was very happy with the idea of the Garden Club visiting. She was particularly excited about her garden in winter, and she tells me around Katoomba they had an open garden weekend with gardens that produce food. I thought what a great day out for the Garden Club, so I will look into the possibility of a day trip.

Garden Clubs Australia have the photo competition going again, so if you have any photos of gardens you are proud of and would like to enter the competition, send your entry to photocomp@gardenclubs.org.au entries close October 1st 2024. Winning photos go into a calendar that is available for purchase early next year.

Just a quick note on membership fees, we have 190 members and only 125 members have paid their membership. This can be done online, our bank is

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or your fees can be paid at the next Garden Club meeting. Don't forget if fees aren't paid by the end of March we assume we you no longer want to be a member, and the newsletter is discontinued for you. Also Genevieve would appreciate the correct money to save giving change.

Two more Garden Club meetings outside before we go indoors for the winter. Come and join us next meeting in Orange, Karen has included details later in the newsletter of the upcoming meetings.

Happy gardening
Terri

We would love to have more input into our newsletter from you (our members). Do you have any tips? Favourite plants? Open gardens you have been to and would recommend.

Email to Judy Bayliss - judithanneb51@gmail.com

April/May Meetings

From Karen Mitchell

7th April 2024 From 1pm. Meeting commences at 2pm.

Location: "Sheltering Pines" 784 Pinnacle Road, Canobolas.

Host: Darryl Lawler



We are off on a road trip this month to Orange.

Those who came in the Rosedale Farm Tour in November had an express sneak peek at the huge garden. Daryl welcomes the Garden club back showing a different season in the garden and at a slower pace to stroll through the garden and have time to smell the roses.

Please note whilst the meeting area is a short distance from the gate there are viewpoints to take in the view. Those who want to enjoy the many adventurous pathways should wear good walking shoes.

Please allow time to travel approx. 1 hour with travel and parking time.

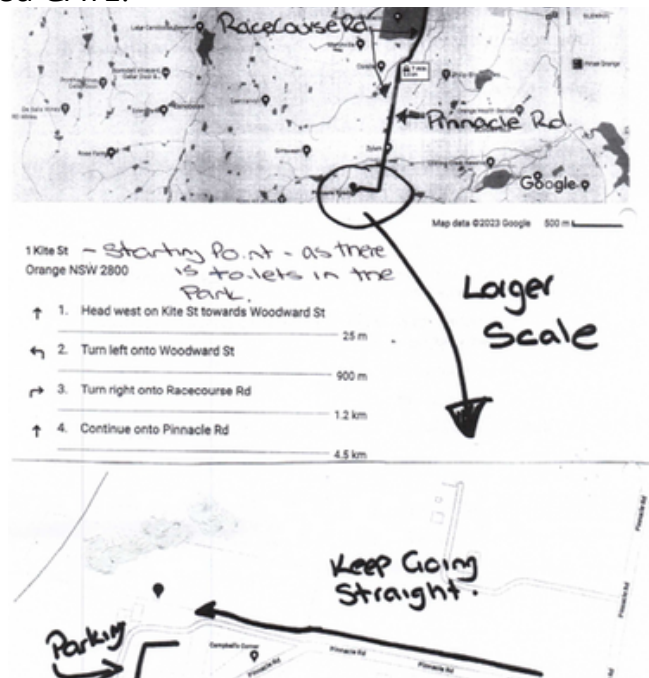
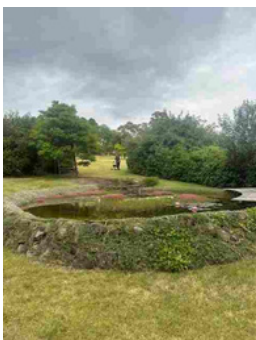
Note Daryl is happy to welcome members from 1pm if you would like to have a wander of the garden before the meeting.

Directions and Notes: Head to the end of Summer Street (main street in Orange) at the last major roundabout with cross streets of Summer Street and Woodward Street turn left. OR head to Kite Street – "Cook Park" as there are public toilets off Kite Street.

Left onto WOODWARD STREET continue on road TURN RIGHT onto RACECOURSE ROAD Stay on RACECOURSE ROAD That changes name to PINNACLE ROAD

After the Right hand bend in road go straight up as there a side street CAMPBELLS CORNER – parking up the top open space. Enter through allocated GATE.

Toilets available please ask Karen.
Please Bring to all Gardens: -your chair, cup and a plate of food to share. Tea and coffee will be served.



Sunday 5th May, 2pm

Location: 2 Landsdowne Drive Raglan

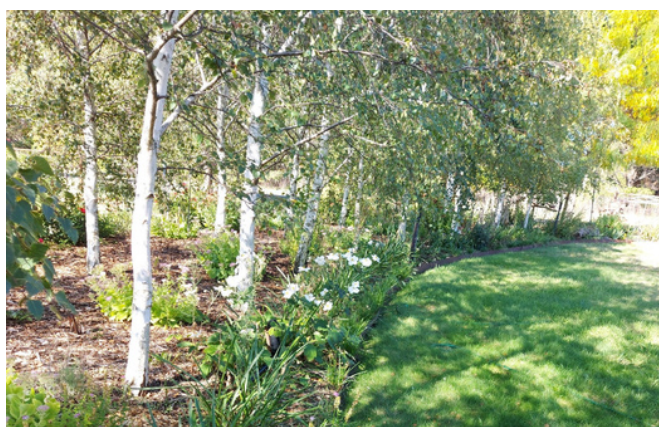
Hosts: Sandra & Bono Marinovic

Sandra is a keen gardener who has created gardens around their house containing a variety of plants. As the garden is large Sandra has tried to cultivate as much as possible herself. On the northside of the garden there is a lovely grove of Silver Birches. Family members have also contributed to the garden with some quirky bits and pieces.

Thank you so much Sandra and Bono for allowing the club to visit your garden and we look forward to welcoming you as members in the near future.

Directions:

Take the Sydney Road to Raglan. At the intersection on the east side of Raglan where there now are traffic lights turn left towards Bathurst Airport onto P J Moodie Memorial Drive. Take the first turn right into Landsdowne Drive. Continue to the T intersection and turn right. The garden is the first on the right. Look for the Gardeners' Club flags.



NOTICE: Bathurst Gardeners Club Trading Table "Theme: Garden Related Items"

When: 4th August.

Location : Perthville Hall, 20 Rockley Street Perthville.

Our first ever Garden trading table for Garden Club members only!



Get your money bag out ready to buy great deals.

"Another person's unwanted items is another person's treasure and new creation. "

Time to go through the house, garages, sheds, hot houses and gardens to collect all unwanted , no longer used "GARDEN RELATED ITEMS" that can be sold or re gifted as a donation.

When preparing items for sale please check: Use by dates, Sharp, or broken items (no poisonous items please)

Ideas: Garden implements, posts, garden seats, statues, trolleys, hot houses, jams, outdoor lights, home made items etc

Plants (please remember that we need plants for the Spring Spectacular Sale in October)

As long it comes from members' homes/ garden price it up and bring it in!

Sale of items are to fellow garden club members.

GUIDE LINES.

- Tag 1: All items must be clearly priced and name of item.
- Tag 2: Must be labelled with members full name and matching price to tag 1.
- \$\$ will be divided same as plant sale that being 1/3 monies going to the Bathurst Gardener's Club, 2/3 Owner of item.
- All unsold items must be returned home with the original owner.
- Please make sure all labels are secure and clear to read.

***** There will be table for giveaway items

*****There will be tables for items for sale!

More information to come in following months.

We would like to Thank Moria King for Running the First Ever Garden Trading Table.

SECRETARY'S REPORT FOR APRIL/MAY NEWSLETTER

Club membership currently stands at 196 members.

So far around 125 members have renewed their membership for 2024.

Could those who have not yet done so please pay their membership subscriptions by the end of March as membership lapses if unfinancial at the end of March. Online payment details for the Club are shown in this newsletter.

The Committee is investigating an upgrade of the Club's web page to improve communication with members and potential members. This will include a members only section. The option to make payments through the website for membership subscriptions and trips is also under consideration.

I also wish to foreshadow a need to update the Club's Constitution as the Department of Fair Trading has updated the model constitution. It will be necessary to present a special resolution for the consideration of members at a future meeting.

Photographers in our Club may be interested in the [Gahttps://gardenclubs.org.au/photo-competition/rden Clubs of Australia Photo Competition](https://gardenclubs.org.au/photo-competition/). Checkout the following website for information on how to enter this competition - <https://gardenclubs.org.au/photo-competition/> Entries close for 2024 on October 1.

Ian Matthews
Secretary

Reminder

You can use your Bathurst Gardeners' Membership Card for discounts at the following businesses

- **Churches Garden Centre 10% discount on all but seedlings**
- **ANL 10% discount**

From the Archives Trip to Tasmania November 2017



Heritage Trades Trail 16th/17th March



BGC Plant Stall at Bathurst Heritage Trades Trail 16th and 17th March

The plant stall was very successful despite the much needed overnight rain on Saturday which however caused some flooding of the outside of pavilions stall.

Records were broken all round compared to previous years in terms of more volunteers, more growers providing a wide variety of plants at bargain prices, more money taken in plant sales, hence more money donated to the 2024 BGCSS fundraising for local charities. The final details of this are not available as yet.

Thank you to all of those growers who provided plants for the stall. Thank you to the many volunteers who assisted with the set up of the stall early on Saturday morning, for fixing up the stall on Sunday morning after the flooding of the rain overnight, for the packing up of the stall on Sunday afternoon and for manning the stall throughout the 2 days.

A big thank you goes to Anne Bromfield for coordinating the stall and for the, as usual, beautiful arrangement of fresh flowers and vegetables (courtesy of Norm) from their garden. Along with the arrangement of "old" gardening items in line with the Heritage Theme, Anne created an impressive visual sight at the front of the stall.

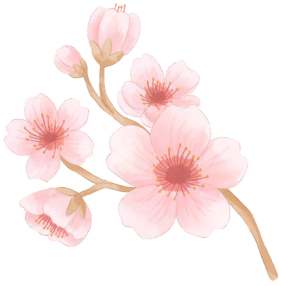
Another special thank you goes to Karen Mitchell, who so willingly, at every plant stall, offers plant growers who are unable to bring their plants on Saturday morning, to place plants beforehand in the trailer outside the Scott Mitchell Plumbing business and deliver them to the plant stall. This year, Scott himself delivered them on Saturday. Karen is always willing to collect plants that growers don't want returned to them, after the stall is over and take them to the next Club meeting as give aways.

Some "Plants of Bathurst Gardens" books were sold with proceeds to the BGC, and there were many inquiries regarding joining the BGC and Club meetings. Flyers to promote the 2024 BGCSS were handed out to both locals and visitors from Sydney, Canberra, Blue Mountains etc, who had come to Bathurst as either a stallholder at the BHTT or as a tourist.

Lorraine

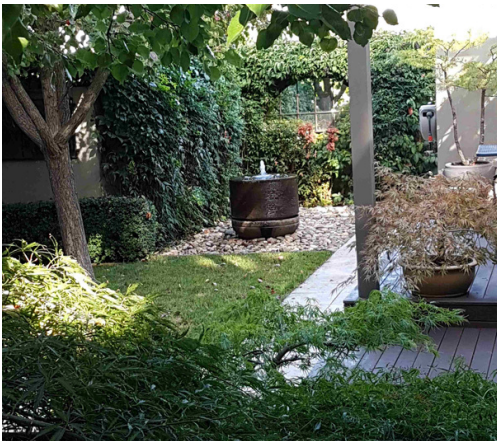
2024 BATHURST GARDENERS' CLUB SPRING SPECTACULAR REPORT

from Lorraine Griffin



To date 9 gardens are confirmed for the SS. We are hopeful of having 10 gardens soon, with 2 other gardens offered. There are 3 large rural gardens, one being Judy and Chris Bayliss's "Mt Tamar" garden at Gorman's Hill and 2 on the O,Connell Road, "The Grange" and "Euarra" gardens surrounding heritage homes. Of the town gardens there are 2 in the Llanarth/Abercrombie area, 2 in the Kelso/Raglan area, including Lorraine and Ted Inwood's new garden of 18months and 2 within Bathurst itself. There is a variety of garden styles within the selection, something different for everyone to enjoy.

To date, 2 coach bookings for this year's event are confirmed, coming from Narrabri and Shellharbour Garden Clubs.



PLANTS THAT ARE DOING WELL IN FIONA'S GARDEN

This summer has been so unpredictable, I'm wondering what it has in store. October was horribly dry, then enough rain fell to keep the paddocks green, March brought more heat and dust.

Now we've had a couple of showers, just in time for autumn planting as the soil is still warm enough for new roots to grow before winter.

I'm a passionate advocate of autumn planting in Bathurst. My spring plantings never survived our hot, dry summers, though last year we risked a native hardenbergia (*H. violaceae*) under a new arch before our open garden. It hasn't looked back and I'm hoping will flower next spring.

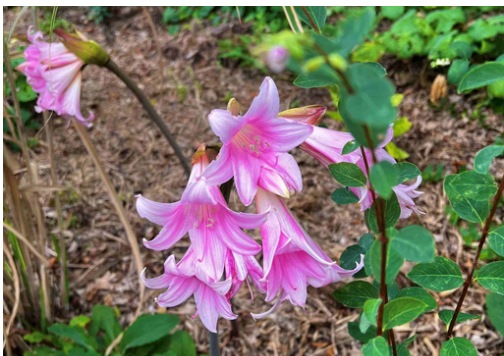
A few, dry weeks are a good test of what does well with little or no extra water.



Alstroemeria butterfly hybrids were winners, their trumpet shaped, speckled flowers still appearing in pinks, yellows and a low growing white with cream variegated leaves, great for ground cover. I can imagine Spencer H. and Peter V. shaking their heads, "she'll regret this one day" but at the moment they're beautiful.

Hybrid alstroemerias flower for several months over summer.

Naked Ladies (*Amaryllis belladonna*) were also lovely. There was a small cluster of blubs near the garage when we moved here so I separated them and distributed them round the garden. They sulked for a year or two but have flowered ever since. The leaves die down before the flower stems appear in late summer, hence their name. The pink flowers have red stems and the white form 'Hathor's White' has green stems.



. Naked Ladies flower well in full sun or semi-shade.

Nerines (*N bowdenii*), on the other hand, have been a failure: no sign of them. It's still early for the lower growing white *N. flexuosa alba* so I'm hoping for more rain in April.

Sedums are reliably good and I'm slowly amassing a collection. I started with *S. spectabile* and it's still a favourite, though the cultivar "Brilliance" is eye catching in a quiet corner. Good with *Salvia nemorosa* which repeat blooms if you cut the spring flowers back as they finish.



Sedum spectabile "Brilliance" is best in full sun.

A new grass is doing well, *Miscanthus "Yakushima Dwarf"*. While not actually dwarf as you can see (it's about waist high) it's more manageable than some of its assertive relations.

. Waist high Miscanthus "Yakushima Dwarf" is decorative for many months.



Eleagnus maculata is one of my best variegated big shrubs in a drought, with tiny white bells whose scent spreads for metres.



Eleagnus maculata (3-4 x 2 metres) has tiny, sweet smelling flowers in late summer.

Gardening in the sun is great if you can lay your hands on the right plants.

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

Calendar for 2024

MONTH	MONTHLY MEETINGS	OTHER BATHURST GARDENERS' CLUB ACTIVITIES	OTHER GARDEN CLUBS AND ORGANISATIONS EVENTS
APRIL	Sunday 7th, 784 Pinnacle Road, Canobolas		
MAY	Sunday 5th 2 Lansdowne Drive Raglan		
JUNE	Sunday 2nd Details in June/July Newsletter		
JULY	Sunday 7th Details in June/July Newsletter		
AUGUST	Sunday 4th Perthville Hall	Trading Table	

Other Meeting Dates for 2024 -
8th September (change from first Sunday due to Father's Day), 6th
October,
3rd November, 1st December.

