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NEWSLETTER

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Snow at "The Folly" this Winter. Photo courtesy Don & Gwen Stafford



Allan and Elizabeth Ross. Our guest speakers at the June meeting at Panthers.

Closing Date for Contributions to next newsletter 17th September, 2021

PRESIDENT'S REPORT



PRESIDENT'S REPORT AUGUST-SEPTEMBER 2021

Now that we are past the middle of winter and the hours of daylight are (slowly) getting longer, spring is surely not far away and, with the recent good rainfall, we can look forward to a season of abundant growth in the garden! (Not to mention the presumably abundant weeds!)

Our July meeting, planned to take place at The Woodies, unfortunately had to be cancelled due to Covid distancing restrictions, but we are hoping to be able to enjoy their hospitality and practical advice at a future date. We are fortunate, however, to have local ecologist Dr David Goldney AM as our guest speaker at Panthers in August and as our host at his garden in September.

Planning is in full swing for the 2021 Bathurst Spring Spectacular and Plant & Garden Expo. at the end of October. We still need volunteers for the gardens and the Expo. (contact Lesley Worthington 63376755 to put your name down as a garden sitter or assistant). Also, start potting up those cuttings and plants for the Gardeners' Club Monster Plant Stall at the Expo.

Put the 11th September in your diary for the Perthville & District Village Fair. Bathurst Gardeners' Club will be featuring a stall in the Perthville Hall where we will be selling our 'Plants for Bathurst Gardeners' book as well as promoting the Bathurst Spring Spectacular and our Club and offering gardening advice.

Peter Varman and his team have been busy maintaining the garden at Daffodil Cottage over the last few months. As well as this work, Peter and Don Stafford have also been involved in advising on proposed gardens at Bathurst Showground, Central West Womens' Health Centre, Headspace and the Uniting Church. Your valuable work is much appreciated by these organisations and reflects well on our Club.

Your Club has also been contacted by Dr Felicity Small from CSU regarding a proposed Native Garden for Pollinators on the Bathurst Campus. Felicity is seeking the involvement of community volunteers in planting and working bees in the proposed garden. For further information, please contact Dr Felicity Small, ph. 63384242 or email fsmall@csu.edu.au .

Finally, thank you all for your cooperation and support for what has been, and is continuing to be, a difficult time for our Club (and for many other organisations and individuals) during the Covid 19 pandemic. With a current membership of over 160 financial members, your Club embodies the Garden Clubs of Australia motto : 'Friendship through Gardening.'

Stay warm & safe,
Chris.

MEMBERS INSURANCE

Members of Bathurst Gardeners' Club are covered by insurance arranged through Garden Clubs of Australia which provides benefits in case of accidents whilst members are participating in Club activities,

This cover provides benefits in the event of death or incapacity of a member, resulting from an accident whilst the member is engaged in voluntary work for and on behalf of the Club including direct uninterrupted travel to and from such activities.

Whilst such cover has been extended to members up to one hundred years of age, the benefits, in case of accident, are reduced considerably: benefits for permanent total disablement and weekly benefits-injury are deleted after the ages of seventy-six and eighty respectively and benefit for accidental death is reduced to \$10 000 for persons eighty-one years or over. For further information, please contact Chris. 04 99 049 299

Meetings for August, September and October

Karen Mitchell

2pm 1st August 2021

Bathurst Panthers Club

Cnr Piper and William Street Bathurst

Guest Speaker Dr David Goldney

This will be part 1 of large garden planting in a pocket size garden education.

First part will be the theory and understanding how this concept can happen, then in September we will be able to visit David's Garden in George Street to see first-hand how it all happens. More information on David in the next newsletter.

Bring your note books to take notes.

Event: Bathurst Panthers is kindly donating the Garden club the use of the hall.

we would like to suggest that the garden club members use Panthers facilities either before or after the meeting by gathering club friends and having lunch or stay for afternoon tea or dinner. They have the café near the meeting room or the main Restaurant.

NO NEED TO BRING YOUR CHAIR, CUP OR FOOD!

2pm, 12th September 2021

(Please note the change in date of meeting from the first Sunday of the month to avoid clashing with Father's Day)

174 George Street, Bathurst

Dr David Goldney

Part 2 in Wicker Bed gardening. This is certainly the way of the future with vegetable / fruit gardening.

You will be amazed by what David has been able to grow in his backyard.

Please bring your chair and your own afternoon tea. Tea and coffee will be provided.



2pm, 3rd October 2021

Peter & Gael Harvey

5 Joubert Drive, Bathurst.

As garden club members it is wonderful to see the changes in gardens over seasons and climatic changes. Peter and Gael have been working hard and have made many changes in their garden to future drought proof their garden plantings.



NB. ALL MEETINGS WILL PROCEED SUBJECT TO COVID RESTRICTIONS IN FORCE AT THE TIME.

Calendar for 2021

MONTH	MONTHLY MEETINGS	OTHER BATHURST GARDENERS' CLUB ACTIVITIES	OTHER GARDEN CLUBS AND ORGANISATIONS EVENTS
AUGUST	Sunday 1st, 2pm at Panthers, Piper Street, Bathurst. Speaker Dr David Goldney		
SEPTEMBER	Sunday 12th, 2pm Dr David Goldney's garden, 174 George St <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Note change from usual first Sunday to not clash with Father's Day 	Sunday 19th Day Trip to Portland and Wallerawang.	
OCTOBER	Sunday 3rd, 2pm Gael & Peter Harvey's Garden 5 Joubert Drive, Bathurst	Wednesday 27th Spring Spectacular Launch Abercrombie House Saturday 30th and Sunday 31st. Bathurst Spring Spectacular Plant & Garden Expo(30th)	Leura Garden Festival. Saturday 2nd to Monday 4th and Friday 8th to Sunday 10th
NOVEMBER	Sunday 7th, 2pm Details in October/November Newsletter		



Sunday 19th September - Trip to Portland and Wallerawang

Thank you to Terri Crumpler for organising this trip.



The itinerary should go as follows.

Leave Bathurst from McDonalds, to enable car pooling, 8:15am start.

1st stop Maree Stratham's place 445 Sunny Corner Rd Portland, formal garden and working farm.

Morning tea at The Foundations in Portland and small nursery there. You can bring your own morning tea or Stuart McGhie owner operator should have his café opened by then so we can get a cuppa there. Then on to Rocky water Hole Parade Wallerawang to the Giant Tree Arboretum where our beloved Garden club member Don Stafford volunteers.

Lunch will be a BYO packed lunch from home then to Rydal on the way home for the Daffodil Festival. Some people might not want to do this as it is a big day so, their choice. You can drive around the arboretum which is about 2 kms around, lots of history and Don will make a great guide.

Cost \$10pp

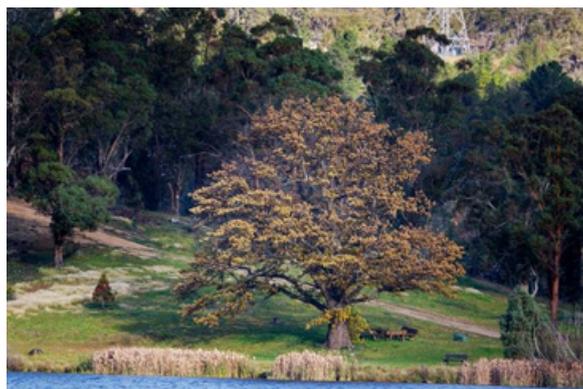
Money can be paid by direct deposit to Bathurst Gardeners' Club BSB 637 000 Account No. 713853828 or paid at the August and September meetings.

Please let Terri or Judy of your intentions to join the group. NB. As we are car pooling there will be no limit on numbers.

Terri Crumpler 0423709484

Judy Bayliss 0409710055

THIS TRIP WILL GO AHEAD SUBJECT TO COVID RESTRICTIONS PRESENT AT THE TIME.



BATHURST SPRING SPECTACULAR

A NOTICE FOR MEMBERS POTTING PLANTS

A notice to members who will be potting plants for Spring Spectacular Plant Stall on Saturday 30th September. A lot of plant buyers do not always recognise the plant when not in flower.

So, IF POSSIBLE, could you provide a photo of the plant in flower with your potted plant. If more than one pot it would be helpful for you to put these in a small box, with only one photo required on the front of the box, not on every plant. This also helps the stall workers, as they too are not always able to recognise all of the plants on sale and it could result in more of your plants being sold as well. A WIN WIN FOR EVERYONE.

Thanks Anne Bromfield - a stall co-ordinator

CAN YOU HELP BY SITTING AT A GARDEN OR AT THE PLANT AND GARDEN EXPO

Lesley Worthington is looking for sitters for our eight gardens and for helpers at the Plant and Garden Expo and on our Plant Stall. If you can't get to meetings to talk to Lesley and are able to help please contact Lesley on 6337 6755 or klwortho@hotmail.com

2021 BATHURST SPRING SPECTACULAR
 EIGHT OPEN GARDENS
 SATURDAY 30TH &
 SUNDAY 31ST OF
 OCTOBER 9.30AM TO 5PM

PLANT & GARDEN EXPO
 SATURDAY 30TH OF
 OCTOBER 9AM TO 3PM
 AT BATHURST LIONS
 CLUB BERRY PARK

TICKETS FOR 8 OPEN GARDENS \$20
 ENTRY TO PLANT & GARDEN EXPO - GOLD COIN DONATION

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Clifton
 The large country garden at Clifton has been developed over some decades, with established European trees in a parkland setting. It includes herbaceous beds and mixed beds. Great views of the surrounding hills, the 1820's convict built Quarters. The Quarters will be open for guided tours. *\$20.00. CHARGES APPLY.

Sturland
 Large areas of lawn, some with mature trees, surround the 1860/1940's house and the 1820's convict built Quarters. The Quarters will be open for guided tours. *\$20.00. CHARGES APPLY.

The Glen
 The Garden at "The Glen" commenced in 2015 as a project to enhance the garden surrounding the main house, and quickly became an area of control with the planting of more than 6000 plants over a period of four years. The Garden is the clear vision and informal planting and multiple sculptures.

Ben & Lucy's Garden
 We purchased 7 Clement Street in October 2016, our intention for landscaping was to build a semi formal garden to fit in with the heritage of the house. A garden that would provide fresh produce, entertaining as well as area for kids to play. We were lucky to inherit some semi established trees and we worked with these in our landscape design. After the initial six months of planning and sourcing materials the garden build began. The garden took around one and a half years to build and a further three years to get to the level of establishment of today.

Ann & David's Garden
 The garden at 49 Hamilton Street, Eglinton, which had its beginnings in the mid 1970's is the glory of David and Ann Read. The garden has evolved over many years and today, as it has for many years, the garden provides a lovely environment for family and friends to relax and play. The garden has several themes and is a mix of different cold climate plantings of trees, shrubs, soft wooded perennials, bulbs and annuals.

Red Cottage
 We have lived at Red Cottage for around 27 years. We have always enjoyed having a garden, but this one really has about 6 years left. We decided to pour our backyard just before our final trip to England. Come home and have been hooked on creating a beautiful "loopy" garden ever since.

Mell Cottage
 The garden owners bought the Mell Cottage in 2007. It's almost eight years ago, assisted by the "house" house, the old garden and the orchard, all set back from the street. The garden comprises mainly cool climate plants, bulbs, roses, tubular, heliopsis, and many other perennials, dominated by a large box elder tree. The garden is private and peaceful.

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PLEASE SUPPORT THESE WONDERFUL BUSINESSES AS THEY VERY GENEROUSLY SPONSOR OUR SPRING SPECTACULAR.

FROM THE SECRETARY - SUSIE

ANTONIAS IRISES

During these Winter months why not combine a trip to the Beekeeper's Inn for a meal with collection of bearded Iris in pots. They are \$12 each or three pots for \$30. You can place your order by return email and once I confirm we have the varieties you'd like, we can arrange a time for you to collect them from the Beekeeper's Inn cafe, 2319 Mitchell Highway, Vittoria between Bathurst and Orange. Should you wish to make a booking at the cafe' their number is 02 6368 7382.

Antonia's catalogue can be found at: antoniasirises.com.au

You can pay for the iris by electronic transfer to our account as follows or on the day:

Account Name: Antonia's Irises BSB: 062504 Account: 1056 8856 Reference: Your surname

OPEN GARDENS

Robertson 2021 Open Gardens is on Saturday and Sunday 9th /10th October from 10am to 4pm and allows you to explore 6 beautiful town and country gardens.

Tickets are \$5.00 pg or \$20.00 for all gardens and are available from the Community Technology Centre, 58-60 Hoddle Street Robertson or on line from www.robertsonopengardens.weebly.com

UPDATE ON OUR SPRING SPECTACULAR FUNDED DEFENCE COMMUNITY DOG

He is called Charlie who has gone to his forever home.

Charlie loves playing ball on the beach and just loves the surf. Charlie's veteran is enjoying the companionship and can't wait to see what the next year brings for them.

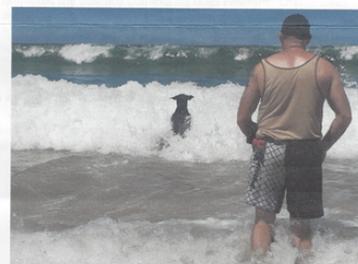
The Defence Dog Foundation thanks us for our valuable contribution sponsoring a Defence Dog



An Update on your Sponsored Dog Charlie

Charlie is doing well and is loving family life. He gets lots of cuddles and loves all the kids. The difference Charlie has made to all our lives is astounding and he has greatly improved the quality of our family life. He absolutely loves our baby girl and takes it upon himself to stand guard by her bassinet when she is in it. Cute!!!

We take him to the beach every Sunday for a play and he absolutely loves it. Charlie will chase the ball into big surf all day without fear and has heaps of fun doing it. I take him to Jitz and the gym with me and he is doing well in this area, happy chilling on his stay mat even for long periods. Just as long as he's with me!



LABELING YOUR PLANTS FOR THE STALL FOR THE SPRING SPECTACULAR STALL

Could plant growers providing plants for the Spring Spectacular stall please add a photograph of some in flower if possible, as many buyers know plants by flowers but do not know them otherwise. This would make them easier to sell when they know the flower.

Your help with this would be much appreciated.

GARDENING BY THE MONTH

AUGUST

A month of change, often with strong winds and some heavy frosts. Warmer days are on the way.

Vegetables

Prepare beds for summer crops, but leave planting until late October or November.

Seeds for summer crops eg. Tomatoes, capsicum, cucumbers etc. can be planted in a warm frost-free area eg. glasshouse.

Ornamentals

Camellias coming into flower need water and potash.

Prune and feed daphne after flowering (no lime).

Rose pruning if not done in July. Protective spraying with fungicide.

Chrysanthemums, if finished flowering, can be divided.

Perennials not divided in autumn can be done now.

Plant summer and autumn flowering bulbs. If clematis start to bud, fertilize. Give potash at bud burst.

Spray roses and deciduous fruit trees with oil and/or copper spray, while still in bud. Very important at bud swell.

General

Don't forget every month, to keep up your general maintenance and hygiene eg. remove rubbish, infected leaves, weeds, trim broken branches.

Turn your compost heap over every month, occasionally adding lime and manure, and keep it moist.



SEPTEMBER

This is the formal beginning of spring, but don't be fooled, we can still get quite heavy frosts.

Vegetables

Good month to plant snow peas.

Carrot seed can be planted late in the month (adding potash helps germination) but keep the seeds damp with wet hessian covering. Uncover as soon as seedling emerge.

Do not plant tomatoes, beans or cucumbers in the open until early November (after the Melbourne Cup).

Prepare an area for herbs near the back door or try pots.

Fruit Trees

Copper spray as buds start to burst.

Ornamentals

Check pots for root balling. Top up pots as necessary

Tie up sweet peas.

Lift dahlia clumps and divide (or leave until early October)

Complete summer bulb planting.

Pot on any cuttings taken in autumn which have rooted well. 43.

Plant out new perennials.

Feed clematis.

General

Continue with general hygiene and war on weeds. Continue liquid fertilizer on vegetables and annuals



The Winter Garden

by Fiona Ogilvie (Gardening Writer for "The Land")

August is almost here and you can feel the garden waking up. Jonquils and snowflakes are in full bloom and in town, in the Japanese garden near the low-level bridge, I spotted a gorgeous winter apricot, *Prunus mume*, covered in lovely fragrant blossom. This tree is the first of the ornamental fruit trees to flower, sometimes as early as June, and blooms for several months.

There are several cultivars of *Prunus mume* including ones with double white and double pink flowers, but I love the small tree in Bathurst with double, pinkish white flowers, as it's such a lovely shape.



Lots of winter flowers are scented, just what we need in a frosty Bathurst winter. I have a big, old bush of wintersweet (*Chimonanthus fragrans*) that is nothing special to look at but has the strongest fragrance of almost anything I grow. It comes from North America where so many lovely plants grow in damp woodlands and fail to thrive in dry old NSW, but wintersweet (*Chimonanthus fragrans*) is one of the exceptions that proves the rule.

It's a deciduous shrub, up to 2 metres high and wide, and reliably hardy. It's easily propagated from seed, though will take several years to flower.



Mahonia aquifolium is another North American beauty, with glossy, evergreen, holly-shaped leaves and primrose yellow flowers that open in August and last for several weeks. Full disclosure, it does produce suckers, but it's so lovely it's worth the chore of controlling them.

Daphne (D. odora) on the other hand is very well-behaved, knee height and about 1m. wide, with heavily fragrant, dark red blooms that open to palest pink. The aroma spreads for metres, one flower will scent a large room.

There are several forms including 'Alba' with creamy white flowers and 'Variegata' whose pointed leaves are edged pale cream.

Daphne x hybrida has similar flowers that open earlier in winter and come and go for many weeks.



Another of my favourite low growing evergreens is Christmas Box (Sarcococca ruscifolia), so called because it flowers in mid-winter in its chilly Himalayan mountain home. It also has glossy evergreen leaves, slightly smaller than daphne's, and tiny, bell shaped white flowers, strongly scented, that are followed by scarlet berries.

It makes a beautiful low growing hedge and is easily propagated by division, or by tip cuttings in spring.



All of the above are happy in sun or part shade and ordinary soil though prefer good drainage, they dislike heavy clay and wet feet.

Thanks to Fiona and her son in law Nick Hutchinson-Smith for the lovely photos.