The Bathurst Gardeners' Club Inc.

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Closing Date for Contributions to next newsletter 18th September, 2022

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Firstly, I would like to thank Don Stafford for filling in for me and taking the July meeting – a clash of dates meant that I was committed to attending a reunion in Tamworth. Thanks also to Peter Varman for his informative talk. And, as always, the cooperation of the staff at Panthers Club for accommodating our meetings during the winter months is also much appreciated.

The 2022 Bathurst Spring Spectacular is very much on track and members of the Spring Spectacular Committee have been working hard to further arrangements for the event. We will, however, need members support to run this event – please volunteer to sit at a garden on the weekend of 29th & 30th October by contacting Kate Baigent, our Volunteer Coordinator.

At our Annual General Meeting in December, all Management Committee positions will be declared vacant. This opens up opportunities for members to use their talents and interests to contribute to the success of the Club by nominating for a position. Please consider taking on a role – it's a very rewarding and worthwhile experience. (See more information in this Newsletter).

Speaking of success, your Club presently has over 150 members – a number of whom are new residents to Bathurst. Please welcome new members to our Club and reflect our motto : 'Friendship in gardening'. Also, my condolences and best wishes go out to members who have had recent family bereavements or to those members who are currently experiencing health issues.
Though the recent spell of inclement weather may have kept many members indoors, I look forward to welcoming you back to meetings – your involvement and attendance helps to strengthen and enrich friendships within the Club end encourage interest in gardening in our community.

Chris

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**

AUGUST/SEPTEMBER MEETINGS
from Karen Mitchell

7th August 2022 at 2pm
Bathurst Panthers
Piper Street, Bathurst

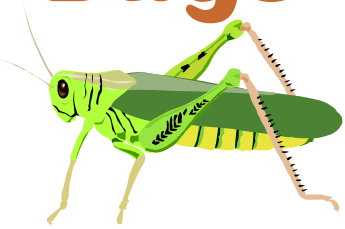
- **RESCHEDULED FROM JULY.**

Don Grant will be our guest Speaker for the meeting to enlighten us on all things earth worms.
As the club kindly donates the use of the meeting room we ask that club members please stay after the meeting to enjoy afternoon tea from the downstairs café or stay for dinner.

11th September, 2022 at 2pm
Bathurst Panthers
Piper Street, Bathurst

- **Note Change of Date due to clash with Father's Day**

Backyard Bugs & Blights



Our September meeting will be held in Panther's Club on the 11th of September, where President Chris Bayliss will be presenting a discussion on 'Backyard Bugs and Blights'. The audio-visual presentation will focus on those pests & diseases which affect our gardens with the return of warmer weather in Spring and both chemical & organic control measures. This will be followed by a general Q & A session.

Photos from our June & July Meetings

June Meeting at the Woodies.

Ken and Alan

Alan demonstrating how to care for our tools and using the right tool for the job.

Athough it was a cold day many members attended the June meeting.

July Meeting at Panthers. Peter Varman was the guest speaker.

Thanks to Don Stafford for the photos.

Calendar for 2022

MONTH	MONTHLY MEETINGS	OTHER BATHURST GARDENERS' CLUB ACTIVITIES	OTHER GARDEN CLUBS AND ORGANISATIONS EVENTS
AUGUST	Sunday 7th at 2pm Panthers Bathurst Don Grant 'All Things Earthworms'		6th-7th Narrabri Garden Club Floral Art Design Competition & Workshop
SEPTEMBER	Sunday11th at 2pm Panthers Bathurst 'Bugs and Blights" ****Note Charge of Date due to Father's Day**		10th-11th & 17th-18th Daffodils at Rydal (see flyer) 17th -18th Canberra Spring Bulb & Camelia Show
OCTOBER	Sunday 2nd. 2pm Details in the October/November Newsletter	**Sunday 23rd 4pm Abercrombie House Garden Owner's Thank You and Spring Spectacular Launch Saturday 29th - Sunday 30th Spring Spectacular**	9th - 15th National Gardening Week 22nd-23rd Cowra Garden Club Open Gardens
NOVEMBER	Sunday 6th. 2pm Details in the October/November Newsletter	Wednesday 9th Ross Tours- Jacaranda Cruise	
DECEMBER	Sunday 4th. AGM		

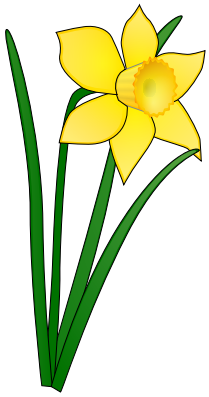
From the Secretary - Susie

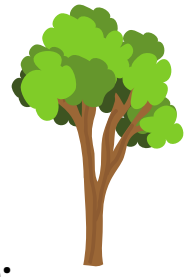
1.Think Spring Think Leura 2022:

Leura Garden Festival 1st-4th October 2022, 9.30-4-30pm. If you enjoy gardens, don't miss this festival! There will be a magnificent display of spring flowers, beautiful azaleas, camellias and rhododendrons, along with Japanese maples and English oaks that celebrate the climate of the upper Blue Mountains.
$10.00pp a single garden $20.00pp for three gardens, or $40.00pp for all gardens.
WWW.leuragardensfestival.com.au – E: info@leuragardensfestival.com.au or Phone 0431 095 279.

2.Daffodils at Rydal – 10/11th and 17th/18th September:

Always a fabulous occasion and not to be missed again this year. Its just a short drive away and you will not be disappointed.
www.rydal.com.au, Email:rydaldaffs@gmail.com, visit Facebook Daffodils at Rydal or phone Lindsay on 6359 3237 or Holly on 0467 062 701





Message from Garden Clubs of Australia (GCA) regarding - Treebilee:

This year 2022, Queen Elizabeth II is celebrating her Platinum Jubilee. In recognition of her remarkable 70 years of unbroken service on the throne, she has launched a 'Green Canopy' initiative known as a 'Treebilee' where tree planting occurs in her honour.
GCA is seeking your support to participate in this important 'green canopy' project. There are no limits on how this can be achieved, the intent is to plant more trees. For example, you may wish to plant a new tree in your own garden or gift a tree to someone.

Additionally, you may want to combine your participation in the BRC National Tree Planting Day at Wambuul Macquarie River Hereford Street open space reserve.
Commencing at 10am Sunday 24 July 2022 downstream of the Hereford Street bridge (Kelso side), adults and kids alike can help plant native trees, shrubs and grasses that once mature will provide important habitat for local wildlife, and improve the health and function of this much loved waterway. Council will also have a free BBQ lunch afterwards.

No experience is needed and all plants and equipment are provided. Please bring water, sunscreen, and a hat and wear suitable shoes, and clothing for being outdoors. To ensure safe hygiene practices we ask that you please bring along your own gardening gloves. Council will provide hand washing facilities. The event will go ahead in light rain, so please bring a raincoat if required. All children must be accompanied and supervised by an adult carer.
For further information and/or to register please contact Bill Josh (Habitat Connect) on 0407 256 791 or Kristie Kearney (Environmental Programs Coordinator) on (02) 6333 6233 or email council@bathurst.nsw.com.au .

PARTICIPATION AND INVOLVEMENT IS THE KEY TO THE SUCCESS OF ANY VOLUNTEER CLUB.

We all join clubs and we all have hidden talents and interests. Clubs can be enriched by our contribution and it is advantageous to the group if we use our skills in ways that develop, enhance and advance the objectives of the club. At the same time we can enjoy the experience and get to know new people.

At the July meeting of our Committee of Management we began planning for our Annual General Meeting which is scheduled for December 2022. Some of our Committee have been in their roles for their agreed terms, plus additional years due to COVID-19 and are electing to stepdown from their roles at our AGM in December. (although meetings did not occur during COVID-the Committee continued to carry out the Club business via phone hookups and/or facetime).

We are grateful and appreciative of their contribution to the success of our Club, it does however open up opportunities for others to take on the roles.
The roles are those of the President, Vice President and Treasurer**.** A brief description of the roles are below.
President: Chairs meetings and general Club organisation

Vice President: Assists the President and takes over in the absence of the President

Treasurer: Looks after Club finances and bookkeeping, including those of the Spring Spectacular, and prepares the end of financial year statement for the Office of Fair Trading.

We urge you to consider nominating for these roles on the Committee, and support or mentoring will be available if required.
Please contact Chris (President) on 0499 049 299 or Susie (Secretary) on 0431 294 446 if you would like to talk about any of these roles.

The remainder of the Committee, the Secretary, and the Ordinary Members (who represent you, the Club Members) on the Committee have agreed to re-nominate for office in 2023.

NOMINATION, HOWEVER, DOES NOT NECESSARILY MEAN AN APPOINTMENT TO THAT ROLE. NOMINATIONS FOR ALL POSITIONS WILL BEGIN CLOSER TO THE DECEMBER AGM DATE. AT THE AGM, ALL POSITIONS ARE DECLARED VACANT, NOMINATIONS ARE DECLARED AND VOTING DETERMINES THE APPOINTMENT TO THE ROLE.

Please consider ways that you can use your skills/talent and become actively involved within the club, contributing to its ongoing success.

Spring Spectacular

Garden Sitters are needed. If you can help please contact Kate Baigent (Sitter Roster Organiser) on - **0408703341**

This is always an enjoyable experience and you will be making a great contribution to the Spring Spectacular and our club. Bonus is you will receive a free ticket which entitles you to visit all gardens over the weekend.

Have a look at our 10 beautiful and varied gardens for this year.

SPRING SPECTACULAR LAUNCH AND GARDEN OWNER'S THANK YOU - SUNDAY 23RD OCTOBER FROM 4PM AT ABERCROMBIE HOUSE

This year on Sunday the 23rd of October we are holding a combined Spring Spectacular Launch and Thank You to garden owners for all their hard work and generosity in opening their gardens. **All** members of Bathurst Gardeners' Club are invited to attend. Once again we are holding this event at Abercrombie House. Last year it was a huge success and catering arrangements will be similar this year. **Starting at 4pm. Cost will be $30pp.**

This includes - mulled wine / Champagne / OJ

Hot & cold savories & finger foods & some sweet things

Leaf tea / ground coffee / still water / spa water, lemon cordial, etc. Afterwards you may also like to explore the house and grounds. Christopher Morgan will be speaking about the development of the garden at Abercrombie House.

RSVP to Judy 0409710055 or jcbayliss@bigpond.com by the 16th October.

Cool Season Flowers and Colour from Fiona

I'm always surprised that Gardening Australia goes off air during winter. I guess Costa and Co. need a break, but I love the garden at this time of the year, the cool season flowers are so much more special for being willing to bloom through gales, frost and occasional snow.

Hellebores (H. orientalis) are coming into flower now and are perfect for keeping weeds at bay. They are best under deciduous trees as they like winter sun and won't flower if shaded by evergreens. Oriental hellebores are reliably cold hardy in Bathurst and although they may falter in summer without extra water, so far mine have always come through.

1. Hellebore orientalis 'Primrose Yellow' flowers in July.

This year for once I remembered to remove last year's large, leathery leave in autumn. This lets the sun get through to the crowns and produces bigger and better flowers.

Specialist hellebore nurseries offer a range of exciting cultivars by mail order. Start with a mixture and with any luck they will spread and hybridise.

Plants can be increased by division in autumn or spring. I find autumn best in Bathurst as the roots can re-establish over winter with little attention from me. Spring divisions must be watered through their first summer which is something most of us probably prefer to avoid.

Division is best for a hybrid like H. 'Primrose Yellow" but seed is fun and seedlings should flower in 2-3 years. Seeds ripen in late spring when they are easy to collect and sow. Mine have never appeared before the following winter – in fact new seedlings are popping up now. So I guess you just have to be patient.

Near the hellebores I have a beautiful hedge of Sacred Bamboo (Nandina domestica) which looks amazing throughout winter. Tiny white flowers appear in summer and autumn, followed by scarlet berries. Although the plant is evergreen it produces red and purple leaves in cold weather which add to its beauty.

I had grown Sacred Bamboo for years and often thought it would make a lovely hedge but never, ahem, got around to it. Then I saw a hedge in Hazel and Graeme Smith's garden and was inspired to get my act together. Although nandina is a woody plant it is in fact herbaceous to it's easy to divide and replant.

After splitting up several old plants I had enough to make a curved hedge each side of our entrance arch. They soon grew and flowered so a very big thank you to Hazel and Graeme!

2. Sacred Bamboo (Nandina domestica) has scarlet berries through winter.

Fiona writes the weekly gardening column for The Land

https://www.theland.com.au/

Thanks to Fiona Ogilvie - Gardening Writer for 'The Land