

Bathurst Gardeners' Club Inc.

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AUGUST/SEPTEMBER 2015 NEWSLETTER

Thank you to Richard Sullivan who gave us a very interesting talk on carnivorous plants at our June meeting.

The speaker for the July meeting didn't turn up but all was not lost, Vice President Karen Granger was able to give an impromptu talk on saving water in the garden. Thank you so much Karen.

MEETINGS: The August 2 meeting will be our final indoor winter meeting for the year. Our speakers are Grant and Vicki Lockwood from Goldfields Honey talking about the importance of bees in our environment. With over 30 years' experience they will share information on bee keeping, pollination, and the products they produce. Some produce will also be for sale on the day. The meeting will commence at 2pm at the Walshaw Hall.

Members attending the meeting will be able to view the club's collection of memorabilia which is now stored at the hall.

September 6 will see our club return to the first garden ever visited. Bathurst Gardeners' Club started in February 1992 and the next month, members visited "Rosevale", a National Trust classified home that dates back to 1851 with some parts, such as the stables, said to be earlier still. Pat and Ron Jones began gardening at "Rosevale" in November of 1984. Ron is no longer with us, but Pat welcomes the club back to the old world, intimate town garden at 361 Rankin Street Bathurst. As part of this year's Bicentenary of the city, this return visit to the club's past is a timely and important link to our history that could not be passed up.

PLEASE NOTE: Due to the change in date of the Spring Spectacular Weekend, which will be held on the weekend October 31/November 1, our regular club meeting will be moved to Sunday November 8.

For enquires regarding the meetings contact Karen Granger on 0417 066 515.

TRIP: Numbers for the trip to Kurrajong/Bilpin are looking good. All monies to be paid at August meeting please, total of \$75 each. This covers bus, entry fees, lunch and afternoon tea. It is important that menu choices be given to Gwen Stafford by this meeting so that pre-ordering can be done. Also please state if vegetables or salad is required with selected meal. The bus will leave McDonalds car park at 8.30am, September 26.

VOLUNTEER FOR THE SPRING SPECTACULAR: Club members are asked to consider volunteering to sit at gardens over the Spring Spectacular Weekend October 31 and

November 1. If you can help please put your name down on the list at meetings or contact Lorraine Griffin on 6331 6018.

NOMINATION: The Old Government Cottage Community Garden has been nominated by the Bathurst Gardeners' Club for two awards:

- Bathurst Bicentenary National Trust Heritage Awards. Category; Outstanding community contribution to local Heritage.
- The Garden Clubs of Australia Inc. Awards. Category; Outstanding service by an affiliated club to the community.

WEB PAGE: Just a reminder to have a look at our web page, there is lots of information about the club, our community projects, tips about garden tasks, photos of meetings and Spring Spectacular Information. This site is regularly updated by Judy Bayliss. Our domain name is - bathurstgardenclub.org.au (or google Bathurst Gardeners' Club Inc.)

FACEBOOK: Karen Granger has had The Gardeners' Club Facebook page up and running for a while now. There is information about competitions and open gardens. Karen can be emailed at kigranger@tpg.com.au to add members.

COMING EVENTS: Daffodils at Rydal. The festival celebrates the arrival of spring. Thousands of daffodils have been planted in the parks and gardens of Rydal. Daffodils at Rydal 2015 will take place over the two weekends of September 12-13 and September 19-20. www.rydal.com.au. For more information contact Lindsay: 6359 3237 or Helen: 6355 6360.

The 3rd Plant Lovers Fair, Kariong, Central Coast, NSW. September 26-27, from 9am to 4pm at the Kariong Mountain High School, Festival Drive Kariong. There will be over 40 exhibitors offering unusual and interesting plants plus free talks and demonstrations. www.plantloversfair.com.au