

The Bathurst Gardeners' Club Incorporated

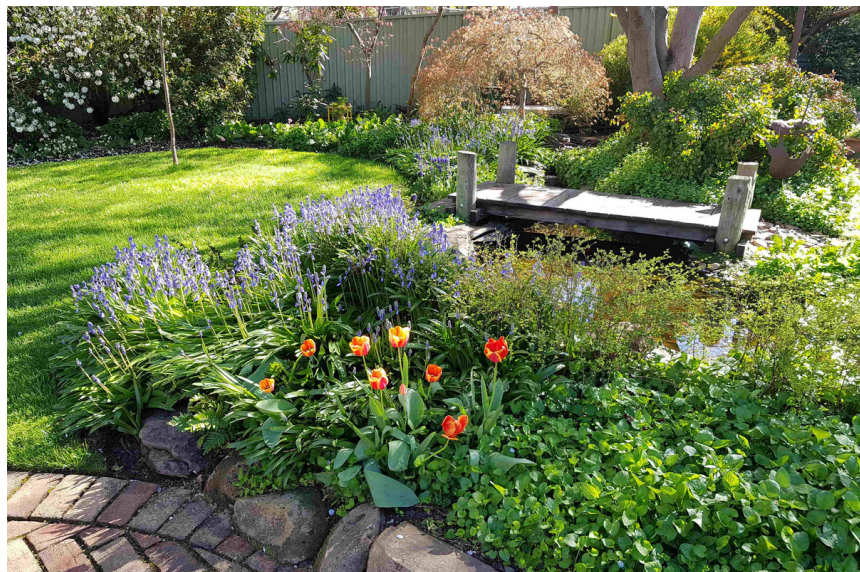


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Looking forward to Spring and our wonderful
Bathurst Gardeners' Club Spring Spectacular.
"Hamilton" one of our lovely gardens.

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Closing Date for Contributions to next newsletter 15th of September.



PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Hello Garden Club members.

I can't believe how time is flying again, almost the end of winter. I think we got out of that reasonable easy. The weather has not been too bad really, although it has been cold some days, but we've had some good rain and the garden has loved it. Winter is a time for rest and hibernation for people as well as plants and I have been getting my fair share of Netflix in.

Our winter meetings have been well attended with over 50 members coming.

At our June meeting Peter Varman gave a talk about why plants need water, followed by a question-and-answer time and at our July meeting Chris Stewart gave a presentation on the literary works of John Beverley Nichols. Some of his works are about the homes and gardens he has created over the years and the plants associated with them.

My apologies for not informing you of the discussion we planned for the July meeting, obtaining a defibrillator. It was an obvious vote to buy a defibrillator on the day, but from correspondence coming in after that member meeting, the committee has decided that more information is needed about its use and possible legal liabilities. Karen is organizing a qualified professional to give us more information and to be available to answer further questions from the members. In Karen's diary further on in the newsletter, she will inform us as to when this discussion will take place, so Garden Club members who are interested, will be given the time to think of questions they would like to ask before they make a more informed decision on whether we should acquire a defibrillator.

The committee has been discussing adding to our Garden Club Plants for Bathurst Gardens Book. We would like to include natives and perennials. Peter Varman has kindly taken on this task. If you feel you might have useful information, please let Peter know, I'm sure he would appreciate it.

Our Garden Club shirts are ready to be ordered at 58 George St if you would like one. I hear it's a good idea to try one on for size as they are a bit smaller than the usual sizing.

One more inside Garden Club meeting to go in winter and then we'll be outside again and before we know it Spring Spectacular will be here. So, if you are dividing perennials, why not pot some up for the plant stall and contribute to what is always a wonderful selection of locally grown plants at great prices. It's a great place to go if you are starting up a garden so tell all your friends when it's on.

Happy gardening
Terri

August and September Meetings

From Karen Mitchell

- **Sunday 6th August 2023, 2pm**

Location: Bathurst Panthers, 132 Piper Street, Bathurst

Host: Guest Speaker

Nearly the end of Winter, this will be our last Indoor Garden Meeting.
Look forward in seeing everyone at the meeting.

- **Sunday 10th September 2023, 2pm**

**PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF DATE FROM THE USUAL FIRST SUNDAY SO AS NOT TO
CLASH WITH FATHER'S DAY**

Location: 40 Arabella Place Robin Hill

Hosts: Dean and Lorraine Ward

Views, design and beautiful landscaping and wonderful hosts what more could we ask for!
You will be welcomed into this garden as soon as you hop out of your cars. Stroll up to the house to take in the breathtaking views and wander through the garden.

Directions and Notes: Leave Bathurst heading towards Orange on The Orange Highway.
Just out of Bathurst Turn Left into Cardinia Ave, then Right into Hartwood, then right into Arabella Place.

Parking just off the road maybe nose into the grass to fit us all in.

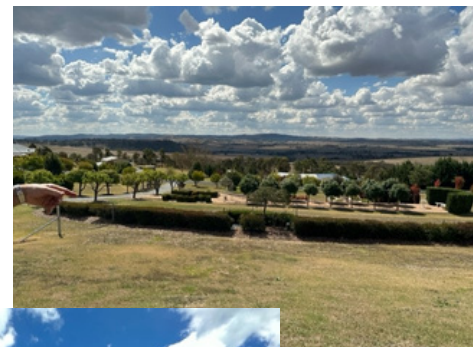
Please note this garden has a very rewarding gentle climb to the house and where we will be having the meeting, I will leave a ute for those who would like to stroll without their items (chair and plate etc) at the bottom of the driveway.

Parking for those who need for mobility will be allocated near the house. There is not enough room for all to park so please leave for those in need of easy walking around the house.

Please Bring:

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

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



From the Secretary - Susie

GARDEN CORNER EDUCATION TOPICS FOR JULY AND AUGUST

The big green shed on the highway (starts with B) continues their community education sessions about gardening related topics. They are on the 4th Wednesday of each month from 11am-12md, near the café.

July 26th Session is on winter herbs and vegetables, indoor and outdoor and how to select, plant and care for them so you can enjoy your harvest.

August 30th Session will take us through garden fertilizers/plant tonics, different types, how to use them. This should be a very interesting session.

The sessions are very informative and also interactive. They are good for new gardeners, those who are not sure and also those who have knowledge on the topic and are willing to share. Every session is guided by an experienced horticulturalist. Having been to one of these sessions, I would highly recommend attendance.

SEPTEMBER 10th -15th 2023:

GARDEN CLUBS OF AUSTRALIA BIENNIAL CONVENTION & AGM: HOSTED BY TORONTO AND DISTRICTS GARDEN CLUB

The Convention (see previous Newsletter) offers 3 days of field trips and 2 days of talks in the beautiful surrounds of Lake Macquarie

Convention Speaker Program

Wednesday 13 September

Keynote Address

Kevin Stokes, Hunter Region Botanic Gardens

Kevin Stokes is one of the founding fathers of the Hunter Region Botanic Gardens. He is a botanical professional who has made an intellectual and leadership contribution to the layout and development of the gardens. Kevin has a deep love and extensive knowledge of our Australian environment, especially of its unique flora. He has been an ardent advocate of ecosystem preservation and promotion against its ever present and continuing destruction.

Guest Speakers

Friday 15 September

Angie Thomas, Horticulturist and Author

Angie Thomas has been a horticulturist for more than 30 years. She is the horticultural communications manager at Yates and will be speaking about fragrant plants. Angie has also written 3 Yates gardening books as well as editing the most recent edition of the Yates Garden Guide.

David Fripp, Living Edge Garden

David Fripp is a well-known plant expert and a contributor to the Nursery and Garden scene in the greater Sydney area and interstate. David has had multiple appearances as a guest presenter on the ABC program Gardening Australia and his featured segments on Better Homes and Gardens.

Costa Georgiadis, Australian Television Personality

Costa Georgiadis is a well-known landscape architect and TV presenter who has an all-consuming passion for plants and people – he knows how to bring out the best in both of them, and takes great pleasure in bringing them together. His holistic approach is all about gardening, the soil, and the soul.

For information about the program, including registration, suggested accommodation, and a copy of the 5-day program, please go to:

<https://www.gcac2023.com/convention-program>, or contact the Toronto Garden Club Secretary by phone on 0403 105 802 or email: secretarytdgc@gmail.com, .

CHANGE OF CONTACT DETAILS:

Don't forget to let us know if you change your contact details such as address, phone number or email address. This will help us make sure that you receive all Club news as we send it out to Members. Please contact Susie on 04312 94 446, send her an email at bathurstgardenersclub@gmail.com, or let her know at the next meeting.

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Please support these businesses as they support us.

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COACH TRIP TO COWRA TED AND CORAL REEDY



Our coach trip to Cowra is scheduled for Thursday 12th October 2023 and will leave the McDonalds car park at 9am.

The first stop will be at a large country-style garden near Lyndhurst which features many mature trees, perennials and annuals. After visiting the garden we will enjoy a provided morning tea. The owners also have an interesting collection of historic and modern cars that will be available for inspection.

We then travel on to the Japanese Gardens at Cowra where we will be treated to a guided tour by the Head Gardener and then there will be free time to wander through the gardens. Lunch will either be a 'bring your own' picnic or you can purchase a meal in the garden's cafe.

The President of the Cowra Garden Club, Heather Kiely, has been very helpful and has arranged for a club member to join us after lunch for a guided drive around the town and to visit two more gardens. One is a large semi-rural garden with lots of English cottage plants, trees, Azaleas, Camellias and the surprise is a large bird aviary out the back. The second is an all native, eco friendly garden that is owned by our guide and he will be happy to answer any questions on native plants. We might just have time to visit a recommended local nursery before heading home and should be back in Bathurst around 6pm.

The cost for this excursion will be \$70 per person, which will include the coach travel, morning tea, entry to the Cowra Japanese Gardens and a guided tour by the Head Gardener. It will be essential that we have at least 30 participants to make the trip viable. The absolute deadline for registration is the September meeting but it will assist greatly with planning if you can register well before that date.

To register please send your \$70, with your name, to the Club bank account, or pay the Treasurer, in cash or by cheque or credit card, at any Club meeting. For enquiries, please call Ted or Coral on 0438 324253.

Bank details: Greater Bank, BSB 637000, Account 713853828 Please include your name as the reference.

Thanks Ted and Coral it sounds like a great trip.

Spring Spectacular Report

Firstly, a big thank you to Lorraine Griffin who has provided the report for the June meeting and hope that she and Geoff are enjoying their holiday break in sunny Queensland.

Also thank you again to Gardeners' Club members Anne, Moira, and Fiona & Bill as well as the other garden owners who have very generously offered to open their gardens. All gardens have now been visited to assess opportunities for catering and music as well as advising re public safety.

Dianne Thurling has continued her work in promoting this event with more posts on Facebook. Please like and share the posts with your Facebook friends. Judy has now almost finalised the brochure for submission to the printers and is only waiting on final confirmation of sponsors (thank you Jo Deane-Butcher).

Kate Baigent will be actively seeking volunteers to sit at garden entrances for a morning or afternoon session on the weekend. The event, as well as benefiting local charities, also helps to promote the Bathurst region and to strengthen ties in the gardening community. Kate can be contacted on 0408703341 or kate.baigent52@gmail.com. Judy has also been working on the website, adding photos and descriptions of our ten gardens – check it out to help you decide in which gardens you would like to sit.

For 2023, the Committee has identified Mitchell Conservatorium of Music, 2BS Christmas Miracle Appeal, Bathurst Headspace, Bathurst Community Transport and Defense Community Dogs as our preferred charities. These organisations each make a significant contribution to our community. We support Mitchell Conservatorium's Scholarship Program, the 2 BS Christmas Miracle Appeal which assists needy families at Christmas, Bathurst Headspace which supports the mental health of young people, Bathurst Community Transport which offers a subsidized transport service to eligible community members, including the Radiation Bus and social outings, helping them remain in their own homes, and Defense Community Dogs which trains dogs (often rescued from shelters) to provide physical and emotional support to serving and ex-serving Australian Defence Force members who suffer from mood, depressive and anxiety disorders including Post Traumatic Stress Disorder.

Anne Bromfield would love to have a bigger and better monster plant stall to be held on Saturday 28th October in the reserve opposite BVIC this year – your contributions will be very welcome. Pots are available from the pot recycling crate at Bunnings. More information re labelling, etc. to follow.

We will again be having a raffle with some great prizes and will be selling tickets from the September meeting onwards. Also, mark the date of Sunday 22nd October and come along to the BGCS launch at Bishop's Court Estate to enjoy delicious food, musical entertainment and an informative talk by host Christine Le Fevre. More details in the next newsletter.

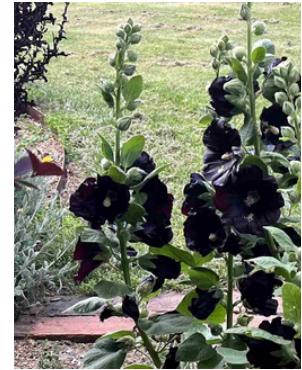
Chris



PERENNIAL, BIENNIAL AND ANNUAL PLANTS FROM FIONA

At our last club meeting a member asked when she should plant her hollyhock seedlings. She'd had them in an unheated greenhouse for a month or so and didn't know whether to plant them now or save them until spring or until the danger of frost had passed.

Now this was an interesting question because the various colourful hollyhocks commonly sold by garden centres (*Alcea rosea*) are biennial. Their growth pattern is different from most punnets of flowering plants like pansies and petunias which are annuals.



Hollyhocks

Most plants are perennial, biennial or annual. Annuals grow, bloom, set seed and die within a year. Perennial plants, including woody trees and shrubs, may take years or decades to flower but last indefinitely, depending on species.

Biennials are slightly more complex. They take two seasons to reach maturity, growing leaves in their first season and blooming in their second.

It's winter's drop in temperature that tells a biennial's body clock to stop growing leaves and start producing flowers and seeds.

In the Northern Hemisphere the old year ends and the new one starts in mid-winter, hence 'biennial'. But in the Southern Hemisphere our winter is in the middle of the year which means we can grow biennials within one calendar year.

If you sow them after Christmas they will stop growing and start producing flower buds in winter and bloom in spring or early summer.

Our member's hollyhocks were probably sown last summer so they can be planted out from any time now. Hollyhocks are frost hardy: mine set seed every year and the seedlings are never damaged by frost. They have grown and self-seeded in the garden in Miss Traill's House in town for many years.

Biennial vegetables include cabbages, broccoli and cauliflowers. We eat the plump leafy heart of the cabbage, before it has started to bloom, and the flower buds of broccoli and cabbage: I'm eating broccoli now that I sowed last January.



Cabbages coming up for winter harvest.

In fact early sowing - January or early February - is the key to success if you want to grow biennials from seed in a cold Tablelands climate like Bathurst.

Other commonly grown biennials include foxgloves, verbascums and Queen's Anne's Lace (Amni majus).



Foxgloves

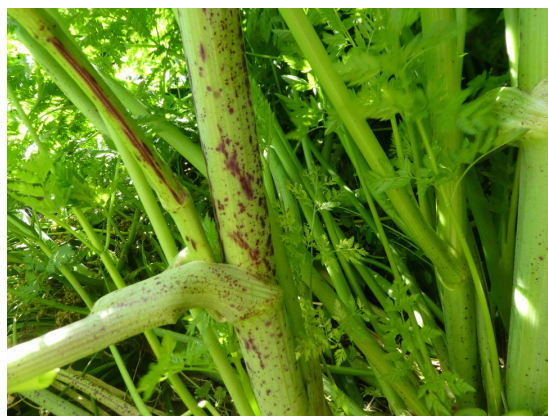


Verbascums.



Queen Anne's Lace in the garden at Hartvale, Hartley.

But please, don't confuse the latter with hemlock (Conium maculatum) which grows wild around Bathurst. It remains one of the plant world's deadliest poisons and to date has no known antidote. It's easily identified by the purple splashes on the hollow stems.



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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
AUGUST	Sunday 6th August, 2pm Panthers, Piper Street, Bathurst.		
SEPTEMBER	Sunday 10th September 2pm 40 Arabella Place Robin Hill <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>change from usual first Sunday of the month to not clash with Father's Day</i> 		10th-15th Garden Clubs of Australia Biennial Convention and AGM Hosted by Toronto & Districts Garden Club <hr/> Daffodils at Rydal September 9/10 and 16/17 10am to 4pm
OCTOBER	Sunday 1st October 2pm 3476 Great Western Hwy, Yetholme More details in next newsletter	22nd Launch of Spring Spectacular at Bishop's Court Estate Bathurst Gardener's Club Spring Spectacular 28th and 29th	