

The Bathurst Gardeners' Club Incorporated

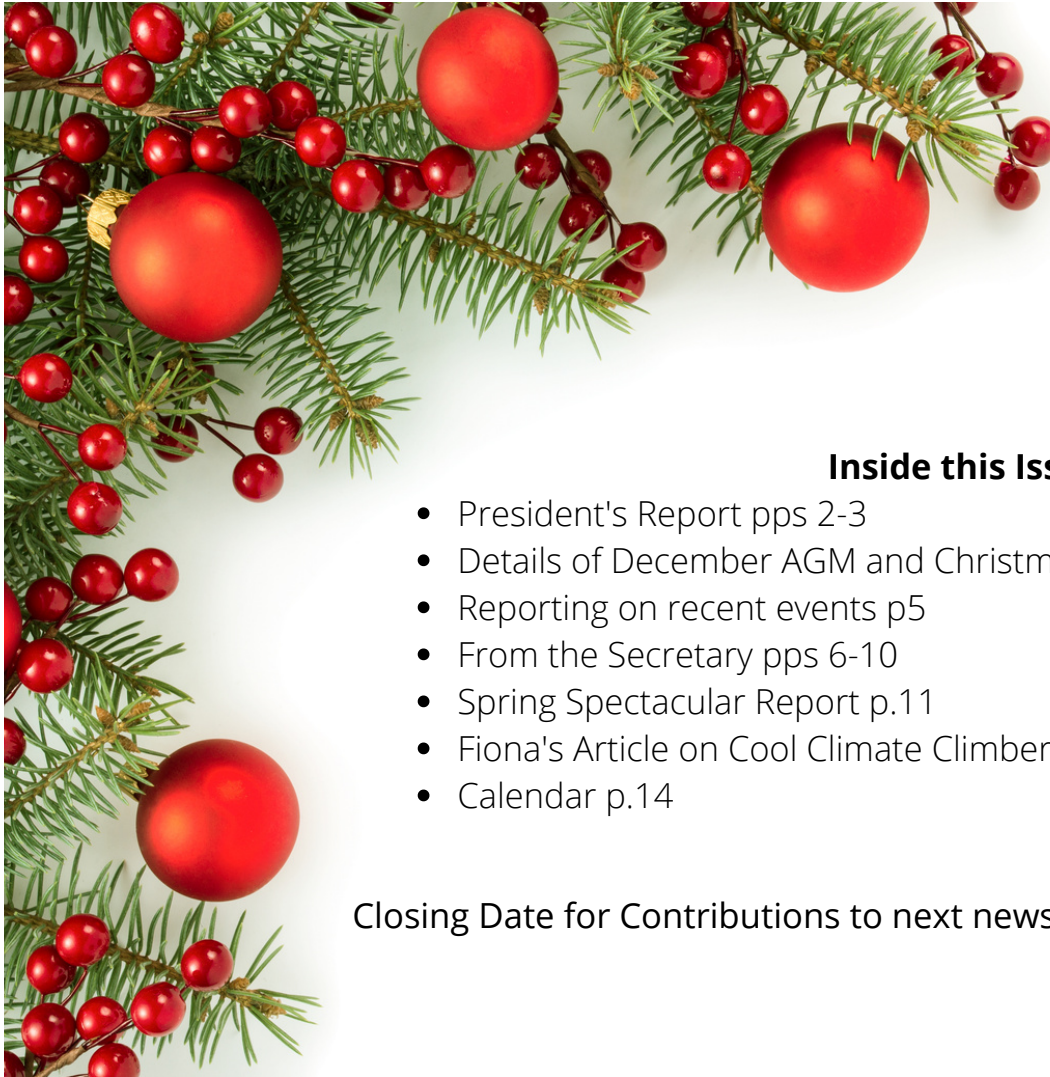


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Closing Date for Contributions to next newsletter 20th January, 2024



A presentation was made to our 2023 Bathurst Gardeners' Club Spring Spectacular charities on Wednesday, the 22nd of November.

These organisations were presented with the following amounts

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Mitchell conservatorium - \$3 000

2BS 95.1 FM & 99.3 B_Rock FM/Lions Christmas Miracle Appeal -
\$3 000

Headspace - \$3 000

Bathurst Community Transport \$8 000

Defence CommunityDogs \$10 000

A wonderful total of **\$27 000**

END OF YEAR REPORT FROM THE PRESIDENT

2023



Another year has passed by very quickly. I hope you have all enjoyed the many activities made available through the Garden Club. We've had some beautiful gardens to visit for our monthly meetings, during the warmer months and some informative meetings inside for winter, thank you to Karen who organised these meetings. Karen Mitchell is a very hard working committee member who is always thinking of new ways to make our meetings enjoyable and interesting.

As a club we have had 4-day trips that have been very popular with the members, Judy Bayliss, Chris Bayliss, Ted and Coral Reedy and Karen Mitchell have all co-ordinated a day trip that has been well organised and thoroughly enjoyable, I don't think they have lost anyone either, gold star awarded for that. A sincere thank you to these members for making these day trips happen, we really appreciate all the work needed to organise and co-ordinate these outings and they have been really enjoyed by our members.

An ongoing service our club does is to maintain the gardens at Daffodil Cottage so that patients receiving treatment there have somewhere nice to walk and sit during this difficult time in their life. Peter Varman has co-ordinated the volunteers that help him with the ongoing maintenance, thank you Peter and also your team of volunteers. We promoted our club by participating in the Heritage Trades Trail again this year. We had a fantastic plant stall which brought in some funds to go towards The Spring Spectacular startup costs and quite a few of our members were involved to run this promotion, many members taking shifts to staff the stall. Anne Bromfield and Lorraine Griffin deserve a mention here as they are the driving force behind our plant stalls and have done so for years. These two ladies are always working for the club, somewhere in the background and we value their expertise, and constant contributions, thank you Anne and Lorraine.

As a club we decided to acquire a defibrillator. Karen notified the committee at our last meeting, that our purchase has been delayed as a newer more up to date machine is available in the backpack with the first aid kit included. If an order for multiple machines is submitted, we can get a better price, so just waiting on other community groups to jump on board and we will have this life saving device.

I would like to thank all committee members and Garden Club members who take on roles to help with the running of our club and in the organising of The Spring Spectacular. Some of our long serving members are stepping back from roles this year. I know Chris and Judy Bayliss who have been involved with the Spring Spectacular for many years will be changing their roles. Chris would like to step back from his role as chairperson, Judy would like to step back from producing our newsletter. The newsletter is filled with info, in colour and lots of photos, it's amazing how much bigger and better our newsletter has become, so a huge thank you Judy and Chris, as well as to the other Spring Spectacular committee members, who work all year to bring our major fundraiser to fruition. Total profit we can donate to our chosen local charities will be later on in the newsletter in the Spring Spectacular Report.

At our AGM., the December meeting, all roles will be declared open. We will vote in a new committee and be asking for volunteers for the many different roles. Susie has sent out a list of these roles which I would encourage you to consider. Some roles are more time consuming than others, but assistance and guidance while you learn the roles is always available. I think the biggest and most time-consuming role is that of the Secretary and Susie Perrot has been our secretary for 8 years. She has been most enthusiastic and given attention to every detail. Not only doing what is required in this role but finding all sorts of other ways she can contribute as well. Susie is stepping back from her role as secretary this year for a well-earned rest. A sincere thank you Susie, you have been amazing and your efforts over the last 8 years are really appreciated.

Our Christmas party should be a beauty, not only a wonderful lunch, but Karen has also organised 3 small gardens for us to visit that day as well. Details will be available on the day, 3rd December, commencing at 12noon. If you have some time available earlier than 12, extra hands can always be used.

As mentioned at our previous meeting, if your surname starts with **A-M** could you please bring a salad,



surnames **N-Z** a dessert.



We've got some great cooks in the club; our afternoon teas are usually laden with beautiful homemade goodies and our Christmas lunch will be spectacular as well. So please come along, get your Christmas outfits on, enjoy a beautiful lunch and great company, I hope you decide to come and join us on our committee or as a helper.

As President this year, I would have to say it has been an honour and a privilege. I have put my hand up for next year as president as well, but please, if you feel you would like to experience this role, let Susie know, I would be happy to learn a different role as well.

This December meeting will be our last for the year, no meeting in January and we return in February. I hope you all have a Christmas that is filled with joy and peace, connection with family and good friends, and most importantly good health. At Christmas time 2023 I hope you enjoy our abundance and good fortune of living in the Central West and friendships shared through the Gardeners' Club.

Happy Gardening
Terri



Our Spring
Spectacular Launch
and Garden Owner's
Thank You was a great
success.



Sunday, 3rd December 2023. AGM & Christmas Lunch



CHANGE IN TIME: 12Noon

Location: Perthville Community Hall
20 Rockley Street Perthville
Host: Bathurst Gardeners' Club



Directions and Notes: Allow 30minutes to drive and park and set up with food etc.
What a treat for the end of the year!

This will be our AGM and our Christmas end of year gathering.

This will be a wonderful gathering held in the Perthville Community Hall. Sit and have a wonderful lunch with fellow members. Then to finish off your day you will be given a map to visit several smaller gardens in Perthville and Bathurst areas.

Please Bring:

Cup and a plate of food to share- xmas luncheon theme. Ideas: grazing platter whilst in meeting-
Lunch : Vegies, salad, pasta, desert.

Fridge available on site. (no time for cooking on site. Heating only if needed)

Tea and coffee will be served.

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

REMINDER - NO MEETING IN JANUARY

2024 Meetings will be announced in January 2024 Newsletter.

First Garden Meeting will be on the 4th February 2024.

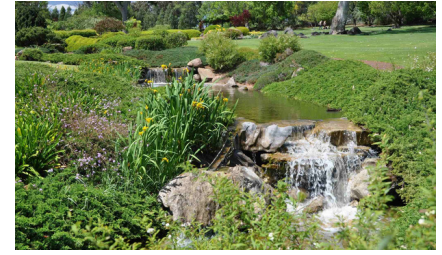
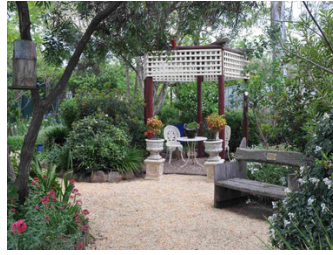


Would You like to Host a Garden Meeting?????

If so please contact Karen Mitchell 0408 653 983 to place your name down, we are currently seeking gardens for all months of 2024 and 2025.

REPORTING ON OUR OCTOBER AND NOVEMBER EVENTS

**COWRA COACH TRIP
BY TED AND CORAL REEDY**



On Thursday 12th October 44 Club members participated in a coach trip to Cowra. They visited the magnificent Cowra Japanese Gardens, a beautiful country garden at Lyndhurst, two lovely private gardens in Cowra and a nursery. They were a happy group and everyone enjoyed the day.

**ROSEDALE FARM TOUR
BY KAREN MITCHELL**

Firstly, I would like to say a sincere Thank You to everyone who came, and the beautiful calls and messages of thanks I have also received, this trip was a long time in the making but I'm so grateful I could share it with a beautiful group of friends. Thank you again for all wearing Black and White, it really added to the fun and we really looked the part in the Rosedale Farm Garden.

The day started off with a black and white theme, that even the clouds joined in on. Our convoy to Orange started.

Visiting two stunning courtyard gardens set in a complex that greeted you from the footpath and followed you into spectacular courtyards.

Then off on a tour of an amazing creative landscape of Daryl's Garden. Something to admire, smell through each pathway and around every corner. This is a must to re visit, so we have more time to sit, relax and soak up different areas in the large garden.

Then to Robin Hood Hotel for a large scrumptious lunch, where we all were treated with a free car wash.

With our clean cars and our freshly washed down roads our journey continued to the big feature of "Rosedale Farm" garden, and wow it did not let us down!

A guided walk through the garden by gardener Justin gave us history, planting and personal information all the way through the garden.

The sounds, sights and design, were incredible.



From the Secretary - Susie

3rd December 2023. Commencing at 12 noon.

BGC AGM & Christmas Lunch



Our December 3rd meeting will be also be our AGM & Christmas Lunch.

From 12 noon at the Perthville Community Hall 20 Rockley Street Perthville.

Meat, drinks and dinner rolls will be provided by the Club.

The Committee asks that those attending, please help make lunch a success by providing:

□ salad to share if your last name begins with A to N

□ desert to share if last name begins with M to Z

See you at the AGM & lunch!!!

Bathurst Gardeners Club Inc. Annual General Meeting

12md on Sunday 3rd December 2023 at Perthville Community Hall, 20 Rockley Road, Perthville.

NOMINATIONS ARE OPEN FOR OFFICE BEARERS AND COMMITTEE MEMBERS FOR 2023.

Nomination form attached.

Nominations must be received by the Secretary by Sunday 26th November 2023.

President: Chairs meetings and general Club organisation

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

Secretary: Takes the minutes at committee meetings, attends to correspondence, maintains membership register

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

Ordinary Committee members (3 required): Attends Committee meetings, representing Club members

We are also seeking Organisers and Assistants.

These valuable people help with the smooth running of the meetings and the Club generally.

Consider how you may be able to contribute by taking up one of these roles.

Are you interested in helping with the organisation of the 2024 Bathurst Gardeners' Club Spring Spectacular? If so. contact Lorraine Griffin - 0435 786 485 and she can let you know what jobs we might need helpers for.

BATHURST GARDENERS' CLUB INCORPORATED ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING DECEMBER 3rd 2023 AT 12 NOON AT PERTHVILLE COMMUNITY HALL, 20 ROCKLEY ROAD PERTHVILLE

AGENDA

1. Welcome by the President
2. Present/Apologies
3. Quorum
4. Acknowledge Life Members Present
5. Confirmation of the minutes of the AGM Minutes held on 4th December 2022
6. Treasurers Report
7. Presidents Report
8. Election of 2024 Positions- Conducted by Returning Officer
 - BGC Committee-
 - Assistants and helpers
9. Address from the Incoming President
10. Business Without Notice/Other matters
11. Raffle draw
12. Next meeting- The next Annual General Meeting is planned for Sunday 2nd December 2024 at a location yet to be decided.
13. Meeting Closure

December 2022/ January 2023 Newsletter

Bathurst Gardeners' Club Inc.
Nomination for Membership of Committee of Management.
Office Bearers and Ordinary Members for 2023/24

Completed Nomination forms must be delivered to the Secretary before Sunday 26th November: i.e.
Seven (7) days prior to the AGM.

I wish to Nominate:

Members Name:

For the Position of:

Proposed by: Name:

Signature:

Seconded By:

Signature:

I am willing to accept this nomination:

Name:

Address:

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Telephone:

Email:

Signature:

Date:

Forward this completed form to:

The Secretary Bathurst Gardeners' Club Inc.
PO Box 1049 OR
BATHURST NSW 2795
Email to: bathurstgardenersclub@gmail.com

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BATHURST GARDENERS' CLUB INCORPORATED ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD AT THE BATHURST GIRLS GUIDE HALL CNR CHARLOTTE AND WILLIAM STREET BATHURST 12MD ON SUNDAY 4TH DECEMBER 2022.

1. WELCOME:

The President Chris Bayliss welcomed all Club members and thanked them for attending

2. PRESENT:

As per attendance book

3. APOLOGIES:

As per Attendance book

4. QUORUM:

Quorum reached prior to commencement of the meeting

5. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF PAST PRESIDENTS AND LIFE MEMBERS:

The President Chris Bayliss acknowledged the following:

- Life Members: Ros Wheatley, Mandy Woods, Val Knight, Meg Robinson, Beryl Humphries, Spencer Harvey, Heather Webber, Lyn Burgett, Bruce Bolam, Rose Bolam, Jenny Meenahan, Mary Moody, Meg Robinson, Judy Bayliss, Peter Varman
- Past Presidents: Mandy Woods, Ros Wheatley, Cathy Rutherford, Val Knight, Spencer Harvey, Pauline Robinson, Barbara Piddington, Chris Bayliss, Shirley Burrow, and Peter Varman, Karen Granger

6. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF THE 2021 AGM:

The minutes of the 2020 Bathurst Gardeners' Club Incorporated Annual General Meeting held which was on 4th December 2021 (due to COVID) were circulated to Members at the meeting. Proposed by Peter Varman that the minutes be confirmed as a true and accurate record of proceedings, seconded by Chris Bayliss. Motion carried.

7. DONATION TO FLOOD APPEAL:

Chris made the following motion/proposal to the Members present:

"That the Bathurst Gardeners' Club Inc. donate 3k (three thousand dollars) to flood relief in the Central West"

The motion was seconded by Dianne Thurling with unanimous agreement from all present.

Motion passed.

8. TREASURER'S REPORT:

The Treasurers Report for the financial year ending 30th November 2022 were available to members present at the meeting. The report included the Bathurst Gardeners' Club Inc and Spring Spectacular status. Moved by Patrick McArdle that the report be accepted, seconded by Ted Reedy. Motion carried.

9. PRESIDENT'S REPORT: (Summary)

The President Chris Bayliss advised that he was stepping down as President.

Club membership numbers remain steady at around 180.

Garden Maintenance at Daffodil Cottage continues under the leadership and coordination of Peter Varman.

The Club participated in the Heritage Trades Trail at the Showground raising funds through a plant stall and receiving inquiries from a number of prospective members.

As the Chair of the Spring Spectacular Committee, it was particularly gratifying that we raised 20k this year for distribution to our charities. The gardens were beautiful and visitors came from other areas and interstate. The launch of the Spring Spectacular at Abercrombie house was also a great success.

In November our meeting was at Jaclyn and Michael Burns lovely garden where we hosted the Killabakh Garden Club. Around 100 were in attendance and our Club provided lunch for the occasion.

Finally, Chris thanked the BGC Committee of Management, the Spring Spectacular Committee for their tireless work and Fiona Ogilvie for providing contributions to the newsletter, and all the Club members who have supported the Club throughout the year.

Chris then wished the incoming Committee the best for 2023, and a safe and happy Christmas and New Year to all

10. ELECTION OF THE 2023 COMMITTEE POSITIONS:

The returning Officer, John Reid, took the floor and advised that the following nominations had been received for the Committee by the due date. No additional nominations were received and the following Committee was announced:

- President: Not Filled
- Vice President: Terri Crumpler
- Treasurer: Genevie Spence
- Secretary: Susie Perrott
- Ordinary Member: Peter Varman
- Ordinary Member: Karen Mitchell
- Ordinary Member: Don Stafford

Assistants and Helpers for 2023

Assistant Secretary: Not Filled
Assistant Treasurer: Moira King
Spring Spectacular Chair: Kate Baigent
Newsletter Editor/Writer: Terri Crumpler
Monthly Program: Karen Mitchell
Daffodil Cottage Coordinator: Peter Varman
Trips and Tours: Judy Bayliss, Chris Bayliss, Ted and Coral Reedy
(One trip each for a total of 3 trips in 2023)
Gifts: Susie Perrott
Club Banner/Sign: Shirley Faulds/John Reid
Afternoon Teas: Shirley Faulds/John Reid
Seed Bank: Kathy McMahon / Diane Kajons
Arrivals desk and Raffle: Lorraine Griffin / Diane Baillie
Facebook Administrator: Fiona Ogilvie
Archivist: Susie Perrott
Web Administrator: Judy Bayliss

11. ADDRESS FROM THE INCOMING PRESIDENT:

As there was no incoming President the newly elected Vice President Terri Crumpler thanked the Members and invited those in attendance to enjoy afternoon the lunch.

12. BUSINESS WITHOUT NOTICE/OTHER MATTERS:

Life Membership- Chris Bayliss was presented with a 'Life Membership' by Vice President Don Stafford for his ongoing support and Commitment to the Club.

Peter Varman spoke about recent irrigation work completed at Daffodil Cottage by Scott Mitchell Plumbing and acknowledged that Watermart had donated all the supplies for the works.

13. RAFFLE DRAW:

The raffle was drawn and prizes collected

14. NEXT MEETING:

The next Annual General Meeting of the Bathurst Gardeners Club Incorporated will be on Sunday 3rd December 2023 at a location yet to be determined.

15. MEETING CLOSURE:

The meeting was closed at 1.02pm.

Bathurst Gardeners' Club Incorporated.,
President-Signature and Date



Photos from our 2022
AGM/Christmas Party



Bathurst Gardeners' Club Spring Spectacular Chairperson's Report – November 2023

A great result for the 2023 Bathurst Gardeners' Club Spring Spectacular; the weather was perfect and visitors flocked in to see the ten lovely (and different) gardens on show.

It has been a privilege to chair the Committee over the past twelve months (Judy, Lorraine, Dianne, Jo, Anne, Peter, Terri, Brian and Phil) – without their hard work and dedication we would not have achieved the outstanding result which we did: \$27 000 donated to our nominated charities – Defence Community Dogs (\$10 000), Bathurst Community Transport (\$8 000), Mitchell Conservatorium (\$3 000), Headspace (\$3 000) and 2BS/Lions Miracle Christmas Appeal (\$3 000). Proceeds from the Monster Plant Stall (best ever) and the raffle added to the total raised.

To the garden owners -Moiria & Tony, Robyn & Chris, Edwina & Robert, Christine, Fiona & Bill, Ann & David, Anne, Julie & Pat, Jenny & Paul and Cathie – thank you again for all your hard work in preparing your gardens and welcoming visitors. To Dan Cove and the staff at Bathurst Visitor Information Centre – thank you for your assistance and cooperation. To our valued sponsors, without whose generosity we could not stage this event – thank you very much.

Also, thank you to Mitcon and the musicians who played in gardens over the weekend; your contribution really enhanced the ambience of the gardens and treated visitors to some great music. The inclusion of music in the event is a great feature and one which I would like to see expanded for future events.

Finally, a big thank you to the many Club members who volunteered to sit in gardens, assist at the Plant Stall and direct traffic.

I will be stepping down from the role of chairperson that I have had for the past four years, but will still be an active member of the Committee and helper in the Bathurst Gardeners' Club Spring Spectacular.

Chris

Congratulation to the winners of the raffle -

Emma McCrabb - Burl Bowl (Donated by Norm & Anne Bromfield)

Lorraine White - Mitre 10 Garden Package

Helen Wood - Wine (Donated by Chris & Narelle O'Connor)

Bruce Townson - \$50 Meat Voucher (Donated by South Bathurst Butcher)



THANK YOU ONCE AGAIN TO OUR WONDERFUL BATHURST SPRING SPECTACULAR SPONSORS

Major Sponsors

Bathurst Regional Council, Central West Village Voice, 2BS 95.1 FM

Adapt-a-Car; Bathurst Grange Distillery; Bathurst Mowerland; Bestwick Real Estate; Bowman Dental; Central Commercial Printers; Churches Garden Centre; Community Op-Shop Berry Park; Easy Living Footwear; Foster & Co Botanicals; Hothams,Sand,Soil and Gravel; Jo Deane-Butcher; Mitchell Batteries; Narellan Pools; Norm and Anne Bromfield; Petrie's Mitre 10; Premium Wine Negotiants Pty.Ltd; Red Chair Boutique; Riverside Nursery; Scott Mitchell Plumbing; South Bathurst Butcher; T J Landscaping; The She Shed; Terri Crumpler Marriage Celebrant; Varman Landscaping; Watermart.

Please support these businesses as they have supported us.

- SPECIAL MENTION TO CHRIS & NARELLE O'CONNOR FROM PREMIUM WINE NEGOTIANTS WHO NOT ONLY PAID OUR \$250 SPONSORSHIP BUT ALSO GENEROUSLY DONATED TO OUR RAFFLE AND PROVIDED THE LUCKY DOOR PRIZE AT OUR GARDEN OWNER'S THANK YOU.***

Cool climate climbers

Climbing plants are a great way of bringing height to a garden. They are faster than a tree and take up much less room horizontally. Even a courtyard should be able to accommodate a couple, trained against a wall or over a small arch. If you have more room, pergolas, walkways and dividing walls make excellent supports.

Flowering climbers have been gorgeous this spring, starting with a white Japanese wisteria (*W. floribunda* Alba) planted by Bill over a decade ago. It obstinately refused to bloom until he threatened it with removal, luckily this miraculously did the trick.



Wisteria floribunda alba



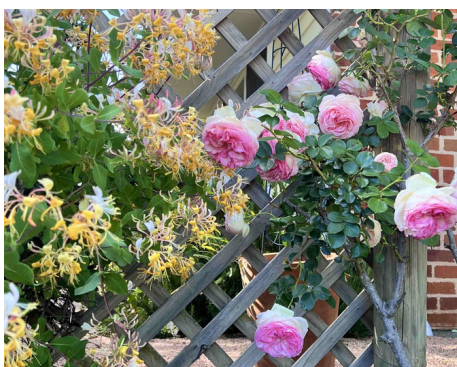
***Wisteria sinensis* in Yunnan, China.**

The purple Chinese wisteria (*W. sinensis*) that blooms a week or so earlier is another favourite, though a spring frost can wreck its flower buds. It's perfect for a long walkway and is beautiful trained along the eaves of a house, as you sometimes see in Chinese gardens.

Most wisterias are massive climbers, romping up to 10 metres, but for courtyard gardeners the American *W. frutescens* 'Amethyst Falls' is a modest 2-3m high.

It's easy to distinguish Chinese and American wisterias from their Japanese cousins: the former twine anti-clockwise, the latter clockwise.

Honeysuckles are marginally less aggressive (7m.) and also bear colourful and fragrant flowers. I love *Lonicera caprifolium*, partly because its scent is quite different from all our other honeysuckles.



For small arches, *L. heckrottii* Firecracker and Gold Flame are ideal, reaching only 2-3m.

***Lonicera caprifolium* with
*Rose Pierre de Ronsard***

Every garden needs a clematis, considered by many the queen of flowering climbers. The labour-saving trick here is to choose ones that flowers on their new wood that can be cut down during winter and bloom during the following season. (This doesn't take as long as it sounds.)

A few years ago I planted two *C. viticellas*, *C. 'alba luxurians'* and *C. Polish Spirit* (both kindly identified for me by Peter Harvey as I'd either lost the label or it was faded and illegible (a timely reminder to write things down) and I can vouch for their ease of maintenance. *C. 'alba luxurians'* is now soaring up the east-facing garage wall and is carpeted with flowers, only slightly damaged by recent warm winds. *Polish Spirit* has just got going and is moving quickly.



***Clematis viticella*
'alba luxurians'**



C. viticella Polish Spirit.



***C. 'alba luxurians'*
close up.**

For gardeners in a hurry, never forget sweet peas. Sown in autumn and again in spring for an extended season, nothing beats them for colour, scent and instant height to 2m.

All of the above are frost hardy but appreciate some water in hot weather.

Thanks to Fiona Ogilvie - Gardening Writer for 'The Land

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

Calendar for 2023/2024



MONTH	MONTHLY MEETINGS	OTHER BATHURST GARDENERS' CLUB ACTIVITIES	OTHER GARDEN CLUBS AND ORGANISATIONS EVENTS
DECEMBER	Sunday 3rd. AGM and Christmas Lunch 12 noon Perthville Community Hall Rockley Rd Perthville		
JANUARY	No Meeting in January		
FEBRUARY	Sunday 4th of February. Details in next newsletter.		

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