

# The Bathurst Gardeners' Club Incorporated



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*Welcome to the New Year.  
Happy gardening and good times.*



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**Closing Date for Contributions to next newsletter 18th March, 2023**

## *PRESIDENT'S REPORT JANUARY 2023*



Happy New Year Gardeners Club members. I am hoping everyone had a lovely Christmas and had time to connect with those who are nearest and dearest.

Our Christmas party/AGM was enjoyable and fruitful. Many of our members and committee brought salads and desserts along and the ham was donated by Don Stafford. It was a delicious lunch and many thanks go out to those who contributed. I think the nicest meals I've ever had have been ones where everyone brings something, you end up with some wonderful and varied dishes.

The AGM was successful as well with all roles being filled, finally. A sincere thank you to all of the people for taking on roles for 2023. It is greatly appreciated.

I would like to thank the committee members and all other members who took roles last year, a special thank you, to retiring member, Chris Bayliss, who received Life Membership at the AGM, for his exceptional contributions to the club over many years, across many different roles. Patrick McCardle and Stacey Huempel, also retiring from the Committee, thank you as well.

I am sure this coming year will pass as quickly as have the last ones.

Our new committee met on Sunday 8th January to discuss some ideas for our upcoming meetings throughout 2023. If you have any ideas about some things you would like the club to do, please let me know, or if you know of any gardens that would be a possible meeting place for the club in the future, we would love to hear any suggestions. Our club is the combined efforts of all of us, lets make this year an enjoyable and productive year.

Our 1st meeting for the year will be at Anne and Norm Bromfield's garden on the 5th February at 2pm as usual. The address is 3442 Great Western Highway in Yetholme. Thank-you Anne and Norm for allowing the club to come to your garden for our first meeting of the year.

Karen Mitchell will inform everyone later in the newsletter of other upcoming meetings.

As in previous years, we will be participating in the Heritage Trades Trail on 15th and 16th April 2023. We will have a plant stall and promote the Gardener's Club as we have done previously and volunteers will be needed. We ask that you look and see what plants you can contribute to the stall to help raise money. Details added later in newsletter.

At the 2022 AGM, those members in attendance voted in favour of donating \$3,000.00 (three thousand dollars) to the Western Area Flood appeal. On your behalf, the committee discussed which organisation would be best to direct our donation. It concluded that the Lion's Club would assure that the money donated would be used to help actual victims of flood and not be lost in administration costs.

## February/March 2023 Newsletter

At a winter meeting, members told us that the current badges (gold colour with black writing) were very hard to read. The Committee takes your concerns sincerely and looked at other suitable options. At a subsequent meeting, a sample badge with white background and black writing was voted by members present as a suitable replacement.

While not mandatory, we do suggest that you take up the option of getting a new black and white badge. The new style badges can be ordered at Fifty8 George in George Street at a cost of \$17.00 per badge (more if you would like a magnetic badge) and being able to read and therefore know who people are will be so much easier for everyone!

Summer is in full swing and the usual hot dry weather is with us. Water restrictions were relaxed back in March 2022. Water is a precious resource and there are some simple things we can do to use it wisely. Our gardens are surprisingly dry. Some tips on water conservation include: check soil moisture content prior to watering, water in the cool of the day, mulch to reduce moisture loss and make sure there are no leaks in watering systems. Chifley Dam is currently full and we can expect a change in the current restrictions when the dam level reaches 75% capacity.

As a club, we are concerned about the general wellbeing of our members. If you are aware of a member know of any who are not well, or they are having a rough time, please let myself (0432 709 484) or our Secretary Susie Perrott (0431 294 446) know and we will reach out to them.

Looking forward to another enjoyable year of friendships through gardening see you at Anne and Norm's garden on February 5th at 2pm!

*Terri Crumpler*





# February and March Meetings

From Karen Mitchell

## 5th February 2023, 2pm

Location: 3442 Great Western Highway, Yetholme

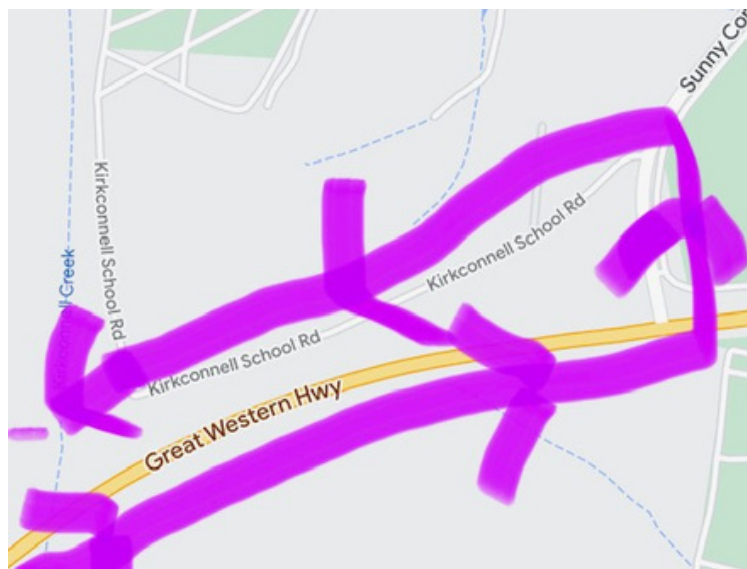
Hosts: Anne & Norm Bromfield

What a great start to 2023 to be welcomed into this beautiful, forever changing garden. You will be amazed by just travelling half an hour out of Bathurst what a climate change can do to the planting and growth.



### Directions:

- From Bathurst head to Yetholme. Go past the Yetholme service station, 2.5km on
- take the LEFT TURN To SUNNY CORNER. Sunny Corner Road. Turn left
- Then take the first left onto Kirkconnell School Road-
- go past the school to the very end of the road
- A gate will be opened and drive through the paddock to the back entrance of Anne's Garden



# February/March 2023 Newsletter

5th March 2023, 2pm.

Location: 35 Gilmour Street, Kelso

Host: Genevieve Spence

Once you walk behind the gates you will be welcomed into a tranquil, secret garden. Genevieve has created a garden that you would not want to leave, from a well-equipped veggie garden that the chooks eye off every day to flowing garden beds that allow you to stop, relax and enjoy. Who would know where you are in Bathurst!



Directions:

Parking is on the street.

Please Bring to all Gardens:

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 by garden members and approved member guests.

No Pets allowed at meeting.



## From the Secretary - Susie

### **ANNUAL CLUB MEMBERSHIP IS DUE NOW**

It is now time for us to renew our membership.

If you have already renewed your membership we thank you very much.

We hope you will continue to enjoy the Club and all it offers, by renewing your membership which is due by March 31st 2023.

Annual Membership is \$20.00 per person and can be paid by cash or cheque to our Treasurer Genevieve at the February or March Club meetings or by electronic transfer of funds into the Club bank account.

Our Bank details are as follows:

**Greater Bank, BSB: 637 000, Account No: 713853828**

It is always helpful if your name used as a reference so we know who the payment is from. We look forward to your ongoing membership.

### **SUMMER SEEDS-SHARING IS CARING!**

Our seed bank has been a great source of joy to our members, as people share seeds, take them home, plant and nurture them, then see them bloom or fruit. It is always a delight. The seed bank always needs replenishing with fresh seeds, so if you can save/collect seeds and contribute them to the seed bank it would be appreciated. It is helpful if you label the seeds with the seed name and colour. Please bring them to a meeting and give them to our Seed Bank Coordinators, Kathy McMahon or Diane Kajons

### **GARDEN ETIQUETTE**

To be a good guest in another gardener's garden, please follow these common rules of courtesy:

Leave flowers, all plant material, plant labels and all garden property as you found them. Do not collect, remove or eat any plant material. If you wish to know the identity of a plant, please ask. Stay on pathways or mowed lawn areas. Do not walk in mulched or planted garden beds, climb trees, wade in water features or block pathways.

Do not disturb containers, fountains, statuaries or water features.

Do not feed animals, fish or birds.

Observe signs and directions. Stay within the garden area.

Check that garden owners are happy for you to take photographs.

Respect the privacy of the garden owners - do not peer in windows or any enter any buildings without permission. Take care to arrive at the arranged time for the visit.

Exercise care and consideration for others when parking. Park only where indicated. Take out what you take in - please don't litter

### **2023 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING, COMMITTEE, ASSISTANTS AND HELPERS**

Our Annual General Meeting was in December and within a week all positions were filled. Many thanks to everyone that has volunteered their services for this year.



## 2023 CLUB MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE:

**President:** Terri Crumpler, **Vice President:** Karen Mitchell, **Treasurer:** Genevieve Spence, **Secretary:** Susie Perrott, **Ordinary Member:** Peter Varman, **Ordinary Member:** Karen Mitchell, **Ordinary Member:** Don Stafford.

## 2023 HELPERS AND ASSISTANTS:

- **Assistant Secretary:** Ian Mathews
- **Assistant Treasurer:** Moira King
- **Spring Spectacular Chair:** Kate Baigent
- **Newsletter Editor/Writer:** Judy Bayliss
- **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
- **First Aid Kit:** Susie Perrott
- **P A System:** Chris Bayliss

**Club Public Officer:** At the January Committee meeting, the Committee reappointed Susie Perrott as the Public Officer

A few more photos from our AGM/ Christmas Party



## Thank you to Fiona for this article about your beautiful roses.

Early in 2020, in despair after years of drought I replaced most of my roses with drought hardy, low shrubs and ornamental grasses. I kept a few favourites, mainly for their scent, colour and apart from one, repeat flowering.

Crimson Josephine Bruce is the best dark red hybrid tea rose I know. Raised by Bees Sealand Nurseries in Chester, UK in 1950, it is a small bush (1m.) that always carries a few flowers that last well when cut.

Peachy apricot is beautiful with dark red so alongside Josephine I put Just Joey, another hybrid tea and far more prolific in bloom.



***Josephine Bruce***



***Just Joey***



***Cabana***

I love striped flowers and many years ago was lucky to find Cabana among a bundle of bare rooted roses in a local hardware store for \$9.95, what a bargain. Similar in height to Josephine and Just Joey, it seems to be immune to black spot, a great bonus in a summer like this.



***Paul's Lemon Pillar***

Most of us can find space for a small climber. Paul's Lemon Pillar grows to a restrained 2m., wreathed in heavily fragrant cream flowers for several weeks from early November, followed by large gold hips. It's only flaw is that it flowers just once, but as with all such roses, it produces as many blooms as appear on repeat bloomers over a season.



I've saved my favourite for last. Julia's Rose has the most beguiling flowers, tawny buff fading to smoky pink. This unusual colour comes from the parents, greyish mauve Blue Moon and old gold Dr. A. J. Verhage.

The best thing about Julia's Rose, though, is its story: it was named for Julia Clements (1906-2010), an English writer who worked for the Red Cross during WW2 and in 1947 was asked to address an International Flower Show in New York.

On returning home, Kent Area Women's Institute asked her to talk about this trip. Facing a group of war-weary women who had for years lacked any creative outlet with furnishings, clothes or food, she seized a bowl of flowers from the table and produced a simple arrangement similar to those she had seen in the US.

Afterwards she was mobbed by women wanting her to address their own groups. Julia went on to study colour and design and is said to have introduced over 2 million people to the art of flower arrangement. There could be no more beautiful tribute than the rose named after her.

***Julia's Rose***



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*Thanks to Fiona Ogilvie - Gardening Writer for 'The Land'*

## GARDEN CLUBS OF AUSTRALIA – TOWNSVILLE CONVENTION 2022 (Contd)

11-15 September 2022

### Report by Kent & Dianne McNab

**The Palmetum:** A botanical garden of 17 ha featuring one family of plants, the Palms. It contains all six subfamilies within the family Arecaceae; most of the 60 species of palms native to Australia; 300 species in all in the collection, many rare and threatened in their natural habitat.

A Bicentennial Project, internationally recognised, supported and planned by Townsville community and organised through Townsville City Council Parks Service; opened in September 1988 and continually expanded with new palm varieties and scenic walks.

A beautiful place to wander around and experience the many species of palms in shaded areas, near the semi-permanent watercourse and permanent lagoon. Bird life is also varied and abundant and is enjoyed by the Townsville Region Bird Observers Club.



***Palmetum, Golden Shrimp Plant (Pachystachys)***



***Palmetum Lagoon***

**Anderson Botanic Gardens and Conservatory:** The largest Australian Botanic Garden featuring plants of the dry tropics. Named in appreciation of William Anderson, their first Curator of Parks (1878-1934). Original design in 1962 by Alan Wilson, Landscape Artist & Superintendent of Parks, with plant collection originally laid out in Taxonomic groupings. Formerly an arboretum, it contains large, impressive trees. Dry tropic and native species include regional collections, Cycads, Pandanus, Conifers, Bamboos, Palms & an Orchard. Category 4 Cyclone Yasi (2 Feb 2011) battered Townsville for several hours resulting in one third of trees being lost.

The Conservatory has Gingers, Ferns, Cycads, Bromeliads, Ornamental Banana and the fascinating Pitcher Plants. The Tropical Fruit Orchard is next to the Conservatory.

**Queens Gardens:** A botanic garden with a fine collection of ornamental tropical plants. Desirable, rare, and unusual plants displayed with the most spectacular flowering, foliage and fruiting specimens. Tropical flowering Trees, Heliconias, Palms and Frangipani collection are very impressive. Queens Garden is the 4ha remnant of the former 40ha Botanical Gardens Reserve (Queens Park) proclaimed 14 June 1870. The most impressive picture is looking back along the path lined by varieties of Palms towards the Park Entrance with Castle Hill dominating the background.

**M Webb Business Complex:** One of the generous major Sponsors for the Townsville Convention was Brad Webb, the original self-made man who left school at Year 10 worked his way through building jobs, making box trailers, driving trucks and crushing rocks for a living. His favourite quote is: "The value of a dollar is directly related to the effort put in to get it. If you didn't work hard for it, you don't appreciate it."



In 1999 he purchased 700 acres of prime real estate, once home to the thriving St. John Zoo (1917-1968). Today he heads the BM Webb Group. In May, he sold the quarrying, concrete and transport units of the business for \$30 million but retains the massive landholding at Bohle, Townsville. Developing an industrial park for 15 years with a vision to create a landmark industrial estate to house all their operational & construction facilities; and lease high end premises in a convenient location, with immaculate gardens, manicured footpaths and wide bitumen roads.

Today, Webb Drive Industrial Estate has over 100 businesses with state of the art facilities and modest street appeal, the base for many leading industrial, transport and commercial brands. A 20-year development lifespan ahead, with all construction undertaken in-house in the BM Webb mechanical, construction, civil, steel fabrication and precast factory.



The BM Webb business premises, where we enjoyed lunch, boasts a massive Rose Garden, in memory of his mother who brought him up under difficult circumstances. The 500 beautifully maintained bushes in brilliant colours are highlighted by magnificent tropical gardens containing stunning Lipstick Palms, with a full-time gardener employed.

Brad has also donated millions of dollars in cash and kind to a range of community causes including Food Relief NQ (with an 800sqm purpose-built facility); a transport scheme for the elderly, disabled and other disadvantaged people; as well as other local causes.

**Rainforest in Suburbia** – Shirley Haslam: The highlight garden was the Tropical Garden of towering Palms with Staghorns, Elkhorns, Ferns and Orchids amongst the many varied exotic and familiar plants, shrubs and trees. We wandered through the diverse garden alcoves, with quiet spots to sit and take in the tranquillity of her suburban garden. With parkland on two sides, the garden has expanded to meet the magnificent Bloodwood, Poinciana and Tamarind trees in the Park. With sprinklers high in garden trees to create the rainforest effect, the previous drought was a challenge when water use was restricted (in similar way to Bathurst – no sprinklers). Friends and neighbours helped by bringing their hoses across their fences to help Shirley water to maintain her wonderful garden. This proved successful and having retired a few years ago she describes her ever-growing garden as “my happy place” where she recreates, relocates and enjoys the company of the many birds who also live there, including a pair of Sunbirds.



***Shirley's Front Garden***



***Novelty Garden Door***



***Shirley's Garden Palms***



**General:** On the Friday we took ourselves on the Ferry trip to Magnetic Island and joined the Best Bus Tour to see historic and other sights, including the History & Craft Centre and Museum (previously the local school), the location of the Forts Walk which leads to historic World War II fortifications and infrastructure, the rock wallabies, had Fish & Chips for lunch at Horseshoe Bay; altogether an interesting and enjoyable day.

On the Saturday we joined an intimate group for the arranged Ravenswood Tour. We enjoyed morning tea at Heritage Tea Rooms in the cool air of Herveys Range, you have to arrive early to beat the locals! An interesting trip up Castle Hill to see the magnificent view over Townsville to Magnetic Island; and in the opposite direction to the Mountains beyond. A fitting conclusion to a wonderful week of Garden Visits and interesting talks organised by a dedicated group of Townsville Garden Club Members in collaboration with the Garden Clubs of Australia Committee. Once again thank you to Bathurst Gardeners Club for sponsoring us to attend.

**Garden Clubs of Australia Convention 2023:** We received information about the Convention to be held at Lake Macquarie in September this year hosted by the Toronto Garden Club who have been working hard for a couple of years to organise an interesting and informative Convention with many outings to places of interest. The Convention, being held in our own State will be an excellent opportunity for Members of Gardeners Clubs like ours to attend. I'm sure the Committee will have received information on the 2023 Convention.

*Thank you to Dianne and Kent McNab for your interesting and informative report on the Garden Clubs of Australia Convention held in Townsville.*

### 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**

# Calendar for 2023

MONTH	MONTHLY MEETINGS	OTHER BATHURST GARDENERS' CLUB ACTIVITIES	OTHER GARDEN CLUBS AND ORGANISATIONS EVENTS
FEBRUARY	Sunday 5th of February. 2pm 3442 Great Western Highway, Yetholme		
MARCH	Sunday 5th March, 2pm. 35 Gilmour Street, Kelso.		
APRIL	Sunday 2nd April, 2pm. Details in April/May newsletter	Heritage Trades Trail Saturday 15th Sunday 16th	

