

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, 2024

PRESIDENT'S REPORT FOR FEB/MARCH 2024 NEWSLETTER



Hello Garden Club members, I hope you all enjoyed Christmas and New Year and that you are all looking forward to the year ahead. Our December meeting/ AGM was a big success, wonderful lunch and a successful AGM, recruiting some new members to help with the committee work, thank you for all of you who contributed. We still need someone to learn how to put together our newsletter, which Judy Bayliss is currently doing. Judy will be happy to teach you and I know through experience she is a great teacher. We also need one more ordinary member for G.C. committee.

Our committees for both Garden Club and Spring Spectacular have started planning and working on the many things our club has been involved with and your ideas are very welcome for all of our projects. Firstly, if you know of a garden that would be suitable for either our Garden Club meetings or Spring Spectacular, please let someone on the committee know, we need more gardens.

Heritage Trades Trail weekend is a bit earlier this year 16th and 17th March so while you are in your garden if you are dividing perennials or removing plants from your garden, why not pot them up for our plant stall. You can make some money, 2/3 of the cost of plant and 1/3 goes to the club. Some members donate all the money they raise to the club and all of these takings go towards Spring Spectacular. We have started seeking sponsors as well as we need money to pay for many things in our start up costs, printing, advertising, ticketing etc.

We will be asking for volunteers to be at the Heritage Trades Trail plant stall as well. This is a very enjoyable thing to do, shifts are only around 4hrs, and you get free entry to the Fair which is really interesting and informative. Of course, growing plants for food and shelter as well as for aesthetics and comfort was all important to our pioneers, so gardening is quite relevant to this fair which showcases the many skills needed in our early years as a nation to survive and thrive.

While you are in your garden maybe think about our seed bank which always needs topping up with newly collected seeds, so dry them out and bring them along to a meeting to share. It is wonderful to be able to access seeds of plants that thrive in our area, and they are all free compliments of our members.

Thought and some planning is being put into producing 3- or 4-day trips, we will let you all know when we have them organised. They are always really enjoyable days out with fellow Gardener Club members.

It has come to our attention that Fair Trading asks that we keep minutes of our Garden Club meetings. We would like to keep this task to a minimum amount of extra work for our secretary, who has a lot of work already, so minutes will include where we meet, who speaks and any major incidents that might occur, e.g. the outcome of any voting done by members like the defibrillator or any accidents any members might have while attending the meeting. These minutes will be available at the following meeting, , a copy will be available at the sign on desk if you are interested. I would think most members aren't that interested in reading them, but I will ask for a show of hands at our February meeting if you are happy that our ordinary members accept these minutes as being true and correct at our committee meetings.

The beginning of the year means that membership fees are now due, \$30 for new members and \$25 for existing members. If payment is not received by the end of March, we take it that you are not interested in being a member any longer so newsletter delivery will stop. Please let us know if your contact details have changed, phone number, address and email address. Most people have their newsletter delivered by email and this is our preferred method. We have 187 members at present and mailing newsletters 6 times a year would be very costly. So please if it is possible for us to deliver your newsletter by email let us know, this helps us keep the cost of running the Club down and in turn your membership fees.

For new members, we ask that you could order a club badge with your name on it, from Fifty 8 George St, to wear to meetings. You get a free raffle ticket for doing so as well!

Some of our Club's objectives are to educate in horticulture, to educate in protection and conservation of our natural resources, to encourage civic beauty, charity and to foster friendships and cordiality amongst members. Our club exists and continues to grow because of our combined efforts and members can contribute in many ways. We ask –

- if you know of a member who is not well or having a tough time, please let us know, our member welfare is important.

- please remember club etiquette while at meetings. As gardeners we naturally want to propagate but we ask please do not remove any plants or plant material of any kind from gardens without the approval of the garden owner

- please don't walk on any garden beds

- please consider others at afternoon tea and also when taking free give aways at meetings.

The beginning of the year is a good time to remind us all of these simple things, we are a large group of gardeners and we don't want people dreading seeing us come to their garden.

I wish you all a year ahead that is one of good health and happiness and friendship through our shared interest in gardening.

Happy gardening, Terri



February and March Meetings

From Karen Mitchell

4th February 2024

2pm

Location: 128 St Anthony Creek Road, Glanmire

Host: Fiona and Bill Ogilvie

What a way to welcome 2024 than a country drive to sit along the gum trees in lush green grass under our feet.

You will be treated to a stroll through a well established cottage garden.

We thank Fiona and Bill for hosting our first meeting of the year and awakening all our senses ready to tackle the year ahead of us all.

Directions:

Go Through Raglan toward Sydney on the Great Western Highway at

Glanmire, turn Left onto Glanmire Lane/ Also known as Yarris Lane.

Follow road to St Anthony Creek Road turn Right.

Continue on road to Property Right hand side of road "St Anthony" drive through the stunning garden arbour.

Parking near house just off driveway



3rd March 2024 2pm

Location: 271 Lambert Street Bathurst
Jerry Kenrick

Host: Robyn and

We are lucky to live in Bathurst and to have the opportunity to have gardens in the CBD that take your breath away when you open the side gates!

We Thank Robyn and Jerry for opening their gates for this month's meeting.

Directions:

Lambert Street Between Stewart Street and Peel Street (Top side of Stewart Street the Highway)
Parking is on the street.

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

No Pets allowed at meetings.



Please Bring to all Gardens:

Your chair, Cup and a Plate of food to share

Tea and coffee with be served

7th April 2024

Location: "Sheltering Pines" 784 Pinnacle Road, Canobolas.
Details in next newsletter.

Host: Darryl Lawler

Secretary's Report

A big thankyou to Susie for the very organised and helpful handover to enable me to get started in the Secretary role.

It appears to be a quiet time of the year with little correspondence being received. At the end of 2023 we have 187 members.

As NSW Fair Trading require formal minutes to be taken and kept for all meetings, the minutes of the November Club meeting will be distributed to members with endorsement of those minutes sought at the February meeting. For subsequent meetings, subject to member endorsement, it is proposed that the Management Committee review and endorse the minutes of Club meetings on behalf of members to reduce administrative actions and allow club meetings to focus on social activities and sharing gardening knowledge and enjoyment.

Can I please remind members that the membership fees of \$25 are due and must be paid by 31 March 2024 to maintain membership of the Club. Either pay online or see our Treasurer, Genevieve at the February or March meeting.

Ian Matthews
Secretary

Bathurst Gardeners' Club Banking Details
BSB 637 000
A/C 713853828

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**

Do you remember when –



Bathurst Gardeners' Club visited Narromine gardens in October 2005? Trip was organised by Ray and Olive White.

February/March 2024 Newsletter

Bathurst Gardeners Club Incorporated Committee Members, Assistants and Helpers for 2024

Committee Members	
President	Terri Crumpler
Vice President	Dianna Baillie
Treasurer	Genevieve Spence
Secretary	Ian Matthews
Ordinary Member	Karen Mitchell
Ordinary Member	Cherie Bateman
Ordinary Member	Vacant
Assistants and Helpers	
Assistant Secretary	Sidonia Klemens
Assistant Treasurer	Moiria King
Spring Spectacular Chair	Lorraine Griffin
Newsletter Editor/Writer	Judy Bayliss
Monthly Program	Karen Mitchell
Daffodil Cottage Coordinator	Peter Varman
Trips and Tours	Karen Mitchell
Gifts/Attendance book	Ian Matthews
Club PA System	Chris Bayliss
Club Photography	Jennifer Ford
Afternoon Teas	Margaret Ruston Jerry Kenrick
Seed Bank	Jessie Davidson
Arrivals desk and Raffle	Dianna Baillie Robyn Kenrick
Facebook Administrator	Fiona Ogilvie
Archivist	Susie Perrott
Web Administrator	Judy Bayliss/Robyn Kenrick
AED (Defibrillator) Custodian	Jesse Davidson



Heritage Trades Trail 16th/17th March



Following on from a very successful plant stall at the Spring Spectacular, we have the opportunity to represent the Bathurst Gardeners Club at the Heritage Trades Trail on 16th and 17th March with another plant stall. The funds from this will assist planning for this years Spring Spectacular.

Therefore, we are needing potted plants to sell and members to man the stall over the two days. While gardening in the next couple of weeks, any excess seedlings that have popped up can be potted as well as plants that are being thinned out. They must be potted long enough for the roots to be settled in before selling.

If you would like to help on the stall on either day, please contact Anne Bromfield on 63375274 so we can draw up a roster.

As usual, every pot requires two paddle pop sticks, one with your initials and price of that plant to be held at the stall and one with the name of the plant for identification. Looking forward to another great event.



2024 BATHURST GARDENERS' CLUB SPRING SPECTACULAR

The dates of this year's Spring Spectacular are the 26th and 27th of October. The committee have already met and are in the process of finding gardens and sending out advanced information to other garden clubs.

At this point we do not have enough gardens for the event. If you would like your garden to be considered or you know of gardens that would be suitable the committee would be extremely grateful. Please contact Spring Spectacular Committee Chairperson Lorraine Griffin 0435786485 larrieg20a@gmail.com

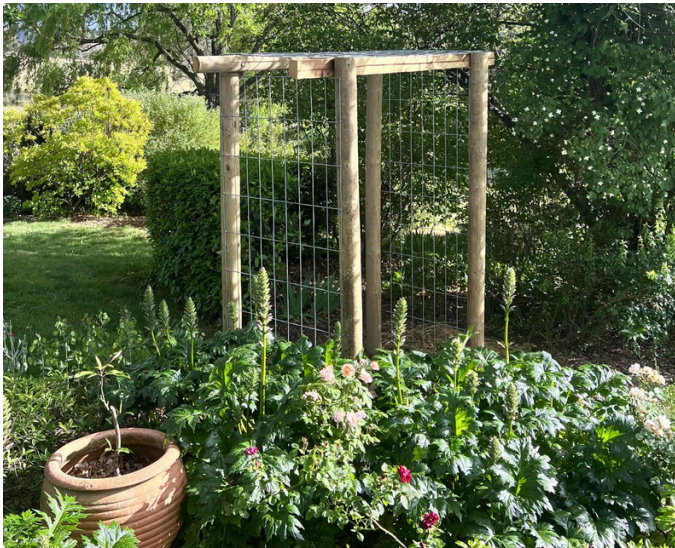
On a personal level Chris & I have opened our garden twice (2013 & 2016) and have found it to be a very rewarding experience. Yes, it is a busy weekend but there is always lots of positive feedback from visitors. Fellow gardeners on the whole are lovely people and are grateful to be able to visit gardens belonging to others. Putting your garden in the Spring Spectacular gives you a focus and you get to complete all those jobs you keep putting off! The big plus is that you are helping the community as donations are made to local charities. Last year a wonderful \$27 000 was donated. I am sure others who have opened their gardens would agree with my comments. It must have been a good experience as we have decided to open our garden again this year!

Judy Bayliss (Newsletter Editor)

Fiona's Thoughts on the Spring Spectacular

One of the great things about opening your garden for our club's annual Spring Spectacular is that because you have to be organised before the big weekend, you're ahead for the rest of the summer.

The single best thing we did for our opening (I hate admitting this), was to replace two ancient wood pergolas that stood at each end of the lawn below our verandah.



Plenty of room to walk under one of the new arches.

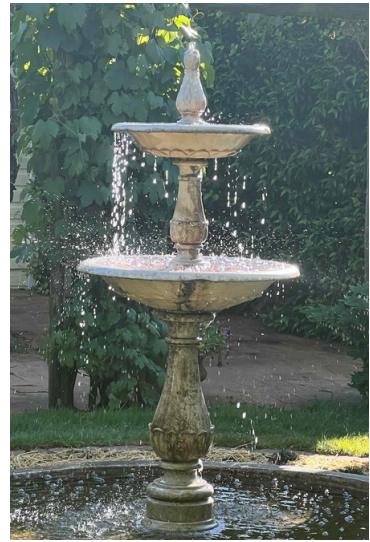
One was nearly collapsing under the weight of a huge old banksia rose, and its slightly smaller opposite number was almost hidden by a massive wisteria. Also they were almost too low to walk under, as the supporting posts were slowly sinking into the ground.

Naturally I was sentimentally attachment to our old pergolas - like many gardeners I'm innately conservative about the garden - and strenuously resisted any change. But I was wrong: I love the new ones, which were finished just in time, and I'm enjoying watching two new creepers, Clematis montana Starlight and Hardenbergia violacea Happy Wanderer beginning to climb them.



Hardenbergia Happy Wanderer planted in October has already put on good growth.

Next, I had to act over the supposedly dwarf pittosporum Golf Ball plants that were rapidly growing into an impenetrable hedge round our fountain. It was nearly impossible to climb over them into the pond to clean the filter, so I (again reluctantly) replaced them with Mondo grass. The fountain is now splashing beautifully thanks to its clean filter and the pittosporums were perfect for a boundary hedge near the vegetables.



Pond round the fountain is easier to clean with no surrounding low hedge.



Box and viburnum clipped in October have only just started to re-shoot

I also got several jobs done in October than normally wait until November, starting with clipping the box and viburnum hedges. They've only just started to shoot so should last the summer with no more trimming.

Best of all, thanks to being so well prepared for summer, I can now keep on top of - well, sort of - the weeding.

I would like to thank Lorraine Griffin, BGC's committee and the large band of hard-working helpers for those long hours you spent behind the scenes to make the event such a success. And to wish you all the best for a spectacular 2024 event!

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

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

Calendar for 2024

MONTH	MONTHLY MEETINGS	OTHER BATHURST GARDENERS' CLUB ACTIVITIES	OTHER GARDEN CLUBS AND ORGANISATIONS EVENTS
FEBRUARY	Sunday 4th, 2pm 128 St Anthony Creek Road, Glanmire		
MARCH	Sunday 3rd, 2pm 271 Lambert Street, Bathurst	Heritage Trades Trail Saturday 16th Sunday 17th	
APRIL	Sunday 7th, 784 Pinnacle Road, Canobolas Details in April/May Newsletter		
MAY	Sunday 5th Details in April/May Newsletter		
JUNE	Sunday 2nd Details in June/July Newsletter		

Meeting dates for second half of year -
 7th July, 4th August, 8th September (change from first Sunday due to Father's Day), 6th October, 3rd November, 1st December.

