

JUNE/JULY 2015 NEWSLETTER

Thank you to Colin and Kim Jamieson for allowing the Club to visit their lovely garden in April. Appreciation also goes to Club member Katie Marple and her husband Bruce who opened their garden for club members in May. A shower of rain didn't deter members from looking around the garden.

WINTER MEETINGS: The June, July and August meetings are held indoor. This year the venue has changed and meetings will be held at the Walshaw Hall, in Church Street at 2pm.

The June 7 meeting will be the first in our new venue, the Walshaw Hall in Church Street, at 2pm. Our speaker will be Richard Sullivan on carnivorous plants. Richard had a large display at the recent Clarendon Collector's Plant Fair and also does talks at the Blue Mountains Botanic Gardens at Mount Tomah. Sarracenia (pitcher plants) are perennials that suit our climate. The talk will include the care of Trumpet Pitcher plants and other carnivorous varieties. Richard will bring some along on the day to look at and some will be for sale.

The July 5 meeting will commence at 2pm also in the Walshaw Hall. The meeting will include a display and talk by Les and Kelly from Amos Water Tanks, Bourke Street, Cowra. With excess water bills and dry summers the costs to home gardeners is rising, so come along and find out how to retro fit your yard and be water wise for next summer. Established in 1993 and now run by Les and Kelly as a family business, Amos tanks has a large range that can be custom made to suit your site, with round tanks 500 - 100,000 litres, slimline tanks and raised garden beds available, delivered and installed in a large range of colours. Check their website for more details. www.amoswatertanks.com.au

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

THANK YOU: Thank you to the Bathurst Community Op Shop for its donation of \$1000 to the Old Government Cottage Heritage Garden.

TRIP: A day trip is planned for Saturday September 26 to visit the Radio Museum at Kurrajong, Wildwood Gardens at Bilpin (includes lunch), Blue Mountains Botanic Gardens, Mount Tomah and possibly the Japanese Gardens at Maple Springs Nursery, Hartley. The excursion will be discussed at the June meeting and confirmed if enough people are interested.

THE OLD GOVERNMENT COTTAGE HERITAGE GARDEN: Working bees will be held at the garden on the first Monday of the month from 9am to 11am. All members are most welcome to come along and help out.

SHIRTS and NAME BADGES: Garden Club shirts can be ordered at Stitches, 43 Keppel Street. The cost is approximately \$35 each. Garden Club name badges can be purchased at Fifty 8 George Street for approximately \$9.

GARDENERS' CLUB MEMBER DISCOUNTS: These are available from Churches Garden Centre (10% except seedlings); Riverside Nursery (10% except seedlings); Australian

Native Landscapes and Books Plus (gardening books only). Current Club membership card must be shown to obtain discounts.

PLANT STALL: If you are dividing plants over the next few months and have some spare perhaps you could pot them up to be sold at the very popular plant stall at Miss Traill's House over the Spring Spectacular weekend (October 31/ November 1). One third of the sale of plants goes to Miss Traill's House and the remainder to you.

FOR SALE: Good lucerne mulch \$6 per bale. Several members have got some and are very pleased with the mulch, no weeds. Phone Geoff Renshaw on 0427 259 554.

COMING EVENTS: Open Gardens Australia, open garden Banna Billa, 345 Gem Road, Cowra. 23 - 24 May 2015. 10am to 4.30pm. \$8 entry.

The hallmark feature of this young parkland garden is the lake where willows fringe the banks and an island is alive with birds. Elsewhere, lawns are planted with pears, Chinese elms, liquidambars and pistachios. Eucalypts shelter an outer garden of massed native species. Seasonal white flowers surround the vegetable garden.