

# Bathurst Gardeners' Club Inc.

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## JUNE/JULY 2018 NEWSLETTER

Welcome to new members: Denise Hennessy, Joanne Young, Jane Blundell and Jenni Brackenreg.

Thank you to Tom and Elizabeth and Sandra and Greg for opening their gardens for our club outings.

**MEETINGS:** Our first winter meeting will be held in the Walshaw Hall, Church Street, Bathurst on Sunday June 3 at 2pm. Lew Bezzina, Manager of Horticulture and Garden Maintenance at Mayfield Garden, Oberon, will be talking about the upcoming events at Mayfield Garden which include the Winter Festival which takes place from July 7-22. The Spring Festival which shows the private garden as well as the water garden, will be open from October 18-28. Another attraction will be the National Cool Climate Food and Wine Festival on Saturday October 13, 2018.

Our Sunday July 1 meeting will be held at the Walshaw Hall at 2pm. Our guest speaker is Charles Boag who combined his love of the country and journalism by moving to Wattle Flat seven years ago and becoming an author/gardener. Having turned the trials and tribulations of no town water, and harsh weather conditions into a wonderful garden, he found a wife, has written many books and will share his stories with us.

For further details about these meetings, please contact Elizabeth on 0416 115 796. Please bring a cup and a plate of food to share for afternoon tea. No need to bring a chair as chairs are available in the hall.

Don't forget to pick up your membership cards from Terri at the next meeting. It provides great discounts at Churches Garden Centre (10% discount except seedlings), Riverside Nursery (10% discount except seedlings), Australian Native Landscapes and Books Plus (gardening books only).

Also, a reminder that long-sleeve Bathurst Garden Club Collared Shirts are available from EmbroidMe Bathurst, 2/91 Rankin Street, Bathurst. The Bathurst Garden Club logo in gold-yellow thread is included and the price is \$33.28 as at November 15, 2017.

**TRIP: Proposed trip to the Southern Highlands October 12-14 2018:** Chris and Judy are currently planning a bus trip to the Southern Highlands in October. The visit will include Red Cow Farm at Sutton Forest, Robertson Open Gardens, Corbett Gardens and Southern Highlands Botanic Gardens. Approximate cost will be \$550 per person which will include bus travel, two nights' accommodation, most meals and entrance fees to gardens. Deposit of \$100 per person payable on or before the July meeting (July 1).

The deposit can be sent to P.O. Box 1049, paid at meetings or paid by EFT to BSB 637 000 A/C No: 713853828 (Greater Bank). Places will be limited – restricted by accommodation. For more information, please phone Chris or Judy on 6332 2560 or 0409 710 055.

**SENIORS VISITS:** A huge thank you to club members who offered garden visits for the Seniors. We had three visits in April for the Seymour Centre, special thanks passed on from their coordinator to Elizabeth Gilchrist and Kathy Annis-Brown for their lovely gardens and afternoon tea. Thanks also to Peg Oliver who was still away after Easter but had volunteered a visit. Karen will organise Spring visits later in the year so let her know if you would like to share your garden. Phone Karen on 0417 066 515.

**SEED BANK:** Thank you to all those very generous gardeners and seed savers who collect seeds and bring them to the seed bank. It is great to share and your contribution to the seed bank is appreciated. If you have seeds to share then do please hand them to Susie at a Club meeting.

**VINE/WISTERIA CLIPPINGS** - Renelle Fitzgerald from the Pop-Up Succulent Shop wants your clippings. She will come to club members homes with her secateurs and prune vines for you, if she can keep the clippings. Call Renelle on 0410 476 445.

**COMING EVENTS: Forbes Horticultural Society and Garden Club:** "Let's Do Lunch" with Guest Speaker George Hoad (President of the Garden Clubs of Australia), at the Forbes Service Memorial Club, on June 26, 2018. Time 11:30 for 12 noon. Cost: \$40 (Payment required by May 22, please). Bookings essential for catering, please call 6852 1169 or 6852 2347. George has interests in gardening, the theatre and music, collecting old things and travel. He has travelled widely in the UK, Canada, USA and New Zealand. His talks usually cover all these topics and he has been known to break into song during presentations (he is an accomplished singer also!). Pictures of overseas gardens are a feature of his presentation.

**Wildwood Garden Open Days:** May 18 to June 11. Fridays, Saturdays, Sundays and Mondays from 10am to 4pm at 29 Powell's Road, Bilpin NSW. Enjoy a leisurely stroll around the beautiful garden then you can also enjoy morning tea, lunch or afternoon tea on the deck overlooking the magnificent surrounds.

**Garden Lovers Cruise with Michael Keelan on the MS Murray Princess:** This four-night cruise takes you north on the mighty Murray River from Mannum to Blanchetown. Cruise highlights include: Tour and tastings at Burk Salter Boutique Winery, Guided walking tour of Swan Reach township and museum, Sunnydale Woolshed Show and Native Wildlife Shelter. Explore Hgaut Nguat Aboriginal archaeological site with an expert local guide and enjoy the scenic boat ride along the river. Other inclusions: All meals, selected onshore tours and onboard activities, guided nature walks and eco-excursions, Captain's dinner and dance plus nightly entertainment, 24hr self-service tea and coffee, complimentary coach transfers from Adelaide CBD and return to Adelaide Airport or secure parking and gardening presentations and trivia quizzes. Departing Monday August 6, 2018 - pick up from Adelaide Airport. Cost from \$1242.00 (inside cabin/twin share) to \$2645.00 (single state room). Bookings essential: [www.murrayprincess.com.au](http://www.murrayprincess.com.au) or phone 1300 729 938.