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JUNE/JULY 2016 NEWSLETTER

Welcome to new members: Christine Hood, Ruth Killey, Joan Lewis, Peter Hanlon, Lisa Smith and Christine Le Fevre

Thank you to Lorraine and Ted Inwood for allowing the club to visit their lovely rambling garden for our April meeting. Thanks also go to Barb Mactaggart and Norman Wise, for letting the club visit their unique, suburban garden.

MEETINGS: The next two winter meetings will be held at the Walshaw Hall, Church Street Bathurst at 2pm.

The guest speaker at our June 5 meeting will be Kerri Small explaining her knowledge of, and passion for, bonsai.

A word from Kerri: "There is an old saying, when the wind blows the seasons are alive. Bonsai is the name given to any plant that is growing in a container and is maintained in a smaller size than its natural growth method.

"I learned the bonsai art from a family friend in Hong Kong back in the 70s and have developed my own style and ways of doing bonsai for our Australian conditions. I have been doing workshops across the district and have won many awards over the years.

"The art form is a very easy one to learn and can bring many years of enjoyment to those that have a love of gardening but can no longer maintain a garden or just would love to know more".

The July 3 meeting will also be held at the Walshaw Hall. Our guest speaker will be the artist Dean Mobbs. He will entertain us with his explanation and visualisation of "Colour – from the aspect of life, emotion, creative and the colour in all that you love, live and believe in".

Dean will have samples, books, cards and, of course, some of his works for our delight. Dean was recently awarded a Silver Medal from the International Independent Publishers Book Awards for 2016 for his novel *The Expressionist*. The IPPY Awards exist to bring much deserved recognition for Excellence in Independent Publishing. *The Expressionist* has won this award for Best Regional Fiction in The Australian / New Zealand Category.

Please bring a cup and a small plate of food to share for afternoon tea. For enquires regarding meetings contact Kathy Annis-Brown on 0403 398 366.

GARDEN CLUB TRIP TO CAIRNS: The trip to Cairns from August 9 to 16 is proceeding. Participants are reminded that the balance of the cost (\$1,200) is due to be paid by the June meeting. Where possible, it is preferred that payment be made by bank transfer direct to the Club's account. The club's bank details are: BSB 637 000 ACCOUNT NUMBER - 713853828 (Greater Building Society).

Any questions should be directed to Coral or Ted on 6332 4253

SPRING SPECTACULAR: Below is the sponsor's list to date for this year's Spring Garden Spectacular to be held October 29 and 30. This annual event would not be possible without these sponsors. Please support them whenever you can.

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SENIORS VISITS: A big thank you to all the club members who have shared their gardens so far. Bathurst Seymour Centre, Cheraton (Bathurst Masonic Village) and Illumba Gardens (Whiddon Group) have enjoyed Jenny Meenahan's garden with her beautiful dog. Judy and Chris Bayliss shared their garden for morning tea and plum picking with two visits. At Karen Granger's garden, The Grange, seniors held silkie chickens and took picked herbs back to share. Seniors enjoyed Anne Llewellyn's garden with new paving, lawn and beds and Yvonne Thurtell's lovely patio with views.

DAFFODIL COTTAGE: Thank you for plants donated from club members for the recent planting day including Hazel Smith, Dianna Bailey, Gwen Stafford, Karen Granger, Irene Jones, Spencer Harvey and Loraine Griffin.

GARDENERS' CLUB MEMBER DISCOUNTS: These are available from Churches Garden Centre (10% except seedlings); Riverside Nursery (10% except seedlings and potting mix); Australian Native Landscapes and Books Plus (gardening books only). Current Club membership card must be shown to obtain discounts.