

The Bathurst Gardeners' Club Incorporated



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"Gairloch Garden" in Oberon. One of the lovely gardens on our recent day trip Thank you to Meg and Peter Lowe for allowing us to visit..



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Closing Date for Contributions to next newsletter 15th July.



Hi garden club members, firstly I would like to congratulate and thank everyone who was involved with the Heritage Trades Trail plant stall that was on the weekend of 15th and 16th April. I was so impressed with the presentation. The posters, the floral arrangements and the organisation of plants and financial transactions was just great. We were using a little device called the square, which is like an eftpos machine. Lots of people these days rely on digital transactions and I am sure using the square allowed more sales.

Larraine has a financial report later in the newsletter. We had many plants and as usual we had quite a few left over that weren't sold. Several people took them home to look after until the Spring Spectacular plant stall which is going to be adjacent to the Information Centre, as it was last year, a great central location. In the past the organisers have had the Heritage Trades Trail over 2 different locations, this year it was all combined at the Showground and I think it was even better than usual. The skills of the people of Bathurst and surrounding districts are amazing and for me it was really interesting watching these people work at their craft.



The Autumn in Bathurst is really spectacular with all of the deciduous trees, climbers and shrubs. I have been out of the country for a few weeks and came home to a wonderful colourful display. The autumn flowering bulbs like nerrines and crocus add a splash of colour and the star flowers are popping their heads up. No wonder they call them Mother's Day flowers, the chrysanthemums flower right on Mother's Day and give a vibrant show of colour in the garden and they are so good for picking, they last for weeks in a vase. One of my favourite things is the perfume of the osmanthus. We have a shrub outside the laundry door and while you wouldn't call the bush "pretty" the perfume is heavenly. The Crab Apples especially the Malus Gorgeous are great in Autumn too, The birds love them, we get the King Parrots and lots of other birds in the Crab Apples, we provide water for the birds but we don't feed them because they wouldn't be eating their natural diet or performing their jobs like insect control and pollinating plants. I noticed the birds on the lawn getting the lawn grubs too!

All of the fallen leaves make great compost which is like gold and I find it very satisfying turning garden waste into beautiful compost.

Now the weather will be getting much colder, our up coming meetings will be inside and I am sure Karen has organised some really interesting and informative speakers for us. These meetings will be at the Panthers Club at 2pm as usual. Karen has more information about these meetings later on in the newsletter.

So as we go into the winter months, I hope you enjoy this season one more time. Pull out the winter clothes, pop a pot of soup or stew on the stove and enjoy all the new little things popping up in the garden. I find nice days in winter a good time to get things done in the garden, no too hot. Till we meet again, happy gardening

Terri

June and July Meetings

From Karen Mitchell

WINTER INDOOR MEETINGS

Our winter meetings take place at Bathurst Panthers.

Once again Bathurst Panthers donated the meeting room for our meetings. We would like to suggest members gather after the meeting for tea, coffee, drinks and nibbles that are able to be purchased at the café, It's a wonderful warm place to sit and chat, who knows - some stay for dinner!

4TH JUNE 2023, 2PM

Location: Bathurst Panthers 132 Piper Street Bathurst

Host: Peter Varman

132 Piper Street Bathurst

Peter will be talking about the importance of water. "Why plants need water"

2ND JULY 2023, 2PM

Location: Bathurst Panthers, 132 Piper Street Bathurst

Host: Dianna Baillie

We will be in for an amazing treat to learn all about Bonsai - this amazing art form and techniques, some of which we can implement into our potted gardens and indoor plants.

Heritage Trades Trail 15th and 16th April

For the third year Bathurst Gardeners' Club participated in the Heritage Trades Trail. It is an opportunity for our club to sell plants, sell our 'Plants for Bathurst Gardens' publication and let the public know about our Club and the Bathurst Gardeners' Club Spring Spectacular. Lorraine Griffin



Our treasurer, Genevieve, has reported the following -

Total sales = \$1018

Total plant sales = \$878 (NET \$430 after grower costs)

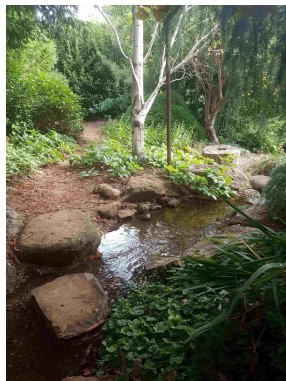
7 books sold.

Thank you to all the helpers and plant growers.

Reporting on Recent Trips by Judy & Chris Bayliss

On Sunday the 26th of March 34 members enjoyed a day out in **Orange and Lucklow**. In the morning Orange Garden Club member Pauline Jenkins welcomed us to her lovely, large garden on the north side of Orange. We enjoyed a wander around the garden and morning tea. Lunch was at Duntryleague Golf Club. Meals had been pre-ordered and the staff were very efficient and looked after us well. By all accounts all enjoyed their meals. After lunch at Huntley Berry Farm we picked our containers of Strawberries. Strawberry jam is now the jam of choice in our house. We also learnt all about the trials of pick your own farms and growing produce from a staff member!!!

Our last visit was to the lovely garden at Patina Wines. What a lovely surprise the garden was tucked away between Lucknow and Orange. Owner Gerald generously gave his time to welcome us and talk to us about the garden.



Trip to Oberon and Black Springs on Thursday the 13th of April.

Approximately 30 members enjoyed a lovely day in Oberon and Black Springs visiting four distinctly different gardens. Thank you to Meg and Peter Lowe for allowing us to visit "Gairloch" once again. Everytime we visit there is another project which has been completed. Whist at Meg and Peter's we enjoyed morning tea. Our second garden was in the same street. John and Patricia Moss welcomed us to their garden which they have owned for only a few years. A bonus was Patricia's impressive needlework.

After lunch at Oberon RSL we traveled to Black Springs to visit Rosalie Pollock's 20 year old, 5 acre garden. Our last visit of the day was back in Oberon. John Martin generously welcomed us. Even coming home for the visit from hospital for a few hours to welcome us. Thank you John and family. We were impressed.



From the Secretary - Susie

Seed Bank-

Our seed bank is very depleted at the moment so if you have any seeds, please put them in a paper bag and bring them to a meeting. Our seed bank coordinator will divide them into individual packaging so they can be included in the seed bank and shared.

May 20th (Saturday) 2023:

Embroiderers' Guild NSW Bathurst Group is holding its 50th Birthday High Tea & Exhibition. This event is at Abercrombie House from 2p. to 4.30pm. The cost is \$50.00 per person. Please contact Lorraine Fry at lorraine@geoff-fry.com.au

May 24th (Wednesday) Garden Corner:

The big green shed on the highway (starts with B) has begun community education sessions about gardening related topics. They are on the 4th Wednesday of each month from 11am-1pm, near the café. The session for May is "Everything you wanted to know about perennials but were too afraid to ask". The sessions are very informative and also interactive. They would be good for new gardeners, those who are not sure and also those who have knowledge on the topic and are willing to share. Every session is guided by an experienced horticulturalist. Having been to one of these sessions, I would highly recommend attendance.

SEPTEMBER 10-15TH 2023: GARDEN CLUBS OF AUSTRALIA BIENNIAL CONVENTION & AGM: HOSTED BY TORONTO AND DISTRICTS GARDEN CLUB

The GCA Biennial Convention and AGM 2023 will be held in beautiful Lake Macquarie, just 90 minutes north of Sydney, 40 minutes south of Newcastle and at the gateway to the Hunter Valley Wine Country. When you come to the convention you will want to stay a little longer to enjoy all this region has to offer. Easily accessible by car along the M1 Pacific Motorway. Travel by train on the scenic Central Coast & Newcastle Line or fly to Newcastle and hire a car or to Sydney airport and link to the train.

Early Bird registrations received before 31st March 2023 will go into the draw to win a tour of Lake Macquarie for two by trike. There are three hundred places available for this convention, plus accompanying partners. Registrations will close on 30 June 2023 or when 300 members have registered. This is necessary due to venue capacity limits. Book now and don't miss out.

Optional extra: Order Tulloch Wines. Enjoy wine from the Hunter Valley and Tulloch Wine will donate 20% of wine sales to support the convention, see separate order form on the website.

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Bathurst Gardeners' Club Spring Spectacular Report – May 2023

We now have 10 beautiful gardens locked in for the Spring Spectacular, with every indication of a wonderful season ahead.

Christine LeFevre of Bishops court Estate (also one of our gardens) has very kindly agreed to host the Launch of the Spring Spectacular on Sunday 22nd October (the Sunday before the event) before the event. All Gardeners' Club members are invited, so keep the date – more details to follow.

For 2023, the Spring Spectacular will be donating to the following local charities and organisations: Bathurst Community Transport, Headspace, Defense Community Dogs, Mitchell Conservatorium (Scholarships) and 2BS Christmas Miracle Appeal.

We will be having our Monster Plant Stall in the park adjacent to the Bathurst Visitor Information Centre again this year (Saturday 28th October). Please start potting up those plants for sale – this Stall raised a significant sum of money last year. See below for guidelines on potting plants.

We will need all hands on deck as helpers and garden sitters on the 28th and 29th October, so please contact Kate Baigent (0408703341 / Kate.baigent@grapevine.com.au) to put your name down as a volunteer. Sitters and helpers will receive a free ticket for the weekend and get to meet and greet visitors and locals.

Chris Bayliss (Chairperson Bathurst Gardeners' Club Spring Spectacular)

Our Wonderful Sponsors as at time of Writing -

Bathurst Mowerland; Bestwick Real Estate; Bowman Dental; Churches Garden Centre; Community Op-Shop Berry Park; Easy Living Footwear; Hothams Sand, Soil and Gravel; Jo Deane-Butcher; Mitchell Batteries; Narellan Pools; Premium Wine Negotiants Pty.Ltd; Red Chair Boutique; Riverside Nursery; Scott Mitchell Plumbing; The She Shed; Varman Landscaping; Watermart.

Please support these businesses as they support us.

Some Tips for getting plants ready for our Bathurst Gardeners' Club Plant Stall. Thanks to Irene Jone

- Plants with several growing points that are robust and large will give customers planting success.
- Even though your soil may be good give the roots a good wash. Repot in new potting mix in clean containers.
- Label clearly to identify the plant. Perhaps some growing instructions also. A picture of the plant in flower is also useful
- Get them well established. Give them plenty of time to let the divisions grow before sale.



Fiona's visit to the Melbourne International Flower Show. 2023

If visiting an open garden is inspiring, Melbourne International Flower & Garden Show (MIFGS) is inspiration on steroids. Between March 29 and April 2 the 2023 show attracted a record 103,000 plus visitors, or Flower Fanatics as MIFGS organisers like to describe us.

Melbourne's 19th century Royal Exhibition Building and adjoining Carlton Gardens provide the perfect venue for the show. The building houses the Flower Show, workshops and talks by garden gurus, while tree shaded Carlton Gardens alongside were home to display gardens, garden supplies and plant stands.



We were greeted by streaming rain, well this is Melbourne folks, and the pervasive fragrance of thousands of hyacinths and tulips, forced into unseasonal flower. My favourite bulb stand though was specialist supplier Tonkins Bulbs & Perennials whose eye-catching pyramid of autumn bulbs were blooming in season. Nerines, lycoris, colchicums, tiny cyclamens: I need more autumn bulbs.



Eye catching pyramid of autumn bulbs by Tonkins Bulbs & Perennials.

Vegetable gardening's barrel continues to roll, evident everywhere in nursery stands and garden displays. I liked Vegepods' covered growing trays on mobile stands, handy for salad greens and herbs in a courtyard near the kitchen door.



Vegetable displays among the show gardens and nursery stands.

Displays of drought hardy perennials, especially succulents, reflected our awareness of drier summers, while stands of sub-tropical and tropical indoor plants were evidence of the growing number of home offices.

By lunchtime the sun had reappeared and it was time to enjoy the show gardens. Best in Show winner was garden designer, TV presenter and author Charlie Albone, who gave new meaning to the words 'container garden' with a garden made from two recycled shipping containers which included spiral stairs to a first storey terrace. As an unapologetic plantaholic, I was delighted that Charlie also won the Horticulture Media Association's award for best use of plant life. No point in designing a great garden without the right plants for your climate.

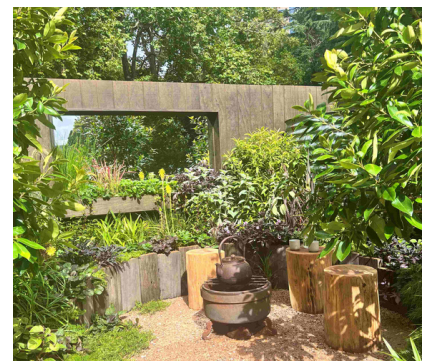
Darin Bradbury and Scott Wynd of MINT Pool & Landscape Design's garden 'Aurum' won a Gold Show Award in addition to several others. It was lovely seeing a garden planted entirely with dry climate plants that succeeded in being both imaginative and beautiful.



Gold Show winning garden 'Aurum' at this year's MIFGS, created by Darin Bradbury and Scott Wynd of MINT Pool & Landscape Design

As ever, the Avenue of Achievable Gardens, 12 courtyard gardens created by students, were huge crowd pullers, all innovatively designed using a wide range of plants. 'Tea in the Woods', by Oliver Ashworth-Martin from Melbourne Polytechnic took out the Award of Excellence, with modern architecture softened by naturalistic planting.

Winner of the Award of Excellence for Achievable Gardens, Tea in the Woods by Oliver Ashworth-Martin from Melbourne Polytechnic.



Next year's show's already in my diary.

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

Calendar for 2023

MONTH	MONTHLY MEETINGS	OTHER BATHURST GARDENERS' CLUB ACTIVITIES	OTHER GARDEN CLUBS AND ORGANISATIONS EVENTS
JUNE	Sunday 4th June, 2pm. Panthers, Piper Street, Bathurst. "Why Plants Need Water" - Peter Varman		
JULY	Sunday 2nd July, 2pm Panthers, Piper Street, Bathurst. Bonsai Techniques - Dianna Baillie		
AUGUST	Sunday 6th August, 2pm Panthers, Piper Street, Bathurst. Chris Stewart		
SEPTEMBER	Sunday 3rd September 2pm see next newsletter		10th-15th Garden Clubs of Australia Biennial Convention and AGM Hosted by Toronto & Districts Garden Club