

The Bathurst Gardeners' Club Incorporated



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Closing Date for Contributions to next newsletter 14th July, 2024

President's report June and July newsletter



Hello all Gardeners' Club members. We are saying goodbye to Autumn way too soon in my view, but time rolls on and it is nice pulling out all of your winter woollies and overcoats again, it's like getting a new wardrobe. I love making soups and stews too in winter and snuggling in with the heater on and watching a movie. Actually, winter is a great time to get big jobs done in the garden like pathways, new beds, brickwork and retaining walls. Winter is a great time to redesign areas that don't work well too.

Our March meeting at Orange had to be relocated to the Panthers Club in Bathurst because at that time we had very heavy rain. March total for rain in Eglinton was 47 mls, April was 50.5mls and May as at the 17th was 42mls. So, we are getting a bit of this precious resource, thank you Hughie.

It was raining for a lot of our May meeting, but plenty of members came and we thank Sandra and Bruno for offering their garden to the Club. I love their turkey, he is very handsome. Karen says it's been very hard to find gardens for the May meeting, so if you know of any gardens that are suitable for our large group for a meeting let us know please

I put together a trip for us to do in May, we went on Sunday 19th. 22 people joined in as we visited The Giant Tree Arboretum at Wallerawang, which we thought would be a great venue for a G.C. meeting, an Organic Mushroom Farm at Lawson, which was really interesting. Different looking mushrooms I haven't seen before, one that really looked like a cauliflower, or a white brain. It is amazing how much work goes into producing the mushrooms and the different steps needed in the procedure. I have a new appreciation for mushrooms.

We then visited 2 Leura gardeners' Club members gardens. One in Leura and one garden in Katoomba. Both were individual and both lovely. The connection with other Gardeners' Clubs is great too. We gave them tickets to our Spring Spectacular which they were most excited about and maybe in the future we can reciprocate the friendship shown by them in hosting them to some of our gardens in Bathurst. A good day was had, and the weather couldn't have been better for this time of year, chilly start though. We originally had a different 4th stop but Toola and her husband Pete had to cancel because of covid, this was on the Tuesday before the trip, so I feel very grateful to Murray who offered his garden in Katoomba for our 4th stop.

The question has been asked, if friends of club members can attend our outings and the committee has decided we won't allow people who aren't members to come because, they are not covered by insurance and all club members are aware of the etiquette that is essential when visiting gardens.

We have some interesting meetings planned for our Winter meetings, which will all be indoors now. Leura Gardeners' Club has all their meeting indoors and just sometimes do garden rambles, as they call them, they do thing differently.

I hope to see many of you at Panthers in June and July and Perthville in August for our pilot trading table meeting.

*Happy gardening
Terri*



Barton Park Giant Tree Arboretum, Lake Wallace, Wallerawang.



Leura garden in Spencer Street.

Thanks Terri for organising such an enjoyable trip. The day was enjoyed by all who attended.

Vale Kathy McMahon

Kathy was a long term member of Bathurst Gardeners' Club taking on several roles over the years including Trip Organiser and more recently looking after the Seed Bank. Several members of the club attended her recent funeral which was a fitting tribute to a kind and caring lady.



Up Coming Meetings from Karen Mitchell

Our winter meetings take place at Bathurst Panthers.

Once again Bathurst Panthers donate 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 for purchase at the café. It's a wonderful warm place to sit and chat; who knows - some might stay for dinner!

- **2nd June 2024**

2pm Start.

Host: Norm Wise

Location: Bathurst Panthers

Directions and Notes: 132 Piper Street, Bathurst

Host: Norm Wise

Topic Water- Bathurst Water reservoirs – who knows what is under our feet?



Fun Fact- humans and water per google

- The human brain is made up of 95% water and blood is 82% water
- The average human can only survive about 3 days without water

- **7th July 2024**

Location: Bathurst Panthers

Host: Dianna Baillie

Directions and Notes: 132 Piper Street Bathurst

We will be in for an amazing treat to learn all about Bonsai. The amazing art form and see the amazing techniques. Some of which we can implement into our potted gardens and indoor plants.



• 4th August 2024

Location: Perthville Hall

Host: Garden Members – Trading Table.

Gather all of your garden related items and bring them into the Trading table

Directions and Notes: 20 Rockley Street, Perthville

Our first ever trading table for garden members only!



Get your money bag out ready to buy great deals.

“Another person’s unwanted items is another person’s treasure and new creation.”

Time to go through the house, sheds, yards, kitchen don’t forget to check under the beds and in the cupboards!

As long it comes from members’ homes price it up and bring it in!

Sale of items to fellow garden club members.

Any items you wish to place up for sale or give away.

Guide lines.

• Tag 1: All items must be clearly priced and name of item.

• Tag 2: Must be labelled with members full name and matching price to tag 1.

• \$\$ will be divided same as plant sale that being 1/3 monies going to the Bathurst Gardener’s Club, 2/3 Owner of item.

Please make sure all labels are secure and clear to read.

When preparing items for sale please check: Use by date, Broken parts

***** There will be table for giveaway items

*****There will be tables for items for sale!

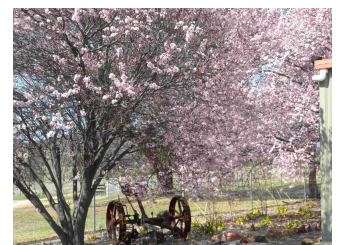
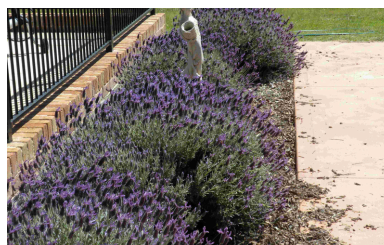
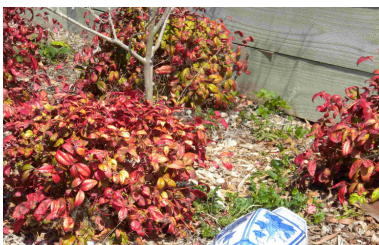
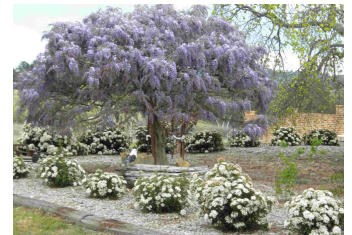
• 8th September 2024

PLEASE NOTE THE CHANGE OF DATES DUE TO FATHERS DAY.

Location: “Glenbrook” 1237 Limekilns Road, Bathurst

Host: Lesley and Keith Worthington

We will have the pleasure to be welcomed back out to Lesley and Keith Worthington’s spacious rural garden, on the outskirts of Bathurst.



Secretary's Report for June/July Newsletter

Club membership currently stands at 150 members.

The Committee has resolved to present a special resolution for the consideration of members at the August meeting. The special resolution will propose the adoption of a new Constitution. This is necessary to align with Fair Trading's updated model constitution. Club specific differences between our current constitution and the model will be retained in our new constitution so, in effect, there will be no material changes to the operation of the Club.

Please give me a call or email me if anyone has any questions about our constitution.

The Club's insurance has just been renewed through Garden Clubs Australia where we are an affiliate. We have two policies, a Public Liability Policy and a Volunteers Workers Insurance Policy. The excess on what is effectively a member's accident policy is currently \$50 payable by the claimant. Our total premium for the year is \$261.53. Only members are covered by the accident policy. Full details of the insurance policies are available on the Garden Club's of Australia website.

Just a reminder, particularly those new to the Club, the Plants for Bathurst Gardens publication, prepared by Club members, is available for \$20 a copy.

Ian Matthews

Secretary

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We would love to have more input into our newsletter from you (our members). Do you have any tips? Favourite plants? Open gardens you have been to and would recommend.

Email to Judy Bayliss - judithanneb51@gmail.com

******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**

2024 BATHURST GARDENERS' CLUB SPRING SPECTACULAR REPORT

Plans for this year's Spring Spectacular are progressing well. Our stall at Bathurst Heritage Trades Trail contributed **\$515.48** to Spring Spectacular funds. Thanks to the following sponsors who have paid their sponsorship. This list is up to the end of April.

Bestwick Real Estate, Bathurst Community Op Shop, Bob Mannix, Bob Mannix-Nand Mannix Accountants, Bowman Dental, Easy Living Footwear, The Grange Distillery, Hotham's Sand Soil and Gravel, Jo Deane-Butcher, Mitchell Batteries, Panorama Motel, Scott Mitchell Plumbing, Terri Crumpler Celebrant, Varman Landscaping, Watermart,

Please support these businesses as they support us.

Wendy Pratley will be looking after the Sitter's Roster for this year and she will commence seeking garden sitters for the roster at the July meeting and all meetings thereafter.

Anne Bromfield would love to have a bigger and even better monster plant stall this year to be held on Saturday the 26th of October so keep potting up those plants.



Some Tips for getting plants ready for our Bathurst Gardeners' Club Plant Stall.

- 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. Later in the year insert a paddle pop stick into each pot with the price to charge and your initials. This is important even if you wish to donate.
- Get them well established. Give them plenty of time to let the divisions grow before sale.

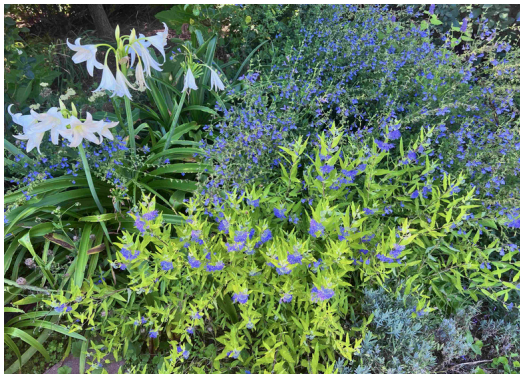
Fiona's Salvias

Salvias have been amazing this autumn. Walking round the garden yesterday I counted at least half a dozen still blooming, though a recent frost had knocked the socks off a few.

Salvias are one of those wonderful plants that have aromatic leaves which repel insect pests but also have blossom which entices pollinating bees.

At least 960 have been classified. Many are frost- and drought-hardy and perfect for our sunny, frosty climate. They are fantastic value in late summer, flowering into winter and spectacular against turning leaves and among late roses.

One of my favourites is *S. African Sky*, a South African hybrid of *S. scabra* and the unpronounceable *S. chamelaeagnea*. I love blue flowers and African Sky is just the right azure that is glorious with gold leaves like *Caryopteris x clandonensis Lisaura* whose flowers are a similar blue. It's a slow spreading perennial, about 1 x 1m. and apart from winter pruning, is maintenance free.



S. African Sky with Caryopteris Lisaura and Darling Lily (Crinum flaccidum).

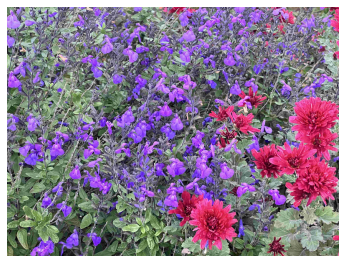


S. chamelaeagnea.

Its one unpronounceable parent is another good plant, narrower than African Sky, with pale blue and white flowers touched pink in cold weather. *S. x jamensis White Gold* is similar, with pale yellow flowers.

S. So Cool Violet is a lovely blue, just above knee height, slow spreading and beautiful near late blooming, crimson chrysanthemum *Buninyong Bronze*.

The *So Cool* range includes pale blue *So Cool Lavender* and dark purple *So Cool Purple*. All easy from cuttings.



S. So Cool with chrysanthemum Bunyong Bronze.

S. involucrata is a sprawling, waist high bush with bright pink flowers which if cut back regularly repeat all summer

S. Hot Lips was an immediate hit when it was introduced, rightly so as its red, white and bicoloured flowers attract several types of bee. My plant always seems to be covered with them, buzzing happily.



S. Hot Lips with purple berberis and yellow flowering santolina.

S. nemorosa includes numerous cultivars, mostly in shades of purple with some reds and pinks. Its great distinguishing feature is its upright shape, a perfect contrast among rounded and weeping forms in the garden.

A.n. Ostfriesland is knee high and like *S. involucrata* will repeat all summer if cut back after each flowering. It spreads slowly but is easy to divide and replant when dormant.

S. nemorosa Ostfriesland.



Lastly, *S. leucantha Harry's Red* with gorgeous sprays of velvety purple flowers with a hint of red, that arch over as they age. The crown is frost tolerant in my garden but I cut the stems back now and heap them over it, for winter protection.


S. leucantha Harry's Red.



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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
JUNE	Sunday 2nd 2pm at Bathurst Panthers Norm Wise - Bathurst Water reservoirs - who knows what is under our feet?		
JULY	Sunday 7th 2pm at Bathurst Panthers Dianna Baillie - Bonsai		
AUGUST	Sunday 4th 2pm Perthville Hall	Trading Table	
SEPTEMBER	8th * Change of Date due to Father's Day 2pm "Glenbrook" 1237 Limekilns Road, Bathurst		
OCTOBER	Sunday 6th Details in up coming Newsletters	 26TH/27TH Spring Spectacular	

Other Meeting Dates for 2024 -
, 6th October,
3rd November, 1st December.