

# *The Bathurst Gardeners' Club Incorporated*



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## Springtime is Here!

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Closing Date for Contributions to next newsletter 17th of November,  
2023.

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT -



Hello fellow gardeners, I hope you are enjoying the change of season as I am. It is nice to see all the new growth and the old familiar faces in the flowers that come with Spring.

Our winter meetings have been very enjoyable and a topic which has dominated has been the acquisition of a defibrillator. The secret ballot voting was done at our September meeting and the votes were counted at the committee meeting the next day. An overwhelming majority voted to get a defibrillator, so Susie will compare prices for units that were demonstrated in our winter meetings. Hopefully we will have one by Christmas, which is not so far away.

In August I had the privilege of attending a morning tea for the presentation of money donated by the Bathurst council. This was a grant that was applied for by Chris Bayliss and we thankfully received \$500 to go towards the start up costs of Spring Spectacular.

With the warming of the weather in the coming months there has been many predictions for below average rainfall, higher temperatures and increased risk of bush fire. We have a responsibility for the efficient useage of water and we as gardeners can contribute by watering out of the heat of the day, careful choice of new plantings, mulching and promoting soil health. Soil health is so important for the ability of the soil to retain water. Plenty of organic matter, mulch, manure and the avoidance of chemicals will improve our soil.

All insects have their roles in the food chain. Aphids are food for ladybugs and praying mantis, snails are food for lizards and birds, dandelions are a source of pollen for bees and to poison one of these has major effects down the food chain and our environment. The overuse of super phosphate is a great example of the damage chemicals can do. Ground water is polluted and soils become depleted.

This is something I have become quite passionate about. I remember spraying around my window frames with Baygon years ago and I found all these dead bees on the driveway, it made me feel really bad. I think this was a lightbulb moment for me.

Our Spring Spectacular is fast approaching, I am sure many of you have been looking after the pots you have made up for the plant stall. It is good if a pot is well established and the buyers love something that is flowering. Tickets for the raffle will be available at next Garden Club meeting and we have some great prizes as usual. The opening for the Spring Spectacular will be at Bishop's Court in Seymour St, on 22nd October 2023, tickets are \$30, the food promises to be delicious and will be served with a champagne spritzer. It sounds lovely. We are still looking for sitters for the open gardens, Kate Baigent will be able to book you a place if you would like to volunteer. We as a club can be very proud of our efforts bringing about the Bathurst Gardeners Club Spring Spectacular. It is showcasing our home in the Central West, informing everyone of what grows well in this part of the world, it creates friendships with other Garden Clubs and it is a great fundraiser for our local charities. All this through our shared love of nature and gardening.

Coming up in October the Bathurst council is hosting a welcome lunch to new residents to the area. I will represent the Gardeners Club letting people know how to contact and join us. We may get some new members from it. Our membership is incredibly strong, 173 members at the moment, but we will always welcome new people who will have skills and knowledge to add to the collective. We would have hundreds of years of experience and knowledge from our combined memories between us, and we are using it to promote friendship through gardening and to give back to our community of Bathurst. What a great thing to be a part of.

*Happy gardening  
Terri*

*Come and join us!  
You may like to  
invite friends as  
well.  
It will be a lovely  
evening.*

### *Invitation for 2023 Bathurst Gardeners' Club Spring Spectacular Launch*

A thank you to 2023 garden owners and Bathurst Gardeners' Club Spring Spectacular Launch will be held at Bishop's Court Estate, 226 Seymour Street, Bathurst on Sunday the 22nd of October. (4.30 for) 5pm to 7.30pm We would love you to join us for drinks and some delicious treats.

**Cost - \$30 pp**

Payment can be made to Bathurst Gardeners' Club Bank Account  
BSB 637 000 A/C 713853828  
or at the October meeting.

RSVP: Judy Bayliss by 15th October  
Phone - 0409 710055  
Email - [jcbayliss@bigpond.com](mailto:jcbayliss@bigpond.com)





# October, November and December Meetings

From Karen Mitchell

**Sunday, 1st October 2023 - 2pm**

**Location:** 3476 Great Western Highway, Yethome

**Hosts:** Gwen & Don Stafford



At the beginning of the year you were able to see another Yethome Garden which was Anne's Garden. It was Summer then, now you will be treated to a Spring showing with an abundance of Rhododendrons and a glorious tree canopy.

## Directions and Notes:

Allow 30 minutes from Bathurst head out along Sydney Road.

Go past the Yethome Petrol Station which is on your right.

Continue on and stay in the left lane in approx. 600m you will see an over-head sign "REPORT all Road Accidents".

Just after that on left there are two letter boxes. Turn and follow the fence line and signs to parking area.

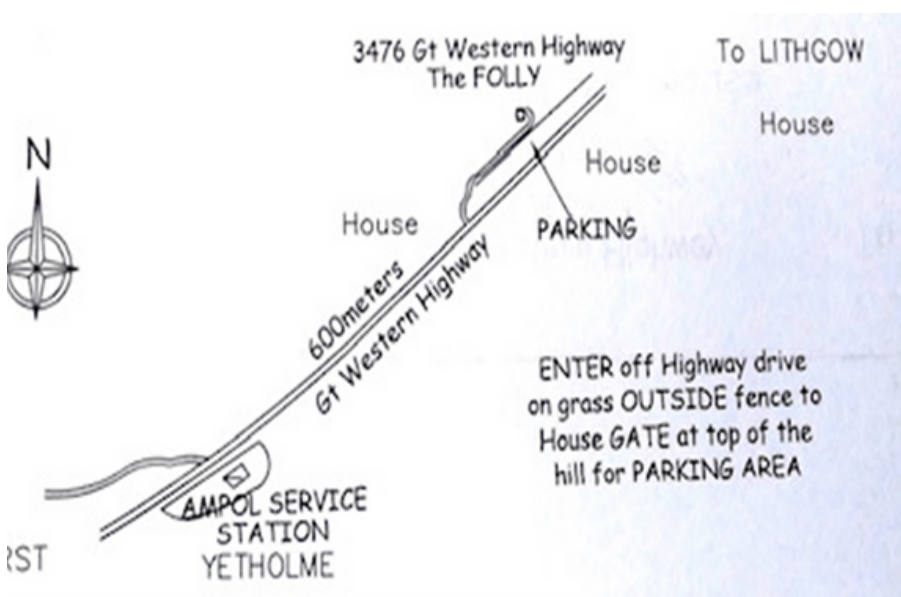
Now it is a highway so stay on the left hand land and indicate early!!

Again a flag will be on the highway I will place it before the turn off.

## Please Bring:

Your chair, Cup and a plate of food to share.

Tea and coffee will be served



## **Sunday, 5th November 2023 - 2pm**

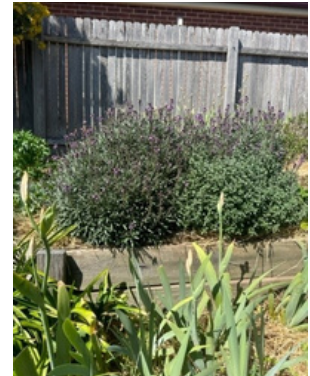
**Location:** 266 Rankin Street, Bathurst

**Hosts:** David and Pat Mather



What a hidden treasure! This garden offers space and easy maintain gardens. Large, bordered garden beds full of plants are surrounded by large established trees.

A fantastic vegetable garden,  
so well lay out that produces a high crop production.  
David has a passion for seed harvesting>  
His harvesting abode and stock is outstanding.  
I would also like to welcome them into the Bathurst Gardeners Club.



Street Parking and for those needing close parking there is limited space near house. There is a approx 200m walk on concrete to garden on a battle axe block.  
Flag will be out the front.

### **Please Bring:**

Gardeners' Club Meeting Bag which will have, your chair, cup, nibble plate, and hat. Don't forget your plate of food to share.

Tea and coffee will be served.

## **Sunday, 3rd December 2023, Time-To Be Advised**

**Location:** Perthville Community Hall, 20 Rockley Street, Perthville

**Host:** Bathurst Gardeners Club



**Directions and Notes:** Allow 30minutes to drive and park and set up with food etc.

What a treat for the end of year.

This will be our AGM and our Christmas End of year gathering.

This is a wonderful gathering held in the Perthville Community Hall sit and have a wonderful lunch with fellow members. Then to finish off your day you will be given a map to visit several smaller gardens in Perthville and Bathurst area.

### **Please Bring:**

Cup and a plate of food to share- Xmas Luncheon theme.

Ideas: grazing platter whilst in meeting- Lunch : Vegies, salad, pasta, desert.

Fridge available on site. (no time for cooking on site. Heating only if needed)

Tea and coffee with be served.

Please remember that all garden club meeting are to be attended to fully paid members and approved member guests.

## From the Secretary - Susie

### **OPEN GARDENS:**

#### **September 29th – October 2nd**

#### **Thank Spring, Think Leura 2023:**

Seven beautiful gardens open for the four days. Tickets are \$40.00 pp for all gardens. Children 16 and under-free.

For more information is available on this Festival website at [www.leuragardensfestival.com.au](http://www.leuragardensfestival.com.au) or call 0431 095 279.

#### **October 21st & 22nd**

#### **Hartley Valley Garden Festival and Plant Stalls:**

Art sales/food/tea, coffee/plant sales & rare plant stalls/metal garden art/honey.

5 beautiful gardens open all weekend- all very diverse and unique.

Cost is \$15.00 pp per garden, except Hartvale \$12.00pp while Harp of Erin is free.

#### **November 4th & 5th**

#### **Oberon & District Garden Club -Open Gardens 2023**

Five gardens showcasing cool climate plants. Tickets \$20.00pp for all 5 gardens and can be purchased on line at: <https://events.humanitix.com/oberon-and-district-garden...>

For more information contact 6329 820 or contact [www.visitoberon.com](http://www.visitoberon.com) .

#### **November 4th & 5th**

#### **Millthorpe Garden Ramble:**

Ten unique gardens in a beautiful village setting-not to be missed. Tickets are \$25.00pp for the all 10 gardens. For more information contact [millthorpegardenramble@gmail.com](mailto:millthorpegardenramble@gmail.com), .

#### **November 11th & 12th**

#### **Rockley Gardens and Art Festival:**

There is a program of activities including music in the gardens, floral displays, horticultural talks, wine tasting and good food and beverages.

A special exhibition of glass art which will form part of the festival this year to celebrate the International Year of Glass.

The festival will also coincide with the monthly markets held at the Rockley Showground.

Tickets are \$15.00 pp. for further information and to purchase at ticket go to:

<https://rockleygardensandart.weebly.com>, .

#### **GARDEN CORNER EDUCATION TOPICS FOR SEPTEMBER/NOVEMBER**

The big green shed on the highway (starts with B) continues their community education sessions about gardening related topics. They are on the 4th Wednesday of each month from 11am-12md, near the café.

September 27th: Session by Bryce Holman who will talk about irrigation, watering Greenhouses and also vertical gardens.

October 25th: this month we will learn all about vegetable gardening- particularly summer vegetables.

The sessions are very informative and also interactive. They are good for new gardeners, those who are not sure and also those who have knowledge on the topic and are willing to share.

## 2023 BGC ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Bathurst Gardeners' Club Annual General Meeting is scheduled for Sunday 3rd December. **We are seeking nomination for the Committee of Management.**

**NOMINATIONS ARE OPEN FOR OFFICE BEARERS AND COMMITTEE MEMBERS FOR 2023.**

**Nominations must be received by the Secretary by Sunday 26th November 2023**

**President:** Chairs meetings and general Club organisation

**Vice President:** Assists the President and takes over in the absence of the President

**Secretary:** Takes the minutes at committee meetings, attends to correspondence, maintains membership register

**Honorary Treasurer:** Looks after Club finances and bookkeeping, including those of the Spring Spectacular, and prepares the end of financial year statement for the Office of Fair Trading

**Ordinary Committee members (3 required):** Attends Committee meetings, representing Club members.

If you need any additional information, please contact President Terri on 0423 709 484 or Secretary Susie on 0431 294 446.

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## COACH TRIP TO COWRA – THURSDAY 12th OCTOBER



Thank you to everyone who registered for our trip to Cowra. We will have a rather full and enjoyable day so will need to leave the McDonalds carpark by 9am. Please try to be there by 8.30. We will send more information directly to all participants.

Don't forget to bring a hat, water and sunscreen. ... and don't forget to use lip balm with a high SPF rating. Doctors warn that sun cancer on the lips is very difficult to treat.

Thanks Ted and Coral. It should be a great trip.

**Bathurst Gardeners' Club Inc.**  
**Nomination for Membership of Committee of Management.**  
**Office Bearers and Ordinary Members for 2023/24**

**Completed Nomination forms must be delivered to the Secretary before Sunday**  
**26<sup>th</sup> November: i.e. Seven (7) days prior to the AGM.**

**I wish to Nominate:**

Members Name: .....

For the Position of: .....

**Proposed by: Name:** .....

Signature: .....

**Seconded By:** .....

Signature: .....

**I am willing to accept this nomination:**

Name: .....

Address: .....

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Telephone: .....

Email: .....

Signature: .....

Date: .....

Forward this completed form to:

The Secretary Bathurst Gardeners' Club Inc.

PO Box 1049

BATHURST NSW 2795

OR Email to: bathurstgardenersclub@gmail.com



**Exciting Trip in November. Thanks to Karen Mitchell for organising this one. Should be a wonderful day!**

### **8th November 2023**

#### **Rosedale Farm Tour with Karen Mitchell**

**Date:** Wednesday 8th November 2023

**Time:** Leaving Bathurst at 9am

**Meeting Point:** Bathurst McDonalds Car Park Near the Bathurst Pool (Off Elizabeth Street)

**Dress Code:** **Strictly Black and White colours only, comfortable shoes for walking.**

**Walking:** **There will be quite a lot of walking around the large gardens.**

**Transport:** Self Drive in convoy in Own car or grouping to Car pool (organised on the day)

**Food: Morning Tea-** Bring own drink and nibbles along way will stop a coffee shop along way

**Lunch:** Will be stopping for lunch at a restaurant- The Restaurant has a wide selection of food catering for all diets and purchase at own cost OR Bring your own lunch.



#### **Day Events:**

**Main Highlight** we will be visiting **Rosedale Farm**, which is now closed to the public. This Beautifully restored home and garden is a must to see.

Steeped in history, dating back to 1846, Rosedale Farm is a lovingly restored, estate located 7km from Orange in the central tablelands of New South Wales, Australia. Once part of a 3000 acre pastoral enterprise, the original building constructed on the property was the servant quarters, now restored to 2 luxurious farm stays. The original homestead, built in 1877 by William Dale has been lovingly restored with an European influence interior and garden, which pays homage to the heritage of the property while bringing it into the contemporary world.

Apart from visiting Rosedale Farm we will be visiting other local gardens of the Orange area.

This will be a relaxing day out shared with fellow garden Club members seeing beautiful gardens.

**A flyer and a sign up page will be issued at the next meetings.**

**Any questions Please call Karen Mitchell 0408 653 983**



## **Spring Spectacular 2023**

### **Chairperson's Report – October/November**

1. A grant of \$500 was obtained through Bathurst Regional Council under the Section 356 Grants Program. This money will assist in promoting and general organization of the event. President Terri and I attended a function at Council to be presented with the grant.
2. Phil Braithwaite from Mitchell Conservatorium has received responses from fourteen music groups/musicians who are interested in participating in the event over the weekend. Phil, Lorraine and Judy have met to allocate music to specific gardens.
3. The word is certainly getting out there – Dianne has been doing a great job with posts on Facebook (please like and share them), regular announcements over 2BS and a great spread in the August-September edition of Blue Mountains Life, just to name a few publicity outlets.
4. Tickets are now available online through The Bathurst Gardeners' Club website (click on the Menu, go to Bathurst Spring Spectacular and click on the bookeasy.com link to buy tickets.) They will be available for over-the-counter purchase from Bathurst Visitor Information Centre closer to the date and from all gardens on the weekend of 28th and 29th October.
5. Committee members have been working long hours all year to organize this weekend and we really need our members to volunteer as garden sitters. This is not a big ask of your time and is a very enjoyable couple of hours as well as helping your Club to make a very worthwhile contribution to local charities and organisations. This year's nominated recipients are Mitchell Conservatorium (scholarships), 2BS Christmas Appeal, Headspace, Bathurst Community Transport and Defence Community Dogs. Please see Kate Baigent at a meeting, phone 0408703341 or email [kate.baigent52@gmail.com](mailto:kate.baigent52@gmail.com).
6. This year's Bathurst Gardeners' Club Spring Spectacular Launch will be held on Sunday 22nd October at Bishops court Estate from 5pm to 7.30 pm. Cost will be \$30 pp. Payment may be made to Genevieve (BGC Treasurer) or direct payment to the BGC account (BSB 657000, A/C 71385828 – please include reference with payment). Come along for a great evening of delicious food, music and an inspiring talk by Christine under the fairy lights.
7. Our Monster Plant Stall (organised by Anne) will again be in operation in the park adjacent to the Visitor Information Centre on Saturday (28th) between 9.00am and 4.30 pm. Get busy potting up those plants which can be left at Scott Mitchell Plumbing (26B Russell St) in the days leading up to the weekend or brought to the Stall on Saturday morning. See instructions for labelling and delivering plants on the next page.
8. Raffle tickets are now on sale at meetings or if you would like to take a book of 20 tickets to sell, please contact Judy (0409710055 or email [jcbayliss@bigpond.com](mailto:jcbayliss@bigpond.com)).
9. Lorraine has been extremely busy, keeping in constant touch with our ten garden owners, sorting out restroom access and organising insurances, food and other stalls.
10. Peter and Brian have also been busy, organising signs which will be placed at gardens or indicating directions in the days leading up to the event.
11. To date, we now have five coaches coming for which Terri has organised guides.

# Bathurst Gardeners' Monster Plant Stall

Saturday 28th

9am to 4.30pm

Opposite Bathurst Visitor Information Centre



Time to pot  
up your  
plants ready  
for the stall.

The Plant Stall will be located opposite Bathurst Visitor Information Centre in the triangular shaped park adjacent to the car park. Anne Bromfield will be there from 7am on Saturday the 28th for you to drop off your plants. If you are unable to drop off your plants on Saturday morning you can deliver them to Scott Mitchell Plumbing in lower Russell Street in the days leading up to the Spring Spectacular. You are asked to leave plants near the glass door at Scott Mitchell Plumbing in Lower Russell Street. (56B Russell St). Karen will make sure they are looked after and watered.

Plants should contain **two** paddle pop sticks (or labels). **One with the name of the plant and one with your name and the price.** If you wish to donate all proceeds of the sale of your plants they should be labelled with "Donate". Otherwise you will receive 2/3 of the sale price with the other 1/3 going to Spring Spectacular funds. A photo of the plant in flower is always helpful, as is a description.

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## Our Wonderful Bathurst Spring Spectacular Sponsors

### Major Sponsors

**Bathurst Regional Council, Central West Village Voice, 2BS 95.1 FM**

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**Please support these businesses as they support us.**



## September Flowerings from Fiona

I sometimes wish that Bathurst Gardeners' Club would relocate its Spring Spectacular to September. I can hear howls of outrage as I write –cold days! frost! gales! bare trees! – yet blossom and bulbs are so stunning September, it seems a shame we can only enjoy them with each other and not share with the wider gardening public.

Mind you I'm only saying this because our garden is open this year, the pressure is on and I'm terrified it won't look as good in late October as it does now. Let's pray it rains soon.

Sweet osmanthus (*O. delavayi*) is a hardy, medium size (1.2 to 1.5 metres) evergreen shrub from southern China with small, pointed green leaves and scented, starry white flowers emerging in late August, continuing for several weeks and lasting well when cut. It's hardier than *O. fragrans* (3-10m.) which apparently smells even better, but the specimen that I planted years ago has grown vigorously but to my acute disappointment, never flowers.

Several trees compete to bloom first in spring in my garden: this year *Prunus x blireana* won, producing masses of pink flowers a fortnight before *P. x Elvins* sprang to life.

Both are lovely small trees. *P. x blireana* has purple leaves slowly changing greenish purple before turning red in autumn. *P. x Elvins* has green foliage but its blossom is its greatest feature, covering the branches even more densely than that of sweet osmanthus, and opening white before eventually becoming dark pink.



*Prunus x blireana* flowering early this year, in late August.



*Prunus x Elvins* blossom opens white and changes to deep pink.

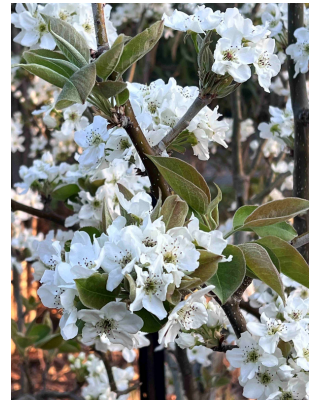
*Malus floribunda*, on the other hand, starts life red and pink and finishes pure white. As far as I know it's the only crab that's immune to scab.

Pear blossom is supposedly fail-safe for September except, sigh, for me. To date I have lost two pear trees, a glorious snow pear (*Pyrus nivalis*) and a Williams fruiting pear, and I'm now worried my Manchurian pear is on the way out. It's looking sick and bore little blossom. I'm watering it anxiously and pouring on Seasol. Any suggestions gratefully received.



Luckily my Nashi pear, planted to cross fertilise the Williams, is doing well. It has the best blossom, if not the best fruit, and as pears are among my favourite fruit, I've planted another Williams alongside.

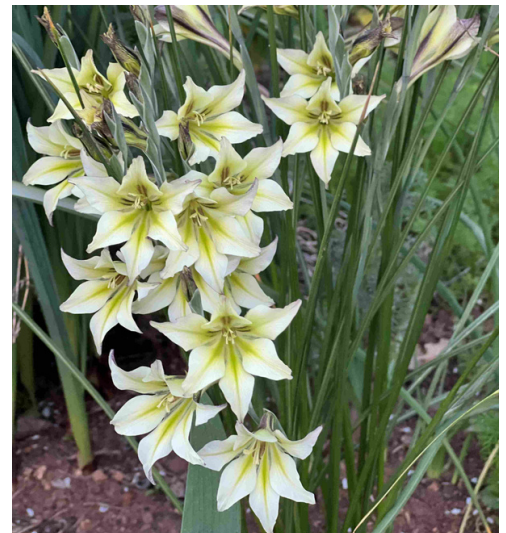
*Nashi pear blossom appears before the leaves in September*



Viburnum carlesii, V. x burkwoodii, Mahonia aquifolium. Lonicera tartarica, tree peonies, tiny, sweet-smelling Gladiolus tristis - all flower in September, but I've run out of words. Happy gardening!



*. Heavily fragrant blossom of Viburnum carlesii (1.8m.) starts red and fades to white.*



*Cream flowers of Gladiolus tristis smell most strongly at dusk.*



*Mahonia aquifolium (not prostrate - 80-90cm.) has fragrant yellow blossom and makes a good hedge.*

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

<https://www.theland.com.au/>



## Calendar for 2023

MONTH	MONTHLY MEETINGS	OTHER BATHURST GARDENERS' CLUB ACTIVITIES	OTHER GARDEN CLUBS AND ORGANISATIONS EVENTS
<b>OCTOBER</b>	Sunday 1st October 2pm 3476 Great Western Hwy, Yetholme	Thursday 12th - Trip to Cowra  Sun 22nd Launch of Spring Spectacular at Bishop's Court Estate  Bathurst Gardener's Club Spring Spectacular 28th and 29th/ Monster Plant Stall Sat 28th	Think Spring-Think Leura Sept 29th - Oct 2nd  Hartley Valley Garden Festival and Plant Stalls Oct 21st-22nd
<b>NOVEMBER</b>	Sunday 5th, November 2pm 266 Rankin Street, Bathurst	Wednesday, 8th November, 2023 Trip to "Rosedale Farm" and other gardens in the Orange area.	4th-5th Oberon and District Garden Club Open Garden  4th-5th Millthorpe Garden Ramble  Rockley Gardens and Art Festival 11th-12th
<b>DECEMBER</b>	Sunday 3rd December AGM & Christmas Party Perthville Community Hall, 20 Rockley Street, Perthville Time - To Be Advised		