

# Bathurst Gardeners' Club Inc.

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## OCTOBER/NOVEMBER 2015 NEWSLETTER

Thank you to Vicki Lockwood from Goldfields Honey who gave a very interesting and passionate talk on bee keeping at our August meeting. Pat Jones a member of the club opened her lovely garden for our first Spring meeting of the year. There was a great roller up to the meeting. Thank you Pat.

On a personal note, thank you to the club for making me a life member. I was both honoured and surprised for the acknowledgement - Jenny Meenahan.

**MEETINGS:** The October 4 meeting will be held in the town garden of club members Peter and Gael Harvey at 5 Joubert Drive Llanarth. Following Spencer's clematis passion, Peter is a collector of rare and beautiful clematis with an amazing range throughout this reasonably new garden. Started in 2008 Peter and Gael have created a gorgeous spring garden with many features including water, arbours and some fun. Head past All Saints College on Eglinton Road and turn left into Westbourne Drive, right onto Howarth Close (Ophir Road) then left into Joubert Drive. Park along the street, the entrance to the garden is from the gate on the left.

**A reminder that the November meeting will be held on November 8 one week later, due to the Spring Spectacular weekend being on the October 31 and November 1.**

The November 8 meeting will be held at the "The Old School House" at Yetholme. Built in 1858 this beautiful historic home is now owned by one of our newer club members Belinda Cobcroft. Belinda and Brian purchased the property in 2012. The school had held an arbour day ceremony in 1890 planting trees from the Botanic Gardens, unfortunately it closed in 1916 until being restored in the late 1960's.

Belinda and Brian have a huge task ahead of them, slowly clawing back the plantings of maples, crab apples, birch, rhododendrons and roses from the relentless ivy and layering viburnums that for years engulfed the plants, building and fences. It is an enormous job and a work in progress that is slowly revealing hidden plantings among old trees and winding paths.

From Raglan the garden is approx. 15kms. Take the second Yetholme turn to the left off the Great Western Highway which is Stafford Street. The Old School House is No.16, drop off for anyone not up to walking at the School House sign gate, then parking is right at Porters Lane and right into the Community Hall next door (due to narrow road and verges along Stafford Street).

Meetings will commence at 2pm. For enquires regarding the meetings contact Karen Granger on 0417 066 515.

**CARPOOL:** Due to members organising transport amongst friends, we no longer carpool from McDonalds car park. But if anyone requires assistance with transport please do not hesitate to phone a committee member to help you with transport to the meeting. Phone numbers are at the top of the first page.

**AWARD:** The Bathurst Gardeners' Club has been awarded Bathurst Bicentenary National Trust Heritage Award for Outstanding Community Contribution to Local Heritage, Old Government Cottage Heritage Garden 2015. This is a wonderful achievement, congratulations to all involved.

**SPRING SPECTACULAR: Volunteers:** Thank you to all those members who have volunteered to sit at gardens over the Spring Spectacular Weekend October 31 and November 1. Sitters are still required so if you can help please contact Lorraine Griffin on 6331 6018.

**Launch:** The launch of the Spring Spectacular will be held at Miss Traill's House on Thursday October 29 at 5.30pm for 6pm. Wine and nibbles, all garden club members welcome.

**Plant Stall:** If you have plants to sell at the plant stall, deliver them to Miss Traill's House before the gardens open at 9.30am. Please label your plants with your initials, the price and the name of the plant. These can be written on a paddle pop stick. Contact Lyn Burgett on 6331 9170 if you have any queries.

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

**COMING EVENTS:** Leura Gardens Festival October 3-11, 9.30am to 4.30pm. Ten open gardens, tickets \$25 or \$5 for a single garden. [Leuragardensfestival.com.au](http://Leuragardensfestival.com.au)

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Cowra Open Garden Weekend October 10-11. Seven gardens on display, admission \$10. Tickets available at Cowra Visitors Information Centre, phone 6342 4333.

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Australian Plants Society Central West Group, 200 years of Australian Plants, Plant Display October 17-18 10am to 4pm. At Bathurst City Community Club, 29 William Street, Bathurst. Showing local wildflowers that were present in the Bathurst landscape in 1815, along with cultivated varieties available today.

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Antonia's Irises Open Week October 18-24. At the Beekeepers Inn, 2319 Mitchell Highway, Vittoria. Dianna van Gaal 0437 316 891