



Lilac time 2023

In 2023 the Goulburn Argyle Garden Club decided to again enter a float in the local Lilac Time festival parade. As all the paper flowers from last year's float and the 2023 show had been stored, the decision to use them this year was met with enthusiasm.

Lynne and Bob's flat bed ute was borrowed and the preparations started. John did some prep work adding all the chicken wire used last year. Next many members came to unpack, sort and start attaching all the flowers.. It was amazing how quickly hundreds of paper flowers were attached to anything on the ute that did not move.

On the day of the parade, additional shrubbery and lots of real lilac flowers were added to ready the float for the big show. This year it was decided the theme of the float would be an artist. So President Lynne Howe sat on the float in front of an easel and started to paint a picture of a vase of lilacs. The crowd ooh-ed, aah-ed and cheered as we drove slowly down Goulburn's main street. The weather was very windy but the paper flowers made through it unharmed.

The next day members arrived in the afternoon to pull their hard work apart and all the flowers and decorations were packed away for another time. All then gathered on Christine and John's back garden for a well deserved drink and afternoon tea. It was announced that we won best floral decorated float and \$100 for the club coffers. Some members also had a plant stand in Belmore park and it earned the club \$185.

