



Goulburn Argyle Garden Club Summer 2023/24 Newsletter



Following a mostly dry spring it looks like we are in for a hot dry summer if the weather bureau is correct in their predictions. Again the club has been busy. The quarter started with the club committee meeting which was followed by the second 40th anniversary committee meeting. We had a great bus and boat trip to the Governor General's garden in Canberra, and finishing the year with our Christmas party. Of course we had our regular meeting in November having missed the October meeting due to the bus trip. Next year will be an exciting year being our 40th year since the club was inaugurated.

There are always flowers for those that want to see them.

Henri Matisse

October Committee Meeting



In early October the club committee met for the second time this financial year. New member nomination forms were received and approved for three new members. Next years program for guest speakers was discussed and Margaret Murdoch will follow up on those suggestions. Some discussion was held on potential awards this year and maybe the need to have a club first aid kit. Prior to closing, responsibilities for all the Christmas party requirements were allocated.

40th Anniversary Committee Meeting

Following the regular committee meeting the 40th anniversary committee met again over a cup of coffee in the Soldiers Club cafe. The planning is well under way and actions were allocated to members for the various requirements of the celebration. I'm not going to spoil the function by telling about the happenings. Just wait and see and put the 28th May 2024 in your 'must do' calendar.



Trip to the Governor General's Garden in Canberra



On October 26th the Goulburn Argyle Garden Club had a day out in Canberra. A nearly full bus headed off at 10:30 am and arrived at the Southern Cross Yacht Club on the southern shore of Lake Burley Griffin in Canberra. Here we lunched with our packed picnic lunches on the lawns next to the shore. It was a little cold and breezy but we all survived. After lunch we boarded a scenic cruiser and headed off across the lake to the Governor General's residence and garden. We were met by six volunteers who proceed to tour us around the superb and well aged gardens and lawns. After an hour we got back on the boat, headed back to the wharf and boarded our bus to drive to our final destination. This destination was Rodney's nursery at Pialligo. Here some wandered, some purchased and others enjoyed coffee and cake in the cafe. At 5:00 pm we all headed back to



Goulburn on the bus buying raffle tickets from Annette on the way. Congratulations to coach captain Annette Cave for organising a most enjoyable trip away.



The manager of the garden centre overhears one of his workers talking to a customer. "No, we haven't had any of that in ages," says the employee. "And I don't know when we'll be getting any more." The customer leaves and the manager walks over to give him a telling off. "Never tell a customer we can't get them something," he says. "Whatever they want we can always get it on order and deliver it. Do you understand?" The nurseryman nods. "So what did he want?" asks the manager " Rain," replied the worker. Sounds very appropriate to Goulburn

November Club Meeting



President Lynne opened the meeting by welcoming all members, three new members Cecily Hayes, Kevin Muffet and Rachel Muscarella plus two visitors. She also wished members who are unwell a speedy recovery. President Lynne reported the success of our club during the Goulburn Lilac Festival Time. The float won \$100 for the best floral decoration and the plant table in Belmore Park raised \$185. She thanked all those who had participated in either of those activities. The



club also had a successful trip to the Governor General's garden in Canberra in October as well as a trip to Rodney's nursery. President Lynne thanked our coach captain Annette Cave for her excellent organisation to make the day a success. Final numbers for the Christmas party were needed to be given to the club and this meeting being the last day for names, money and dietary requirements. Quite a few members paid after the meeting.



Instead of a 'Flower of the Month' this meeting, an arrangement in a cup was held.

30 entries raised a lot of money for the club through the voting process. All entries demonstrated an extensive effort by members with some thinking out of the square with the addition of non-plant items to their arrangement.

Instead of a guest speaker this meeting, a quiz was held. Secretary Christine ran the quiz of 20 questions with 50% general knowledge and 50% club knowledge. Writing the club's inauguration date of 1984 in Roman numerals (MCMLXXXIV) stumped everyone. A fun time was had and Wendy Taylor top scored.

Our winners were Raffle – Maree Murphy.
 The raffle prize was donated by patron Barbara Todkill.
 Arrangement in a cup John Nankivell, Annette Cave and Kathy Jeffrey.

As the days get hotter and hotter, sometimes it's just not possible to do everything you'd hoped to do in your garden. But it's not a total no-go zone. You can give your garden beds a quick refresh with a layer of mulch, potted colour by doorways or flowering plants in garden beds and freshly trimmed lawn edges. Mow your lawn as high as your lawnmower allows you. When the days are hot, try to position your pot plants in the shade or shelter them from the hot western sun. Water during the cooler parts of the day, The morning is best. It's common to experience water restrictions during the hotter months in Australia, so if you're limited by how much you can water, aim to water your plants deeply. *Courtesy of Better Homes and Gardens*

December Christmas Lunch



A room transformed from our usual meeting place to a room filled with Christmas cheer heralded the start of our 2023 Christmas party. The Christmas elves, better known as hard working committee members, had put together a room that showcased the talents of many members. The tables were beautifully decorated, the food delicious and the company superb. Many members entered into the spirit of the day by wearing Christmas tee shirts, jewellery, tuxedos, and head



pieces. President Lynne started off proceedings with a welcome to our Zone Coordinator Sue Mowle, life members, and all garden club members. After that delicious two course meal, presentations were made to Robyn Rawlinson, a very worthy recipient of the Anne Williams-Clarke medallion. Moira McGinity was awarded life membership, and Bev Kofod and Margaret Stewart were presented with a beautiful posies in recognition of their 20 years of membership. Surprise surprise, Wendy Taylor won the flower of the month for the year prize. President Lynne received a surprise presentation, the painting she did while riding as the artist on our Lilac Time float. Raffle prizes in the form of well stocked hampers and beautifully presented pot plants were distributed. The big Christmas hamper was won by Zena Ridley. Also a delicious iced Christmas cake was cut and distributed. A big thank you goes to President Lynne and all the hard working members that helped to make the day a success. We should say special thanks to all those members who helped specially for these tasks.

Dawn Thorn Creating all the table decorations
 Wendy Taylor Baking the decorated Christmas cake
 Lynne Howe Collecting and assembling the presents on the tables
 Dianne Lane Gathering goods for the hamper raffle prizes & putting them together with members at her place.
 Helen McAleer Buying and wrapping the plants for raffle prizes
 Wendy Taylor Making the presentation posies
 Glenys Gordon Creating the presentation cards
 And if I missed anyone I apologise.



23/24 club executive, committee members and duty officers

Executive

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| President | Lynne Howe | 0423 233 984 | Secretary | Christine Smith | 0421 062 435 |
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| Public Officer | Iris Sturgiss | | Publicity Officer | John Nankivell | |

Committee Members

Iris Sturgiss, Kathy Jeffrey, Delma Mills, Lorraine Sweeny, Maree Murphy, Lois Hill, Dianne Lane, Dianne Evans.

Duty Officers

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| Door | Iris Sturgiss/Dianne Lane/Dianne Evans | Plant Table - | Margaret Wilkes, Sue Marks, Margaret Cameron |
| Raffle | Lois Hill | Flower of Month | Kathy Jeffrey, Glenys Gordon |
| Newsletter/Webmaster - | John Nankivell | | |

The club monthly meetings are held on the 4th Tuesday of each month at the Goulburn Soldier's Club. Please be seated by 10am. Come early to pick up a bargain on the plant table and cast your vote for Flower of the Month. All proceeds go to the Club:

✂ • *Flower of the Month* – participate by bringing a flower, small pot or some interesting leaves to display, to be voted on by members, with a coin. (**No foreign currency PLEASE**)

✂ • *Plant Stall* – members are encouraged to bring along cuttings, produce or plants, home-cooked items or anything garden related to be sold at the meeting.

✂ • *Raffle* - \$1 per ticket, drawn at the meeting.

Please wear your name badges to meetings and events. Display prominently. For those who don't there will be a gold coin fine. An honesty box will be provided to collect the monies which will be presented to charity at the end of the year.

Members are also requested to make sure their **mobile phones are turned off** during the meetings.

Club Fees

\$20/yr Newsletters will be delivered electronically to your club registered email address (is it correct?)
or

\$25/yr Newsletters will be full-colour printed and posted 4 times a year to your club registered mailing address.
The club regrets having to add this small fee but the cost of the printing and postage of four newsletters per year has become very expensive. The \$5 does not cover the full cost of printing and posting so the club will pay the extra cost. But printing and posting the newsletters is a service the club is only too pleased to continue.

Even if you have an email address you can opt to pay the \$5 and have a printed copy posted to you as well.

Planned GOULBURN ARGYLE GARDEN CLUB meeting agenda for 2024

Note. These dates may be modified as guest speakers and trips away are organised.

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| February 6 th | Committee meeting 10:00am |
| February 6 th | 40 th anniversary committee meeting 11:30am in the cafe |
| February 27 th | Friendship meeting, Dr Jessica Hodgson from Blue Bower Art |
| March 26 th | Alexander Evans from Hanakuma Ikebana |
| April 23 rd | Bus trip TBA |
| May 7 th | Committee meeting |
| May 28 th | 40th anniversary lunch - guest speaker from GCA Judy Horton |
| June 25 th | Annual General Meeting |
| July 2 nd | Committee meeting |
| July 23 rd | TBA |
| August 27 th | TBA |
| September 24 th | TBA |
| October 15 th | Committee meeting |
| October 22 nd | Bus trip TBA |
| November 26 th | TBA |
| December 5 th | Christmas lunch |

Member's Corner

Lynne added the member's corner to the newsletter to give any members the opportunity to participate in the newsletter. If any members want to add short stories, request or items for the newsletter under member's corner, please email them to nanky99@hotmail.com. Let us know if you have had any garden visits to your garden or you have had a visit to other gardens.

Can we improve communications

It is a pity that those members without an email address miss out on important club information sent out by our secretary between meetings. A suggestion: if you have a friend or relative that does have an email, they might like to authorise our secretary to send notices and ONLY notices to their email address and then they pass that information to you. Your newsletters would still be posted if that is what you have chosen to do. If this interests you, contact Christine at wishabago42@gmail.com or see her at a meeting. These proxy emails would be managed separately and not be part of the membership list details.

Learning about the most important thing to gardeners – soil.

There are now five of Ray's soil minutes on the club's web site. Extra minutes are being added now and again. It's a quick to read education about our garden soil and its care and development. You keen gardeners should log on and spend a few minutes learning all about your soil and thus improving your gardening skills. Just to refresh your memory, the soil minutes can be found on the club's web site "Club Information" page in the right hand lower corner. Ray would appreciate any feedback you might have.

Visit by Sydney Garden Clubs to Christine and John's Garden

In the Autumn 2023 newsletter the Beecroft & District Garden Club and the Creative Garden Clubs asked if any club members would allow a visit to their garden. Christine and John offered a visit to their Folly Fields garden at Run-O-Waters. On the 28th of October 31 members of the Beecroft Garden Club arrived by bus at Folly Fields. The bus driver took one look at the drive and decided everyone would have to walk down the drive. Three cars chauffeured those members who could not walk down to the meeting area. After a brief welcome by Christine some members toured with John, some wandered individually and some participated in the treasure hunt. This club had requested that morning tea be provided and when this was informally discussed during coffee after a committee meeting, Helen McAleer, Del Mills and Kathy Jeffrey volunteered to provide some slices and assist with serving the morning tea. They did an excellent job and Christine and John thanked them with a BBQ lunch. Sue Mowle, our GCA zone co-ordinator and GCA communications director, came along as well and talked to the club about the 2025 GCA convention in Albury and other GCA information including promoting the Our Gardens magazine, some of which she brought along to give away.

Then in early November the Creative Garden club visited Folly Fields after enjoying morning tea at Kentgrove. They arrived in the same bus with the same bus driver and the same drive result. After a brief wander they bussed to their lunch venue at the Olive View cafe and then a visit to the Selah Gardens in Crookwell.

Early November the Taralga Garden Club came to Goulburn and visited Kentgrove Garden.



A selection of the photos from our Christmas party are now on our web site. All the other photos will be displayed on the TV at each meeting.

For those who like reading about plants and gardens, remember there are back copies of 'Our Gardens' magazine to borrow at each meeting.

Seasons Greetings Members

See you all in 2024