



# Goulburn Argyle Garden Club



## Winter 2024 Newsletter

The wet weather start to Autumn and Winter has not stopped the club and its members from achieving activities. In April members boarded a bus and headed off to Collector to visit the Fedra Olive Grove and Lake George Winery. Committee members met in May and that was followed by the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary committee meeting. Wow, what a 40<sup>th</sup> celebration with nearly 100 members and visitors attending. The bus trip and celebration meant meetings were not held until the AGM in June.

**By now all 2024/2025 club membership fees should have been paid. If not see below for details of payment options. At the time of printing 25 members are still un-financial.**

When weeding, the best way to make sure you are removing a weed and not a valuable plant is to pull on it. If it comes out of the ground easily, then it was a valuable plant after all.

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### APRIL BUS TRIP TO COLLECTOR



What a great trip this was. The bus was boarded and departed from Ellesmere street and headed for the Fedra Olive Grove in Collector. Here we enjoyed morning tea, coffee and scones at the Olive View cafe. The chef is known for his great scones baked fresh each morning. The coffees were a tad slow but that was because the cafe owner provided proper coffee for everyone and not just instant coffee. After morning tea we all migrated up the hill and into the olive processing



facilities. The manger then gave us a tour and explained the process of producing olive oil; from growing, harvesting, crushing, filtering, storing and then bottling. A bit of retail therapy buying bottled olives and olive oil varieties was then had by all back in the cafe.



Upon boarding the bus we headed a bit further south to the Lake George Winery. This vineyard has been in various incarnations of the same family for yonks. It has also been producing award winning wines on their acreage for 50 years. The first event here was a wine tasting where we were introduced to a number of both their red and white wines with a tasting of each in turn. Lunch followed and it seems the two courses were enjoyed by all.



Again some retail therapy of wine purchases was then followed by a visit to the grapes themselves. The bus trip home was accompanied by a raffle. Thank you Coach Captain Annette Cave for a wonderful outing (as usual).

### MAY COMMITTEE MEETING



Committee meetings are included in the newsletter to enlighten members on the mysteries of the meetings. It might also inspire newer members to join the committee in the future. The meeting started by thanking Annette Cave for organising the most enjoyable bus trip to Collector. It was announced that a first aid kit has been purchased and was taken on the trip to Collector. New member nomination forms were received and approved from Adriana Lamarra, Lynne Makin, Georgina Cook, Judy White, Annie Bauer, Vicki Scarfi, Beverley Denney. That takes our current membership up to 101. Speakers for future meetings were discussed but you'll have to wait to see who they might be. Some aspects of the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary

elements that involved committee members were discussed, decisions made and tasks allocated. It was raised that some members are not wearing their badges on the ribbon. It is requested that members do not remove their badges from the ribbon and to wear them as required on the ribbon. With the AGM coming up Robyn Rawlinson will chair the meeting.

The committee decided the club will enter a float again for the 2024 Lilac Time festival. The theme this year will be 'heritage'. Members will have a chance to help with preparing the float at a date closer to the event. The secretary will check with GCA about insurance signing in requirements for our 40<sup>th</sup>. (We were subsequently advised that as all attendees had registered they do not have to sign in but just have their attendance recorded when name badges are issued).

I tried to teach my plants to do maths, but they all ended up with square roots.

Q: Why do potatoes make good detectives?

A: Because they keep their eyes peeled.

Q: What runs around a garden but never moves?

A: A fence.

Q: Why did the apricot ask a prune to dinner?

A: Because he couldn't find a date.

Q: Why did the tomato blush?

A: Because he saw the salad dressing

## 40<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY LUNCHEON



Our luncheon event was a great success. Thanks to all those that organised it. Unfortunately sickness kept a few away but 95 attended. President Lynne Howe started proceedings by introducing our distinguished guests. We had local MP Wendy Tuckerman and Mayor Peter Walker who gave a brief talk. Lorraine Emerson,



President of Garden Clubs of "Our Gardens" magazine Judy speaker and gave us a wonderful garden. It seems everyone lovely cakes baked and decorated Our event was also attended by Garden Club, Yass and Districts Garden Club. A package of gardening implements put together by Helen McAleer was raffled. The



Australia, came as well as the editor Horton. She was also our guest incite into the development of her enjoyed the two course meal and the by Wendy Taylor.



winner of the prize was Shirley Woolner. We also had a beautiful tub of Violas donated by Bunnings. This was the lucky door prize and it was won by Rhonda Flack from Taralga Garden Club. The luncheon finished with Lorraine Emerson and GCA Director Sue Mowle presenting President Lynne Howe with a 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary certificate.



## JUNE CLUB MEETING AND AGM



The meeting started with President Lynne offering a thought for all our members who are unwell. She then presented badges to the five new members who were at the meeting, Adrianna Lamarra, Vicky Sarfi, Robin Long, Georgina Cook and Beverley Denney. The members approved payment to the Soldiers Club for the 40<sup>th</sup> luncheon It was announced that the club will enter a float this year at Lilac



Time with this year's theme of 'Heritage'. We will need lots more lilac flowers to made by members. Members were asked if anyone can help at Legacy Lodge for rose pruning, Volunteers should let Secretary Christine know.

Raffle winner

Georgina Cook

Flower of the month

Christine Smith

## AGM

The meeting opened with President Lynne Howe reading her President's report. She reported that the club welcomed 17 new members, had donated \$950.00 to charities, celebrated our club's 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary and summarised all the club's activities month by month. You can refresh your memory of these activities in previous newsletters. Lynne finished off by saying she had enjoyed her year as club president and that it had been a pleasure to serve. She hoped next year was just as successful and the club goes from strength to strength. She then handed the meeting over to the Presiding Officer Robyn Rawlinson who declared all committee and executive positions were filled with the exception of 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President, Asst Secretary and Asst. Treasurer. She called for nominations. John Nankivell was nominated and accepted for 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President. The Asst Secretary and Asst Treasurer positions remain vacant. The new committee is listed below under executive and committee members.



*The 24/25 executive and committee*

Even if you've done everything to frost proof your garden, a severe frost can ruin all your hard work. To minimise damage, a quick spray of water before the sun hits the plant will melt the ice more slowly and help reduce the severity of the damage. If you get frost damage in your garden, resist the temptation to prune it off, because even dead foliage will protect the foliage underneath. Pruning will just encourage new growth which is lush, tender and susceptible to frost damage. Frost is one of nature's gifts. It can improve the taste of winter vegetables and intensify autumn colours in leaves. And with planning and preparation, frost prone gardens will thrive right through winter.

### **24/25 club executive, committee members and duty officers**

#### **Executive**

<b>President</b>	Lynne Howe	0423 233 984	<b>Secretary</b>	Christine Smith	0421 062 435
<b>1st Vice President</b>	John Nankivell	0490389699	<b>2nd Vice President</b>	Helen McAleer	0450 009 815
<b>Treasurer</b>	Wendy Taylor	0408 293 852	<b>Asst Secretary</b>	Vacant	
<b>Coach Captain</b>	Annette Cave	0409 387 272	<b>Card Sender</b>	Glenys Gordon	0408 605 473
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<b>Public Officer</b>	Iris Sturgiss		<b>Publicity Officer</b>	John Nankivell	

#### **Committee Members**

Iris Sturgiss, Kathy Jeffrey, Delma Mills, Margaret Murdoch, Maree Murphy, Lois Hill, Dianne Lane, Rhonda Cave.

#### **Duty Officers (to be confirmed at the July committee meeting)**

Door/Raffle Table	To be advised	Plant Table	To be advised
Flower of Month	To be advised	Newsletter/Webmaster	John Nankivell

The club monthly meetings are held on the 4<sup>th</sup> 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 you 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**

Members should by now be paid up for the financial year 2024-2025. If not, fees can be paid by direct debit to the Bendigo Bank account. The account details are

Account name	Contact the treasurer
BSB	Contact the treasurer
Account number	Contact the treasurer

Please put your name in the description field. **OR**

Send a cheque to  
PO Box 785 Goulburn 2580 **OR**

They can be placed in an envelope with your name and amount written on and handed to treasurer Wendy Taylor at the July meeting. The annual fees are as follows;

\$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 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. Saves your ink so you don't have to print it out.*

### **GOULBURN ARGYLE GARDEN CLUB MEETING AGENDA for the rest of 2024**

JULY 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Committee Meeting.	
JULY 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Kevin Muffet	Safety in the garden
AUGUST 27 <sup>th</sup>	Jackie Waugh	Goulburn show
SEPTEMBER 24 <sup>th</sup>	Anke Maria Hoefler	Frog watch
OCTOBER 15 <sup>th</sup>	Committee meeting.	
OCTOBER	Bus trip TBA	
NOVEMBER 26 <sup>th</sup>	Sam Morris	talking about Fuchsias
DECEMBER 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Christmas Lunch	

### **MEMBER'S CORNER**

#### **TARALGA GARDEN CLUB COACH TRIP AND RIVER CRUISE**

The Taralga Garden Club invites our garden club members to join them on a bus trip on 12<sup>th</sup> September 2024. The coach will make a pickup at the Goulburn Information Centre at 7:00am. The program is first stop Braidwood for a **toilet break only**. Then travel on to Bateman's Bay. The cruise starts at 11:30am and returns at 2:00pm. Lunch will be served on board during the cruise. Drinks can be purchased on board. There should be time before the cruise departs to have a toilet stop and get a coffee. The cost is \$50 for the coach and \$55 for the cruise and lunch. Total cost is \$105. The coach seats 48 so to get a spot book early. To book a seat a non refundable deposit of \$50 is required. Final payment of \$55 is required by 29/8/2024 (or sooner). There will be a raffle on the coach. To book a seat ring or text, Lorraine Derwent 0417674708 or email [loraine@active.net.au](mailto:lorraine@active.net.au). Cheques to be made out to Taralga Garden Club, sent to Lorraine Derwent, Bubalahla, 6669 Oberon Rd, via Taralga NSW. 2580 or **DIRECT DEBIT** Taralga Garden Club BSB 062 545 A/C 10043262. Please mark deposit as Coach Trip.

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, requests or items for the newsletter under member's corner, please email them to [nanky99@hotmail.com](mailto:nanky99@hotmail.com)

Just a note to let Facebook members know the club occasionally posts articles on the Garden Clubs Australia Facebook page. To get access you will need to join the GCA Facebook group. Go to the GCA Home page and click the Facebook button in the middle of their home page, then click the blue join group button. A few recent club meeting or event photos are always added to our garden club's web site.

A number of our members attended the Goulburn Garden Club's 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary morning tea on the 11<sup>th</sup> June at the Goulburn Worker Club. It was well organised, had many historical displays and we were entertained by a brilliant speaker from Frog Watch. Anke Maria Hoefler from Frog Watch will be our guest speaker for the September meeting.



Sue Mowle, our GCA zone coordinator, convened a meeting of the executive members of all the garden clubs in her zone, President Lynne and Secretary Christine went along from our club. Other clubs that were attending were Goulburn Garden Club, Taralga Garden Club, Marulan Garden Club, Gunning Garden Club, Wollondilly Garden Club and the Goulburn Community Garden.

