



# Goulburn Argyle Garden Club

## Winter 2023 Newsletter



The cold weather setting in has not stopped the club and its members from achieving things. April started off with a contingent of our members boarding a Goulburn Garden Club bus for a tour of gardens in Crookwell. This visit was followed by the rescheduled April club meeting and in May the committee braved a cold day to meet. Then followed the May club meeting and club's AGM in June.

### A message from our Zone Coordinator to all our members.

“Congratulations on producing a fantastic website with lots of useful links, interesting photos and information! The members of Goulburn Argyle Garden Club can be very proud to belong to such an active and community minded organisation. I look forward to meeting you all again in the near future. Sue Mowle Zone Coordinator for Southern Tablelands.”

**Life begins the day you start a garden.**

*Chinese proverb*

### Visit to Crookwell Gardens



In early April a number of our members boarded a coach as guests of the Goulburn Garden Club tour to Crookwell gardens. After a long winding back road drive we arrived at the first garden. It was a 2 acre garden set in their cattle farm. It was only 10 years old but with good soil, good rainfall and lots of hard work, it was spectacular. While there we all enjoyed a scrumptious morning tea seated around a blazing fire pit. Interesting is that all the cakes and slices were provided by Carolyn, the coach driver's boss's mother. The coach was rather large and could not turn around in the garden. Cameron, the coach driver skilfully backed all the way down the long drive, drove all the way back to the highway, turned around, drove back and then backed all the way up

the drive to collect us all for our drive to the next location. The next garden was just as big but not as formal, more lawn and tree based. After that visit we lunched at the Crookwell Services Club before ending the tour at the restored Stephenson's flour mill and then heading back to Goulburn. The trip was thoroughly enjoyed by all of us.

### April Club Meeting



Doug Maggs from Growing Abilities was our guest speaker. Doug is a long time gardener. He previously worked at the Welby garden centre in Mittagong. In addition to being the largest retail nursery in the Southern Highlands, Welby Garden Centre also provides vocational training and employment to over forty people living with disabilities. Doug was sent by Welby to Goulburn to take over a similar site in Ross Street. Growing Abilities is a registered NDIS provider. Products sold in the nursery are similar to those sold in most nurseries and in addition they manage a garden maintenance team which includes mowing and hedging. Any profit made goes directly to provide employment, horticultural

training and social inclusion for those living with disabilities. Doug's presentation was followed by a questions and answers session.

Mary Whitaker, a new member, who was accepted for membership at the February Committee meeting, was welcomed to the club by President Lynne and received her membership badge and a copy of the constitution. Coach Captain Annette Cave spoke about the visit to Canberra in October and reminded members that when putting money in an envelope full names and date of birth must be advised. This is a requirement for clearance by the AFP.

President Lynne showed an article that has been published in the Goulburn Express titled "Friendship through gardening". The article contained information on our Club's activities as well as photos re our stand at the Goulburn Show.

Treasurer Wendy reminded members that the annual fees should be paid by 27<sup>th</sup> June 2023.



As usual we had some winners at the April meeting;

Best flower Won by Margaret Cameron with her Hollyhock,

Raffle Ray Shiel, won a voucher, and

Del Mills won a pot plant generously donated by Barbara Todkill.

## What type of garden do bakers have?– Flour gardens.

Little 8-year-old Nancy was in the garden filling in a hole when her neighbour peered over the fence. Interested in what the youngster was doing, he asked, "What are you doing there, Nancy?"

"My goldfish died," Nancy sobbed. "And I've just buried him." The obnoxious neighbour laughed and said condescendingly, "That's a really big hole for a little goldfish, don't you think?"

Nancy patted down the last heap of earth with her shovel and replied, "That's because he's inside your cat."

## May Club Committee Meeting



The club committee held their meeting in early May. They discussed the June AGM requirements, approved seven new member applications, donation beneficiaries and agreed that the \$5 printed newsletter charge would stand. Also raised the importance of getting moneys in for the Canberra trip, and suggested that Wendy Taylor give a flower arranging demonstration in 2024. The committee agreed to a request from Bob Philipson for an article on sustainability be put in the



next newsletter. It was also agreed that we enter a float this year if there is a Lilac Festival parade. The guest speaker for the November meeting and the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary meeting were discussed and what actions will be taken.

## May Club Meeting



Five new members, Grace Prigg, Judy Sumich, Rhonda Smith, Kate Byers, and Sue Smith were welcomed to the club and presented with their name badges and a copy of the constitution. President Lynne reminded members about the visit to Canberra in October and reminded members that when putting money in an envelope full names and date of birth must be advised. This is a requirement for clearance by the AFP. President Lynne gave a rundown of organizations who have benefitted by the clubs donations, totalling \$1,146.00 during the financial year to date. Members agreed, that small donations should continue when the opportunity arose. Members were reminded that club fees were due for the

2023/2024 period and should be paid by the end of June.

Serena Beresford-Wylie spoke about her Goulburn Open Gardens Proposal. The proposed mission is to facilitate public visits to gardens in Goulburn and surrounding villages and to raise awareness and appreciation of the beauty and heritage. Information sheets were circulated to all members. She requested their support.

Following the meeting our guest speaker Catherine Watson from 2WP Tools took to the floor. The company was started 46 years ago by 2 German backpackers in Melbourne. The business was sold 6 years ago and is now Australian owned and based in Goulburn. Catherine demonstrated that 2WP tools are durable and easy to use. The garden tool range included the power ratchet system which reduces the effort required for easy pruning - even for those gardeners with arthritis, RSI or limited strength. Questions were asked by members and answers given. Following the presentation a purchasing frenzy ensued.



## June Club Meeting and AGM



The meeting started with a minute's silence to remember the passing of lifetime member Beth Bailey. The club welcomed two new members, Jan Stone and Margo Breeze. Members were advised GCA conference registrations were extended to 31<sup>st</sup> July 2023. Annette Cave advised there were now 30 names for the Canberra visit but it's not too late to pay and say you are going. The club was advised that Taralga Garden Club have invited our members to join their next bus trip



(details below and on the web). Iris Sturgiss asked if anyone can help at Legacy Lodge for rose pruning – now set for July 12<sup>th</sup>. Contact Iris on 0417 651 433 for details.

Raffle winner Wendy Taylor who also won the Flower of the Month prize.

## AGM

The meeting opened with President Lynne Howe reading her President's report. She reported that the club welcomed 13 new members and had donated \$1,146.00 to charities. She summarised all the club 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 positions were filled with the exception of Asst. Treasurer. She called for nominations but there was no response. The position remains vacant so a volunteer is requested. The new committee is listed below under executive and committee members.



*The 23/24 executive and committee*

Winter is the time to get stuck into pruning. Use your 2WP secateurs. Tasks will be roses, fruit trees, hydrangers, wisteria and grapes to name a few. Feed your citrus and plant carrots, spring onions, leeks, broad beans, radishes, English spinach, rhubarb crowns, strawberry plants, and peas. Since the growth phase slows down in autumn, this is an ideal time to move plants that aren't thriving to another area of your garden, where conditions might be more beneficial. The growth rate of your lawn slows in winter, so set your mower at a higher level.

### 23/24 club executive, committee members and duty officers

#### Executive

**President** Lynne Howe 0423 233 984  
**1<sup>st</sup> Vice President** Helen McAleer 0450 009 815  
**Treasurer** Wendy Taylor 0408 293 852  
**Coach Captain** Annette Cave 0409 387 272  
**Club contact** PO Box 785, Goulburn, 2580  
**Web site** www.goulburnargylegarden.club  
**Public Officer** Iris Sturgiss

**Secretary** Christine Smith 0421 062 435  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President** Margaret Murdoch 4821 5822  
**Asst Secretary** Serena Beresford-Wylie 0419 253 516  
**Card Sender** Glenys Gordon 0408 605 473  
**Patron** Barbara Todkill 48214 865  
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**Publicity Officer** John Nankivell

#### Committee Members

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

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

Door/Raffle Table To be advised  
Flower of Month To be advised

Plant Table - Margaret Wilkes, Sue Marks  
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 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

Members should by now be paid up for the financial year 2023-2024. If not, fees can be paid by direct debit to the Bendigo bank account. The new account details are

Account name Refer to the treasurer  
BSB \*\*\* \*\*  
Account number \*\*\*\*\*

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

They can be placed in an envelope with your name on and handed to treasurer Wendy Taylor at the July meeting. Envelopes can also be dropped off to Wendy at 5 Macquarie Street Goulburn. 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.

### **GOLBURN ARGYLE GARDEN CLUB MEETING AGENDA for the rest of 2023**

JULY 4 <sup>TH</sup>	Committee Meeting.
JULY 25 <sup>TH</sup>	Greg Watson on bonsai
AUGUST 22 <sup>ND</sup>	Robyn Bible Geraniums & Pelargoniums.
SEPTEMBER 26 <sup>TH</sup>	John Scott Beey Beez.
OCTOBER 10 <sup>TH</sup>	Committee Meeting.
OCTOBER 26 <sup>TH</sup>	Bus trip to Canberra – Boat trip to the Government House gardens
NOVEMBER 28 <sup>TH</sup>	Plant in a cup and quiz competition
DECEMBER 5 <sup>TH</sup>	Christmas Lunch

### **Member's Corner**

#### **Bus to Canberra in October**

We will travel to Canberra for a cruise on lake Burley Griffin and then tour the Government House gardens. The cost of the day will be \$60 **non refundable** after the cut off date. Names and money need to be given to Annette Cave no later than 25<sup>th</sup> August if not sooner. On your envelope please write your FULL name (include middle name if you have one) and date of birth. These are required as everyone has to be checked by the AFP. You must also carry matching ID on the day. The coach will leave Ellesmere St at 10:30am on the day and everyone will need to organise their own picnic lunch. The boat leaves at 1pm and Annette thought as there are nice lawns and picnic areas, we could all take a sandwich and drink. There is a cafe nearby for coffee. The boat ride and garden tour takes about 2 hours so we will make a detour to Rodney's nursery at Pialligo on the way home.

We have been advised that there are no toilet facilities at the gardens but there is a toilet on the boat. The boat takes about 50 people so if we don't fill it, they will fill it with other people.

**Please get your names and money in ASAP as there will be no acceptances after 25<sup>th</sup> August.  
Contact Annette Cave on 0409 387 272 or 4821 7138 or give her your money at a club meeting.**

#### **Taralga Garden Club Bus Trip**

The Taralga Garden Club Invites our garden club members to join them on a bus trip on 14<sup>th</sup> September 2023. The program is first stop McDonalds Sutton Forest for a toilet break & morning tea (own expense). Then travel to Welby Nursery Mittagong. Lunch at Mittagong RSL (own expense). After lunch, a stop at Mt Murray Nursery Moss Vale, then home. Pick up will be at the Goulburn Information Centre @ 9.00am. The cost is \$20 deposit to book a seat, final payment to be paid two weeks before trip (31/8/23). The final cost will be about \$30 to \$37 depending on how many book to go. To book a seat ring or text, Lorraine Derwent 0417674708 or email [loraine@active.net.au](mailto:loraine@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 062545 A/C 10043262. Please mark deposit as Bus Trip.

#### **Web access on your phone**

At a recent meeting webmaster John Nankivell set up access to the club's web site on a member's mobile phone. If any other members would like him to set up their mobile phone, please see him before or after any club meeting. **AN EMAIL ADDRESS IS NOT REQUIRED.** Web access on your mobile phone will allow you to keep up to date with club information, announcements, newsletters and recent photos.

#### **Learning about the most important thing to gardeners – soil.**

More of Ray's soil minutes has been added (now 3) on the club's information page. Extra minutes are being added now and again. It's a quick to read education about our garden soil and its care and development.

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](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.

#### **Community Voice 4 Hume**

Landcare is currently part of Community Voice 4 Hume, (CV4H,) which has a very broad program to transform Goulburn Mulwaree into a sustainable community to better prepare it for the oncoming climate crises. A key part of the plan is to bring community groups together. A leaflet that overviews what they are calling the Community Sustainability Hub (CHS) can be viewed at;

<https://landcare.nsw.gov.au/groups/community-voice-for-hume/goulburn-mulwaree-sustainability-hub/>.

The CSH is the culmination of some three years work and they are now actively looking for suitable groups or individuals who are interested in forming a steering committee. If this is of interest to any club members, please contact Bob Philipson at [bob.philipson99@gmail.com](mailto:bob.philipson99@gmail.com).