



Goulburn Argyle Garden Club Spring 2023 Newsletter



The new financial year is well under way, the new committee active, and I am sure members are welcoming the advent of spring. This quarter has seen a Committee meeting, Legacy Lodge rose pruning, National Tree Day planting, a presentation to Bunnings customers, joining the Taralga garden club bus trip, the Lilac Festival float and plant stand and the July, August and September club meetings. For those members heading off this month on Annette's Canberra bus trip, don't forget to be at Ellesmere St for a 10:30am departure on the 26th of this month and have ID that matches the information you previously gave Annette. **Remember due to the Canberra bus trip there will be no club meeting in October.**

Members are asked to bring to the November meeting contributions for the Christmas hamper raffle prize. Please check any 'use buy' dates as they have to be after the 5th of December 2023 or preferably later.

You can cut all the flowers but you cannot keep spring from coming.

Pablo Neruda – Nobel prize winner for literature

July committee meeting



In early July the new club committee met for the first time this financial year. President Lynne welcomed the two new members Iris Sturgiss and Di Evans. The committee discussed the stolen walking track plaques and decided not to replace them with new ones at this stage. Other issues discussed were the need for an assistant treasurer, duty officer positions (all now filled), possible guest speakers for 2024, arrangements and committee for the 40th anniversary lunch and annual special awards. It had been decided that the club would enter a float in the Lilac festival parade so a planning meeting was set up. The issue of non financial members was raised and the secretary is to write a friendly reminder to those members. In regards to financial donations the secretary would contact the Community garden secretary and Wendy Taylor would speak to Leone Morgan to see if funds were required for new trees at the Mulwaree High School Museum.

Legacy Lodge Rose Pruning



Legacy Lodge Goulburn is a residential facility run by Legacy. It currently provides accommodation for 16 people. For a number of years now the Goulburn Argyle Garden Club has been caring for the facility's rose garden. New roses are provided and planted as required as well as their yearly pruning. The club recently donated \$250 for some new roses and this month club members braved a cold foggy



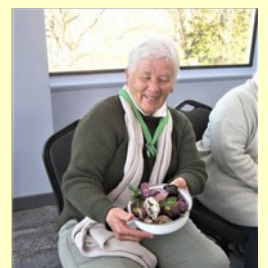
morning to give the rose gardens their winter prune. Well done Iris and John Sturgiss, Lynne Howe, Lorraine Sweeney, Margaret Wilkes, Annette Cave and Rhonda Cave.

July Club Meeting



Our guest speaker was Greg Watson who gave a talk about Bonsai. His theme for the meeting today was wiring techniques. This he followed with a demonstration on two different shaped plants showing the technique of movement, shape and flow to give the plant an interesting profile. At the end of his demonstration he conducted a question and answer session. He will notify the Club at a later date of the upcoming Bonsai Exhibition in Goulburn.

Annette advised that her coach trip to Canberra was full and anyone still wanting to go would have to go on a waiting list. President Lynne asked for nominations for assistant treasurer, but there were no takers. The position is still vacant if any member would like to volunteer. New duty officers were declared and they are listed below. (Note Iris is no longer a 'Pubic' officer ha ha). It was announced that the club will be entering a float in this years Lilac festival parade and members are welcome to participate. A donation of \$250 was agreed to be paid for our sponsorship in the flower section of the Goulburn show. Lastly volunteers were requested to participate in the Goulburn Council national tree day planting.



Our winners were Raffle - Serena Beresford-Wylie
 Flower of the month - Gail Favaloro with her lovely display of hellebores.

National Tree Day



Members of the Goulburn Argyle Garden Club contributed to national tree day by participating in a project organised by our Goulburn Mulwaree Council. The Council provided 500 trees, hats, gloves, spades, stakes and protective surrounds. The Council had previously ripped a number of rows in a park along side of the Wollondilly river ready for us to plant in. The two hours went very quickly and the area was fully planted. Thanks to President Lynne Howe and committee members Wendy Taylor, Di Evans, Christine Smith and John Nankivell.

[My wife complains that I never buy her flowers. I didn't even know she sold them!](#)

My wife asked me to buy some organic vegetables from the market garden. Well when I got to the market, I asked the store owner, 'These vegetables are for my wife. Have they been sprayed with any poisonous chemicals?'. The store owner answered: 'No Sir, you'll have to do that yourself.'

August Club Meeting



Our guest speaker was Robyn Bible who spoke about Geraniums and Pelargoniums. She explained they are difficult to tell apart and there are many varieties with varieties for most soil types and some even take a light frost. They come in many leaf shapes, colour and scent. Flowers come in many colours with single and double varieties. Some Geraniums can be used in cooking. teas and hand rubs while some others are used medicinally. She also gave advice on their care and maintenance. Robyn will be selling plants at the Bowral Tulip festival, the Moss Vale Agrishow as well as having some for sale after the meeting. The members thoroughly enjoyed her great presentation.

President Lynne said the Christmas luncheon will be \$37.50 each. It was moved and accepted that members pay \$30 and the club will pay \$7.50. Jordan Brooker of Bunnings requested if any club members would speak to her Bunnings Garden Club in her absence. Lynne Howe, Kathy Jeffrey and Helen McAleer will take on the challenge.

Our winners were Raffle – Margaret Wilkes
Flower of the month Kathy Jeffrey

Presenting to the Bunnings Garden Club



Jordan Brooker, Bunnings' horticulturist, will be absent at her next Bunnings Garden Club presentation. As she had previously been a guest speaker at our club talking about succulents, she asked if any of our club members would speak on the growing, care and maintenance of roses in her absence. On a beautiful sunny morning Lynne Howe, Helen McAleer and Kathy Jeffrey took up the challenge and spent an hour espousing their expertise on roses. Well done.

Taralga Garden Club bus trip



Seven members from our club enjoyed a day out when we joined with the Taralga Garden Club bus trip to nurseries in the Southern Highlands. First stop was morning tea at Maccas Sutton Forest and then a visit to the Welby garden centre in Mittagong. Lunch was at the Mittagong RSL club followed by a bus ride to Mt Murray nursery in Moss Vale. We were also joined by members of the Crookwell community garden. On the return trip the under storage of the coach was full of



plants purchased by members.

After a long cold winter, spring is a wonderful riot of fresh new foliage and spectacular flowers. There are so many fabulous plants to sow and grow, so where do you start? When it comes to veggies and herbs, choose what you and your family love to eat and buy most frequently at the supermarket. Before sowing or planting anything in your veggie patch, don't forget to improve the soil first with some [compost and a bit of fertiliser](#). [Read Ray's soil tips on our web site](#). Easy and quick flowers to grow in spring include petunias, cosmos, marigolds, sunflowers, alyssum, nasturtiums and zinnas. [Plant a lemon tree or some strawberries](#). And of course don't forget your tomatoes. Courtesy of Yates

September Club meeting



John Scott from EezyBeez spoke about types of bees, the life cycle of bees, tools for maintaining hives and the types of hives available for purchase. His interesting talk and power point display was followed by a questions and answers session. His talk touched on the subject of Varroa Mite problems.



President Lynne spoke about the successful day she and other members spent at Bunnings educating the public about roses. The five \$20 Bunnings gift cards given to them will be used as future raffle prizes. Christine spoke about the bus trip to the Southern Highlands that she and six other members participated in organised by the Taralga Garden Club. Helen, Rhonda and Maree gave a presentation about all the activities at the GCA 2023 conference. Helen McAleer outlined details pertaining to the Lilac Time festival over the October long weekend. She asked for a show of hands from members interested in either decorating or disassembling our float for the parade. Members were urged to come and either watch the parade or walk beside our float. Any assistance for the plant sale either by supplying plants or helping on the stall in Belmore Park on the Monday would be appreciated. Coach Captain Annette Cave reminded members of the details regarding the bus trip to Canberra in October. Details for the Christmas Luncheon were discussed and members were advised of methods of payment. The secretary will send details to members by email. (Since done and included all dates, times and locations for all the club's Lilac festival activities).



There will be no meeting held in October due to the bus trip to Canberra. The November meeting will take the form of members bringing an arrangement in a cup and a gardening quiz. There will be a small prize for the winner.

Our winners were Raffle – Lois Hill
 Flower of the month Iris Sturgiss - a tree peony flower. Since ravaged by hail.

Lilac time



Prior to this years Lilac festival parade, fifteen enthusiastic members arrived on a sunny but windy Saturday afternoon at Christine and John's home to decorate Lynne and Bob's flatbed ute. We all had an enjoyable time decorating the float under the direction of Helen McAleer. Thank you Helen for all your behind the scenes work. Once the work was completed we sat down together and enjoyed some social time over afternoon tea and coffee. On Sunday



morning John drove the float up their very steep driveway, coping with high winds before members finished assembling the float with greenery in town. Our Lilac time artist President Lynne Howe mounted the float and off it went to the admiration of the crowd. The winds did not let up but all the paper flowers made it through unscathed. On Monday afternoon fifteen members arrived back at Run-O-Waters to disassemble the float. This was a celebration party on C & J's back time we won \$100 for the club coffers and Lynne for lending the club their manned the plant stand in Belmore park and raised over \$150 for the club. Also congratulations to members and John for the awards they won in the Lilac time garden competition.



23/24 club executive, committee members and duty officers

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Duty Officers

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 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.

GOULBURN ARGYLE GARDEN CLUB MEETING AGENDA for the rest of 2023

OCTOBER 10 TH	Committee Meeting.
OCTOBER 26 TH	Bus trip to Canberra – Boat trip to the Government House gardens
NOVEMBER 28 TH	An arrangement in a cup and quiz competition
DECEMBER 5 TH	Christmas Lunch

Member's Corner

Reminder - Bus to Canberra in October

We will travel to Canberra for a cruise on lake Burley Griffin and then tour the Government House gardens. You wrote your FULL name including your middle name if you had one and date of birth on an envelope. These were 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 and at Rodney's nursery.

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 haven 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 import 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 it's 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.

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

Coming events of possible interest to members.

Berry Garden Festival 12th - 15th October 10am to 4pm
Tickets available at Broughton Court, 113 Queen Street, Berry. \$7/garden or \$20 for all six.

Growing Abilities Open Day 14th October 10am to 2pm
41A Ross Street, Goulburn. Free entry. 25% discount on purchases made on the day

Bundanoon Garden Ramble 28th & 29th October
\$5/garden or \$25 for all 8. Tickets available at Soldiers Memorial Hall or www.bundanoongardenramble.org.au

The next newsletter is due in January 2024 but I'll try and get it out before Christmas