



Goulburn Argyle Garden Club Autumn 2023 Newsletter



Since the summer newsletter the club has been busy again with events and meetings. First there was the setting up of a hobbies stand at the Goulburn Library, this was followed by a committee meeting, our friendship meeting in February, preparations and setting up of our Goulburn show stand and then the March meeting held at Christine and John's garden.

Goulburn Library Hobbies EXPO



Our Garden Club was represented at a Hobbies EXPO held at the Goulburn Library on Saturday 4th February 2023. Our President Lynne, Secretary Christine and Publicity Officer John were in attendance to talk to the many attendees. "Join a Garden Club" brochures were handed out along with garden magazines. 50 copies of the brochure were distributed to those people we had a



conversation with. Hopefully in the future we may gain some new members due to the considerable interest shown. The decorated table was much admired, the handy work of Lynne and Christine.

Congratulations for their efforts

To plant a garden is to believe in tomorrow.

Audrey Hepburn

Club Committee Meeting

The club committee held their meeting in early February. They discussed setting up a stand for the Goulburn show, approved new member applications, discussed the rising cost of distributing the printed newsletters, guest speakers for future club meetings, future possible club outings, arrangements for the friendship meeting, legacy lodge donation and efforts to make new members feel welcome to the club.

I feel sorry for wheelbarrows. They're always getting pushed around.

The neighbour's dog pooped in our garden, so my wife told me to get a shovel and throw it over the fence.

I don't see what that solved. We've still got dog poo in our garden and now the neighbours have our shovel!

February Club Friendship Meeting

Our guest speaker for this meeting was Helen Lovel. She gave an interesting talk on the biological fertilisers produced by Neutrog {see below}. President Lynne Howe welcomed zone co-coordinator Sue Mowle and visiting members from the Goulburn and Taralga garden clubs. Discussions were held about annual club fees, a donation to Legacy Lodge, BCDU bank changes to Bendigo bank, and moving the April meeting to Tuesday the 18th due to our normal meeting falling on Anzac day. Annette discussed future trips to Christine and John's garden and a visit to the Government house gardens in Canberra. The president of the Goulburn Garden Club invited our club members to accompany them on their trip to Crookwell gardens in April. The meeting was then followed by a morning tea of coffee, tea and scones, jam and cream. A friendly time was had by one and all.

Note. If you pay club membership fees by bank transfer then members will need to make changes so payments go to our new Bendigo bank account. The new details are;

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

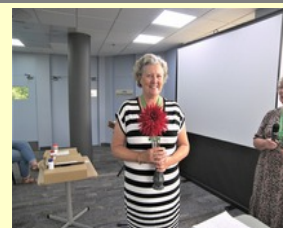
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As usual we had some winners at the February meeting;

Best flower Won by Sue Marks with her stunning Dahlia,

There were four raffle prizes, some courtesy of Neutrog.

Raffle Roz Phillipson won a donated tub of Neutrog product;
Sue Faust, a visitor from Taralga, a tub of Neutrog product;
Jenny Davidson and Maree Murphy a potted Cyclamen each.



Helen Level guest speaker for the February club meeting



Helen gave a most interesting and passionate talk on the family owned South Australian company. Her talk focused on the research, experiments and efforts the company has made to change the way we should be approaching soil enrichment. They are creating ground-breaking fertilisers that are nutrient rich and biologically diverse. Before one of their most popular products Rooster Booster is ready for retailing in pellet form, the chicken poo is inoculated, composted, screened and steam treated – which in turn eradicates pathogens, parasites and weed seeds, maximises nutrients, and optimises the living microbiology thus creating fertilisers that

are alive! This process is also used in the other products she talked about. Following Helen's talk members had the opportunity to ask questions and were invited to avail themselves of Neutrog product sample pots.



Helen would like some members to join her Poo Bah club. You will receive regular updates on new products, newsletters, promotional offers and their year round fertilising program.

Scan this QR code with your phone camera to join the Poo Bah Club. OR go to <https://neutrog.com.au/?s=poo+bah+club> and press confirm.

Horticulture Consultant to Yates, Angie Thomas, says autumn is a popular time for gardening with conditions conducive to planting because the soil is still warm enough for plants to establish and grow before winter.

Autumn is the perfect time of year to plant spring flowering bulbs as they'll have enough time to grow before they are ready to flourish in spring.

Our 2023 Goulburn Show Stand.



The theme of this year's Goulburn show was 'Colour my show'. So the club committee decided to produce a rainbow to satisfy that theme. Members first met at Helen McAleer's home to decorate a rainbow frame of chicken wire and bricks made by John Nankivell. Members had previously created many more paper flowers from coloured serviettes. They came laden with red, orange, yellow, green,



blue and purple. After a lot of sore fingers and chatting, when it was finished, Helen provided everyone with tea and coffee.

On the Friday before the show, ten members gathered in the show pavilion to set up and dress our stand, On it was the paper flower decorated rainbow, various pots of flowers, some magazines to give out and a 'Please Take One' box of our club's join a garden club brochures. The flowers gathered and supplied by the members were just magnificent, especially as most gardens don't have a lot in flower at this time of the year. It was rumoured that many of the flowers were from friends and neighbours gardens!! All the magazines went, along with over 40 brochures. Congratulations to all those members of our club who won multiple prizes with their show entries.



March Club Meeting



What luck! 43 members arrived in convoy at Christine and John's garden in full sunshine against all BOM predictions of rain, rain and more rain. The first item was enjoying morning tea and coffee accompanied by scones, cakes and slices provided by committee members. After that President Lynne opened the meeting where the usual reports were read. Lynne asked for members to help with the 40th



anniversary lunch planning and thanked Annette for her organising of the day. Annette Cave gave a brief outline of the proposed visit to the Government House gardens in Canberra. Full details of the proposed visit can be read below and on our website. We had three raffle winners; Helen Bradley, Margo Breeze and Lynne Howe. Christine and John both gave brief speeches on their motives,



means and methods in developing and maintaining their garden. Next, members wandered around the garden, some on their own and others guided by either John or Christine. John apologises to those who participated in the treasure hunt by not telling everyone beforehand that there was not a prize and it was just a fun exercise to make the walk more interesting.

Then the best part, Annette had provided all the necessities for a BBQ lunch of sausages, rolls and coleslaw, professionally cooked by herself, Iris and Di. But then the luck ran out and it started to rain. Some members headed home

while others settled in under the cover of the garage. It seems an enjoyable day was had by all. Many thanks to the excellent organisation by Annette.

Current club executive, committee members and duty officers

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Committee Members

Annette Cave (Coach Captain), Rhonda Cave, Kathy Jeffrey, Delma Mills, Lorraine Sweeny, Maree Murphy, Lois Hill, Dianne Lane.

Duty Officers

Door/Raffle Table Rhonda Cave, Ann Hockey.
Flower of Month Kathy Jeffrey, Glenys Gordon

Plant Table Margaret Wilkes, Margaret Cameron, Sue Marks
Newsletter/Webmaster - John Nankivell

Special Note

The April club meeting would have fallen on Anzac day so the April meeting will now be held at the usual time and place but the week before on Tuesday April 18th.

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 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 need to be financial by the Annual General Meeting on the 27th June 2023. They can be paid by direct debit to the Bendigo bank account. Again the new account details are

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OR

they can be placed in a envelope with your name on and handed to treasurer Wendy Taylor at the May or June meetings. 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 quite expensive. But printing and posting the newsletters is a service the club is only too pleased to continue.

Note Some email addresses are rejecting the club's electronic communications stating that the email address is full and in some cases incorrect. The newsletter is only 400kb so not big at all. In these cases this financial year only we will post a newsletter to you. A note letting you know there was a problem will be attached. It would be appreciated if this problem could be looked into and fixed. **Your details can be checked with secretary Christine Smith at any meeting.**

GOULBURN ARGYLE GARDEN CLUB MEETING AGENDA for the rest of 2023

APRIL 18 TH	Doug Maggs from Growing Abilities
MAY 2 ND	Committee Meeting.
MAY 23 RD	Catherine Watson 2WP tools
JUNE 27 TH	Annual General Meeting.
JULY 4 TH	Committee Meeting.
JULY 25 TH	Greg Watson on bonsai
AUGUST 22 ND	Robyn Bible Geraniums & Pelargoniums.
SEPTEMBER 26 TH	John Scott Beey Beez.
OCTOBER 10 TH	Committee Meeting.
OCTOBER 26 TH	Bus trip to Canberra – Boat trip to the Government House gardens
NOVEMBER 28 TH	TBA
DECEMBER 5 TH	Christmas Lunch

Member's Corner

Anyone thinking of attending the GCA convention in Toronto (NSW) this year and is interested in sharing accommodation costs, please contact Maree Murphy on 4821 1962 ASAP (if not sooner) as she is making bookings.

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 25th August. 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 10:30 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 25th August.
Contact Annette Cave on 0409 387 272 or 4821 7138.**

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.

Special requests

The Creative Gardeners' club is planning to visit Goulburn in November this year and is asking if they are able to visit any members gardens. Also the Beecroft and District Garden club is coming to Goulburn in October and have the same request. If any members would like either or both of these clubs to visit their garden, please contact our secretary Christine Smith who has been contacted by both clubs.

Learning about the most important thing to gardeners – soil.

Coming soon will be a link on our website to Ray Shiel's speech he gave to our club about our soils. Very informative. Also will be a link to Ray's soil minute. This is expected to change now and again with a new minute. It's a quick to read education about our garden soil and it's 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 to the newsletter under member's corner, please email them to nanky99@hotmail.com

Just a note to let Facebook members know we now have had three items posted on the Garden Clubs Australia Facebook page; our winning float, the hobbies expo and now our great show stand. To get access you will need to join the GCA Facebook group. Go to <https://www.facebook.com/groups/781160769133413> or the GCA Home page and click the Facebook button in the middle of their home page then click the blue join group button.