



Goulburn Argyle Garden Club

Summer 2022/23 Newsletter



Since the spring newsletter the club has been very busy with events and a trip. First there was the effort creating a winning Lilac time float, then a trip to the Cowra Japanese gardens, a committee meeting, the November club meeting, the Queen Elizabeth II treebilee planting and the great Christmas party.



The club wishes all its members Seasons Greetings



The lilac time float

Prior to the Lilac festival parade, eleven enthusiastic members arrived at John and Christine's home to decorate Lynne and Bob's flatbed ute, stored under cover from the frequent showers. We all had an enjoyable time decorating the float under the direction of Helen McAleer. Once the work was completed we sat down together and enjoyed some social time over morning tea. On Sunday morning John had the enviable task of driving the float up a very steep driveway before assembling in town for the Lilac Time parade. Our two Lilac time princesses Wendy Taylor and Lorraine Sweeny mounted the float and off it went to the admiration of the crowd. The rain gods smiled



on us and all the paper flowers made it through unscathed. On Monday morning nine members arrived back at Run-O-Waters to disassemble the float. This was achieved in record time and we once again enjoyed the social aspect of the day. John and Christine did notice that on Monday the members approached their driveway with more enthusiasm than they did on Friday. Then while we were all enjoying a well deserved morning tea, we heard the news. Our float had won the first prize and \$250 for the club coffers.



Congratulations to all involved.

In spring at the end of the day you should smell like dirt.

Margaret Attwood

Bus trip to the Cowra Japanese gardens



Days preceding the date chosen for our trip to Cowra the rain fell non stop. Would our trip even be able to go ahead? However the weather gods looked kindly upon us and we enjoyed a near perfect warm day. The main attraction was visiting the Cowra Japanese gardens. On the way we stopped off in Boorowa where we enjoyed morning tea in a park setting together with delicious cakes and slices made by some members. After touring the beautifully manicured Japanese gardens we enjoyed lunch in the garden's restaurant before going on a short ride to where the Cowra breakout occurred on 5 August 1944. We also stopped off at the Cowra rose garden containing approximately 880 bushes of 130 varieties including a bed of the beautiful Cowra Rose. What a relief for our capable organiser Annette Cave that the day stayed rain free although predicted. We are looking forward to the next organised trip where we hope more members will join in.



I'm kinda new to gardening...

Someone suggested I put horse manure on my strawberries.
Well, I'm never doing that again...I'll just stick to whipped cream.

Club committee meeting

The club committee held their meeting in November. The main discussions were around organisation of the upcoming Christmas party. They also authorised John Nankivell to pay for the new web site and to go live. Yes we at last have a new live website. The new web site is owned by the club and not by a member as in the past. It is hoped the design is simple, easy to read and easy to find the information you are looking for. On there you can find club newsletters, next meeting date, information about trips and events, announcements, photos of people, meetings and recent events and links to a number of informative web sites. The new web site is

www.goulburnargylegarden.club

No .com, no .au and don't forget the dot before club.

Stop press: On our “Club Information” page there is now a link to the Garden Clubs of Australia 2023 Conference web site. Read all about the conference, costs, accommodation, register on line, etc.

The summer heat isn't kind to plants and shrubs (or to us!), so it's a good idea to work and water in the cool of the morning and do only what's necessary. Plants tend to uptake water more during the day. Deep watering of trees is best. Applying a slower stream for a longer period of time will result in a deeper watering.

Due to the bus trip to Cowra there was no meeting held in October.

November club meeting

Our guest speaker for this meeting was Greg Watson. He gave an interesting talk on his passion for Bonsai. He displayed a number of his Bonsai including a number of Australian natives. The meeting was thrown open to questions and there were plenty of them from the members. Everyone was reminded of the upcoming treeilee planting and that the next meeting will be a friendship meeting in February.

Three new members received their badges. They were Roslyn Thomson, Theresa Hunter and Ray Shiel (a recent guest speaker).

Of course we had some winners.

Best flower	Kathy Jefferies
Raffle	Serena Beresford-Wylie



Treeilee planting

This year 2022, Queen Elizabeth celebrated her Platinum jubilee. In recognition of her seventy remarkable years



of unbroken service as monarch, the Queen's 'Green Canopy' initiative, more affectionately known as the “treeilee”, was launched. Garden Clubs of Australia asked that member clubs participate in this celebration. On a lovely spring day members of the Goulburn Argyle Garden Club gathered in Victoria Park Goulburn for the treeilee planting. President Lynne Howe welcomed the Mayor of Goulburn Mulwaree, Mr. Peter Walker,



and Sue Mowle our club's Zone Coordinator of Garden Clubs of Australia, to the ceremony. The tree donated by the Council was ceremoniously planted by the Mayor with the help of Sue Mowle and Lynne Howe . A plaque donated by the Goulburn Argyle Garden Club will be set close to the tree in what is a new garden bed for the park.

Christmas party 2022



A room transformed from our usual meeting place to a room filled with Christmas cheer heralded the start of our 2022 Christmas party. The Christmas elves, better known as hard workers, 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, and head pieces. President Lynne started off proceedings with a welcome to our Zone Coordinator Sue Mowle, life members, our patron, and all garden club members. After that delicious meal, presentations were made to Margaret Wilkes, a worthy recipient of the Anne Clarke award, Monika Augustin as a new life member and Bev Kofod for raising the most money on 'flower of the month' table. Raffle prizes in the form of well stocked hampers and beautifully presented pot plants were distributed. 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 the committee members especially for these tasks.

Dawn Thorn Table decorations
Wendy Taylor The decorated Christmas cake
Iris Sturgiss Drink vouchers
Dianne Lane Hampers for raffle prizes
Helen McAleer Plants for raffle prizes
Wendy Taylor Life member posy

And if I missed anyone please let me know and I apologise in advance.



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Flower of Month - Kathy Jeffrey, Glenys Gordon

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

CLUB MEETINGS

**Our next meeting is on 28th February and it will be a friendship meeting.
The guest speaker is from Neutrog who will talk about biological fertilisers.**

The club monthly meetings are held on the 4th Tuesday of each month at the Goulburn Soldiers 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 **mobile phones are turned off** during the meetings



Our zone co-coordinator Sue Mowle and President Lynne Howe at the 2022 Christmas party



Wendy Taylor's delicious Christmas cake



Margaret Wilkes - A well deserved Anne Clarke medal

Postscript. Due to ill health, Barbara has asked me to temporarily create our club newsletter until she is well again. We all wish her a speedy recovery.