



Goulburn Argyle Garden Club Inc

Winter 2026 Newsletter



The weather for this quarter has been so frustrating. BOM predicts 15mm and we get 3mm, then days of drizzle. In the early part I think most of our members were watering dry gardens for quite a while. But the little showers we have had lately have still left most dams well away from being full. The bus trip to Binda and Crookwell was well patronised and very enjoyable. The AGM was well attended and just a bit different this year. **By now all 2026/2027 club membership fees should have been paid. If not see below for details of payment options. At the time of printing 12 members are still un-financial.** If you have not paid and intend to resign from the club, it would be appreciated if you would let the treasurer know.

SENIORS AND PENSIONERS KIT 2026



Members may be interested in the fact that the seniors and pensioners kit for 2026 has just been released. On the cover our club was chosen to represent seniors and pensioners. The non political photo was taken when our local federal parliament representative awarded our club the Goulburn 2025 senior group of the year. The kit contains 38 pages of information and services available to pensioners and seniors. Items such as aged pension, overseas travel, medicare, aged care services, disability support, concession cards, and many useful contacts and phone numbers. If you did not get a copy at our May meeting, copies are available from our local members office in Auburn Street. Actually I did not know that pensioners and seniors came as a kit 😊.

CLUB VISIT TO YOUNG



In late March President Christine and Secretary John went to an afternoon tea gathering of most of the GCA associated garden clubs surrounding Young. For various reason we won't be going next year. Serena and Adrian also went, handed out Goulburn Spring Open Garden brochures and made a presentation. They represented the club and STOGA. However our club may get two new members from



the meeting.

BOWRAL FRIENDSHIP MEETING



At the meeting we enjoyed a wonderful speech from Sandra Ross who gave a description of the various plants in flower throughout the different times of the year. Her talk was followed by the most magnificent morning tea you could imagine. It was provided by the local CWA. This is now a standard for the Bowral Garden Club friendship meeting. They charge \$10 pp.

APRIL BUS TRIP TO BINDA MILL GARDENS AND COLLECTOR



Forty three members and visitors departed on the bus from Ellesmere street for Binda Park. Here we enjoyed morning tea, coffee and slices provided by our committee members. After morning tea we migrated along the road to the Binda Mill garden. We wandered around the garden and the renovated cottage for an hour before the manager gave us a brief talk and told us of future plans. With



time to spare before lunch, the bus dropped us all off in Crookwell for a bit of retail therapy. Back on the bus we headed to the Crookwell Services Club for our two course hot lunch. Next we were taken to St Bartholomew's Church to hear the largest digital pipe organ in the southern hemisphere (not the oldest as we



had been previously informed by the Crookwell Visitor's Information Centre). After a recital by David Johnson, the organ's designer and organist, our visitor Sue was invited to play a short piece. To finish the day two guides from the Crookwell Visitor's Information Centre boarded the bus and toured us around points of interest in Crookwell. The trip home saw a



number of winners for the raffle. Thanks again to Coach Captain Annette Cave for a well arranged and wonderful outing (as usual). Thanks to Lynne for being our organiser for the day as Annette unfortunately could not come.



MAY COMMITTEE MEETING

On the 5th of May the club committee met.

Gardening is cheaper than therapy. Until you add up the receipts.

Q: Why did the gardener quit?

A: Their celery wasn't high enough.

Q: What kind of tree fits in your hand

A: A palm tree.

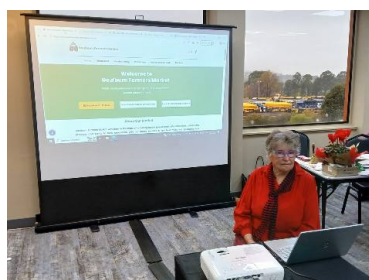
Q: Why did the tomato go back to school

A: To ketchup on work.

Q: How do trees use Facebook

A: They log in.

MAY CLUB MEETING



President Christine introduced our guest speaker Rita Warleigh, instigator of the monthly Goulburn Farmers Market, and also her role as President and Founder of the Australian chapter of International Volunteers for Peace. Rita started the market to showcase the quality of local produce and provide a sales outlet for produce.



Questions from members were answered after her presentation. Margaret Murdoch presented her with a small gift and thank you card. Jenny Hamilton was welcomed as a new member. She was presented with a copy of our constitution and a short history of our club. Christine thanked Coach Captain Annette Cave for her hard work in making our coach trip to Binda Mill and Crookwell such a success. Christine also thanked Lynne for taking charge of



the trip on the day due to Annette's absence. The new club banner that will be used during Lilac Time was shown to the members. Christine asked for names of members interested in going to the recycling education centre run by the Goulburn Mulwaree Council. President Christine spoke about the Dementia Friendly Goulburn group. The club has been asked by Dr



Chanel Burke if we could assist with gardening ideas for their group. Members agreed to donating \$500 to fund this project. Members were reminded that the 2026/2027 fees were now due. The rise in postage has meant that members receiving their newsletter by Australia Post would now be charged \$10 for 4 issues. There is no charge to have the newsletter emailed. Annual fees of \$20 remain the same.

Flower of the month

Christine Smith with her Hollyhock

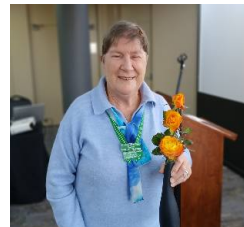
Raffle winner

Di Lane

JUNE CLUB MEETING



The meeting started with President Christine offering a thought for all our members who are unwell. She then presented badges to two new members who were at the meeting, Carol Curtis and Helen Stephens. A number of issues were discussed including going to the new Council education centre, a thank you from the dementia friendly group for our donation, members attending the Southern Tablelands Plant





Society forum and growing plants for our two October plant tables. Members were reminded that membership fees were now due to be paid. Legacy Lodge requested our services again to prune their roses. It was agreed a date would be set and members notified. Adrian updated us on the October Open Gardens event, Ray told us about the new Council seed library event (see details below) and Glenys bought our attention to a competition on community radio where you can win a potted Lilac plant.

Raffle winner Rhonda Smith
Flower of the month Wendy Taylor

AGM



The meeting opened with President Christine Smith reading her President's report. Her report was accompanied by a month by month audio visual which was appreciated by the 57 members and 4 visitors. Christine finished off by saying thank you to all the members who have



encouraged her over the past year. She had thoroughly enjoyed her roll as President. She then handed the meeting over to the Presiding Officer Margaret Cameron who declared all committee and executive positions were filled. Three committee members were retiring, Di Lane, Margaret Murdoch and Rhonda Cave. Christine thanked the retiring committee members for all their hard work. The club committee will be joined by three new members; Lorna Vallely, Roslyn Thomson and Lynne Makin. All of the executive, committee and duty offices can be found below. After the meeting coffee tea and scones were available. At least the tea and coffee were acceptable. The flat and soggy scones were not appreciated by the members.

On Saturday 29th August from 2pm to 4pm the Goulburn Mulwaree Library will celebrate a new resource for the community. **It is a seed library.** Seeds will be donated by local residents that can then be borrowed by other residents. These seeds are grown and once their plants are mature, seeds are harvested and returned to the library for future lending.

To launch the seed library the library will have live music, afternoon tea and a seed saving masterclass.

26/27 club executive, committee members and duty officers

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Judy A White, Kathy Jeffrey, Del Mills, Maree Murphy, Lois Hill, Lorna Vallely, Roslyn Thomson, Lynne Makin

Duty Officers

Door Iris Sturgiss/Dianne Lane
Raffle Lois Hill

Plant Table - Margaret Wilkes, Margaret Cameron
Flower of Month Kathy Jeffrey

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 should by now be paid up for the financial year 2026-2027. If not, fees can be paid by direct debit to the Bendigo Bank account. The account details are

Account name	Goulburn Argyle Garden Club
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

The annual fees are as follows;

\$20/yr Newsletters will be delivered electronically to your club registered email address (is it correct?)
or
\$30/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.

Even if you have an email address you can opt to pay the \$10 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 2026

July 7th	Committee meeting
July 28th	Ken Smith all about Clivias
August 25th	Garry Kadwell from the Crookwell potato association
September 22nd	Meredith Van Til on spring bulbs Decoration in a basket Lilac King with a short presentation about his year as King
October 6th	Committee meeting
October	Bus trip TBA
November 24th	Troopers Rest Distillery all about botanical gin
December 1st	Christmas lunch

OTHER INFORMATION

Just a reminder 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 sometimes added to our garden club's web site.

If you would like to go the Goulburn Mulwaree education centre at the Council resource centre (tip) and you have not already let President Christine know, please do so by email or phone. A date for our visit is yet to be determined as the centre is not quite finished.

The Highlands Garden Society Bowral would like to let members know about their upcoming show. Anyone can submit an exhibit or just come and see the upcoming Camellia and Spring Flower Show on Saturday 5 September. Contributions are open to all people interested. They get some from all over NSW. We hope to have further details soon. Let me know by phone or email if you think you might be interested.

And lastly Adrian Beresford Wylie on behalf of STOGA is still looking for some more volunteers to assist during the Goulburn Spring Open Gardens festival. Adrian can be contacted on 0448 865 653 or at asnbwylie@bigpond.com.

