



# Goulburn Argyle Garden Club Inc

## Spring 2025 Newsletter



The club's 25/26 financial year is now well under way, the new committee active, and I am sure members are welcoming the advent of spring after a very cold winter. This quarter has seen a committee meeting, Legacy Lodge rose pruning, two planting events and the July, August and September club meetings. **Remember due to the coach trip to Camden Park House, there will be no club meeting in October. The coach will leave Ellesmere St at 8:00am on October 21st.**

Members are asked to bring to the November meeting voluntary cash contributions for the Christmas hamper raffle prizes.

**DAYLIGHT SAVING starts on the morning of Sunday October 5<sup>th</sup> at 2:00am so that will mean setting your clocks forward one hour on Saturday night so you don't miss our float.**

*"Gardening adds years to your life and life to your years" anonymous*

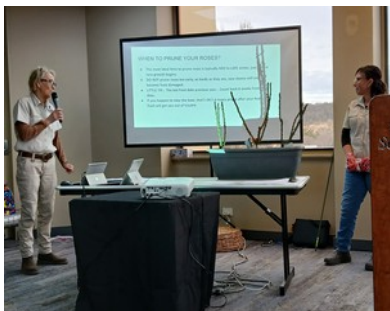
### July committee meeting

In early July the new club committee met for the first time this financial year.

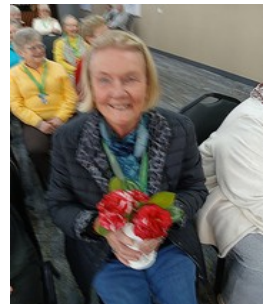
### GCA Southern Tablelands Zone Meeting

Our zone co-coordinator, Sue Mowle, called a meeting of all the clubs and associations in our zone. Attending were Goulburn Argyle Garden Club, Goulburn Garden Club, Goulburn Community Gardens, Marulan Garden Club, Goulburn Regional Permaculture Group, Gunning Garden Club, St Luke's Community Gardens Taralga, Taralga Garden Club and the Southern Tablelands Open Gardens Association. Items discussed were club spring activities, open gardens, potential guest speakers, Albury GCA convention, GCA calendar and the GCA garden magazine.

### July Club Meeting



President Christine introduced Sally and Michelle from Gehl's nursery. They gave an excellent presentation on pruning roses as well as their care and maintenance. They also provided a display table of products related to the care of roses. Coach Captain Annette gave us all the details of her next excellent coach trip. First stop Camden Park House for morning tea and garden tours, lunch at the Camden Valley Inn and a stop at the Mittagong



Nursery on the way home. Cost is \$102 and details will be sent to all members.

Members were reminded that we require volunteers to prune the roses at Legacy Lodge 10.00am on Friday 25th. Morning tea will be provided.

Adrian Beresford-Wylie updated us on the progress of the Goulburn Spring Festival weekend and Christine announced we will be entering a float again this year for the Lilac Time festival.

The Christmas lunch will be held on December 2<sup>nd</sup> and the cost is \$35. This year instead of product, members were asked for voluntary cash donations so the committee can buy three raffle prizes.



Our winners were

Raffle

Flower of the month

Ingrid Carroll

Shirley Mills

## Legacy Lodge Rose Pruning



Legacy Lodge Goulburn is a residential facility run by Legacy. 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. This month club members braved a very cold morning to give the rose gardens their winter prune. After the pruning was completed all were rewarded with a great and welcomed morning tea. Well done Iris and John Sturgiss, Annette Cave, Rhonda Cave, Lois Hill, Graham Redman, Lynne Howe, Ray Shiel, and Christine Smith. Special thanks to John Sturgiss for



collecting all the prunings in his trailer and taking them to be recycled.



## Lilac Time Plant Potting



In early August on a cold and wet Saturday morning some members attended two planting functions. The first was held at the Community Gardens where Rosalind and Ray gave lessons on propagation and potting up. Members were then able to put these lessons into practice. The following Saturday members met at Christine and John's place where they achieved the creation of 180 punnets/pots of seeds, potted plants or cuttings to be grown on for sale at our stand in Belmore Park during the Lilac Festival long weekend and for our plant stand at the Goulburn Spring Festival

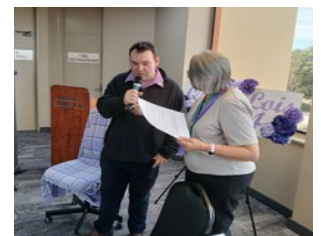


Gardens weekend.

## August Club Meeting



President Christine spoke about Goulburn's Lilac Festival history and about Lilac Time Festivals around the world. Meanwhile guest speaker Lilac Time Queen of 1964, Lois Hill, was wheeled in to be interviewed about her time as Lilac Queen. Lois talked about the process of winning, her prize trip to New Zealand and the events of the following year as Queen. Margaret



Murdoch thanked her and presented Lois with a small gift. Accompanying Lois's talk was a display table of Lilac Time memorabilia. The President welcomed two special guests, Jackie Waugh and Lilac Time King candidate Blake Robinson. Jackie talked about the up coming Lilac Festival garden competition and Blake talked about the charity he was raising money for, Legacy. New member Eileen Attard was welcomed to the club and presented with her badge and constitution. President Christine thanked the members who attended the two Saturday planting events. Secretary John spoke about the float we will be entering and gave an indication of the dates that the we will be creating and pulling apart the float. After reminding members of the Christmas Party, the members agreed to donate \$200 to the Lilac Time garden competition prizes.



Our winners were Raffle – Wendy Taylor  
Flower of the month Wendy Taylor

### Taralga Garden Club AGM



Our member Lorna Valley was the guest speaker at their AGM. Christine and John also attended to enjoy lunch and to hear her speak.

### September Club meeting



President Christine introduced our speaker, member Wendy Taylor, reminding us that in the last three years she had won flower of the month nine times. Wendy spoke about her past experience with flower arranging and competitions. She then demonstrated several arrangements including displaying a bunch of flowers, a floating bowl, a table bowl and an



ikebana display. Following questions Margaret Murdoch presented her with a small gift.

John asked members to attend a Lilac Time float planning meeting downstairs, Christine reminded members about the October coach trip, the Christmas lunch, the GCA calendar and cash donations



for the Christmas hamper prizes. It was noted that it would be too late to pay for the Christmas lunch by the November meeting so members could pay today, on the bus trip or by bank transfer. Serena brought us up to date of the Spring Festival and asked to spread the word. More ticket sales are desired. Christine mentioned that the Goulburn Garden Club



has opened their November bus trip to our members. Brief details below. **CONGRATULATIONS** to all the 22 members that entered the "arrangement in a handbag" competition. Their efforts to create such wonderful displays resulted in a marvellous array of colour and ingenuity. In reality they were all winners.

Our winners were Raffle – Judy A White  
Arrangement in a handbag 1<sup>st</sup> Serena Beresford – Wylie  
2<sup>nd</sup> Robyn Rawlinson

### Lilac Time Float and Garden Stall Planning

We will meet on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> of October at Christine and John's place (62 Chalker Ridge Run-O-Waters 0490 389 699) at 2:00pm to decorate our float. Tea and coffee is available. Members will meet again on Sunday the 5<sup>th</sup> of October in Montague St at 10:15am to add live flowers etc. to the float ready for an 11:15am departure. We may have been asked to move to Cartwright Place or Verner street. On Monday members can bring plants for sale and help if interested at 8:30am on October the 6<sup>th</sup> at our plant stand in Belmore Park. Then later on Monday at 3:00pm we will meet again at Christine and John's to undo the float. Drinks and nibbles will follow.

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

### Executive

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### Committee Members

Judy White, Kathy Jeffrey, Delma Mills, Margaret Murdoch, Maree Murphy, Lois Hill, Dianne Lane, Rhonda Cave.

### Duty Officers

**Door** Iris Sturgiss/Dianne Lane/Dianne Evans  
**Raffle** Lois Hill  
**Plant Table -** Margaret Wilkes, Sue Marks, Margaret Cameron  
**Flower of Month** Kathy Jeffrey, Glenys Gordon

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, an arrangement, a 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.

## GOULBURN ARGYLE GARDEN CLUB MEETING AGENDA for the rest of 2025

OCTOBER 5th Lilac Time Parade with our float.  
 OCTOBER 21st Bus trip to Camden Park.  
 OCTOBER 23rd Committee Meeting. Please note the change of date.  
 NOVEMBER 25th Suzi Bond on Butterflies.  
 DECEMBER 2nd Christmas Lunch.

### WHAT'S HAPPENING

**GOULBURN SPRING FESTIVAL GARDENS** 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> October. Tickets are \$25 per person for all 8 gardens.

Buy tickets here - <https://events.humanitix.com/goulburn-spring-gardens/tickets?widget=popup>

Tickets for single gardens will be \$5, payable at the garden. Children under 18 free when accompanied by a ticket holder.

More details here <https://stoga.org.au/goulburn-spring-gardens/>

**CROOKWELL GARDEN FESTIVAL** 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> November. \$30 per person gives you entry to all gardens for the weekend (under 18 free). If you need transport, a bus on each day is available to take you to the three out-of-town gardens of Markdale, Binda Mill and Bindalea. Bus tickets are \$20 per person. Link to buy tickets -<https://www.123tix.com.au/events/49508/2025-crookwell-garden-festival>. More details here <https://www.crookwellgardenfestival.com/>

**GOULBURN GARDEN CLUB BUS TRIP** November 11<sup>th</sup>. Arrive at Goulburn visitors centre by 7:45am. First stop Red Cow Farm & morning tea. Next stop Harper's Mansion Berrima for house and garden visit. Lunch at the Surveyor General Inn. Last stop Retford Park for house and garden viewing. Cost is \$95. Pay by direct deposit. Contact John Nankivell for their banking details.

**CANBERRA OPEN GARDENS** Various gardens will be open at different times from September 27<sup>th</sup> to November 23<sup>rd</sup>. Garden entry is \$10 for visitors 18 years and over, cash or Eftpos. Accompanied minors free. No bookings required. More details here <https://opengardenscanberra.org.au/>.

