



# Goulburn Argyle Garden Club

## Autumn 2024



Well so much for the predicted hot dry summer. It did start that way but if you gardeners experienced what we did then it has been a herculean effort to keep on top of the grass mowing and keeping the weeds at bay. The heat seems to be delayed to Autumn. Again the club has been busy. The year started with the club committee meeting which was followed by another 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary committee meeting. Once again the club took part in the Goulburn Mulwaree Council hobbies expo, a great success, and exhibited a stand at the Goulburn show. We also held our first two club meetings for the year, the first being our friendship meeting. 80 people came to that meeting including members from five other clubs within our zone. Next month will be our 40<sup>th</sup> year since the club was inaugurated.

**Note There will not be a meeting on April 23rd. Instead we will be having a bus trip to Collector on Wednesday April 24<sup>th</sup>. See the details below.**

### February Committee Meeting



On 6<sup>th</sup> February 2024 the club committee met for the first time this year. New member nomination forms were received and approved for three new members. Bronwyn Hanes, Robin Long and Irene Hape. Previously the committee pondered obtaining a first aid kit. Kevin Muffett (a qualified paramedic club member) advised we should have one and he can supply one for us. Volunteers were requested for the hobbies expo on February 17<sup>th</sup> and arrangements for the upcoming friendship meeting. The theme for this year's

Goulburn show is Flora and Fauna and members will be asked to provide items and help set up our stand. Speakers for this year were discussed and Dr. Jessica Hodgson will be our friendship meeting speaker. Coach Captain Annette gave brief details of the bus trip she is planning to Collector olive plantation and Lake George winery.

### 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee Meeting

Following the regular committee meeting the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary committee met again over a cup of coffee in the Soldiers Club cafe. The planning is well under way and progress on actions and requirements for the celebration were reported and discussed. Again I'm not going to spoil the function by telling about the happenings. Just wait and see and put the 28<sup>th</sup> May 2024 in your 'must do' calendar.



### Goulburn Library Hobbies EXPO



For the second year our Garden Club was represented at a hobbies expo held at the Goulburn Library on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> February 2024. Our President Lynne was accompanied by members Christine Smith, Serena Beresford-Wylie, Lois Hill, and Graham Redman and to talk to the 250 attendees. "Join a Garden Club" brochures were handed out along with garden magazines. Over 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 the members there.

### Congratulations for their efforts

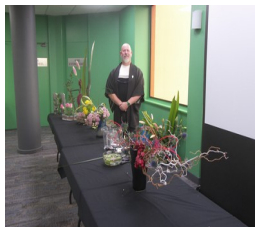
An old gentleman lived alone. He wanted to plant his annual tomato garden, but it was very difficult work as the ground was hard. His only son, Vincent, who used to help him, was in prison. The old man wrote a letter to his son and described his predicament: "Dear Vincent, I am feeling pretty sad because it looks like I won't be able to plant my tomato garden this year. I'm just getting too old to be digging up a garden plot. I know if you were here my troubles would be over. I know you would be happy to dig the plot for me, like in the old days. Love, Papa."

A few days later he received a letter from his son. "Dear Papa, Don't dig up that garden. That's where the bodies are buried. Love, Vinnie."

At 4 am. the next morning police arrived and dug up the entire area without finding any bodies. They apologised to the old man and left.

That same day the old man received another letter from his son. "Dear Papa, Go ahead and plant the tomatoes now. That's the best I could do under the circumstances."

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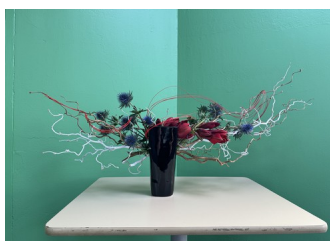


President Lynne welcomed all members to the friendship meeting and the first club meeting of 2024. A special welcome was given to clubs within our Zone who were in attendance; Goulburn, Taralga, Yass, Gunning and Crookwell. She advised that the advertised speaker was unable to be present due to ill health. She thanked and introduced Alexander Evans who demonstrated the art of



Hanakuma Ikebana. He created 5 arrangements whilst explaining the history and methods used to develop the desired effect of his displays. His demonstration received much praise from the attendees. Margaret Murdoch thanked Alexander for stepping in at short notice and gave him a small gift.

President Lynne introduced Zone Co-coordinator Sue Mowle who welcomed everyone on behalf of GCA. She congratulated our club on their recent activities. Two new members were welcomed to the club, Kevin Muffett and Cecily Hayes. They were presented with their name badges and a copy of the constitution. Rachel Muscarella was unable to attend due to work commitments. President



Lynne asked for volunteers to help set up the club's Goulburn show stand with this year's theme of flora and fauna. Coach Captain Annette gave details of a bus trip planned for April and **details are available below in members corner**. Several members had raised the idea that we should have a first aid kit on hand at our meetings and on our



bus trips. Kevin Muffett showed us a kit he thought suitable and a vote was taken as to whether we should purchase. The vote was carried by a show of hands

Our winners were Raffle Margaret Stewart.  
Flower of the month Christine Smith with a hydranger.

## Goulburn Show stand.



The theme of this year's Goulburn show was 'Flora and Fauna'. The club again decided to have a stand at the show as well as donating \$250 for some of the flower display prizes. On the Friday before the show, a number of members gathered in the show pavilion to set up and dress our stand, On it was various vases of flowers and foliage, lots of ornamental birds and animals, some



magazines to give out and a 'Please Take One' box of our club's join a garden club brochures. Thanks to the members that decorated the stand and congratulations to all those members of our club who won multiple prizes with their show entries. On the Sunday the same members met again and disassembled our stand.

## March Club Meeting



President Lynne welcomed all members and guests, wished members who are unwell a speedy recovery and asked that mobile phones be turned off. She introduced member Ray Shiel who gave an informative talk on sustainable gardening which included significant discussion on the pros and cons of the various mulches, compost and their uses. We were reminded of how fragile our world would become without the use of these products in the sustainability of our





food production. He displayed examples of all the mulches he discussed. Members were invited to view them and to ask any questions.

It was announced that the club has now purchased a first aid kit that will be taken on future bus trips. Members who helped set up and dismantle the stand at the recent Goulburn Show were thanked for their efforts. Discussion took place regarding the unexpected charge made by Alexander Evans for his presentation at our friendship meeting. Members agreed by a show of hands to pay his bill. Future speakers would be asked if there would be a charge before we accept their involvement.

President Lynne reminded members of payment for upcoming April bus trip, also for the 40th anniversary luncheon. Today's March meeting will be the last until the June AGM. Members who would like the opportunity of serving on the committee or executive are invited to ask for a nomination form.

Our winners were: Flower of the month Christine Smith with Clematis arrangement  
Raffle Bev Denny, Lois Hill and Margaret Cameron.

The prizes were donated by our patron Barbara Todkill.

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. There are lots of wonderful things for gardeners to do in autumn from growing delicious herbs and veggies, planting new trees and shrubs and preparing the garden for winter. Autumn is the perfect time to plan for colour in outdoor spaces. The best flowers to plant for floral colour include winter viola, pansies, lobelia, carnations, sweet peas, alyssum and calendula. To give your flower beds and veggie patches the best chance for growth, enrich your soil by digging in some compost.

*Courtesy of Better Homes and Gardens*

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

#### Executive

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<b>Public Officer</b>	Iris Sturgiss		<b>Publicity Officer</b>	John Nankivell	

#### Committee Members

Iris Sturgiss, Kathy Jeffrey, Delma Mills, Lorraine Sweeny, Maree Murphy, Lois Hill, Dianne Lane, Dianne Evans.

#### Duty Officers

<b>Door</b>	Iris Sturgiss/Dianne Lane/Dianne Evans	<b>Plant Table -</b>	Margaret Wilkes, Sue Marks, Margaret Cameron
<b>Raffle</b>	Lois Hill	<b>Flower of Month</b>	Kathy Jeffrey, Glenys Gordon
<b>Newsletter/Webmaster -</b>	John Nankivell		

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, 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

**Note The 2024/25 fees need to be paid by June 30<sup>th</sup>. This is a reminder as we do not have another meeting until June 25.**

Members fees can be paid by direct debit to the Bendigo bank account. The account details are

Account name Goulburn Argyle Garden Club  
BSB see treasurer  
Account number see treasurer  
Please put your name in the description field.

## OR

They can be placed in an envelope with your name on and handed to treasurer Wendy Taylor at the June meeting.

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 per year 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.

### Planned GOULBURN ARGYLE GARDEN CLUB meeting agenda for the rest of 2024

**Note. These dates may be modified as guest speakers and trips away are organised.**

April 16 <sup>th</sup>	40 <sup>th</sup> anniversary committee meeting at 10:00am in coffee shop
April 24 <sup>rd</sup>	Bus trip to Collector olive grove and Lake George winery
May 7 <sup>th</sup>	Committee meeting
May 28 <sup>th</sup>	40th anniversary lunch 11:30 for 12:00- guest speaker from GCA Judy Horton
June 25 <sup>th</sup>	Annual General Meeting
July 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Committee meeting
July 23 <sup>rd</sup>	TBA
August 27 <sup>th</sup>	TBA
September 24 <sup>th</sup>	TBA
October 15 <sup>th</sup>	Committee meeting
October 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Bus trip TBA
November 26 <sup>th</sup>	Sam Norris on growing Fuscias
December 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Christmas lunch

### MEMBER'S CORNER

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](mailto:nanky99@hotmail.com). Let us know if you have had any visits to your garden or you have had a visit to other gardens.

### GARDEN CLUB BUS TRIP TO COLLECTOR

Our Coach Captain Annette Cave has put together an interesting and exciting trip for our first outing of the year. We will be visiting Federa Olive Grove and Lake George winery **Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> April 2024**.

The coach will leave Ellesmere Street at 9:30 am and travel to Collector. We will have morning tea, scones, jam and cream, at the Olive View cafe followed by a talk on how olives are grown, harvested and their uses.

We will then travel to the Lake George winery where we will have a sit down lunch of either chicken schnitzel and veg or steak and veg. If you are vegan they will do a risotto if requested. Dessert will be a chocolate brownie and vanilla bean ice cream. Tea and coffee will be served.

After lunch we will be taken on a tour, have a talk on the winery and the growing of grapes followed by a wine tasting. If you wish to purchase a bottle of wine a discount of \$15/bottle will apply.

The cost of all of the above is \$105 per person.

If you are interested please put your money in a sealed envelope with your name and any dietary requirements. **Monies must be paid by April 16th. As Annette was not be at the March meeting, monies can be given to Dianne Evans at (see dianne) or any committee member.**

Contact Annette on 0409387272 or at (see annette).

Annette has requested **no money be left in her mail box between now and 10th April as she is still away.**

Errata. In the last newsletter the the Salah gardens were in Crookwell. They are actually in Collector..

For those who like reading about plants and gardens, remember there are back copies of 'Our Gardens' magazine to borrow at each meeting.

A number of members have told me they print out their attached emailed newsletter. So I have removed the coloured background to reduce the amount of ink required in printing.

The ABC Gardening Australia visited Goulburn and Costa filmed at various locations. Goulburn Garden Club visited Christine and John's garden.