



Kurrajong Heights Garden Club

Summer Newsletter, 2017



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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Where has the year gone seems to be the theme from us all and I find it a bit scary how fast time is going by.

June saw us once again at the Grose Vale Hall with 32 members in attendance on a lovely sunny winters day, how blessed we were as the hall can be cold on a miserable day. A big thank you to those members who brought along yummy treats to add to those supplied by your committee. Karen Gray spoke on the Secret Garden and the effect gardening has on people under stress and also about her home at Kurrajong Heights where they live off the grid with solar, composting toilets and tank water, and Claus from Green E Roses who gave a demo on pruning Roses and an informative history on roses and their development. Lunch of various pots of soup, rolls and nibbles were enjoyed by all, compliments of the Committee.



July saw us in a new venue, the Penrith Rowers club where thanks to Committee member Pam Thomas who spent many hours reorganising after our original venue changed hands and was no longer available for July, the club proved to be a great success with 30 members attending. Our guest speaker Fred Moody gave us many helpful hints on planting tropical plants and creating micro climates in our gardens for them. The pictures of his own garden and other tropical gardens in Sydney and around the world were amazing.

August saw us once again back at Grose Vale on a sunny winter's day for our Plant swap day. The talk by Frank Stoss and Laura Rittenberg on Bee keeping and the life of bees was very informative and any member who would like hands on experience with Bees should contact Laura. The majority of members chose not to bring lunch and after a successful time swapping plants and buying plants supplied by the Secret Garden and by Ben from Saplings Nursery at Kurmond members dispersed to plant their new goodies.

This last half of our year has been well attended by club members and for those of you who were unable to take our trip to the **Hunter Valley** I'm very disappointed for you as a great time was had by the 21 who went, the Hunter Valley Gardens were not quite in full spring bloom but beautiful just the same. The wine tasting was enjoyed by all judging by the number of boxes loaded into the bus.

A specially big thank you to those members who come and help with the setting up of the hall and the contribution of fantastic cakes etc on our at home days, it makes the job of the committee much easier.
Lorraine Mison

##NOTE: *IT'S VERY IMPORTANT THAT IF YOU ARE GOING TO ATTEND AN EVENT, TO LET THE MENTIONED ORGANIZER KNOW AS CHANGES DO HAPPEN AND WE ARE UNABLE TO CONTACT YOU IF YOU HAVEN'T INFORMED US. *ALWAYS SIGN ON AT THE START OF EACH OUTING FOR INSURANCE PURPOSES AND FOR OUR LUCKY DOOR DRAW IF AVAILABLE.

PAYMENT DETAILS FOR PREPAID EVENTS:

POST CHEQUES TO: KHGC PO Box 1, KURMOND, NSW, 2757

OR # B-Pay to : Kurrajong Heights Garden Club, Bendigo Bank BSB 633000 a/c No 120019773

Please make sure you put the details, your name and the purpose for the payment. This helps the Treasurer identify who it is from and what the payment is being received for.

Wednesday, 8th February, 2017- Your Club AGM

Where: Panthers North Richmond - 33 Beaumont St, North Richmond.

When: 10am for a 10.30am start. Sign in, pay fees, lunch & other Club excursions. #Have a cuppa and nibbles provided by your Committee.

10.30am: AGM

Approximately 11.15am: Time for a second cuppa if you like then a return visit by the very popular and entertaining **Liz Benson**.

About 12noon: Lunch outside in the dining area. **Beverages at your own expense.

Food choice of either: Quiche, salad & chips or fish, salad & chips. We've been assured that there's a new chef and we won't have a repeat of the salty quiche of last year. **#Please let Carol know your choice at time of booking.**

Cost:\$15 - Pre pay Carol at illusionsragdolls@bigpond.com or

0427763295 by Tuesday, 31st January, 2017.

Bring: Your Club badge.

#NOTE: If you haven't already paid your yearly subscription you can today as well as the payment for lunch and any other excursions for the year.



Wednesday, 8th March- Yetholme & Rydal

#For this day we will be car pooling. If needing a lift or able to drive someone, contact cathylowndes@bigpond.com at LEAST the week before so a suitable meeting spot can be arranged.

##We need to be gone from North Richmond by 8.30am.

#Our first stop will be at about 10.15am (about 1 hour & 10minutes driving), arriving at Queen Elizabeth Park, Main St, Lithgow for self supplied morning tea and a toilet break. We'll be here about half an hour, departing 10.45am.

#Our first garden will be "Hillandale", 287 Eusdale Rd Yetholme, arriving at 11.15am (half an hour travelling) for a wander and look at this lovely, large garden. There's a nursery here as well so make sure you leave some time in our hour visit for some plant purchasing.

Leaving "Hillandale" at about 12.15pm, we'll head to Rydal and "Chapel House", 22 Market St, Rydal (about 30 minutes driving) for lunch at 12.45pm. After roughly half an hour for lunch we can walk about this large, amazing garden.

At about 2pm till 2.20/30pm we will have afternoon tea which is included in the price of your entry. Toilets are available here.

We should be gone by roughly 2.30pm, hopefully back to North Richmond by about 4/4.15pm (1hour 30/40 mins travelling).

Cost: \$18 for both gardens with **afternoon tea included in this price** (+\$5 non members). **#Prepay by Tuesday, 28th February, 2017**

Contact: Carol at illusionsragdolls@bigpond.com or 0427763295

Bring: Your Club badge, blackout, hat, comfy walking shoes, morning tea and lunch.

Wednesday, 12th April- Camden & thereabouts

We will be car pooling for this event (If needing a lift or able to drive someone please contact: cathylowndes@bigpond.com).

We need to be gone from North Richmond by 8.45am.

At 10am will be our first stop, The "Black Stump" Native Nursery for a look at this wonderful grevillea/Australian Native Garden, at **26 Crana Rd, Brownlow Hill, Camden**. We'll have approximately 3/4hour to wander this colourful garden with half an hour for morning tea. Morning tea will be scones and a cuppa (included in the price). A toilet is available.

#**11.15am: (15 minutes drive)**-off to Nola Tegel's large garden at **581 Cobbity Rd, Cobbity**. We'll be here for nearly 2 hours as Nola has kindly offered to allow us to have lunch in her lovely garden which covers about 10 acres. So we can have a meander around the garden for an hour or so and then lunch. It's up to you as to how much wandering you'd like to do.

About 1.15pm- after lunch, we'll head off to our final stop, Peter Olde's large Native garden at **140 Russell Lane, Oakdale** (about 25 minutes drive). Peter is the author of a number of books/articles on native plants especially grevillea and he will lead us on a tour of his extensive garden.

Cost:(\$20 + \$5 non members) PREPAY by Tuesday, 4th April, 2017

Contact: Carol at illusion;ragdoll;@bigpond.com or 0427763295

Bring: Hat, badge, lunch, chair & blockout.

Wednesday, 10th May- Local Gardens

Some of our members have kindly agreed to allow us to visit their gardens in their Autumn Glory for today's outing. Car pooling again today so let Cathy know if needing a lift or able to take someone.

10am: Mary Mizzi's garden, 53 Francis St, Richmond. We'll be here about an hour, half an hour wandering & 1/2 hour for morning tea. We'll view the garden first then Mary has kindly invited us to have our morning tea here (self-supplied).

11:20am: Rebecca & Steven van der Donk's Garden, 1033 Grose Vale Rd, Kurrajong. The Club has visited here a few years ago so it will be lovely to return to see how the garden has grown. Again we'll be here about half an hour.

12noon: Mary Want's garden, 47 Pine St Grose Vale, have a half hour wander to enjoy Mary's garden, leaving at 12.30pmish.

12.50pm: Arrive Marguerite Wyborn's home, 16 Jacaranda Rd, Kurrajong. Marguerite has kindly offered to let us have lunch here under the trees followed by a wander around her garden. There's also parking on the property.

****While times are only guides, it's important for Club members not to go ahead of the group as a courtesy to our kind gardeners.**

Cost: Nil RSVP by Tuesday, 2nd May, 2017

Contact: Carol at illusion;ragdoll;@bigpond.com or 0427763295

Bring: Hat, badge, morning tea & lunch, chair & blockout.

Wednesday, 14th June- Soup, Talk, Buy & Swap Day

When: 10.30am, sign in, pay and get a cuppa and nibbles supplied by your Committee.

Where: **Bowen Mountain Hall, 103 Lieutenant Bowen Rd, Bowen Mt.**

11am: Talk by Bill Grattan from the "Bay Tree Nursery" at Mt Victoria, speaking on "Winter Treasures in the garden".

12noon: A lunch of delicious soup and rolls (provided by your Committee).

About 1pm: Swapping and buying of plants.

Please bring plants that are well established to swap. If your plant is not taken by the end of the session, please take it home with you as there aren't facilities for storing or taking them away.

#Bill Grattan will have plants for sale on the day as well if you wish to purchase some winter colour for your garden.

Cost: \$15 + (\$5 non members). **Prepay by Tuesday, 6th June, 2017**

Contact: Carol at illusionsragdolls@bigpond.com or 0427763295

Bring: Your Club badge and **a well established plant to swap.**

Wednesday, 12th July- Christmas in July

Where: Penrith Rowers Club, Bruce Neal Drive, Penrith (the same as last year).

When: 11.30am, sign in and pick up a voucher to get a drink or juice to the value of \$4.40.

##12 noon: Our speaker will be Paul Kirkpatrick, Landscaper and horticulturist.

About 12.45/1pm: We will have a 3 course luncheon similar to the delicious meal we had here last year. The menu is to follow early in the new year when finalised. The management of the Club seems to feel that the price should be similar to last year but again we'll let you know when our Club is notified in the new year and the meal details are finalised.

Cost: **Approximately \$50 (+\$5 non members) to be confirmed.**

###Prepay by Tuesday 4th July, 2017.

If you have any special dietary consideration, please let Carol know at the time of booking.

Contact: Carol at illusionsragdolls@bigpond.com or 0427763295

Bring: Your badge. Wear your festive gear if you would like.

