

WARRAGUL & DISTRICT GARDEN CLUB

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Meeting venue: Senior Citizens Centre, Warragul
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Winners of the September 2024 show bench

Judge: June Dineen

Section	First	Second	Third
1 Flower of the month 1 x magnolia/Lilac/Rhododendron)			
2 One rose	Ralph Slaughter		
3 One stem of another flower (not a rose)	Kerry Elliot	Ralph Slaughter	Kerry Elliot
4 Stem of foliage (no buds or flowers)	Ralph Slaughter	Kerry Elliot	
5 Flowering shrub (in flower)	Ralph Slaughter	Ralph Slaughter	
6 Any floral arrangement in water	Hilary Height	Annette Willmott	
7 Arrangement of the month (As you like it with daffodils)	Annette Willmott	Annette Willmott	
8 Flowers of tubers, corms, bulbs, rhizomes	Ralph Slaughter	Jan Newgreen	Glenda Pridmore
9 Container of flowers	Annette Willmott	Carol Burns	Ralph Slaughter
10 Flowering shrub	Carol Burns	Carol Burns	
11 Potted plant (incl. cacti or succulent)	Ralph Slaughter		
12 Above-ground vegetable	Carol Burns		
13 Below-ground vegetable	Carol Burns	Carol Burns	Carol Burns
14 Herbs (flowering, non-flowering, mixed)	Carol Burns	Ralph Slaughter	
15 Fruits & Nuts	Ralph Slaughter	Irene Rolfe	Ralph Slaughter
16 Novice	Glenda Sablyak		
17 BEST EXHIBIT	Annette Willmott		

October meeting (28/10/24)

Doors open at 9 am for setting up. Entries for show bench to be placed for judging prior to 9.30 am

- **Monthly competition** – One stem of an iris.
- **Arrangement of the month** – Melbourne Cup Day
- **Guest speaker** Katie Grace (Therapeutic Horticultural Association) will give a presentation.
- **Morning tea hosts** Please bring milk and biscuits.

October: Val & Tom Dack, Carol Burns and Glenda Sablyak

UPCOMING EVENTS

INVERLOCH UNITING CHURCH OPEN GARDENS November 9TH 2024 from 10 am to 4 pm.

Cost \$15 with children free. Maps available from Church on the day.

Plant stall. Tea or Coffee at the Church (3-5 Williams Street, Inverloch VIC 3996)

Contact Sue Lindsay for online maps 0409 191 148 Further enquires: Liz Catt 0401 472 669

West Gippsland Two Open Gardens November 23rd and 24th

“Wensley Farm”, 30 Laing Rd, Nayook & “The Farm”, 220 McGlone Rd, Drouin.

<https://opengardensvictoria.org.au/coming-open-gardens>

Christmas Lunch This will be at the “Black Tie” on November 25th and will be subsidised by the Club. Please pay \$35 at the October meeting. No cash payments after this date. Final numbers and payment: Wednesday 20 November



Lardner Park Garden and Home Expo

The Club manned a stall on the 5th & 6th of October at Lardner Park where we gave away plants (donated by Baw Baw Shire) repotted into paper coffee cups.

Feel free to send in your favourite photos – smartphone pics are more than welcome – to Peter Gribben, ozgribbo@gmail.com. Here’s Millie Ross (Gardening Australia) with some of our members. Photo courtesy of Irene Rolfe



Also, some lovely orchids (West Gippsland Orchid Club) on the stand next to us.



A message from our President:

Dear Fellow Gardener,

This month is Senior Citizen's Month, and the theme is "Explore, Engage, Evolve", and I hope that you have been able to take advantage of some of the activities offered to us as members of this honourable and elite group. I have heard that Peter and Kath were "*engaged*" in a guided walk through the parks in Drouin and Rob and Heather are "*exploring*" Cairns and the Northern Territory and I know that you as a gardener are always involved in preparing, planting and pruning your garden and watching it "*evolve*" into a place that brings you much happiness. Recently I visited Lyn Doble's beautiful garden, filled with lots of colour and she has the most incredible huge poppies that will soon be presenting a magnificent display. How is your garden? Send us some photographs and share it with your fellow gardening friends.

Our September annual plant sale and auction was a great testimony to the many great gardeners who donated plants, and a wonderful example of how much our members love spending time in their gardens. An incredible number of plants were presented for sale / auction, which helped to make the event a fabulous and very successful meeting with lots of bargains combined with lots of laughter. A big thank you to Peter W as our auctioneer, who kept the event flowing smoothly and to our gardening guru Ralph for his huge contribution of plants and seedlings which were much appreciated by many. I bought some fabulous succulents donated by Arthur and Lyn and out-bid Ken H with a gorgeous orchid and Jim is very happy that he bought a fig tree struck by our vegetable gardening guru, Carol B. Did you get to the Lardner Park Expo? Some of our volunteers managed to get their photograph taken with Millie from Gardening Australia and were delighted to speak with her as she admired the wonderful orchids displayed by the Orchid Club. Thank you to all who volunteered and a huge thank you to Wendy Earwicker, a very busy lady who delivered scones to all the volunteers on Sunday.

Sadly, I will miss our next meeting on **Monday 28th October**, as Jim and I are off to "explore" our wonderful country for a month. At this meeting the guest speaker will be Katie Grace who will talk about her work in horticultural therapy, and it is also our annual Iris Competition. This year it will be a joint award, honouring two wonderful gentlemen (George Lowe and Ron Blair) who made a huge contribution to our club in the past.

I wish you good health and that you may stay as active as you possibly can.
Happy Gardening

Joy

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The graphic features a blue background with white and yellow text. On the right side, there is a portrait of Wayne Farnham, a bald man in a dark suit and light blue shirt, smiling. The text is arranged in a structured layout, with the name 'Wayne FARNHAM MP' at the top, 'MEMBER FOR NARRACAN' in a white box, and contact information at the bottom.

Things to do in the Garden in November

Dear Fellow Gardeners,

In the vegetable garden - Sow seeds of Beans, Snow peas, Zucchini, Squash, Pumpkin, Radish, Turnips, Carrots, Sweetcorn and Beetroot. Plant seedlings of Spring Onions, Shallots, Tomatoes, Egg Plant, Chillies, Peppers, Watermelon, Rock Melon and Silver Beet. Plant more potatoes and spray earlier crop with copper to prevent Blight, which can also seriously affect Tomatoes. It is sensible not to grow Tomatoes near Potatoes. Apply Slug bait. Apply Mulch. Provide water and support for peas and climbing Beans. Harvest Broad Beans and blanch and store any surplus in the freezer.

In the flower garden - Plant seeds or seedlings of Petunias, Lobelia, Marigolds, Poppies, Alyssum, Dianthus, Lupins, Bedding Begonias, Candytuft and Cleome. Apply fertiliser (Kahuna is ideal) to Camellias, Azaleas plus Rhododendrons and carry out any pruning now to generate flowers for next winter. For Natives, 'Bush Tucker' from Neutrog is very good. Dead-head roses regularly to obtain repeat blooms and spray for Blackspot and aphids. Apply 'Sudden Impact for Roses' at the end of the month after the first flush has been dead-headed. Natives, such as Bottlebrush and Grevilleas are best pruned immediately after flowering to gain good flowering next year. This is a good idea for all flowering shrubs.

Lawns - Control weeds with a broad leaf lawn weeder. Mow regularly but not too low now that warmer days are here. Any "Old Man" plants of Capeweed, still remaining, should be dealt with now, dig them out and sow a little lawn seed if gaps are left behind in the lawn.

Fruit trees - Keep the base of all fruit trees free of weeds. Apply Citrus & Fruit Tree fertiliser to all fruit trees. Watch for aphids on plums, peaches & nectarines. Thin the fruit, where necessary, and treat any Scale insects that appear on citrus with White Oil. Ants running up and down the trunks of the trees are a sure sign there are Scale insects somewhere on the tree. The ants 'farm' them to obtain the sticky substance exuded by the Scale, which also allows the growth of black mould. Two sprays at a month's interval may be needed for complete control.

Cheers

Ralph

Creswick Garden Tour 23 & 24 September

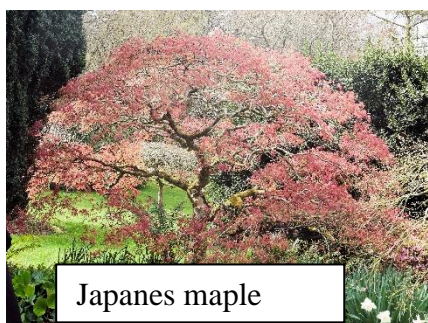
Lambley gardens



Dicksonia rare plants



Japanes maple



Camelia



Azelea



September Show Bench

Photos:

- 1 Annette Willmott: Best Exhibit
- 2 Kerry Elliot: 1st Category 3
- 3 Carol Burns: 1st Category 13
- 4 Hilary Height: 1st Category 6
- 5 Ralph Slaughter: 1st Category 8
- 6 Jan Newgreen: 2nd Category 8



Plant sale and auction



Plant sale. Many thanks to the organisers and donors who made this event such a success. A special “shout-out” to Ralph Slaughter and Peter Willmott for their contributions .

Creswick trip (24th and 25th September) This was exceedingly well organised by Ann Hogan. This featured gardens in and around Creswick and Daylesford with an overnight stay in Daylesford. Hard to say which spot was the “best”, but Forest Glade, Lambley Nursery and St Erths were very popular. Needless to say, quite a few plants found their way onto the bus for the return home. (Photos on page 4)

Please support our Club sponsors: *Don't forget to check their updates on our Club website.*

- **Rowes nursery**, Landsborough Road, Warragul. They have a large range of plants for sale (many grown in-house to save you money) and offer free garden advice. Ask about receiving their regular email newsletters. Phone 5622 2232.
- **Drouin Mitre 10**, Princes Way, Drouin. (On the Melbourne side of Drouin) Check their hardware, gardening products and plants. They give a Club discount on certain products.
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