

WARRAGUL & DISTRICT GARDEN CLUB

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September 2024

August Show Bench Results Judge Wendy Earwicker

Section	First	Second	Third
1 Flower of the month Three arranged separately	Dennis Hall	Heather Coustley	June Dineen
2 One rose			
3 One stem of another flower (not a rose)	June Dineen	Heather Coustley	Heather Coustley
4 Stem of foliage (no buds or flowers)	Joy Vikas	Ralph Slaughter	Heather Coustley
5 Flowering shrub (in flower)	Ralph Slaughter	Joy Vikas	Heather Coustley
6 Any floral arrangement in water	June Dineen	Annette Willmott	Hilary Height
7 Arrangement of the month (A modern arrangement with flowering bulbs)	Annette Willmott	Heather Coustley	Annette Willmott
8 Flowers of tubers, corms, bulbs, rhizomes	Heather Coustley	Carol Burns	Heather Coustley
9 Container of flowers	Carol Burns	Carol Burns	Heather Coustley
10 Flowering shrub	Heather Coustley	Dennis Hall	Joy Vikas
11 Potted plant (incl. cacti or succulent)	Ralph Slaughter	Ralph Slaughter	Jan Newgreen
12 Above ground vegetable	Carol Burns	Ralph Slaughter	Ralph Slaughter
13 Below ground vegetable	Carol Burns	Jan Newgreen	Carol Burns
14 Herbs	Heather Coustley	Carol Burns	
15 Fruits & Nuts	Linda Higginbotham	Ralph Slaughter	Heather Coustley
16 Novice	Glenda Sablyak	Glenda Sablyak	Glenda Sablyak
17 BEST EXHIBIT (Sec 6) Clematis vines, Japonica, Camellias	June Dineen		

September Meeting (Monday 30th): 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 magnolia, lilac or rhododendron
- **Arrangement of the month** – A host of golden daffodils
- **Morning tea hosts** Please bring milk and biscuits.

30/09/24 Bronwyn East and Barbara Auldist

21/10/24 Val Dack, Carol Burns and Glenda Sablyak

UPCOMING EVENTS

Plant sale and auction 30th September (Note the new date)

This is the Club's annual fundraiser and we would be grateful for any donations. Please clearly label with name and price. Ensure that you include a reserve price if you want it auctioned. Please collect any unsold plants at end of meeting.

Lardner Park Garden and Home Expo

The Club has been invited to have a stall at the Lardner Park Garden and Home Expo on Saturday 5th and Sunday 6th October 2024. The theme is "sustainability". We will need volunteers to work on our stall, where we will be recycling coffee cups into plant pots. You can check this out at [Lardner Park Garden & Home Expo - Lardner Park](#)

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

Cost \$15 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

26th August Meeting New model rules and CPR



Above Joy (left) and Udana

After the usual meeting a special meeting was held where members could ask questions about the proposed model rules and then vote regarding their application. All members present voted unanimously to ratify the updated rules.

The guest speaker was Udana Rabel, a paramedic who gave us all a refresher on CPR plus a demonstration of how to use a defibrillator. Cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) is an emergency treatment that's done when someone's breathing or heartbeat has stopped.

Members asked some great questions.

[How to perform CPR - on adults, children and babies | healthdirect](#) is a hyperlink (just click on it) on how to perform CPR.

A message from our President:

Dear Fellow Gardener,

Well as I write to you the saying "it's so windy it could blow a dog off its chain" is so true, although I haven't seen any dogs fly past my window yet, but it could happen!

I hope this newsletter finds you safe and that you haven't experienced too much damage to your garden or to your personal property, but as I often say, as gardeners we whether the weather no matter the weather.

By the time you read this newsletter we would have returned from our overnight Creswick Garden Tour and I'm sure there will be lots of great photographs to show on our big screen at a meeting in the not-too-distant future. I have been clicking away at some terrific gardens and flowers lately and I know our editors Peter and Kath, who have just returned from Western Australia have as well. Their photographs are wonderful and I'm hoping that you will get to see them soon.

It's a great time of the year, despite the wind, to take photographs of the beautiful blossom trees and all the wonderful flowers that are displaying such magnificent colours. My azaleas have never been so magnificent and thanks to the great advice given by Ralph and Steve at Rowes nursery, and the wonderful Neutrog product I have a truly beautiful display at my doorstep. My natives are also giving me a wonderful display and again I thank Neutrog and the many things that I have learnt from our members in our club, for example, when to prune and fertilize them. Another wonderful display at my home is my rock lily. Our wonderful Jan, who loves orchids and when visiting me gave me some advice as to what to do to help my very old Australian Dendrobium. This orchid was part of my parent's garden, my father being a great lover of native plants, and while the orchid lived in the Hunter Valley it flowered magnificently but I was having no luck with it here in the colder climate however, again, thanks to Neutrog and Jan this year Jim and I are enjoying 8 wonderful lemon spikes from our lounge room window.

Our club members have so much knowledge and experience and I have worked out that there are 166 green thumbs in our club!!!

Our plant sale/auction should therefore be another wonderful success as I know many of you have been busy potting, planting and propagating for a long time, and saving your money, to buy or bid for that special plant that you need for that special place in your garden. Please be sure to read the information regarding this meeting to ensure that the morning proceeds smoothly and quickly. The committee reviewed and evaluated last year's auction, and we have made a few adjustments to ensure that everyone gets maximum enjoyment and pleasure from the morning.

Stay well, warm and happy gardening.

Cheers

Joy

Things to do in the Garden in October

Dear Fellow Gardeners,

The soil is warming up and it's time to get those plants and seeds into the ground.

In the vegetable garden - Sow seed of Snow Peas & Peas, Beans, Zucchini, Squash, Pumpkin, Watermelon, Rock Melon, Radish, Sweetcorn, Carrots and Beetroot. Plant seedlings of Lettuce, Cabbage, Cauliflower, Broccoli, Kale, Spring Onions, Shallots, Tomatoes, Egg Plant, Chillies, Peppers and Silver Beet. Plant potatoes. Apply Slug bait. Watch for the White butterflies and take action by applying vegetable dust or spraying with Mavrik which is very safe when used as directed. There is also a product containing the bacterium *Bacillus thuringiensis* that kills caterpillars when applied as a spray. Work in Neutrog's Gyganic as a general fertiliser when planting.

Apply Mulch & fertiliser to Strawberry beds and Rhubarb

In the flower garden - Plant seedlings of Petunias, Lobelia, Alyssum, Dianthus, Lupins, Madeira Daisies, Marigolds, Candytuft and Cleome. Most of the above are also available as potted colour. Sow seeds of wildflowers and a wide range of other seeds that will germinate in the warmer soil conditions. Apply plenty of mulch around roses after giving them a thorough watering. Watch for aphids and take action if they appear. Make sure irrigation systems are working ready for the hot weather.

Provide support for Sweet Peas. Apply fertiliser to Camellias, Azaleas and Rhododendrons. Use specific fertilisers with low phosphorus for Natives. Bush Tucker from Neutrog is ideal.

Lawns - Apply fertiliser. Control weeds with a broad leaf lawn weeder. Do not apply within 4 days either side of mowing. Mow regularly but not too low now that warmer days are here.

Fruit trees – Prune Apple Trees. Keep the base of all fruit trees free of weeds Apply Citrus & Fruit Tree fertiliser to all fruit trees. Gyganic is ideal and should be applied all around the drip line if trees, not up against the trunk. Watch for aphids on plums, peaches & nectarines. Treat any scale that appears on citrus with white oil.

Cheers

Ralph

Note from the editor

Very interested to see Ralph's mention of *Bacillus thuringiensis* (Bt). I've come across this in teaching year 12 Biology. First used in the 1950s, it is seen as a natural alternative to traditional weedkillers. It is a bacterium that produces a chemical that is toxic to certain insects. It is harmless to birds, fish, and mammals. Commercially available as Yates "Nature's Way" caterpillar killer amongst other similar products.

August Show bench



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Photos:

- 1 Dennis Hall, 1st Section 1
- 2 June Dineen, Best exhibit, Section 6
- 3 Ralph Slaughter, 1st Section 5
- 4 Joy Vikas, 1st Section 4
- 5 Vegetables, Sections 12 & 13



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Above ground vegetable
 (3 peas or 5 beans & rhubarb) cauliflower
 cabbage lettuce

Below Ground Vegetabl
 (5 Beetroot, 3 Carrots, 3 leeks, 3 Par
 Potatoes)



Feel free to send in your favourite photos – smartphone pics are more than welcome – to Peter Gribben, ozgribbo@gmail.com. Here's a lovely Drouin sunrise in August from Ralph.

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.
- **Drouin Nursery**. Princes Way, Drouin. Extensive variety of plants including advanced trees. Open 6 days a week (closed Tuesdays) Phone 0417 041507
- **Down to Earth Garden Centre**, Cnr. Longwarry & Weerong Rd, Drouin. Landscaping supplies, mulch, soil, rock, pond supplies, garden hardware. Phone 5625 5166
- **Here We Grow**, Warragul. Everything for hydroponics. Open 6 days (closed Sundays) Phone 5604 7847 [Check new address](#)
- **Mattz Mowing and Garden Services**. Lawn mowing, garden edges, hedge trimming, weed control, pruning, gutters cleaned etc. Free quotes. Phone Matthew 0439 312 465

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