

WARRAGUL & DISTRICT GARDEN CLUB

Inc. A0044995

President: Alison Little-Hales

Secretary: Bronwyn East

Treasurer: Peter Willmott 0408316536

Meeting venue: Senior Citizens Centre, Warragul www.warragulgardenclub.org

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Winners of the March show bench

Judge: June Dineen



Points for placings: First = 3 points, Second= 2 points, Third = 1 point. Best exhibit = 1 point

Section	First	Second	Third
1 Flower of the month (Rose one stem)	Ralph Slaughter	Heather Coustley	Ralph Slaughter
2 One rose	Ralph Slaughter	Heather Coustley	
3 Stem of a flower (not a rose)	Suzanne de Pelsenaire	Ralph Slaughter	Suzanne de Pelsenaire
4 Stem of foliage (no flowers/buds)	Ralph Slaughter	Suzanne de Pelsenaire	Annette Willmott
5 Flowering shrub (in flower)	Heather Coustley	Ralph Slaughter	
6 Any floral arrangement in water	Annette Willmott	Heather Coustley	Annette Willmott
7 Arrangement of the month (Fruit and vegetables)	Robert Wookey	Hilary Height	Robert Coustley
8 Arrangement of roses in a vase	Heather Coustley	Ralph Slaughter	
9 A perfumed posy	Marg Stammers		
10 Flowers of tubers, corms, bulbs and rhizomes	Ralph Slaughter		
11 Container of flowering perennials			
12 Container of flowering natives			
13 Potted plant (inc. cacti or succulents)	Annette Kennedy	Annette Kennedy	Suzanne de Pelsenaire
14 Something exotic	Jan Newgreen	Ralph Slaughter	Suzanne de Pelsenaire
15 Above-ground vegetable	Joy Vikas	Joy Vikas	Carol Pitman
16 Below-ground vegetable	Ralph Slaughter		
17 Herbs	Irene Rolfe	Heather Coustley	
18 Fruit and nuts	Glenda Sablyak		
19 Novice	Kath Gribben	Glenda Sablyak	Marg Stammers
Best exhibit	Jan Newgreen (Orchid)		

Highlights of our last meeting



Photo: Ralph

The March meeting kept us pretty busy with our A.G.M. Our thanks went to those standing down: Joy (President), Marg (Vice-president) and Judy (secretary) for their sterling work over the years. Alison was elected as President and Bronwyn as Secretary and we wish them all the best in their new roles. Next month one particular section will also have a “Popular Vote”, where members can vote for their favourite.

Ralph presented two short, informative videos on planting autumn vegetables and starting a native garden. These can be seen (along with lots of other useful items) at

<https://warragulgardenclub.org/>

After the meeting we moved to Burke Street Park and had a very successful sausage sizzle. A great effort by the organisers and the very talented cooks.



Photo: Alison

Suzanne’s Garden

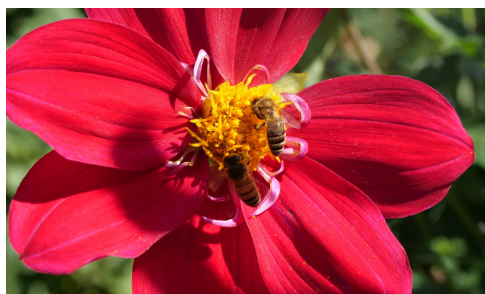
On Sunday 22nd of March member’s had a chance to look around Suzanne’s garden in Koo wee rup (The name is derived from the Aboriginal term for “Blackfish.”) Suzanne had arranged the event to raise money for “Australian Lions Hearing Dogs.”

<https://lionsassistancedogs.com.au/hearing-assistance-dogs/>

A wide variety of some very interesting plants, all in absolutely wonderful condition made for an interesting day out for our members. Thanks to Suzanne for organising this event.



Tropical pitcher plant



Dahlia



Fuschia



Members, can you identify this very interesting plant? (Answer is somewhere in the newsletter.)

Things to do in the garden in May:

In the vegetable garden - Sow seeds of Broad Beans, Cabbage, Turnip, Onions, Spring Onions, Snow Peas, and Peas. Plant Shallots and Garlic. Plant seedlings of Lettuce, Cabbage, Cauliflower, Broccoli, Kale, Brown & Red Onions (this is the best month) Spring Onions. Sow Green Manure mix in areas not required for winter vegetables. Remove all dead beans, old sweetcorn plants, tomato plants etc., and anything that can carry over fungal infections. Take action to deal with any Cabbage White caterpillars on winter vegetables. Mavrik is probably the most effective and safe. Apply another dressing of Giganic around Cauliflower, Broccoli etc that were planted in March and April.

In the flower garden - Complete the planting of spring flowering bulbs. The ground temperature is probably too low for the germination of most flower seeds, so it is best to plant seedlings of Pansies, Violas, Lobelia, Alyssum, decorative Kale, Primulas, Polyanthus, Cinerarias, Dianthus, Lupins, Madeira Daisies, and Cyclamen. Spruce up the pots on your deck with Primulas, Violas, Pansies, Cinerarias or some Spring bulbs. Most of the above are also available as potted colour. Start tidying herbaceous borders, dividing clumps that have grown too large. Prune to shape some of the deciduous shrubs. In frost-prone areas, don't prune the dead heads off Hydrangeas until after frost as they protect the new developing buds. Decide which roses need replacing. Dig them out, together with a barrow full of soil. Replace with new soil and well-rotted manure or Mushroom compost. Put Seamungus in the bottom of the hole when planting new bare-rooted varieties. Leave pruning of roses until mid-June and planting new roses until June/July. An application of Kahuna now around Camellias will improve both the colour of leaves and size and colour of blooms.

Lawns - Continue repairing worn patches, apply fertiliser and control weeds. New weeds will germinate in worn patches, and these (especially Capeweed) are best controlled by spraying when small. Do not spray within 4 days before or after mowing. Follow chosen product directions carefully to prevent lawn damage.

Fruit trees - Begin pruning peaches, plums, and nectarines and any other stone-fruit trees. Provide support for heavily laden branches of citrus fruit to prevent breakage of branches, thinning out if necessary. Look for Scale infestation and Sooty mould. Spray with white oil alone or a mixture with insecticide such as Mavrik, Remove all grass and weeds around fruit trees.

Cheers,

Ralph

Some plants from Gary's garden



Japanese maple



Sacred flower of the Incas



Cherry blossom

March Show bench



Best Exhibit Jan Newgreen



Arrangement of the Month 1st Robert Wookey



Stem of a flower 2nd Ralph Slaughter



Flowering shrub 1st
Heather Coustley



Novice 3rd Marg Stammers



Stem of a flower 1st
Suzanne de Pelsenaire

Answer: Morea iris. Please check if this is correct!



A shout out to one of our valued sponsors. It was great to see them at a recent Drouin Market. They had a great display of high-quality plants. A lot of passers-by stopped for a look, a chat and a purchase.

Please support our sponsors - they support us. You can check their updates on our club website: <https://warragulgardenclub.org/>

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. They offer a regular email newsletter. Phone 03 5622 2232 <https://rowesnursery.shop/>

Drouin Mitre 10: 280 Princes Way, Drouin. Recently renovated. Extensive variety of plants (including advanced trees), garden equipment and chemicals. They give Club members a discount on certain products. Phone 03 5625 2955

Down to Earth Garden Centre: Landscaping supplies, mulch, soil, rock, pond supplies, garden hardware. Corner of Longwarry and Weerong Road, Drouin.
<https://downtoearthgardencentre.com.au/>

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<https://www.facebook.com/mattzmowing/>

Broughton Hall. With sweeping views over the Tarago reservoir and a stunning garden, these are truly beautiful grounds. 125 Palmer Rd, Jindivick, VIC,
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