

# WARRAGUL & DISTRICT GARDEN CLUB

August 2026

**President:** Alison Little-Hales 0417 154 068

**Secretary:** Bronwyn East 0432 273 860

**Treasurer:** Peter Willmott 0408 316 536

**Meeting venue:** Senior Citizens Centre, Warragul [www.warragulgardenclub.org](http://www.warragulgardenclub.org)

PO Box 731 Warragul 3820 Inc. A0044995



**Winners of the July show bench**

**Judge:** June Dineen

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

| Category                                                                 | First              | Second             | Third              |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| 1 Flower of the month<br>(One Spring bulb flower)                        | Heather Coustley   | Heather Coustley   | Carol Pitman       |
| 2 One rose                                                               | Cheryl Birchall    |                    |                    |
| 3 Stem of flower (not a rose)                                            | Heather Coustley   | Heather Coustley   |                    |
| 4 Stem of foliage (no flowers/buds)                                      | Heather Coustley   | Carol Pitman       | Heather Coustley   |
| 5 Flowering shrub (in flower)                                            | Kerry Elliot       | Jan Newgreen       | Kerry Elliot       |
| 6 Any floral arrangement in water<br>("What I love")                     |                    |                    |                    |
| 7 Arrangement of the month<br>Modern arrangement with<br>flowering bulbs |                    |                    |                    |
| 8 Arrangement of roses in a vase                                         |                    |                    |                    |
| 9 A perfumed posy eg Mother's<br>Day/Special friends day                 | Heather Coustley   | Heather Coustley   |                    |
| 10 Flowers of tubers, corms, bulbs<br>and rhizomes                       | Jan Newgreen       | Heather Coustley   |                    |
| 11 Container of flowering<br>perennials                                  | Jan Newgreen       | Jan Newgreen       | Heather Coustley   |
| 12 Container of flowering Natives                                        |                    |                    |                    |
| 13 Potted plant (inc cacti or<br>succulents)                             | Rob Coustley       |                    |                    |
| 14 Something exotic                                                      | Heather Coustley   | Jan Newgreen       |                    |
| 15 Above-ground vegetable                                                |                    |                    |                    |
| 16 Below-ground vegetable                                                |                    |                    |                    |
| 17 Herbs                                                                 |                    |                    |                    |
| 18 Fruit and nuts                                                        | Robin Birchall     |                    |                    |
| 19 Novice                                                                | Linda Higginbotham | Linda Higginbotham | Linda Higginbotham |
| Best exhibit                                                             | Heather Coustley   |                    |                    |

Next meeting is on August 24<sup>th</sup>, Senior Citizen's Centre - Barkly St. Doors open at 9am. Entries for Show bench *before* 9.15 please, as judging starts at 9.30. "Flower of the month" is "One Spring bulb flower". Topic is "Weather" - Gary Weymouth. Visitors welcome - gold coin donation

## Looking for ideas and suggestions.... For 2027

During the July meeting, I circulated two clipboards requesting members to jot down their thoughts and interests regarding speakers/presenters/workshops, local garden tours and outside the area garden tours. Many people contributed and I am very grateful for the input. However, some people were unable to come to the meeting and we would like to hear from them. If you have any thoughts regarding interesting presenters, possible workshops, gardens or nurseries we could investigate for future visits, please contact me by email - [ann.m.hogan@icloud.com](mailto:ann.m.hogan@icloud.com) or phone/ text 0438252756. We really do value your feedback. By the end of September I will be circulating a survey to all members with our ideas listed. I will be asking you to nominate the events that appeal or interest you most. This survey will form the basis of the 2027 Events Calendar which is circulated to all members at the 2027 January meeting.

*Ann Hogan*

## Highlights of our last meeting



Over the last few years that I've been a member of this Club, I have been impressed by the quality of exhibits, presenters and trips. It takes a lot of forward planning to organise everything you see. So please help Ann (and the Club!) By having an input in our planning process.

Unfortunately our Guest Speaker was unable to attend the July meeting. Our thanks go to Marg who stood in at the last minute. Marg gave us a most informative talk covering many areas relevant to our members. One area of particular interest was the care and maintenance of our common garden tools. The importance of keeping them sharp and clean was also emphasised.

Marg is also a member of Warragul Community Garden. This is located in: Eastern Park Playground at 138 Normanby St, Warragul VIC 3820. They meet regularly every Tuesday and have a produce swap the fourth Saturday of every month. Check them out at <https://www.facebook.com/warragulcommunitygarden/> Although the number of entrants for the Show Bench was down on recent months, the high quality of most categories was maintained. Heather Coustley's Camellia was winner of the "Most Popular" vote.

*Peter Gribben*



---

West Gippsland Orchid Club Inc.

# 2026 Spring Show

---

*A celebration of orchids, colour,  
and the beauty of the season*

---

Saturday 19 September 2026

9:00 AM – 4:00 PM

---

Sunday 20 September 2026

9:00 AM – 12:00 PM

---

Anglican Church Hall  
Princes Way, Drouin

---

- \$5 entry, children under 16 free
- Rare and unusual orchids displayed
- Photo opportunities
- Plant sales
- Helpful growing tips & information
- Raffle



## The August Show bench



Heather Coustley Best exhibit



Cheryl Birchall 1<sup>st</sup> Category 2:



Hilary Height 1<sup>st</sup> Category 6



Kerry Elliot 1<sup>st</sup> Category 5



Jan Newgreen 1<sup>st</sup> Category 10



Linda Higginbotham 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Novice



Jan Newgreen 2<sup>nd</sup> Category 5

## Ralph's Things to do in the garden in September

This is the month when we really get going with warmer soils promoting germination of seeds and growth of plants. However, at the time of writing in Mid-August we have had colder and wetter conditions. So, we may have to wait a bit longer, otherwise the likes of sweetcorn, bean and pea seeds are likely to rot rather than germinate. However, to achieve those early crops, sow in multicell trays in the greenhouse or cold frame.

In the vegetable garden - Sow seeds of radish, snow peas & peas, beans, carrots, parsnips, turnips and beetroot. Plant seedlings of lettuce, cabbage, kale, onions, and silver beet plus more shallots. Plant potatoes. sow beans, carrots, and parsnips toward the end of the month as the soil warms. Include a dressing of general fertiliser (Neutrog's Gyganic is ideal) at planting time, and lime if it was not applied in winter. Apply slug & snail bait. Hoe weeds regularly. Provide support for broad beans. Apply mulch & fertiliser to strawberry beds and rhubarb.

In the flower garden: - Plant seedlings of Pansies, Violas, Poppies, Lobelia, Alyssum, Dianthus, Lupins, Madeira Daisies, Marigolds, Candytuft, and Cleome. Provide support for Sweet Peas. Plant seedlings of Dianthus, Petunias and the whole range of summer flowers as seedlings and potted colour when they become available later this month. They are great in pots. Apply fertiliser to Camellias (Kahuna) and Roses (Sudden Impact). Use specific fertilisers with low phosphorus for Natives. Bush Tucker from Neutrog is giving great results. Watch for aphids and blackspot on roses and treat as necessary.

Lawns: - Apply fertiliser. Control weeds with a broad leaf lawn weeder. Mow regularly. Check sprinkler systems. Ants often colonise them during the winter months.

Fruit trees: – Prune apple trees. Keep the base of all fruit trees free of weeds. Spray nectarines and peaches for "Curly Leaf" just as colour of flower buds appears with a copper product, such as Bordeaux Mixture. Spray thoroughly just as the buds show colour and repeat if rain occurs within the next 48 hours. Apply citrus & fruit tree fertiliser (Gyganic) to all fruit trees and strawberries. Protect strawberries with suitable netting and apply slug bait to protect fruit as it ripens. Watch for Black Aphid on plums, nectarines, and peaches. If spraying is necessary for aphid control, only spray in the early morning or late evening when bees are not around.

Quote: "You know that you are a gardening fanatic when you put your favourite garden tools in the dishwasher to clean them": Summerdale Classics.

*Ralph*

### *Did you know?*

Kale is a hardy vegetable belonging to the Brassica family and is closely related to cabbage, broccoli, cauliflower, collard greens, and Brussels sprouts. It thrives in cool weather and tolerates frosts. Kale also tolerates nearly all soils, provided that drainage is satisfactory. Another advantage is that kale rarely suffers from the pests and diseases of other members of the cabbage family. It is a low-calorie leafy green packed with vitamins A, C, and K, plus calcium and antioxidants. It is said to help support heart health, strengthen bones, boost the immune system, and protect eye health.

# Alison's Notes

Dear Club Members,

It was lovely to see such a good turn-out at our last meeting despite people being off due to the weather, on our 'sick list' or off on winter holidays. Sadly our speaker had to pull out at the very last minute, but thanks to Marg Stammers we had an informative, timely and wise reminder of how and why we need to keep our gardening tools not only sharp but clean. Sincere thanks and appreciation from all.

Early Spring last year I had a wonderful opportunity to visit the much renowned Lambley Garden and Nursery near Ballarat, designed by David Glenn. David earlier that year has been one of our wonderful guest speakers at the club, so I was excited to be there and see for myself all his wonderful work.

Our small party were virtually the only visitors that mid-week morning, and we were treated to some magnificent sunshine during a break in the otherwise wet weather. The main blossoms were only just starting to come out and beds were a little sparse, although we saw a wonderful display of poppies.

David just happened to be strolling around the gardens and we began chatting. He then proceeded to give us a guided tour behind the scenes in his own home garden where we experienced seeing the full glory of acres and acres of daffodils and other Narcissus varieties en masse. An incredible carpet of hundreds and thousands of flowers. It certainly was one of the best displays I'd ever seen and quite a special morning in all.



Ullswater

Many of you know the famous poem commonly called 'Daffodils' by William Wordsworth, written in 1802 after a walk near Ullswater in England's Lake District, two hundred and twenty four years ago! Whenever I think of David's Daffodils at Lambley, I think of the last two lines of the

poem, written in a different time and place but I can say too 'my heart with pleasure fills, and dances with the Daffodils'.

Something I didn't know is that David's eldest son, Ric Glenn, is the Grounds and Gardens Manager at the Royal Hospital Chelsea where the Chelsea Flower Show is held. As most gardeners would know, this show is one of the most prestigious garden events in the world.

In 2025 the Royal Hospital, for the first time ever, put on their own display. The London Square Chelsea Pensioners Garden was awarded a gold medal. Ric Glenn was the organising force behind this garden which was designed by Dave Green. So horticulture runs in the family. The BBC in their coverage also mentioned the salvia 'Kate Glenn', which was raised at Lambley by David and named for his daughter.

Still with Daffodils in mind, a reminder that our August Club Meeting is going to 'Go Yellow' for a good cause. So don't forget to bring along something extra by way of money if you would like to make a donation to the Cancer Councils' annual appeal. Also if you can, just for fun, help our theme by wearing or accessorising with, something in Daffodil colours – yellow. Orange or white, to mark the occasion.

Hope you all have the opportunity this month to enjoy the Spring bulbs and do a little dancing of your own with the Daffs!

Happy Gardening.

Warm Regards



Lambley gardens

*Alison*

### Dates for your diary

**August 27/28/29** is the Daffodil Festival in Leongatha - a town wide celebration and well worth a visit. The Leongatha Daffodil & Floral Show is held at Memorial Hall in Leongatha. Thursday opens 1.30pm with the Official Opening at 2.30pm closing 5pm. Friday 9am - 5pm and Saturday 9am - 4pm. Admission: \$5, Children are free. <https://leongathahorticulturalsociety.com.au/daffodil-festival/>

**September 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>** is the West Gippsland Orchid Show in the Anglican Church Hall, Drouin. <https://www.facebook.com/westgippslandorchids/>

Don't forget that the PLANT SALE is on **September 28<sup>th</sup>**. We need helpers to set up the day before.

**October 26<sup>th</sup>** The George Lowe and Ron Blair Memorial Iris Competition. Always a beautiful display.

**October 30<sup>th</sup>** a local outing to Suzanne's beautiful garden in Koo Wee Rup -followed by a visit to Dr Mary Cole where we will learn how to make weed tea.

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/>

**Mattz Mowing and Garden Services:** Lawn mowing, garden edges, hedge trimming, weed control, pruning and gutters. For a free quote phone Mathew on 0439 312 465 <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, <https://muskersbroughtonhall.com.au/broughtonhall/>

Wayne

# FARNHAM<sub>MP</sub>

MEMBER FOR NARRACAN

📍 1/80 Smith Street, Warragul  
☎ 03 5623 1960 📧 WayneFarnhamMP

