

WARRAGUL & DISTRICT GARDEN CLUB

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Meeting venue: Senior Citizens Centre, Warragul
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June 2024

Winners of the May show bench

Judge: Wendy Earwicker

Section	First	Second	Third
1 Flower of the month (Autumn flowers)	Aileen White	Bron East	Bron East
2 One rose	Aileen White	Carol Burns	Ralph Slaughter
3 One stem of another flower (not a rose)	Ralph Slaughter	Kerry Elliot	
4 Stem of foliage (no buds or flowers)	Aileen White	Ralph Slaughter	Ralph Slaughter
5 Flowering shrub (in flower)	Joy Vikas	Aileen White	Aileen White
6 Any floral arrangement in water	Hilary Height	Annette Willmott	Annette Willmott
7 Arrangement of the month (Mother's Day)	Annette Willmott	Annette Willmott	Hilary Height
8 Flowers of tubers, corms, bulbs, rhizomes	Ralph Slaughter	Aileen White	
9 Container of flowers	Ralph Slaughter	Carol Burns	Bron East
10 Flowering shrub	Aileen White	June Dineen	
11 Potted plant (incl. cacti or succulent)	Ralph Slaughter	Ralph Slaughter	
12 Above-ground vegetable	Ralph Slaughter	Ralph Slaughter	Carol Burns
13 Below-ground vegetable	Carol Burns	Carol Burns	
14 Herbs (flowering, non-flowering, mixed)	Aileen White	Carol Burns	
15 Fruits & Nuts	Joy Vikas	Carol Burns	Carol Burns
16 Novice	Glenda Pridmore		
17 BEST EXHIBIT	Aileen White (One rose)		

June Meeting (Monday 24th): Doors open at 9 am for setting up. Entries for show bench to be placed for judging prior to 9.30 am

- **Guest speaker** -Ruth from Pepperberry, Floral arrangement demonstration.
- **Monthly competition** – One stem of a native flower
- **Arrangement of the month** - Australian natives
- **Morning tea hosts** Please bring milk and biscuits.

24/06/24 Helen Carver, Marg Stammers and Carol Burns.

22/07/24 Carol Pitman, Linda Higginbottom, Kerry Elliot

UPCOMING EVENTS

Regional Conference

Regional Conference is on July 6th in Welshpool – full details on our website
<http://www.warragulgardenclub.org>

Creswick Garden Tour: 23rd & 24th September

Itinerary

Monday 23rd September

Forest Glade gardens (Mount Macedon) [Forest Glade Gardens](#)
Dicksonia Rare Plant Nursery (Mount Macedon) [Dicksonia Rare Plants - Stephen Ryan](#)
Accommodation is at Daylesford

Tuesday 24th September

Lambley Nursery (Creswick) <https://lambley.com.au/lambley-gardens-and-nursery>
St Erth's Gardens (Blackwood) <https://www.diggers.com.au/pages/visit-st-erth>
Wombat Hill Botanic Gardens (Daylesford) [Wombat Hill Botanic Gardens, Attraction, Daylesford & the Macedon Ranges, Victoria, Australia \(visitvictoria.com\)](#)
Lake walk (Optional)

- Cost will be approximately \$300 per person depending on numbers.
- Using a full-size coach and will need around 35 people for the tour to go ahead.
- Included: travel, accommodation, garden entries and accommodation
- Not included: meals
- Contact Ann Hogan 0438 262 756
- Final numbers to be confirmed at the July meeting on 22/07/24

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. The committee is investigating and there will be more details to follow. You can check this out at [Lardner Park Garden & Home Expo - Lardner Park](#)

Membership fees: Now that we have entered a new year in our Club, annual membership fees are now payable. \$20 per person. Name badges are \$10. Please place cash in a named envelope or pay debit to our Club bank Account. BSB 633 000 A/c160494753. It is important for members to be financial for insurance reasons.

*Remember to include your name on the payment details.

A message from our President:

Dear Fellow Gardeners,

Winter is here! This time of the year can be a hard time for plants, animals and humans. Just like our garden, we must remember all of the important things we need to do to stay healthy. Unfortunately, despite all of my efforts to stay healthy, I have become a victim to winter with a very bad cold, and although I have tried all of my home remedies, it is refusing to leave. However, I am relieved to see that so far, my garden has not become a victim, due to me following the tips that Ralph and others constantly remind us of:

1. Keep your plants warm Bring plants that are young or susceptible to frost into warmer sheltered parts, a greenhouse or inside if possible. Remember you can make a glasshouse with a transparent plastic bottle and place this over smaller, younger plants.
2. Keep the soil warm. A good coverage of mulch will keep the soil warm and protect the roots and all of the billions of microbes in the soil.
3. Water plants in the mornings and make certain that there is no water left in trays under plants as this can also harm certain plants.
4. Feed your plants with a good fertiliser and also prepare the soil with compost and manure. If you can feed your garden with a liquid fertiliser, preferably two weeks before frosts are forecast.

All good advice which applies to us as well and I hope that you will enjoy this month's newsletter while keeping warm, with a hot cuppa and nutritious, healthy food to keep you free of the "Nasties".

A big "thankyou" to Anne for organising our excursion last month. It was a shame that our visit to "Here we grow" had to be postponed at the last minute, but there are some wonderful photographs in this edition of Gippsland Indoor Plants. These reinforce the adage "Every picture tells a thousand words", especially the one of Brandon, the proprietor of this firm. 25 of our members turned up and really enjoyed his wonderful shop packed with such interesting and diverse plants combined with the excellent advice he gave. My questions to him were the age-old problems for many. "How do I keep my cyclamen alive and when do I water it?" His prompt answer was, "When the heads of the flowers bow down, they are telling you that they need water." Well, isn't that just like us? My body is aching, and my head is nodding and is definitely telling me it is time for a cuppa and time to rest in front of the fire.

Keep well and hope to see you at the next meeting where we are set to learn more about floral arrangements.

Cheers

Joy

Things to do in the garden in July:

July is often the coldest and quietest month in the garden but there are important tasks to complete. Get rid of dead and dying shrubs & summer annuals but don't be in a hurry to prune back the tops of shrubs like Hydrangeas until the danger of frost is past. Nature uses them to protect new developing, new season buds from frost. It is also the best month to plant new bare-root trees & shrubs. Put some Seamungus in the bottom of the hole when planting (not natives).

Flower Garden: Continue pruning, tidying and dividing herbaceous perennials, plant seedlings of Iceland Poppy, Cineraria, Calendula, Primulas, Pansies and Violas.

Plant potted colour of Primulas, Alyssum, Lobelia, Primrose, Snapdragon, Pansies, Violas, Phlox and Armeria.

Prune roses, clear away all dead leaves and old mulch as it will harbour fungus spores. Then spray the roses and the surrounding area with Lime Sulphur or Copper Oxochloride.

This is the best time to check irrigation systems, Fork in Seamungus pellets and apply a dressing of lime.

Complete planting of replacements and new roses.

Vegetable Garden: Plant Spinach, Parsley, Garlic, Shallots, Broad Beans, Celery. Plant seedlings of Cabbage, Cauliflower, Broccoli, Onions & Leeks.

Purchase seed potatoes and set up in trays in the shed or garage to sprout ready for planting in August.

Plant new Rhubarb crowns. Sow seed mixture to dig in as green manure.

Start planting seeds of Tomatoes in the greenhouse for an early crop.

Lawns: Continue weed control. De-thatch and aerate, as necessary. Do not apply fertiliser until mid-August.

Orchard: Prune deciduous trees. Start with Apricots, Plums, Nectarines & Peaches. (Tip: Bundle-up some of the prunings from Peaches & Nectarines to use later to support peas and beans). Apples and Pears can be left until August/September.

Cut out old raspberry canes and tie in place new ones.

Pick Limes, Grapefruit, Mandarins and Navel oranges. Valencia oranges will probably need another month. Cumquats should be ready for making marmalade which is especially nice if limes are added.

Special Winter Job: Give all the garden tools a clean and sharpen ready for the busy Spring season. Have the lawnmower serviced. ***However, the best tool in the garden is the knowledge of a gardener...Unknown***

Thanks to everyone who provided SMALL pots for the Plant sale cuttings. **Still needed are more 4,6, and 10 cell trays.**

Cheers, Ralph

Meeting May 27



Friends of Drouin's trees

BROAD AIMS & OBJECTIVES...

To assess, protect and enhance Drouin's tree canopy and to engage with the community in relation to the values of urban trees

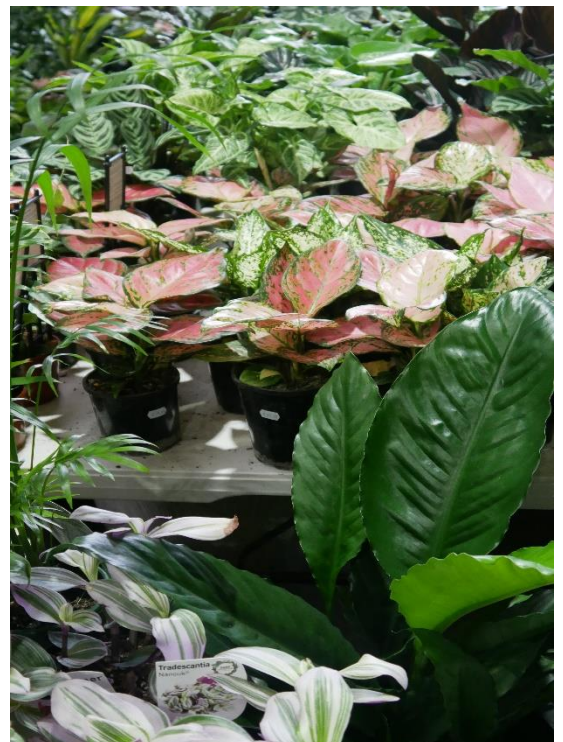


There was an interesting and informative presentation from Peter Ware on "Gippsland's Flora, Fauna and Fungi". He talked us through the various types of ecosystems in our area of Gippsland and illustrated the variety of organisms present with some excellent photographs.

Photos: (Above) Joy Vikas and Peter Ware.

(Left) Some fungi brought in by Helen Appleby

Excursion 30th May Great day out at Gippsland Indoor Plants where Brandon gave us a lot of advice – and sold a few plants as well! Check him out on [Gippsland Indoor Plants](#)



The Show Bench -May

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Photos:
From top clockwise
1 Best exhibit
7 Arrangement of the month
16 Novice
4 Stem of foliage
6 Any floral arrangement in water

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.
- **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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Gardening on the Radio

Did you know that you can catch up with gardening on 3BBR with our very own Joy Vikas and Ralph Slaughter. They are monthly guests on "West Gippsland Week" with Paul Strickland. Usually on around 7pm on Friday evenings and 8am Saturday mornings (103.1), usually on the third weekend of the month.

[West Gippsland Week – 3BBR-FM 103.1 \(3bbrfm.org.au\)](http://3bbrfm.org.au) You can listen live or catch up on previous programs using this link.



Note from the Editor

I've just started putting together this newsletter and my thanks go out to all who have supplied me with photos and information, especially those who have fact-checked and picked up my mistakes. If you have any suggestions or material you want placed in this newsletter, feel free to contact me at ozgribbo@gmail.com or 0417 056 838

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