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## NEWSLETTER - August 2021

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# August meeting Cancelled

**September meeting – Monday Sep 27, 2021**

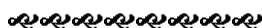
**October Meeting – Mon Oct 25, 2021**

**Spring Plant Sale, Sat October 9, 2021**

Details in September newsletter

## **New Members**

Please welcome new member: **no new members**



## **Get Well Messages**

If you are aware of a member who is not well, or needs cheering up, **please let Sue McMahon know on 4455 2739**



## **Banking Information**

If you would prefer to pay electronically for membership or trips etc. you can - details as follows:

**BSB 062-646**

**Account No 00900912**

Please ensure you enter your surname and what the money is for in the description space i.e. Keegan, Fees



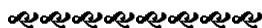
## **Contact Details**

If you have recently changed your address, telephone number or email address, please ensure that you let a committee member know. This will ensure that you will receive your newsletter via email if you have requested this. All personal details are kept strictly confidential.



## **Morning Tea**

**Please think about bringing your own mug for m/tea** – this not only helps with the environment but also keeps our costs to a minimum. A mug with a lid would work best, as this would alleviate spillage and a possible injury. If you do use a disposable cup, please make sure you put it in the bin before you leave. We have had a lot of spills while packing up when cups are left on the floor.



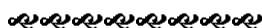
## **Insurance**

Please note that guests, (non-members), are not covered by the Club's Group Personal Accident Policy on coach trips, therefore, these are restricted to financial members only.



## **Newsletter**

Will be distributed to members via email each month. Until we meet in person, those members who do not have email will have their newsletters either posted or delivered.



## **Propagation Group – 3rd Tuesday of the month**

Next meeting – due to Covid, no meeting scheduled for August



## President's Message

As I write this message it is a beautiful Spring morning. I can see already that the plants in the garden are ready for Spring. Green shoots are emerging from bare branches and flower buds are emerging on the perennials. Unfortunately outbreaks of Covid are also appearing once again putting a stop to gatherings such as our Garden Club meetings. When you hear each day's Covid statistics, it is apparent that our meetings will be in doubt for a few months yet. Luckily, we have our gardens and our plants to keep us busy and engaged. We also have a community of gardeners who we can keep in contact with in small groups like our garden club's Propagation Group, and through our newsletter.

Last year we were able to send out a wonderful newsletter each month, full of personal garden stories and anecdotes as well as photos of the special plants in our gardens. I hope we can emulate the 2020 newsletters and fill our 2021 newsletters with these personal stories. So please send in your stories and photos to help us keep in touch and give us something to look forward to.

As you know, each year we award a Horticulture or Agriculture student at Ulladulla High School some money to assist and encourage them to complete their secondary schooling. The money is drawn from the Garden Club's Student Account that funded the student program initiated during the Garden Clubs of Australia convention that our club hosted in 2017. The award, the Val Tranter Achievement Award, commemorates the enthusiasm and energy that Val invested in organising the Convention and especially the innovative student program.

In 2020-2021, the Award went to two impressive young women, Emily Lynch and Breanna Rutherford. Breanna used her Award to pay for a school camp that focussed on environment issues and Emily used her award to help pay for a laptop to use in her studies now and in the future. I am very proud that our club has helped these two young women further their education. We had hoped that our awardees could attend a meeting and tell us about their year at school, but unfortunately Covid has intervened.

If you are running out of things to do in your garden in these less social times, you could take photos to enter in the various photo competitions that are around at present. These competitions include the Garden Clubs of Australia annual photo award and the Calendar competition. The closing date for digital or post card entries for the Garden Clubs of Australia Annual Photographic Award is 1 October 2021. The Garden Clubs of Australia competition for digital photos for the 2023 'Beautiful gardens of Australia' calendar must be sent by 15 February 2022. There are prizes to be won so have a think about submitting your best garden photos. There is no limit on where or when the photo was taken.

More information about these two competitions is on the Garden Clubs of Australia website at [www.gardenclubs.org.au](http://www.gardenclubs.org.au).

The Garden Clubs of Australia 2022 Australia 'Beautiful Gardens of Australia' calendar is now available. Information on how to get your calendar for 2022 is included in later pages of this newsletter.

And entries open shortly for a photo competition closer to home. The South Pacific Heathland Reserve is conducting a photo competition to showcase the beauty of the Reserve during Spring. Photos must be taken in the Reserve and submitted by 15 October. If you are not super confident about your nature photography skills or would like to learn more about this skill, there will be two photo workshops held in the Reserve in the lead up to the competition. There is more information about this competition and the workshops later in this newsletter.

I hope to see your stories and photos in next month's Garden Thymes and your photos shining through in these various competitions.

Happy safe and healthy gardening!

Gillian



### Finance Report for July 2021

Funds held at CBA as at June 30, 2021	\$27230.71
Bendigo Bank Term Deposit	\$7249.24
Income	\$2095.00
Expenditure	\$250.60
Cash Book balance as of June 30, 2021	\$29075.11
'Student' account	\$2676.28

**If you have any questions regarding the above, please contact Sue Hobson**



Thank you to Ruth Fucile for sending us this photo – the orchids are just stunning

## ACTIVITIES - Debbie Kendall

Dear Members

With all the uncertainty of COVID restrictions it is looking very likely that our two coach trips will have to be postponed until next year (again). The Committee discussed this at our Committee Meeting held earlier this month and has agreed that, while cancellation is looking likely, for the sake of keeping plans in place we will hold off on a final decision until early September. As soon as a definite decision is made, members booked for the following trips will be notified. At the moment the Bowral Festival is still on, and Mayfield Gardens are still planning their Spring Festival but even if lockdowns and current restrictions ease in the coming weeks, Group Travel may still be a difficult task to undertake.

**22 September 2021, Wednesday:** Day Trip to Bowral Tulip Festival & Red Cow Farm, Sutton Forest.

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**Monday 11 Oct – Thursday 14 October:** 4 days/3 nights trip featuring visit to Mayfield Gardens, Oberon.

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**Save the Dates for the following Open Gardens/Events planned for later in the year (subject to COVID restrictions):**

**Open Gardens:**

**28 September 2021:** Judy Hamilton, Anker Avenue, Mollymook Beach

**15 November 2021 (Note change of date):** Elizabeth Stayt and Judy Thurecht, Bannister Head Road, Narrawallee.

**1 December 2021:** Rose Richardson, Seaspray Street, Narrawallee.

**Christmas Lunch:**

**Tuesday, 15 December 2021,** Mollymook Golf Club



### **Would you like to be a Member in Focus at one of our meetings?**

We would love to hear from any member in our club who can share their journey with us – it doesn't have to be garden related, or it can just be some photos that you can share with us – it is up to you.

You could be a new member or a long-standing member whose garden has evolved significantly since they last presented. Don't be shy as we can assist with your presentation.

If you are interested in sharing your knowledge and experiences with the club, please contact Colleen Ringe.



## Some Really Interesting Facts About Birds – Daryl Bishop

### Fairy Wrens

We probably all know that fairy wrens, although being great parents, are not monogamous! Both males and females “stray” but do it discreetly and do not allow this to interfere with their family duties. When the male strays, it is called ‘jurgling’; sometimes he may go into a neighbour’s territory if a female from that group takes his fancy. If he carries a flower petal in his beak when invading the neighbour’s territory on his love tryst, the resident males do not chase him away. DNA tests have proved that female fairy wrens often succumb to the wiles of ‘jurgling’ strangers bearing flower petal gifts.



### Fan Tails

Fantails are overactive tame little birds whose long tails are constantly flirted and fanned. The Willy Wagtail belongs to this family. The birds are well known in suburban parks and gardens. They have broad based pointed bills; some of the fantail family take insects exclusively direct from foliage, others only catch them in flight.



### Songbirds

I am writing this piece sitting at a table on my deck. A magpie is sitting on the chair next to me just ‘hanging out’ and filling in his time by singing. He does this with his beak closed. The song is long and intricate, sometimes soft. I watched and could see muscles in this throat/neck moving as he sang so; I did some research. Apparently, the song is produced by air passing membranes stretching across voice boxes; the pitch of the notes is controlled by muscles which adjust the tautness of the membranes. All this while keeping the mouth closed and only breathing through his nostrils!



### Kookaburras

Young kookaburras stay with their parents/group for four or more years. They are expected to help with family duties, and it is thought that they contribute up to 30% of egg incubation time and provide up to 60% of food for new chicks. The older youngsters (2<sup>nd</sup> year onwards) take responsibility for training and general up-bringing of chicks which have left the nest. They take their duties very seriously and can become quite possessive of their charges.



I once had a visiting group which came in each morning, sat on the deck rails, and expected to be hand-fed. This was pure routine – everybody (including me) knew what was expected. The only problem, at one stage, was a 3yr old and his six-month-old charge. The chick felt he was old enough to go it alone. The ‘minder’ wouldn’t allow this and kept trying to feed the youngster himself, not allowing him direct contact with me. The chick was getting more and

more frustrated; the 3yr old more and more upset. The older members of the family finally separated them, and things calmed down.

About a year ago (following the fires) the whole group just disappeared. Eventually, a couple of months ago, four of them came back – two ‘minders’ and two young ones (now not so young). They are gradually regaining their confidence and settling down to routine. I have no idea what happened to the rest of the clan.

### **Owls**

An owl can turn its head 180 degrees without moving its body and can see what is happening behind it. Its eyes are fitted in their sockets, the bird must turn its head to focus on objects.



In dim light, a barn owl’s sight is 3 times better than a human. It depends on hearing rather than sight to hunt. The disk of feathers surrounding an owl’s face directs sound towards the ear openings; an owl can catch a mouse in total darkness, tracking by sound alone.

A little-known fact is that they can swivel their outer toes sideways and backwards to help catch/hold their prey – one of the reasons that they seldom miss.

Their flight is almost totally silent because of the softness of their feathers.

### **Doves/Pigeons**

Australia has 22 species of native doves and pigeons. The name ‘dove’ is usually applied to a small pigeon.



Both male and female doves/pigeons feed their chicks (called squabs) on pigeons’ milk which is made in the crops. It looks like cream cheese and is very nutritious.

### **Parrots and Owls**

These are the only birds which do not have wishbones.



### **Sad News**

It is with regret that we announce that the following past members passed away recently:

Les Spry	wife Rhonda, lifetime member and previous President
John Moon	wife Trish, lifetime member and previous President
Arlie Martin	recent member

Our thoughts are with their families at this sad time.





## **Do you have a local bit of bushland that you love to visit and explore?**

Much of our local bushland is under threat of development. We need houses. Our population all over Australia is continually increasing and people need somewhere to live. However, if every bit of bushland near settled townships is developed, we lose our birds, our insects, our animals, and the plants they live on or in. We also lose forever, a peaceful scrap of bush that we can walk through and enjoy the natural world. More worryingly, the birds, the animals, the insects lose their homes, and many species will disappear forever.

A local slice of bushland that I really enjoy is Garrads Reserve in Narrawallee. Garrads Reserve has changed rapidly over the last year or so with new houses abutting the southern boundary. It has had quite a dramatic impact on the Reserve.

On the edge of this development a 12-hectare block of bush adjoining the Reserve is for sale. The land was originally zoned for environmental protection but part of it has since been approved for subdivision into 45 dwelling blocks. Shoalhaven City Council, the Minister for the Environment, National Parks and Wildlife Service and the NSW Biodiversity Trust have all acknowledged that the land has significant environmental value, and the preference is that it is protected in perpetuity. The Shoalhaven City Council is supporting the purchase of the land and has pledged to contribute up to \$500,000 to the purchase. The Council has asked the State Government to partner with them to purchase the land.



However, the wheels of Government turn slowly and although the commitment to purchase the land is there, the money is not. Meanwhile a private buyer who is likely to develop the land, has made an offer to the owner. It is vital that the Government comes up with the money now or the land will be lost forever.

The Narrawallee community wants this land saved from development and added to Garrads Reserve for everyone to enjoy into the future. If you would like to support the Narrawallee community, please write to Minister Matt Kean or our local NSW Government Member for South Coast, Shelley Hancock, urging a speedy decision on releasing funds to purchase this environmentally valuable land.

Emails urging the release of funding to purchase the land can be sent to:  
The Hon. Matt Kean, Minister for the Environment at: [office@kean.minister.nsw.gov.au](mailto:office@kean.minister.nsw.gov.au);  
and/or,

The Hon. Shelley Hancock, Member for the South Coast at:  
[southcoast@parliament.nsw.gov.au](mailto:southcoast@parliament.nsw.gov.au)

Hopefully together we can make this happen.

Gillian Boyd



# Spring Photographic Competition 2021

## South Pacific Heathland Reserve

### Free Entry

Enter between 1 September & 15 October

Winners announced 27 & 28 November

Entries on Public Exhibition Dunn Lewis Centre  
on 27 & 28 November

### 3 Entrant Categories

- Experienced Photographer
- Casual
- Junior-12 Years and Under

### 3 Subject Categories

- Macro Closeup
- Life Form - bird, animal, plant, insect
- Landscape

Showcase your  
photographic skills,  
capturing the beauty of  
the South Pacific  
Heathland Reserve, by  
entering up to two  
images taken in this  
unique reserve in  
Ulladulla

### Conditions of Entry

- Photos must have been taken in the Reserve
- Entries submitted by email between 1 September - 15 October 2021
- Limit of 2 photos per person
- Photos must be: in JPEG format; file size 1 MB - 5 MB; photo size 2480 x 3508 pixels or 300dpi.
- Email entries to [southpacificeathlandreserve@gmail.com](mailto:southpacificeathlandreserve@gmail.com) including name; entrant & subject category; title of the photos & email address (Enter between 1 September & 15 October)
- By entering you agree to these conditions of entry
- Photos selected for display will be printed & laminated to standard exhibition size and exhibited at the Dunn Lewis Centre on 27 & 28 November
- Entrants agree for their laminated photo to be exhibited
- Entrants acknowledge the right of the South Pacific Heathland Reserve Land Managers to use the photographs selected for display for non-commercial purposes only such as display and promotion of the Reserve via Facebook, YouTube and publicity outlets
- Prizes - An overall first prize & runner up prize awarded
- Prizes & Certificates awarded for category & theme winners & runners up
- Photos can be collected in the Reserve in late January on dates to be notified.

Workshops will be held in the Reserve for beginners to learn more about nature photography. Sessions held at 10.30 on 11 and 18 September in the Reserve. Places limited so register at [southpacificeathlandreserve@gmail.com](mailto:southpacificeathlandreserve@gmail.com)



South Pacific Heathland Reserve  
Crown Land Reserve



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## South Pacific Heathland Spring Photo Competition

Many of you know the South Pacific Heathland Reserve very well but for others it may be a bit out of the way and a bit of a mystery. It is well worth getting to know, especially in Spring when the flannel flowers flank the pathways, and the brilliant red of the waratahs can be spotted in the bush. The glossy black cockatoos and sea eagles are regular visitors as well as many smaller birds that can be spied in the underbrush.

The Heathland Reserve is Crown Land and is managed by a group of community volunteers with the grandiose title of Land Managers. This year the Land Managers successfully applied for a grant to launch a Spring Photographic Competition. The competition aims to attract more people to the Reserve and to share its beauty with the community at large.

Entries for the Competition must be taken in the Reserve. Detailed information about the conditions of entry are on the flyer on the previous page.

If you would like to enter the competition but are not super confident in your nature photography skills, there will be a couple of nature photography workshops held in the Reserve on Saturday 11 and Saturday 18 September at 10.30 at the Dowling Street entry to the Reserve. You can bring your smartphone or camera. Two experienced nature photographers will lead you on a walk through the Reserve and provide hints and guidance as to getting the best photo possible of the flowers, insects, and birds that you encounter.

Participation in these workshops is limited and Covid rules apply, so please register your interest as soon as you can by contacting [southpacificheathlandreserve@gmail.com](mailto:southpacificheathlandreserve@gmail.com).

Hopefully we can all see your photos displayed at the public exhibition at the Dunn Lewis Centre in November.



Thank you to Debbie Kendall for sending in these beautiful photos: Children's Rose and Camellias, both from her garden.



## Wonders will never cease – thank you Elvina James

We had a total of 16 people for our walk in the Wildflower Reserve on August 1<sup>st</sup>. The walk was enjoyable with plenty of flowers to see, even a waratah bud or 2. Sorry you missed it – make an effort to attend the next one on Wed September 1<sup>st</sup> at 10:00am, you won't be disappointed.

Why should we celebrate Wattle Day? Wattle is our national flower emblem, and the bright yellow colours light up the bush. *Acacia pycnantha* is the species which was chosen as our emblem. Unfortunately, it doesn't grow in our area as it prefers the drier inland areas. There are plenty that grow in our area, and you can always grow your own. There are approximately 1000 species growing in Australia. About 350 extra species are growing in other countries (Africa and Europe). Some species have little balls of fluff and others have little rods of fluff. They are a very interesting family of plants. Even the seed boxes vary from species to species. I have thought of an interesting project for those people who have more land than the average house block – try planting a species that will flower in each month of the year.



Still on acacias but a different outlook. Forests of *Acacia mangens* have been established in the Tiwi Islands (off NT). The first harvest was to have been turned into wood chips – I hope it was successful.

**Birthday Flowers for September:** Brown boronia, Boronia, Daffodil or Jonquil

Those born in September are devoted, composed, passionate and very imaginative.

September was the 7<sup>th</sup> month of the Roman calendar but the ninth month according to our reckoning. The Anglo-Saxons called it 'gerst' month – barley month.

Friendship is caring and sharing and being there for each other.

Important Dates for September:

- 1<sup>st</sup> National Wattle Day  
Walk in the Wildflower Reserve 10:00am
- 3<sup>rd</sup> National Flag Day
- 5<sup>th</sup> Father's Day
- 7<sup>th</sup> National Threatened Species Day
- 9<sup>th</sup> RU OK Day
- 21<sup>st</sup> International Day of Peace
- 23<sup>rd</sup> Spring Equinox
- 30<sup>th</sup> World Maritime Day

September is bio-diversity month. What can we do for making our area a better place for all humans, animals, plants etc.

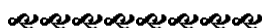
Whales – they are out there and will soon be heading back to Antarctica. If you have time, you can't go too far these days but why not visit some of our vantage points and see if you can spot a whale. The whales have no lock downs and no restrictions on travel.

Several years ago, I was given a piece of plant material about 15cm (6 inches) long. It was placed in a pot and had a varied existence. When I came back from Kempsey at the end of June, it was looking a little sad. With regular watering, I soon noticed some buds (I had never seen buds or flowers on these plants before), now it is doing much better.

**Trivia:**

A group of twelve or more cows is called a 'flock'  
An albatross can sleep while it flies.

Enjoy your garden.



## Shirley Smith Award 2021

We have received a tip this month, so here it is

To remove leaves from between shrubs, use a children's sized rake, available from Bunnings of course.



**The Competition for the September meeting is Orchids**

## Competitions for 2021

<b>October</b>	Roses
<b>November</b>	Symphony in White



## Are you looking for volunteering opportunities?

The Sarah Claydon Charity shop, located in Milton, is looking for additional volunteers to help - only 3 hours/month (morning or afternoon shift) is required.

Please contact Ann Keegan on 0417 690 620 or Maree Nolan on 0429 499 388 to discuss.



## Garden Clubs of Australia Calendar

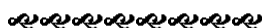
The Garden Clubs of Australia Inc. (GCA), in conjunction with Bartel Calendars, are pleased to present the normal full size 2022 annual pictorial Calendar featuring a wonderful variety of Australian gardens taken by affiliate members.

The Calendar includes the Wall Planner to record all important dates. It's a perfect gift for friends and family – especially for those living overseas.

**Bartel are offering the more streamlined ON-LINE ordering service at [bartelcalendarsldc.com.au/gardenclub](http://bartelcalendarsldc.com.au/gardenclub) with an automatic email confirmation of the order (& payment) for each order – regardless of how you pay (credit card or cheque).**

People choosing to pay by credit card will use the secure on-line checkout process. Those choosing to pay by cheque will still use the same on-line process and select 'offline payment' - then post the cheque to Bartel who will easily match the order to the payment.

**For those members who do not have access to a computer and would like to purchase the calendar, please contact Debbie Kendall on 0412 069 520 by September 14 and she will place a bulk order Cost is \$10.00 each.**



### Paid Advertisement

Tony Karacsonyi, of Narrawallee, is now offering his gardening services to Garden Club members. Tony is already maintaining several gardens in Mollymook and Milton, and is skilled in weeding, planting, pruning, mulching and creating gardens. He has worked as a planter/bush regenerator, for the past 9 years for Shoalhaven City Council and the NPWS. He has Certificates 1, 2 and Part 3 in Horticulture from Ulladulla TAFE, and Chemical Certificate from North Sydney TAFE. Some members will know Tony and his wife Elizabeth, from the Milton/Ulladulla Orchid Society Shows, so if you have orchids that need re-potting, he can do that too.



**Call Tony on Tel; 0476 938 415 or AH; 4455 4552**

**Garden Clubs of Australia – Biennial National Convention**

Sep 12 – 16, Townsville [www.gcaconvention2021.com](http://www.gcaconvention2021.com)

**This has now been cancelled until 2022** – Watch this space for further details

**Garden events that may be of interest to you** – (not part of UGC planned activities)

**Tulip Time Festival 2021**, 17 Sept - 4 Oct 2021

Corbett Gardens, Bendooley Street, Bowral

**Roses by the Seaside, 2021 National Rose Championships and Conference, Kiama**

Sat Oct 16 and Sun Oct 17

The Pavilion, 2 Bong Bong Street, Kiama

<http://www.nsw.rose.org.au/rose-society-events>

**Bundanoon Garden Ramble 2021**

Sat Oct 30 and Sun Oct 31

**Bathurst Spring Spectacular 2021** (including plant and garden expo)

Sat Oct 30 and Sun Oct 31

[www.bathurstgardenclub.org.au](http://www.bathurstgardenclub.org.au)

**Birchwood (near Benalla) Open Garden**

Sat Oct 30 and Sun Oct 31

[www.birchwoodnearbenalla.com.au](http://www.birchwoodnearbenalla.com.au)



**Have your say ...**

Is there something that you want to say about the joys or otherwise of home gardening? The newsletter is a place that you can post your views or make comments or even write a story. Don't be shy and don't think that you need to be a great writer to contribute – we can help you if you need it. Members' contributions are what make newsletters interesting. Have your say!

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**Photos for Newsletter**

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