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NEWSLETTER - April 2022

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FYI – Due to ANZAC Day falling on our usual garden club meeting day, there will be no meeting on Mon April 25

New Members

Please welcome new member/s:



Get Well Messages

If you are aware of a member who is not well, or needs cheering up, **please let Chris Turner know on 0415 398 254**



Banking Information – please note new details

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

Westpac Ulladulla Branch
BSB 032701 Account No 269025

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

You can also pay at meetings using our new EFTpos facility – please see further information in this newsletter.



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. As our monthly meetings are resuming, those who do not receive the newsletter via email, can collect their copy from the Welcome desk on meeting day.



Propagation Group – meets the 2nd Wednesday of the month.



President's Message

The year seems to be flying by. The rain continues. However, as I write this message the sun is shining. Any tiny bit of sunshine makes everyone happy. As I look outside, I can see birds eating the nectar from all the native bushes and lizards lazing in the sun on a retaining wall.

As you know we don't have an April meeting because of ANZAC Day. Our next meeting is on May 30.

Usually in April the garden is deciding what plants, flowers and vegetables will be appearing over the winter months. My garden is confused.



Too much rain and overcast skies seems to have slowed some plant's growth. After further research I've learnt that heavy rain leaches nutrients in the soil and can trigger nutrient deficiency, affecting the plant growth.

Excessive soaking after rain showers and storms can ruin plants' roots, which in turn affects how plants grow. Waterlogged soil will push out oxygen. All parts of plants need oxygen to survive, so **if they don't have oxygen, they won't survive.**

Now to my real love. BROMELIADS.

I remember attending a garden club trip to the plant fair at Richmond some years ago. Magnificent flowers and plants. The bromeliad display was inspiring. I became enthralled by their diversity. They have truly stunning, colourful foliage, flowers, or both, and most are very, very easy to care for. Mass plantings put on a magnificent display in my garden.



Bromeliad is generally pest free. The only issue tends to be rot if it gets too wet.

Either side of my front door are two pots full of bromeliads. They've been there for 18 years. Came with the house. They have red and green leaves with the most beautiful tiny little purple flower nestled in amongst the leaves. Amazing!

Hope to see you all at our May meeting.

Happy gardening!



[This Photo by Ulladulla](#)
Sue Mc



Keeping everyone COVID safe for our meetings - update

The NSW government has recently announced changes to the requirements for COVID management. Effective 18 February 2022, QR codes are no longer required on entry to the Church and mask wearing is no longer mandatory at our meetings (effective 25 February 2022).

Wearing a mask, however, is still recommended where social distancing is more difficult. If you feel this is the case in our meetings, you are encouraged to wear a mask.

At our monthly meetings, we must make sure everyone is protected and safe from COVID infection. It is frustrating but essential that we all still closely observe the following rules:

- Please do not come to the meeting if you are feeling unwell and have any cough or cold symptoms.
- Once you are inside the venue go to the Welcome Table as usual to record your attendance; this is for insurance purposes.
- After recording your attendance, move around the room in a clockwise direction to get your raffle tickets and view the Garden Gems, Competition and Trading table.
- Once you are seated, please remain in your seat until the morning tea break.
- Morning tea will continue to be served individually from the serveries in the kitchen.
- You may prefer to use your own mug otherwise all tea and coffee will be served in polystyrene cups. Biscuits will be served in individually wrapped packets.
- Hand sanitisers will be located at the entry and at strategic points in the meeting area. Please sanitise your hands regularly.
- Happily, singing and dancing is now allowed.



Finance Report for March 2022 – Sue Hobson (Treasurer)

Funds held at Westpac and CBA at February 28, 2022	\$15309.18
March Income	\$7981.98
March Expenditure	\$1465.18
Cash Book and Westpac balance as of March 31, 2022	\$21825.98
Bendigo Bank Term Deposit	\$7261.99
Student' account	\$2426.28

In case you missed it – Exciting news from the Treasurer

Last September we started the process of changing our bank from the Commonwealth Bank to Westpac. We have now completely closed the CBA accounts so they can no longer accept payments.

If you wish to transfer a payment directly to our bank you need to use the following details.

BSB: 032 701

Account No: 269025

Name: Ulladulla and Districts Garden Club Inc

Please make a note of this and change our details in your payments list if you do online banking.

Garden Club EFTPOS

I am happy to let you know that we now have the capability to take EFTPOS payments at our meetings. We have purchased the "Square" payment system which is easy and convenient to use.

Members will be able to pay for membership, trips and other sales from our Garden Club just by tapping a debit or credit card or using your phone payment option with our "Square" reader.

Please see additional information regarding this payment method on the next page of this newsletter.

In case you missed this last Month ...

Information from the Treasurer regarding “Square” payment method

Good morning members

It has been surprising and pleasing to see so many of you taking the opportunity to pay fees and trip costs by card with our new “Square” payment system, however, as previously communicated, “Square” costs us 1.9% for each transaction. This can add up quickly when large amounts are being paid and will be a problem for us when the bills come in, as our income will be less than forecast.

Another drawback at the last General Meeting was that “Square” was so busy people had to queue, contributing to congestion in the room.

I would like to ask those of you who can, to pay online rather than waiting for a meeting to pay by card. This will achieve smaller queues and less cost to the club and ultimately to members as we will need to add the 1.9% to each “Square” payment to avoid losing this money.

You will be familiar with many businesses adding a small percentage when you pay by card, and we find that we will also need to do this. It is generally such a small amount that it is easily absorbed by the customer and I’m sure many of you will not mind this when weighed against the security and convenience of payments by credit or debit card.

I also want to make you aware that I will not be acknowledging online payments by email as I have previously. It is not needed as you will have records of the payment within your bank and can also send a notification of payment to us by email from your bank. If you aren't sure whether your payment has reached us, you are welcome to email me, and I will respond.

Lastly, if you want to pay by direct cash deposit in the bank branch you cannot have a name as the reference, only a number.

I would prefer a call or email to let me know you are going to do this, and I will give you a reference number so I can identify your payment.

If you don't have a number from me, you will need to email, text, or call me to let me know what number was used with your payment.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

Sue Hobson



About the Fauna in my Garden – Daryl Bishop

About Moths

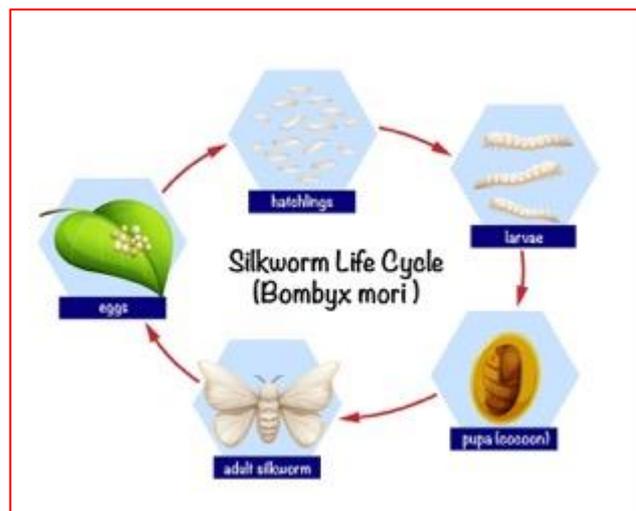
I have lost my glasses somewhere in the garden. I am told (because the multi-focal lenses are imported) that they will take a minimum of 6 weeks to replace. Until that happens (because of my limited eyesight) it will be only short articles where I don't have to spend a lot of time checking my facts. I'll stay on the subject of moths (or their offspring).

The caterpillar of the silk moth *BOMBYX MORI* feasts entirely on the leaves of the mulberry tree. The caterpillars of most moths and butterflies can spin a type of silk thread, but with this one the silk is very strong, tough, and pliable.

When caterpillars are ready to metamorphize, it finds a likely spot away from mulberry leaves and begins to ooze a sticky silk thread from its spinneret. In the case of this caterpillar, the thread is so fine and strong that humans have used it to produce one of their most luxurious of materials.

When it first starts spinning, the caterpillar forms a flimsy curtain of threads between the mulberry leaves within which it is still clearly visible. After a few hours of work, the caterpillar stops attaching the silk to the leaves and begins to wrap itself. It uses about a kilometre of gummy thread to make the cocoon. Inside this cocoon, it becomes a pupae, (or chrysalis). Its body liquidises and reforms as an adult moth.

According to legend, in about 2700BC the Chinese Princess Si Ling Chi first discovered how to use the silk-worm cocoon (caterpillars) to make silk thread. She became known thereafter as the Silk Goddess.



The cocoons are plunged into boiling water, which kills the caterpillar and dissolves the sticky gum on the silk. The fine silk from several cocoons is twisted together and spun to make a usable thread. The fact that these creatures were already a pest on the mulberry tree, which were prolific and easy to grow, that they didn't need special equipment to spin the thread, all added to the 'magic' of the discovery. It was cheap and easy to produce and got rid of what was a nasty pest. The secret of silk making was kept by the Chinese for centuries.

These particular moths do not breed wild anymore. They are bred in captivity. Only a limited number of pupae are allowed to survive each season to be used as adult moths for breeding. The species and its silk have been improved over the years and is now a creature totally under human control, fed on chopped mulberry leaves.

BUT ... its by product is beautiful. Not only does it feel luxurious, but it looks great. It is easy to work with, drapes well and lasts long. The Silk Goddess is still revered in China.

Just think, without these moths, use may never have been made of that track called the Silk Road and who knows what might have become of Marco Polo!

Birthday flowers

April	Daisy and Sweet Pea
May	Lily of the Valley and Hawthorn
June	Rose



March Guest Speaker

Guest Speaker for the March Meeting was Garden Club Member Gill Pisani. Gill talked about how she and husband, Tony, have discovered easier ways to manage and maintain their garden as they get older. Gill also talked about how she was inspired by visits to many other gardens either on our coach trips or locally through our many coffee mornings/open garden visits to members' gardens. Thank you Gill, we all enjoyed your talk.



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.



Vale: Stan Hellyer

Bev Hellyer advised us that Stan passed away on April 1. Stan, a kind and friendly man, was a member of our Garden Club for many years and often accompanied Bev on our trips. Our thoughts are with Bev and her family at this sad time.



Activities - Debbie Kendall

NEW DEPARTURE TIME 6.30 am, Wednesday, 4 May: Day Trip to Bowral:

Please Note: New Departure Time – 6.30 am from Ulladulla Civic Centre, with pick ups at Milton Bus Stop, near the corner of Church St & Princes Hwy, and at the Lake Conjola turn off.

Due to the road closures following the heavy rainfall, we will have to depart earlier than previously advised to allow for detours.

We will be visiting 3 Bowral GC members' gardens –The first two gardens are in Bowral, and the third garden is in Moss Vale which we will visit after lunch. Morning tea will be served by members of the Bowral Club at our first garden. As toilet facilities are limited, we will have a comfort stop before visiting our first garden.

Lunch and retail therapy will be at members' expense in Bowral Village.

Due to some cancellations we now have a few seats available for this Day Trip. If you are interested in joining us then please give me a call on 0412 069 520.

Tuesday, 31 May: Open Garden – POSTPONED until a date to be advised .

Monday 10 Oct – Thursday 13 Oct : 4 days/3 nights trip featuring Mayfield Gardens, Oberon.

Cost: Price for this 4 day/3-night trip are twin share \$900 pp; single rate \$1140; triple share \$855.

Deposits of \$200 DUE BY 25 APRIL - final payment due by 30 August 2022.

Travel Insurance: It is recommended that you consider taking out travel insurance in the case of any unforeseen circumstances.



FYI only – not an organised UGC trip

Bathurst Spring Spectacular

10 Open Gardens for \$20

Sat Oct 29 and Sun Oct 30

springspec@bathurstgardenclub.org.au

Diary of a Thwarted Orchid Grower

My garden has been so sodden, it has been a low priority to navigate the swampy lawn to check on the welfare of my orchid and update my orchid diary. In the course of my daily tasks, I have seen that many of my plants have not survived the ongoing rain and saturated soil – thyme, rosemary, lavender and a variety of natives; in fact, all the plants that thrived in the dry conditions three years ago. I was concerned that my orchid too had succumbed to the current conditions.

But despite all, it is limping along. There is no exciting new growth and what is there looks robust. It doesn't look as healthy as it did in January, and it is not doing nearly as well as the Crucifix orchid growing next to it in the ground or the one on the other side that is growing in a pot. They have really relished their new home after being purloined from the garden next door when they crept through the fence. The ground dweller is even sporting a bud!

I will keep you posted!



Competition Results for March meeting:

And the winners for **Shades of Blue** were:

1st: Sheila Gallant

2nd: Catherine Craig

3rd: Gill Gibson



Competition for May 2022 meeting – One Perfect Bloom

Competitions for 2022

June	Winter Wonders
July	Camellias
August	Succulents
September	Orchids
October	Roses
November	Symphony in White



Shirley Smith Award 2022 - Hooray, we have a tip!

I read this hint on the Riverina Plants and Gardening Facebook page. This Facebook page is a great source of suggestions, but I've found you do need to be a little circumspect and trust your gardening values. I read that when you need to clear fallen leaves and debris from under shrubs and plants growing close to the ground, use a children's rake. Reportedly, it's much easier to manipulate in the small space. Of course, I thought that was crazy.

However, 12 months later when I was clearing rose leaves infected with black spot from underneath the bushes in my rose bed, I realised how handy a smaller rake would be. So next time I saw one in my favourite shop, I bought one. It wasn't a crazy idea; the smaller rake is great for clearing out tight spots. I commend the children's rake as a useful and inexpensive addition to your garden tool collection.

Tumbarumba Garden – thank you Jooi Harris

As we start venturing out and resuming garden visits may I share with you our recent garden trip to Tumbarumba.

Martin and I, with our 12-year-old granddaughter enjoyed a week's getaway early in April. The highlight was a weekend at **Braymont Garden** in the Snowy Valley. The spectacular Autumn foliage greeted us with over 100 Manchurian Pears lining their driveway.

Garden owner, Chris Brayne has tirelessly transformed a 6-acre stock paddock, purchased in 2013, and created a beautiful garden. There is so much to see, enjoy - or simply take a seat and experience the tranquillity.

I loved the MASSIVE TREE CHURCH and certainly understand its popularity as a wedding venue. There's Indian Runner ducks swimming in the dam - also Rainbow Trout, so I was told. With an easy walk along the banks, over bridges, under pergolas past the hairy heaven cemetery, and all with a backdrop of the awesome Snowy mountains.

The garden is easy to get around. An abundance of garden beds, Iris, Dahlias, Lilies to name a few and a very artistic array of shrubs and trees with an abundance of eye-catching garden art. There's also the opportunity of some creative food treats and delicious coffee. Not to forget Obsession Wines next door. Admission charge is a very reasonable \$10.

Without a doubt, Braymont Garden is a garden to add to your Bucket List. I know I'm ready to return, there's so much to see in this area. Check it out on Facebook or come and talk to me.

Jooi Harris



More images from Braymont Gardens

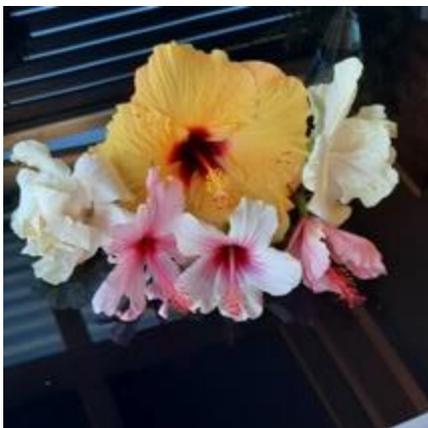


Giant Rabbit Poo anyone? – Thank you to new member Sharon Kleinman

Just wanted to let members know,
Our neighbour has pet giant rabbits (so giant rabbit poo)
I have googled rabbit poo as fertiliser, and it is apparently an excellent Source of nitrogen
and a cold fertiliser so won't burn plant roots
If any members would like some poo I can bag it up and bring in



Beautiful images from Ruth Fucile's garden



Gardens and Landscapes of the Southern Highlands - Then and Now

at the Berrima District Historical & Family History Society Museum Reopening on 4 March, 2022

Berrima District Museum has now reopened with all the regular displays available, and an exciting new digital exhibition installed in the Williams Gallery. This new exhibition, *Gardens and Landscapes of the Southern Highlands, Then & Now*, has been put together in conjunction with the **Australian Garden History Society (AGHS) Southern Highlands Branch**, its current Chair being Ruth Bailey.

The exhibition comprises ten digital screen displays along with glass-cabinet and wall-mounted displays. Featured are several old and new local gardens, stories and images about early prominent lovers of the district's landscape, and photograph collections of local horticultural events including Bowral's Tulip Time and Bundanoon's Garden Ramble.

Each of the screens features a different aspect of the *Garden and Landscapes* Exhibition, as listed:

- **Screen 1:** Exeter's Commercial Gardens (Linda Emery)
- **Screen 2:** A dozen local gardens that have featured in *Highlife* magazine. Prepared by Deborah McIntosh and photographs by Tony Sheffield (170 images).
- The gardens: Fifth Chapter, Carisbrooke, Highdown, Chinoiserie, Jean Flora, Frensham Sturt, Morton Views, Murrays Glen, Red Cow Farm, Secret Garden, Upper Woodlands, Suncrest and Watershed.
- **Screen 3:** The Hordern Gardens of Bowral: Retford Park, Milton Park and Hopewood (Linda Emery). **Screen 4:** Bangala, A House and Garden in Bowral. Prepared by Susan Hand and Ralph Suters.
- **Screen 5:** Louisa Atkinson's Sketch Book (66 images of her natural history and botanical drawings) given by Janet Cosh to the Mitchell Library in 1961.
- **Screen 6:** Three Talented Ladies: Charlotte Atkinson, her daughter Louisa Atkinson and Louisa's grand- daughter Janet Cosh. Prepared by Jenny Woodwell.
- **Screen 7:** Beautiful Bundanoon. A potpourri of modern images including of Bundanoon Gullies, bush fire scenes, and Bundanoon Garden Ramble photos (Joy Brown, Meg Nurse and Margie Thomas).
- **Screen 8:** Early photographs of Bundanoon Gullies by W A Nicholas, dating from c1890 (Bud Townsing).
- **Screen 9:** Yarrabin at 32 Kangaloon Road, Bowral, the former home of Tim & Keva North who were members of the AGHS. Prepared by Bud Townsing.
- **Screen 10:** Bowral's Tulip Time: images spanning the decades of its existence from 1961 (Philip Morton).

The content on the screens is complemented by the glass cabinet displays and wall mountings, and with some interesting terracotta garden features.

In the glass cabinets are a variety of displays, including works created by Louisa Atkinson and Janet Cosh and Elaine Musgrave, some garden award trophies and a collection of Tulip Time brochures. Photographs, images, and maps are displayed on the walls of the Gallery.

Excerpt from #544 December 2021 Newsletter - Berrima District Historical & Family History Society Inc



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

Do you have a photo you love of your garden or a plant or animal in your garden? We would love to share it with our members through the newsletter so please don't stop sending them in. They are a wonderful addition to our newsletter. Send them to ulladullagardenclub@gmail.com or directly to me at annkeegan@bigpond.com



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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