

# STRATHALBYN GARDEN CLUB NEWSLETTER



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It's the middle of winter and what better time to celebrate our Silver Anniversary! Our thanks to all those who have helped our Club reach this major milestone and I and the committee look forward to ensuring we have an interested and varied programme for us all to enjoy over the next twelve months. We start on the 22<sup>nd</sup> of July with our 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebrations – do join us but please do the “right thing” and we will all stay safe and well.

David Thomas, President

## **SUBS ARE NOW DUE PLEASE \$10**

Place correct money in an envelope with your name and address on front or

Pay online – Strathalbyn Garden Club

BSB 105 019 Acct: 037 873 640 Add your name and words SUBS in remitter line

Send confirmation email to Ced Huxter [cchuxter@aussiebb.com.au](mailto:cchuxter@aussiebb.com.au)

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Welcome to our new look newsletter – and as the saying goes: “your patience is important” as I deal with a few technical teething problems whilst learning the ropes! ☺ Jen

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## **MEMBER'S CORNER (though not in a corner!)**

This is a new feature to be included in each newsletter - please contact David Thomas

- Wanted please – 3 or 4” pots for cuttings. Please contact Bernice Sayer or see David or Jen for her address
- Give away – 30 meter retractable Hoselink hose (see David & JennyThomas)

## PROGRAM UNTIL END OF YEAR

AUGUST 26th	<b>Alyssa Lovelock</b>	“Flows for the future”
SEPTEMBER 23th	<b>Rob Anderson</b>	Christmas gifts to make using garden pieces
OCTOBER 8th	<b>CAVALCADE</b>	Venues to be advised
OCTOBER 28th	<b>Bloom Competition</b>	Flowers, pots, photos
NOVEMBER 25th	<b>Christmas Lunch</b>	Goolwa Hotel

**Our Christmas Celebration lunch will be held at the Goolwa Hotel with a delicious 2 course meal @\$32 per person on November 25<sup>th</sup>. Please advise Jen E. asap if you have any dietary requests. One bus is booked, price is \$10 pp and first in with payment gain a seat! Once full other members are encouraged to car pool 😊 Payment in advance for meals to confirm a place.**

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**REMINDER: the Strathalbyn Show is celebrating its 150<sup>th</sup> year on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> October so please support this wonderful community event**

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**Gardening in July:** move or plant all deciduous trees & plants now. It’s a great time to plant Lavender, Nandina, Camellia, bare rooted roses, fruit trees. **Winter vegies** can include beans, cauliflower, spinach, rhubarb, onions, radish, snow peas, beetroot, potatoes, parsnip & more!

### JEN’S GARDENING JOKES

My gardener talked to me about edible herbs I can grow – it was sage advise 😊  
Yet again, someone has added more soil to my allotment – the plot thickens 😊  
What do you get when worms take over the world? –Global warming 😊



# STRATHALBYN GARDEN CLUB MINUTES

General Meeting held Strath Neighbourhood Centre.  
Friday 24<sup>th</sup> June 2022 – 10.12 pm

**Meeting commenced** – New President David introduced himself and asked treasurer Ced to thank the retiring committee members for their service and presented a small gift to Norma and Jackie who had both completed 12 years on the committee.

**New Members** - Kay Dobrilla, Margie Rowe. Attendance - 63 Apologies – 11.

**Lucky Door Prize** - Carolyn Huxter

**Correspondence** - Nil

**Treasurer** – Covered in the AGM

June 2022					
Opening Balance [General Funds]					
DATE			DATE		DEBIT
24/06/2022	Membership		05/06/2022	Audit Preparation printouts	
24/06/2022	New Membership		08/06/2022	Gifts	
24/06/2022	Raffle		21/06/2022	Hall hire	
24/06/2022	Donation (Ren Tremayne)		14/06/2022	Admin (stationery)	
24/06/2022	Trading Tables		15/06/2022	Website + Domain Renewal	
24/06/2022	Quirky Car Trip		21/06/2022	Batteries Audio/Vis Eqmnt	
			24/06/2022	Printing	
			24//6	Catering	
			24/06/2022	Gifts	
			24/06/2022	Raffle tickets	
			29/06/2022	Marchismick Garden	
<b>Total</b>					

## Announcements -

Trees for Life welcome new team member - All seeds now allocated.

**News from the Aged Care Garden** – a bird bath has been added and only one plant lost to date.

**Regenerating Australia Screening** - 16<sup>th</sup> July 2.30pm or 7pm discussion to follow.

**25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration** – All will be revealed. No raffle or trading table this day.

**Car Pool outing** – Latest notice about Garden Trip on Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> June

Please assemble at Colman Tce carpark at 8:45am. Drivers try to arrange your passengers prior to enable a timely departure at 9:00am. Route sheets available.

1<sup>st</sup> stop- Pat Ingleton, Pt. Sturt Garden. 531 Pt. Sturt Rd. (approx.11kms from Strath)

2<sup>nd</sup> stop. Return to Milang and “Marchismick” Stirling St. for morning tea and garden. Group will be halved to accommodate seating under cover.

3<sup>rd</sup> stop. Milang Community Garden visit.

4<sup>th</sup> stop. “Bridge Hotel” Langhorne Creek for 1:00pm lunch.

Please advise Maria if you are not doing lunch!

**Minutes of the last meeting** - 27<sup>th</sup> May **Moved:** M. Jenkins **Seconded:** J. Hambleton **Business Arising** - Nil

**Autumn Rain Fall** – Chris Bourne gave us the stats.

March 8.5mm April 19.5mm May 63.5mm Total – 91.5mm

Average over past 10 years-98mm (176.5mm in 2015) Average for autumn since recording in 1861 -94.6mm).

## Raffle and morning tea

**Guest Speaker** - Loraine Gager. Standing in for our Covid stricken speaker shared her pictures of the many lovely gardens she has visited in various destinations around the world. Thank you Loraine.

**Next Meeting 22<sup>nd</sup> July**

Signed as a true and correct record.....

# Marchrismick - June 2022

'Marchrismick' at 33 Stirling Street, Milang was the second garden visited on Maria's Quirky Garden Tour on Wednesday 29th June.

The first garden was Pat Ingleton's at Point Sturt and after Marchrismick - named for the previous owner's grandsons, Mark, Chris and Mick, the tour continued on to Milang's Community Garden, then ended with a lovely lunch at the Langhorne Creek Hotel.

John and Roberta, on a whim, took on their 1.25 acre Marchrismick property with non wetting sandy soil and a derelict 1900s stone cottage in 1997.

They inherited a couple of well established pepper trees, a couple of radiata pines, a very worn out wormwood hedge, masses of asparagus ferns and lots of bamboo grass.

While they still struggle with their sandy soil, even after incorporating heaps of worm castings, compost, lucerne hay and animal manure, without being told, you'd never know it.

John and Roberta have built their garden around a number of neat structures, an out- door dining area sits near bright Bouganvillea.

Clivia, blood lily, salvias and succulents feature throughout the garden and around every corner you find an overflowing pot or neat structure like the hen house and wood store.

This couple have been hard at work, dealing with their non-wetting sandy soil, while restoring stone buildings and constructing other necessary buildings.

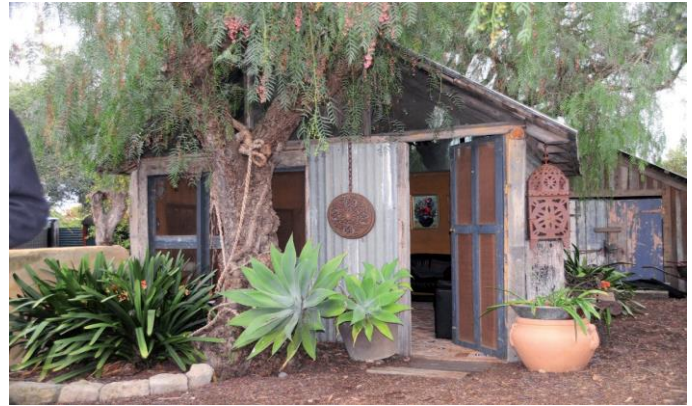
Marchrismick is a most interesting garden to visit, with interesting plantings including a dozen olive trees and six quince trees which have been trained to create an arched walkway - this idea was borrowed from the avenue of pleached trees at Carrick Hill.

Roberta admits to often purchasing a plant then finding a place for it in the garden, but this seems to be working for her.

There were raised vegetable plots full of lush healthy produce and after morning tea, the fire pit was a warm spot to sit and contemplate.

And then there's the quaint decorations and if you are lucky enough to see the garden when it lights up after dark you too can enjoy

more of the Magic of Marchrismick.



*Garden and buildings fit well together.*



*The fire pit was popular on this cold day.*



*Bouganvillea near the outdoor dining area.*



*The arched quince walk and the cottage.*