



NEWSLETTER

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STRATHALBYN GARDEN CLUB PROGRAM 2021

28th May	Paul DiPuglia	Neutrog
25th June	AGM	Subs due \$10
25th June	Steve Walker	Frogs
23rd July	Maurice Keen	All things Bees
27th August	Lyn Collins	Ferns
24th September	Greg Kirby	Gardening with Native Grasses
Monday 4th October	Strath Show 150th Anniversary	Enter flowers, vegetables, art, craft and your garden.
Saturday 9th October	Cavalcade of Gardens	More details to come Save the date.
22nd October	Bloom & Photo Competition	5 Categories to enter
26th November	End of year celebration	More details to come

TFL KI TREE GROWING PROJECT

The next (fourth) batch of Trees for Life seeds will be delivered towards the end of June for planting in July.

If anyone else would like to join the Growers Group please contact David Thomas on 8536 4275 for more information.

TREES FOR LIFE ANNUAL PLANT SALE



The Annual Garden Plant Sale is the perfect opportunity to talk to friendly staff about the best plants for your patch. Find species to encourage native birds, bees and butterflies to visit and pollinate. Choose from a wide range of quality native garden plants that will provide colour, shade, screening, and points of interest to your garden.

Trees For Life members receive a discount on all plants. Join online <https://treesforlife.org.au/> to access great savings.

When: Thursday 3 to Saturday 5 June, 9am-1pm

Where: Westwood Nursery, cnr of Sir Donald Bradman Drive and May Terrace, Brooklyn Park

Please note: Because of COVID-19 restrictions, the number of people in the Westwood Nursery at any one time will be restricted. Book online to secure a place.

The June 25th meeting of the Strathalbyn Garden Club will include the Annual General Meeting.

All committee positions will be declared vacant.

Now is the time for you to join the committee. Pick up a nomination form at the May meeting.

AGM

TREE NET - GLENN WILLIAMS Director

Glenn Williams took up the role of Director of TREENET in January 2013.

In addition to a past life as an educator in primary schools and TAFE, Glenn had been involved in natural resource management through local government for over 11 years and as a rural landholder and community volunteer for over 26 years.

As a former Natural Heritage Manager with the National Trust of South Australia Glenn was responsible for the Trust's Register of Significant Trees. From the outset and supported by an august team of experts comprising the Significant Tree Team, Glenn easily increased his love affair with culturally significant trees.

Glenn continues to support the NTSA Significant Tree Team's work around significant tree issues and championing the conservation of the urban forest.

Avenues of Honour is a national project to document, preserve, promote and reinstate the original Avenues of Honour and to establish new commemorative trees, coinciding with the Centenary of ANZAC, the Gallipoli Landings, World War I, through to November 11th 2018 and beyond.

The arboreal Avenue of Honour has been an enduring and highly popular form of public commemoration of military service in Australia. With a significant groundswell of community endeavour, as a nation, Australians have chosen to recognise service, sacrifice and suffering through community plantings of memorial Avenues of Honour. The earliest recorded Avenues of Honour were created in response to Australia's participation in the Boer War, but the majority were established during and after World War I and, to a lesser extent, World War II.

The first memorial tree to be planted for World War I anywhere in the world is believed to be the English Oak (*Quercus robur*) planted in Creswell Gardens, Adelaide, SA on the 29th of August 1914 a mere 25 days after the declaration of war between the United Kingdom and Germany. The Oak tree was planted by Sir Henry Galway, then Governor of South Australia. A further eight wattle trees were planted around it by other dignitaries to symbolise the eight States and Territories of the young Commonwealth of Australia. The wattles have been lost but



the Oak tree still remains as a living memorial and has the potential to grace the Adelaide Parklands for many decades more.

AVENUES OF HONOUR – A TERM TO EMBRACE ALL LIVING MEMORIALS

The term "Avenues of Honour" immediately conjures a precise image in the mind, of a double-row of sentinel trees, lining either side of a roadway, a street, or a path in a park or garden.

It must be noted the Avenues of Honour project uses the term more broadly, to record details about ALL commemorative trees, be they a solitary specimen (as in a 'Lone Pine' planting or the "War Memorial Oak"); or arranged as a single-sided row; or planted as a copse or memorial grove of trees.

Whatever aspect or arrangement they have secured in the landscape, these living memorials signify a common purpose for honouring the lives, the service, the sacrifice and the suffering.

GALLIPOLI ROSEMARY

In 1915 a wounded digger from Adelaide was repatriated to the Army Hospital at Keswick.

He brought back with him a small rosemary bush dug up from the slopes and ravines of the Anzac Cove and it was planted in the hospital grounds.

For decades small sprigs of the digger's rosemary were worn to honour the fallen on Anzac and Armistice days and after the Repatriation Hospital was established during WW2 at Daw Park SA, cuttings were taken and it was grown into a hedge on the hospital grounds.

This history was only discovered by David Lawry, Founder of the AoH Project, when as a landscaper in the late 1980's he was inadvertently removing part of it during renovations and the hospital gardener told him of its origin.

Worried that it might all be lost he took cuttings and kept a number of them growing in his native nursery to conserve the plant for posterity.

This information was taken from the Avenues of Honour website <https://avenuesofhonour.org/>

SHEEP MANURE FOR SALE

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\$20 collected in a trailer (6X4)

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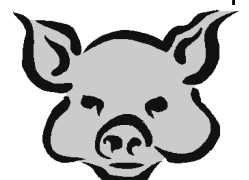
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WILLUNGA GARDEN VISIT

STOP ONE: 25 Hinkley Road Morphett Vale, home of Rodger and Jenny Argent. A delicious morning tea was provided to revive members after the early start from Strathalbyn. Pelargoniums and Geraniums plus a range of other plants were snapped up as our Club members admired the diversity of plants being grown.

The inspirational use of recycled materials to grow the plants was only overshadowed by the way in which every centimetre of space in the garden was devoted to plants in pots, in the ground and in hanging baskets. The sheer range of geraniums and pelargoniums with their different leaf shapes, growth habits, flower colour and flower shape was quite an education.



Resisting the temptation to buy the plants was nearly impossible because gardeners know the value of filling empty spots in the garden with hardy, waterwise, long lived and attractive geraniums and pelargoniums. Shade or sun, dry or damp, they thrive.





A steeply sloping block with stone steps, paths and retaining walls all built by Lew and Shirley from stones gathered locally was ablaze with colour.

Hibiscus, daisies, and roses shared the garden beds interspersed with pots of succulents for variety and texture.

The back corner is devoted to fruit trees and vegetables including prolific seven year beans and very healthy rhubarb.

At the top of the garden a shady pergola offered a pleasant place to sit and view the garden but I doubt that Lew and Shirley spend much time sitting.

STOP TWO - Lew and Shirley Pfeiffer



STOP 4 132 Gaffney Road, Willunga. Home of Roe Gartelmann.

This garden abounds with quirky garden ornaments, interesting pots and scarecrows. An adventurous garden with banana palms and a sloping path down to the creek bed. Shady groves allow tender plants to flourish and colour is provided by an eclectic mix of Mediterranean and Australian plants.

The three gardens which we enjoyed on our day in Willunga and McLaren Vale demonstrate the diversity and individual touch that all gardeners give to their plots of ground.

The weather was fine, the company excellent, the gardens diverse and interesting and the storage locker under the coach was well filled with plant purchases.

Thanks to Willunga Garden Club, Maria Maxwell, Ced & Carolyn Huxter and Rufus Coaches for another memorable day out.





STRATHALBYN GARDEN CLUB

Minutes

General Meeting held Strath Neighbourhood Centre.
Friday 23rd April 2021- commenced 10am.

Meeting commenced: Thanks for handing in your name tags. Please put phones on silent. COVID arrangements – keep distance at Raffle table and morning tea and use sanitiser.

Welcome Visitors: Ailie Sinclair, Gayle Baldock, Judy Taylor, Ruth van Senden

New Members: Nil **Attendance:** 76 **Apologies:** 5 **Lucky Door Prize:** Ailie Sinclair

Helen Stacey-Bunton: Town and Kirk presentation. The show will be held 1st and 2nd weekend in May. The Exhibition is at St. Andrews church hall at 2pm which includes afternoon tea. See flyers for more info.

Correspondence: **Garden Clubs of Aust:** Biennial National Convention – Townsville 12-16 Sept.

Announcements

Coach trip: We have a full coach.

Mandalay House & Garden: Open 8th and 9th May.

Remembrance Rosemary Bushes donated by our speaker: for sale at \$20.

KI TFL update: Still don't have a date for the next batch of seeds

Strathalbyn Library resources – There is a Green Living section pamphlets noting council owned trees, environmental weeds, plus many other useful resources in their 'Green Living' section of the shelves.

Minutes of the last meeting - Friday 26th March. **Moved:** C. Huxter. **Seconded:** V. Phillips.

Business Arising: Nil

Treasurer: Our funds are doing quite well. M. Croser, R Edwards, M. McKenzie, K. Michelmore and J. Turnbull have refunds outstanding. The trip sold out quickly.

Announcement: As our committee member Penny Fairweather is absconding to Alice Springs we would like to give her a little gift as we wish her well and thank her for her valuable input. This also means there will be a space on our committee that needs to be filled.

Speaker: Glenn Williams gave a very enlightening talk on his work with TreeNet and our significant trees.

Next Meeting 28th May 2021

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