



NEWSLETTER

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STRATHALBYN GARDEN CLUB PROGRAM 2021

22nd January	Dr Robin Allison	Water sensitive urban design
26th February	Joanne McPhee	Fleurieu Regional Waste Authority
26th March	Christine Graham	Experiences of a Rep in retail & wholesale nurseries.
23rd April	Glenn Williams	Significant Trees and Treenet.

A NEW YEAR & A NEW HOME



Commencing with the Friday 22nd January 2021 Strathalbyn Garden Club will be meeting at the Strath Neighbourhood Centre, 6 Parker Avenue with meetings commencing at the slightly earlier time of 9.45am and finishing around midday at the latest.

The Centre has ample parking, easy access, good heating and cooling, a ready supply of all the chairs, tables and kitchen equipment needed by the Club plus the acoustics are excellent. An added bonus is the Community Garden adjacent to the hall.

It may take a meeting or two to work out the best layout for our various raffle and sales tables, the sign in registry, Treasurer's table and Raffle ticket sales and the choreography for morning tea so your patience is requested.

Committee members and volunteers will assist at the first few meetings until we are all settled in.

COVID 19 PROTOCOLS

These will still apply with members using **hand sanitiser on entry** (a bit tricky when there are baskets and pot plants and handbags to juggle). It will probably be the new normal!

Social distancing with chairs spaced at the required intervals and personal distancing at morning tea and at the raffle table are also mandatory. Another new normal!

Members are encouraged to **bring their own mug** for morning tea rather than use a 'single use disposable' cup.

Given the uncertainty of further 'waves' of the virus it is important that the Committee is able to contact all members in a speedy and efficient manner to inform them of cancelled meetings etc.

Mobile phone text messages and/or emails are the best for the committee and we suggest members create their own network of friends to share the information. If you need help with this please contact a committee member.



JANUARY 2021

BEACH BACKYARDS - SATURDAY 30TH TO SUNDAY 31ST JANUARY 10AM—4.30PM

Five gardens at Henley Beach join for a combined event showcasing alternative takes on urban gardening at the beach. Each garden is different, but the common thread is that all these gardeners love and enjoy their gardens - their communal joie de vivre is enviable!

They are not large or big-budget, but friendly gardens where food is grown and shared with family, friends and neighbours - they all feature a strong productive element.

The tour of these gardens will start at **23 Reddie St, Henley Beach**, where visitors can purchase a \$15 ticket to see all five gardens. Please note that none of these gardens are suitable for prams or wheelchairs.

There will be a plant stall and members of the Mediterranean Garden Society will be available to provide advice.

Alison and Andy's Garden - A productive and inspiring entertainers' garden!

Irina, Andrew and Babushka Maria's Garden - A beautifully maintained garden, well planned to maximise the space for a range of family activities as well as providing produce and a source of gardening pleasure for family members.

Manfred's Garden - An eclectic and much-loved garden that demonstrates the benefits of regular applications of home-made compost.

Sue and Andrew's Garden

Vicki and Jack's Garden - The garden is sustainable and almost entirely organic and the owners are keen to share the ups and downs of battling coastal conditions and difficult soils to make a productive plot that feeds family and friends.

FEBRUARY

The Cascade Water Garden 2 Fairview Road, Crafers Saturday 06 to Sunday 07 February 2021

The Cascade Water Garden is a pond and aquatic habitat constructed on the slope of a hillside using many tons of artfully placed Carey Gully stone. Crystal clear water spills over the huge rocks and cascades into a large pool which is home to aquatic plants, invertebrates, fish and frogs. The water is aerated by the movement and filtered by the plants and reeds which naturally remove impurities - without adding chemicals, the result is a water quality clean enough to swim in!

MARCH

The Little Big Garden 8 Fleet Street, Bridgewater Saturday 13 to Sunday 14 March 2021

The Little Big Garden will appeal to old and new gardeners alike and offers a chance to see a knowledgeable gardening professional enjoying himself as he experiments with establishing his own garden.

A little garden that is big on interest, inspiration and ideas!

General entry to each garden is \$8 and \$6 for OGSA Members and for those with a Commonwealth Government Pensioner Concession Card or Health Care Card (not Seniors Cards). Children Under 18 are FREE. These cards must be shown at the gate.

SHEEP MANURE FOR SALE

\$5/ bag

\$20 collected in a trailer (6X4)

Tania & John Richardson

Woodchester

Phone John: 0429138783

We're happy to make your garden happy!

Spread the word.

Delivery available!



COMPOSTED PIG MANURE

\$9.00 per 27 litre bag

Free delivery in Strathalbyn

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Ros 0428 362 628

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A WORD FROM THE TREASURER

The year of 2020 has been particularly hard for all concerned, especially for social gatherings and Club meetings.

However, as with all organisations, the Strathalbyn Garden Club still has to pay for all of its running costs and overheads such as public liability insurance, club affiliation fees, club website, publishing the newsletter, etc.

These expenses are paid from the Club funds which rely on income support from membership subscriptions and fund-raising activities.

Membership subscriptions are vital for the smooth running of the Club and are therefore required to be paid on time at every AGM held at the end of June each year.

The Club Constitution and Rules state "Any member whose subscription is outstanding for more than 90 days after the due date of 1st July each year shall cease to be a member of the Club.....".

Generally, this rule is greatly relaxed to give late-paying members up to 180 days (6 months) to pay their arrears.

After this very lengthy period, a re-joining fee of \$10 is necessary, together with the membership subscription of \$10.

STRATHALBYN GARDEN CLUB OUTREACH

KANGAROO ISLAND & TREES FOR LIFE

A delivery of 20 boxes of seed kits was handed out to 15 growers in mid November and we can report that most of us are seeing quite a bit of activity. This time we are growing three types of eucalypts, six varieties of acacia plus leptospermum and melaleuca.

It is a source of wonder that the tiny dust like seeds of the *Eucalyptus camaldulensis* (River Red Gum) grow breathtakingly fast into mighty trees.

Our September seedlings are coming along slowly.

Growers, don't forget, if you are going away over the summer period and you want your seedlings looked after, contact Penny 0402 152 984 or Sue 0408 920 262

Register to be a grower for the next batch of boxes due in early 2021—contact Penny Fairweather 0402 152 984

GARDENAID

If you need occasional help in the garden or need someone to water while you are away contact our **Gardenaïd Coordinator** Penny Fairweather phone 0402 152 984.

GROW FREE CART

This season has produced an abundance of fruit on many backyard fruit trees.

If you are over making jam, preserving fruit or have just had your fill of fresh fruit then the Grow Free Cart at the Strath Neighbourhood Centre would welcome your donations.

Garden produce can be left on the cart at any time and it is quickly snapped up by passing neighbours. Donations of seeds clearly labelled with growing instructions are also welcome as are fresh eggs.



Food & Country

11 Feb • 10am-12pm
Port Elliot Institute Hall, the Strand

A session to explore the connections between people, places and food of Indigenous Australians with a special guest to be announced.



Food Freedom

25 Feb • 6:30pm-8:30pm
Strath Neighbourhood Centre,
Parker Avenue

Hear a farmer's perspective on local food sustainability from special guests Heirloom Harvest. Learn how to support local food and care for the land for future generations.

FOOD MATTERS

A SERIES OF WORKSHOPS BROUGHT TO YOU BY THE FOOD EMBASSY

11 & 25 FEBRUARY, 11 & 25 MARCH



What is your Foodprint?

11 Mar • 10am-12pm
Strath Neighbourhood Centre,
Parker Avenue

Learn about the best foods for your health and the health of the planet, enjoy a cooking demonstration, and take away some easy and practical tips



Building a Local Food Community

25 Mar • 6:30pm-8:30pm
Coolwa Library, Cadell Street

Hear from a past Food Matters participant about her experience building a resilient food system. Connect with others and start your journey in healthy, sustainable food.

ALL SESSIONS FREE. BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL.
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BLOOM COMPETITION OCTOBER 2020



Prizes for each of the five categories, judged by button numbers, were awarded to Jackie Chapman (Garden Photography), Jan Daniel (Rose), Helen Thredgold (Native bloom), Phil Agnew (Pot Plant) and Grahame Daniel (Any other bloom).

Congratulations to the winners, it was a tough competition with many superb entries. The Pot Plant category presented some interesting entries displaying good design and a sense of humour.





STRATHALBYN GARDEN CLUB

MINUTES

General Meeting held at St Andrews Church Hall. Friday 23rd October 2020

Meeting commenced: 10am. Norma noted that numbers are down today which is a bit disappointing, 62 so far. **There is a lovely perfume coming from the roses. Please put phones on silent. COVID Arrangements** – keep distance at Raffle table and morning tea, use sanitiser at raffle table and morning tea, assist with post meeting cleaning.

Welcome Visitors:

Dianne Jolly.

New Members: Terri McCutcheon and Shirley Pitman

Attendance: 64

Apologies: 18

Lucky Door Prize: Nancye Kopunic

Correspondence:

High Tea and Roses – Friday November 27th
Garden Clubs Australia Conference Townsville, September 2021
Drouin, Littlehampton open 7/8 November
Auchendarroch House Gardens, 1st Sunday of Month
SNC – Car book Sale 28th November
Goolwa, 1 Thornbury St. 31Oct/1st Nov.

Announcements

End of year lunch 27th November arrangements are falling into place. Pay now plus advise special dietary requirements. 45 booked so far.

Suicide Prevention Group donations of potted plants - thank you. Some plants left at the SNC.

Steam Ranger Heritage Railway planters – the wine barrels are at the Wood Shed being cut in half. A working bee on the Station to plant will be done. Donations of well rooted geraniums and fill in plants welcome. A weekly watering roster will be needed. Water is on the station and a watering can supplied. Donations of geraniums, ground cover, etc to the SNC please.

Parker Avenue Community Garden thank you for support for the re-launch – it's going well.

The sale of plants made \$600. Help requested Wednesday morning or 1 or 3rd Saturday. We are trialling potatoes in hay bales.

Strath Neighbourhood Centre Car Boot sale – donations of plants welcome. Plus help on the day .28th Nov. 8 am.

Neutrog launching Human Beans Ch. 9 news. Coffee beans being distributed by Food Bank on line.

Minutes of the last meeting Friday 25th September 2020. Moved: P. Fairweather 2nd: J. Chapman

Morning Tea and Best Bloom voting time. 5 votes each. 1 per category per member.

Talk:

Core and Strength classes will be started by Rosie soon.

T.F.L. Penny – a new delivery of 20 boxes is expected 15th Nov. Sue and I will instruct if necessary. This will take our total trees for K.I. to 3000.

Pig Manure sample bags available at front door donated by Brian Ness.

Speaker:

In lieu of a visiting speaker Norma showed pictures and commented on the community gardens she has visited in the past.

Next Meeting 27th November end of year lunch

PARKER AVENUE COMMUNITY GARDEN

A Garden is Always a Work In Progress.

Out in the garden the vegetables are growing well with pumpkins, cucumbers and zucchini in full production. Handfuls of beans are being harvested and the tomatoes are about to ripen. The capsicum and eggplant are flowering but fruit set usually starts as the days get shorter. The potatoes planted in the hay bales are growing well.

The fruit trees are also producing although being new the harvest will not be plentiful this year. Work has begun on installing the espalier trellising for each tree and during winter the trees will be pruned to suit and tied to the wires.

The plans for the large semi-permanent pergola, for which we received a grant, are with the Alexandrina Council and it is hoped that they will be approved before the end of January.

Once we have the pergola in place our plans include hosting harvest lunches where we will prepare and share the garden produce.

We will also spend more time under the shade preparing cuttings and sowing seeds for the plant sales corner and doing some garden arts and crafts so watch for details.

The grant also covered the cost of two smaller pergolas which have been purchased. One will be used to create

shelter over the plant sales corner.

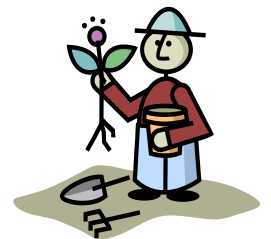
If you are interested in participating in the Parker Avenue Community Garden, working bees are held every Wednesday morning 9am – noon and 1st and 3rd Saturday mornings 9am to noon.

Funds raised from plant sales are put back into the garden but donations of well grown cuttings, saved seeds, small hand tools and secateurs and cane garden stakes would help stretch the money.

In return, the garden always has a good supply of empty pots in all sizes which gardeners are welcome to take.

Once the large gazebo is installed the irrigation can be laid to the central garden beds and more raised beds can be added.

Now that the garden is progressing we can consider developing a plant rescue space to rejuvenate and care for plants in preparation for finding them a new home.



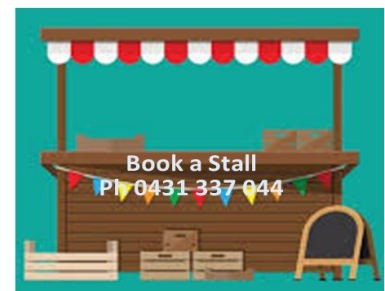
Twilight Market

Friday 22nd January 2021 4pm to Dusk
Strath Neighbourhood Centre
6 Parker Avenue



Variety Stalls
Car Boot Sales
Plants & Produce
Food + Food + Food
Entertainment

TO BOOK A SPACE
& FOR INFORMATION
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