



NEWSLETTER

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Please Note— from the March meeting we will be reverting to our original start time of 10am



CHANGES TO OUR NEUTROG ORDERING SYSTEM

- Neutrog will only be accepting orders on line as they have phased out the manual process used by us previously
- **With members permission** email addresses will be forwarded to Neutrog by the Strathalbyn Garden Club
- Many of you are already members of the Neutrog **POOH BAH CLUB** so will already be receiving emails from Neutrog
- Neutrog will contact individual email addresses and supply a unique customer discount code which will allow access to the Neutrog discount online store.
- Club members without email may ask a friend or family member to help them. The Strath Neighbourhood Centre can help with computer access and ordering.
- Neutrog are always available on the phone to guide you through the process. Phone **8538 3500** for advice.
- Neutrog orders will be delivered to the Strath Neighbourhood Centre twice a year in Autumn and Spring on a mutually acceptable date.
- Orders may be placed up to six weeks before the delivery due date
- Multiple orders may be placed by the same customer
- The ordering process is straightforward using a “Shopping Cart” and choosing from a catalogue of products.
- Payment is made online at the time of ordering using a secure online payment system.
- The extremely generous discounts will still apply
- The first order, if over \$40 worth of product, will receive a \$20 rebate.
- Neutrog will send out email reminders when orders and delivery are due.
- This process will streamline the system for Neutrog and greatly reduce the workload of our Neutrog Order co-ordinator Frank Chapman.
- All the details will be explained again at the March 26th meeting to clarify any uncertainties.



STRATHALBYN GARDEN CLUB PROGRAM 2021

26th March	Christine Graham	Experiences of a Rep in retail & wholesale nurseries.
23rd April	Glenn Williams	Significant Trees and Treenet.
23rd April	Flourishing on the Fleurieu	Out in the Garden
Friday 30th April	Coach Trip	Willunga and environs
28th May	Paul DiPuglia	Neutrog
25th June	AGM	Subs due

TO GIVE AWAY

Janet Jones has Canary Island Palms ranging from 45 cm to 2 metres needing new homes.

Dig your own!

Contact Janet on 0497 547 283 or catch her at the meeting.

PLANT RESCUE

Following the meeting when we had Alice McCleary from the Unley Plant Rescue Group a great deal of enthusiasm was expressed for starting such a group here in Strathalbyn.

The concept was simple. Plants and particularly pots were offered to the group by gardeners whose circumstances had changed and they had to part with their potted treasures.

Some plants need a little TLC before being sold on and the Unley group have regular sales days which are eagerly anticipated by gardeners from far and wide.

The Community Garden at Parker Avenue has recently taken delivery of a trailer and ute load of pot plants ranging from large patio plants to begonias and succulents. Volunteers are needed to revive these plants ready for new homes.

Regular weekly working bees are held on a Wednesday morning but if a group of gardening friends would like to nominate another time that would be great. The Community Garden will provide soil, pots, tools, water and shade plus a reviving cuppa as needed.

There appears to be an endless supply of plants being left out in the garden and it seems a shame not to take advantage of the largesse.

Talk to Norma 0416 173 573 if you and your friends are interested in being involved. Non Garden Club members are very welcome to participate.



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

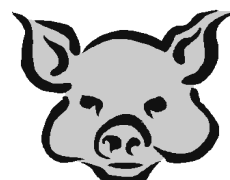
\$9.00 per 27 litre bag

Free delivery in Strathalbyn

Phone 8536 2628

Ros 0428 362 628

Brian 0438 362 628



PARKER AVENUE COMMUNITY GARDEN

"...I cannot endure to waste anything so precious as autumnal sunshine by staying in the house. So I have spent almost all the daylight hours in the open air."
– Nathaniel Hawthorne

CUTTING DAY HELD 3RD MARCH

Bucket loads of plant material were collected from Penny Fairweather's garden and the Garden Club volunteers made short work of filling close to 90 pots with cuttings.

If even half the slips take root we will have a huge stock of interesting plants for sale to support the Community Garden.

The fresh scones baked by the Neighbourhood Centre's "Garden Grubs" for morning tea were a welcome reward for the morning's efforts.

The trays of pots are being cared for in the gardens of the volunteers until such time as they are ready for another working bee to pot them on.



Out into the Garden Celebrating Active Ageing A Flourishing on the Fleurieu Festival Event Organised by the Strathalbyn Garden Club

Friday 23rd April 1.30—3.30pm in the Community Garden 6 Parker Avenue.

An opportunity to invite friends, family and neighbours to spend time in the Community Garden.

Smell the flowers, admire the vege beds, pot up a bulb to take home and enjoy a cuppa with scones.

Free and booking to attend not required.

The Community Garden will have plants for sale to brighten the winter garden and to plant in the vege patch.



'SERENITY' OPEN GARDEN Sunday 18th April 2021 10am - 4pm

775 Old Bull Creek Road Strathalbyn

Watch for signs. Parking in the paddock.

Entry \$10 includes light refreshments.

Cash only. No concessions. Children under 12 free.

Plant sales * produce sales * craft sales * raffle.

Working Scale Model Train display in the shearing shed.

Funds raised support the work of the Scout Social and Service Group.

Contact Phone 0416 173 573



FLEURIEU REGIONAL WASTE AUTHORITY

Jane Brook, our guest speaker from the Fleurieu Regional Waste Authority gave an entertaining and informative illustrated presentation on the vital work of dealing with all the waste generated by the households in our Council area.

Our household rubbish and garden waste is no longer tipped into a big hole and then covered as quickly as possible with dirt to prevent the scavenging birds and vermin invading it.

These days Garbage Collection is a high tech big business as households sort (or should be sorting) their waste into the correct collection bins which are then dealt with appropriately. General waste still goes to landfill, but much of what we throw away can be reused and recycled. To make collecting waste effective requires careful collecting and sorting. Modern garbage trucks are fitted with computer technology to assist with assessing the material collected as an entire load of recyclables if contaminated with inappropriate rubbish may need to be redirected to land fill which has serious financial implications for the Waste Authority.

Over recent years many innovative uses have been developed for the different items sent for recycling and reuse.

Green waste in particular can now include a wide range of materials which can be composted and ultimately returned to the soil.

Handy fridge magnets and bin stickers were provided by Jane to help with sorting our waste into the correct bins.

The website: -



Provides very helpful and easily accessed information about how to dispose of a wide range of packaging and unwanted items.

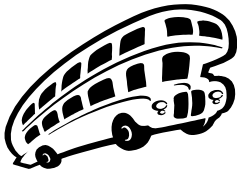
More and more packaging will have recycling information printed on it for the consumer to follow.

The key message of the presentation was

Reduce, reuse, recycle.

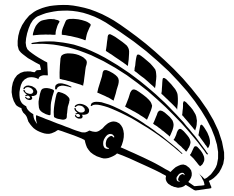
COLLECTION ENQUIRIES
CALL FRWA 8555 7405 OR VISIT FRWA.COM.AU
Find us on /Fleurieu Regional Waste Authority





WILLUNGA COACH TRIP

FRIDAY 30TH APRIL 2021



Cost \$40 includes coach travel and lunch—to be pre-ordered with Maria

Lunch choices : Fish and chips
Schnitzel
Pasta

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8.45 am Position coach at Coleman Terrace

9.00 am Depart Strathalbyn

Travel to Morphett Vale via Meadows, Kangarilla, Clarendon and Bains Road

Stop 1 10.00 am Arrive 25 Hinkley Road Morphett Vale home of Rodger and Jenny Argent.
Morning tea (**BYO mug**) Pelargoniums and Geraniums for sale

Then travel via South Road and Victor Harbor Road into McLaren Vale

Stop 2 18 Gloucester Terrace, McLaren Vale. Home of Lew and Shirley Pfeiffer

Stop 3 Studio 180 and McLarenVale Nursery for recreational garden shopping.

1.30 Lunch at McLaren Vale Hotel (pre-booked)

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

4.00 pm Depart Willunga and return to Strathalbyn by **5.00 - 5.15 pm**

Travel via Willunga Hill, Kuitpo Forest and Meadows

Remember

Dress for the weather - it could be sunny or it might be wet so Be Prepared

Wear walking shoes

Plan to take photos

Bring water to keep hydrated

Have a shopping bag for purchases and some cash money for the first stop just in case.

BROWSING THE WEB

Trees for Life - the Autumn, edition of their newsletter "Releaf" can be accessed at <https://treesforlife.org.au/resources>.
The article about the history of the organisation is particularly interesting as it contains mention of local Strathalbyn identities.

Eat Local Support Local ourlocalalexandrina.com.au is a new initiative of the Alexandrina Council which identifies all the best that the area has to offer for food and shopping experiences.

South Australian Urban Food Network saurbanfood.org The network exchanges connections and knowledge through events and resources. Everything to do with getting food onto our plates—from farming, storing, processing, transporting, marketing, selling, cooking, eating and using food waste.

The Food Embassy - connecting communities through delicious sustainable food <https://www.thefoodembassy.org/>
There are many people in our communities who are disconnected because they may be living alone or working long hours or may feel uncomfortable being out and about. Sharing a meal can help overcome a sense of isolation.

Strathalbyn - A secret worth Sharing. <https://strathalbyntourismassoc.org.au/> Everything our town has to offer both tourists and locals. Beautifully presented with plenty of details and photos.



STRATHALBYN GARDEN CLUB MINUTES

General Meeting held Strath Neighbourhood Centre.
Friday 26th February 2021

Meeting commenced: Welcome everyone, good to see some rain overnight 5m in Strath, 6m in Wistow and 3.5 at Norma's. Please put phones on silent. COVID Arrangements – keep distance at Raffle table and morning tea, use sanitiser at raffle table and morning tea. We have a number of visitors today, please look after them.

Welcome Visitors: Sharon Crase, Jan Walmsly, Diane Tucker, Merri Lisk, Janet Hartman, Pam Cottle, Frank Robinson, Jen Engelhardt.

New Members: Di & John Agnew, Carolyn Prey, Viv Whittaker, Dianne Need.

Attendance: 90 **Apologies:** 11 **Lucky Door Prize:** Sue Johanson

Correspondence: Our Garden Magazine Autumn 2021. A good magazine, most contributions come from the Eastern States. Norma thinks she will submit something when time permits.

Announcements

Strath Neighbourhood Centre Twilight Market 19th March. Donations of plants always welcome

Food Matters workshops – next meeting farmer speakers– Food Embassy. 1st March 10-12 noon

Adelaide Botanic Gardens, Dahlias are throwing a colour party this month! Join them at G11 on the map. Hibiscus, Sturt's Desert Pea and roses are all something special in summer. For water lily lovers, head to the Amazon Waterlily Pavilion or the sunken garden pond, which both continue to impress.

Mount Lofty Botanic Gardens A flamboyant display of echinacea and rudbeckia in the lower carpark. Head to South American Gully for fuchsias, verbena and salvias. Liliiums and hydrangeas in the woodland

Wittunga Botanic Gardens Belladonna lilies are starting to send up their eye-catching flower stalks; the leaves will follow in autumn. Also this month, vibrant red blood lilies will emerge. Red hot pokers and a variety of agapanthus species are different to the norm.

Caterpillars on the TFL KI hakeas

Potting day for SNC 3rd March come and learn / come and help at 9am. Morning tea will be served.

Approval received from Council for the pergola. It has been paid for. Should arrive 10 March and we will need help to erect.

Group Matters – eat local, support local – see their website.

Minutes of last meeting Friday 22nd. See Newsletter **Moved:** Chris Pappin **Sec:** Ced Huxter

Business Arising:

Treasurer: - All's well. The Christmas lunch has now been abandoned. We have 32 names down for the bus trip, lunch money can be transferred if you desire. Come and see me for a refund if not.

Next Meeting 26th March

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