Uki Garden Club

President's Reminders Gillian Woodward

Greetings and Happy New Year to you all! I hope the festive season has been an enjoyable one for you and your family/friends. May you have good health and a better year in 2021!

This brief January newsletter is just a reminder note to our valued members about events planned for early 2021.

January 20th is the cut-off date for registering your attendance at our Welcome Back Party in Burringbar Hall on January 30th. If you are unable to book in via https://trybooking.com/BNPEZ just ask a friend/another member to assist you or give me a call (0457 872 040) so I can register you for the event.

The Burringbar Hall enables us to host 70 people under COVID regulations. So far about 45 members have indicated their attendance.

Bring with you to the party:

- your name badge,
- your mobile phone,
- drinking glass,
- a plate, knife, fork, spoon,
- small change (\$2 coins for raffle), and
- a pencil (for trivia quiz).

Also, bring something from your garden for "show and tell", if you can.

Please do <u>NOT</u> bring swap table items as we are not able to provide this facility in the hall. The February Garden Gathering will be the first swap table of the year.

To celebrate our return to meetings we will provide two alcoholic or soft drinks, but feel free to bring more beverages of your own choice. We will **NOT** be providing hot drinks — tea or coffee — so if you particularly want one bring a thermos of your own. A choice of savoury and sweet items will be served to you as part of our gourmet afternoon tea.

Entry to the Burringbar Hall will be via the main front door only, where you will be asked to register using our **QR Code**. If you do not have a mobile phone to do this, someone will be on hand to book you in on their phone. (Please download the NSW Services app to your phone if you have not already done so, before January 30th). In the hall we will have signs to direct you to drinks, food, raffle etc. It is important that you follow the direction of flow (in/out signs), as we have to adhere to a COVID safety plan submitted to Services NSW. Masks (at this stage) are optional!

If any of you need transport to Burringbar on January 30th, please let me know soon so I can arrange this for you. Most of the committee will be going to the hall very early so I will be calling on other members to help out with this, please.

We have lots of fun activities and a mega raffle for you to enjoy, so don't be daunted by all the regulations! We should all be used to them by now.

REMINDER: If you have any COVID symptoms at all, please do <u>NOT</u> attend on the day but let someone know you are not coming.

It is to be hoped that COVID-19 restrictions will remain as they are at present. If they do change, of course we will change our activities accordingly and let you know.

Life as we knew it changed in 2020 and it looks like similar rules will apply well into the future. Gardeners are used to adapting to changing conditions so we trust we can all do it!

2021 CALENDARS

The proposed 2021 calendars for both **Food Group** and **Garden Gatherings** are completed, so far, from February to May. There are still a few spaces for hosting in the other 7 months of 2021, so do talk to Lynn O'Hara (Garden Gatherings) or Sue Holzknecht (Food Group) if you want to offer your garden or suggest a good venue.

Remember that the allowance of 50 visitors to a residence refers to them being hosted **outside** the home (which may include a deck or veranda etc.), 1.5 metres apart.

If you need extra shade shelters, please organise to collect these. We now have four available (2 old and 2 new).

UGC FOOD GROUP CALENDAR 2021

DATE: 2 ND TUESDAY 9.30 am	HOSTS NAMES	ADDRESS	SPEAKER/not es	CONTACT:
FEBRUARY 9	Kingscliff Nursery: Judy Barlow	438 Cudgen RoadKingscliff		02 66741022
MARCH 9	Bronwyn and David Hancox	327 Limpinwood Valley RoadLimpinwood		0429 845 884
APRIL 13	Simone Renton	Shantipur, 129 Chowan Creek Rd Chowan Creek Uki		0418 525 553 02 66795747
MAY 11	Hartmut and Sue Holzknecht	12 Waranga Cres Burringbar	Please park on our side of the road only.	0448 880 239

UGC GARDEN GATHERING CALENDAR 2021

DATE: Last Saturday 2.00 pm	HOSTS NAMES	ADDRESS	SPEAKER/Notes	CONTACT:
FEBRUARY 27	Gillian Woodward Jenny Kidd	Tumbulgum Hall	Kate Heffernan – garden tour leader (overseas and more locally)	0457 872 040 0431 989 477
MARCH 27	Tim Hunt	96 Hunter Street Burringbar		0413 868 218
APRIL 24	Lynn O'Hara	285 North Star Resort Hastings Point		0408 053 303
MAY 27	Nelda Richards	54 Colefax Court Urliup		02 6672 1471 0418 467 638

NB. Due to Current COVID restrictions, there will be **NO SHARED MORNING or AFTERNOON TEAS**. Members are invited to bring their own drinks and food to enjoy in the garden after the meeting.

For hosts, this means:

- You do not need to provide boiled water in urns
- You do not have to provide a table for hot drinks or for food
- You do not need to provide milk

But due to COVID -19 safety plans

 You do need to provide space for members to socially distance i.e. 1.5 metres apart (preferable in shade or under cover) for the meeting.

Looking forward to seeing you all again in 2021. Thank you all for hanging in with us during the very trying times last year. And many thanks to our hard-working committee team who have been supporting your club for an extra year (beyond their original contract). Well done to all indeed!

Let's all roll on into a hopefully better 2021 of sharing and friendship through gardening!

Gillian