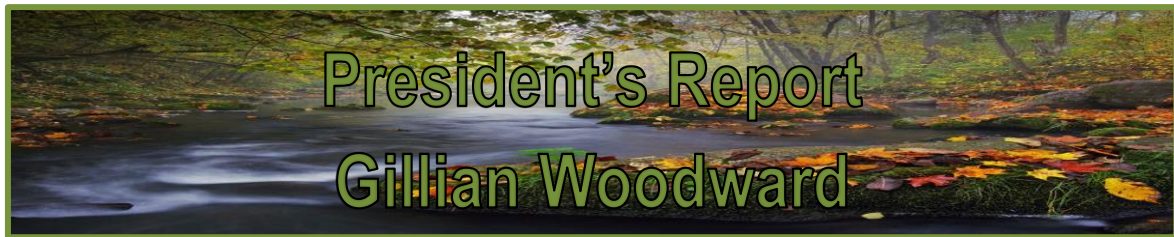


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There is an early hint of Spring in the air, even though morning temperatures are still variable. My azaleas look very happy to be blooming at last and the wattles' yellow blooms are brightening up local bushlands. The scent of jasmine is in the air and peach tree blossoms are emerging too, so hopefully there will be some good fruit crops this summer as long as Spring rains are adequate.

It seems that COVID-19 is moving closer to home, as we, like the rest of the state, are in lockdown. Our August food group meeting was fortunately able to go ahead at the Uki Community Garden. However, depending on how long the current restrictions last, our AGM garden gathering at Crystal Creek Estate may have to be cancelled. We will let you know as soon as we know via email and on the website.

We now have nominations for all vacated committee positions, except for president – with three fresh faces stepping up to volunteer their services. This is very encouraging, as it is important to keep sharing out the various roles and responsibilities among our many willing members.



September and beyond is very uncertain at this stage, but we will keep you posted as soon as we are able, via email and on our website page <http://ukigarden.club/wp/>. We have made some tentative plans but we'll keep those under wraps for now, until we can see a clearer path ahead.

Recently I managed to squeeze in a week on North Stradbroke Island, arriving home only 24 hours before the South East Queensland lockdown. There were some beautiful crucifix orchids growing in home gardens, and some



creative arrangements of flowering cactus plants near the Point Lookout shops (pics at right). Grevilleas were abundant too. Majestic scribbly gums were to be seen on forest trails. Only plants which thrive in sandy soil would survive there. Wildlife was abundant too, with Curlews just outside our door and several koalas in residence – one in a tree just above our camper trailer home for several nights.

In this issue, watch out for the tale of another small local garden – that of Annie Simonds. Much love has gone into creating this delightful space. It's a great example of how gardening is one pursuit that can be done by almost anyone – especially those with limited physical capacity. And luckily it's an activity that helps to pass those COVID-restricted hours more pleasantly, while we are being forced to spend much more time at home!

Happy gardening to all and do keep safe. Gillian



July Food Group Report

Julia Hancock

We were all relieved that it was a gloriously sunny day on 13 July when the Food Group met at the Murwillumbah Community Gardens because our rainy-day contingency, to meet at Julia's garden, couldn't have gone ahead due to the Covid restrictions. Barry Firth was our gracious host, and he gave us a comprehensive overview of what the garden was aiming to achieve.



The Murwillumbah Community Garden is a not-for-profit organisation auspiced by Tweed Valley Rural & Community Advancement Co-op Ltd. The garden has been established to provide demonstrations, education and advocacy for environmental and economic sustainability within the community.



Work on the site commenced in 2016 and because the site had long been neglected and used as a tip, the first task was to clean it up and remove the large camphor laurels which ran along the fence line.

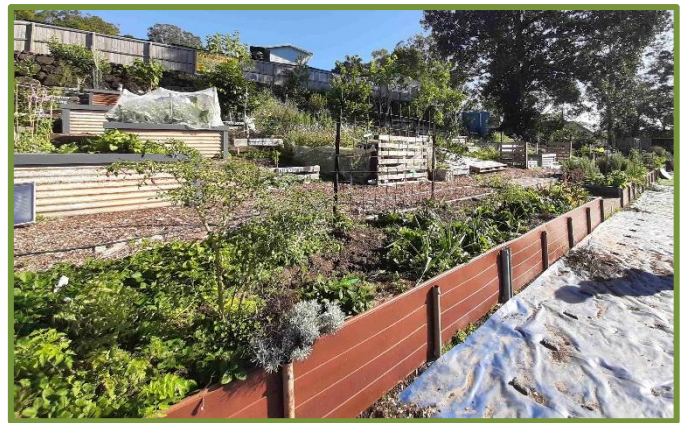
At just three years old, the garden is still very much in the development phase but already massive work has been undertaken to establish the framework of the planting plan. Work completed includes erosion control, community garden beds, private lease garden beds, native forest and regeneration areas, an orchard, reed beds for drainage, a tool shed (including tools), water tanks and reticulation, seating areas, ornamental gardens, and compost bays.

The garden benefits from rainwater captured from the roof of the adjacent Rosella childcare centre, and welcomes deliveries of free clean fill, wood chips and mulch. The garden is accessible to people with disabilities courtesy of a specially-designed road surface.



The committee subscribes to organic gardening practices and provides information on practical aspects of this philosophy through workshops and demonstrations. The garden is open to the public every Sunday from 3pm and welcomes new members. Membership costs \$25 per year with a one-off joining fee of \$22.

Our discussion was fairly brisk as we were all keen to have a wander around the gardens.



- Nellmary's latest project has been to halve the size of her chook pen and use the other half for a dog-proof vegie garden – so far great success. She was having trouble keeping her golden retriever from eating the mix in her potted plants. The current blend of potting mixes on the market today seems to include a lot of pig manure which dogs find very attractive. Nellmary has solved her problem by excavating 100-year-old soil from underneath her house and putting a thick layer of that over the potting mix. It seems to be working.
- Hartmut's turmeric leaves have dried off, so now is the time to harvest. His garlic is coming along beautifully. He highly recommends former food-critic and chef-turned-Tassie farmer Matthew Evans' new book *Soil*.
- Jenny is growing peas to use as a green manure.
- Gillian has enjoyed eating the first Monstera fruit the plant has produced in the six years she and John have been at the house. Apparently it's a good laxative!
- Desiree loves this time of the year because there are no bugs! She harvested all her carrots and sweet potatoes, washed them and left them out to dry. Guess what? Her dog ate them all! She has finally had success growing tomatoes, producing a massive 886g 'Mortgage Lifter' fruit from her vine.
- Heather has chook manure if anyone wants to clean out her pen.
- Helen has had lots of citrus, including the first crop from a 10-year-old 'Lane's Late' navel orange.
- Amanda has had a phenomenal crop of citrus and greens this year. Also her chook family seems to be growing by the day. She's finally sussed out how to grow the best cherry tomatoes, by first planting up self-sown seedlings in a pot and growing these on before transplanting back into the ground. She recommends growing in the winter only.
- Richard's garden is inundated by weeds at the moment but amongst all the unwanted plants he's discovered lots of sweet potatoes. He has been buying potting mix from Greg (former owner of the nursery in Wollumbin Street) at the Blue Knob markets and says it's good. The markets are open on Saturdays between 8.30am and midday.
- Anamaya grows lettuce in pots on the deck and has had so many she's been able to sell some.



- Jenny and David grow sweet potatoes in a raised bed but came out one morning to find a wallaby grazing on the foliage. The pair of them have been making jam from Rosellas they froze earlier in the year.

- Julia's garden is growing well thanks entirely to sufficient rain in the last few weeks. Her only disappointment is with snow peas – they had a very short season before withering. Sugar snaps seem to be fine and are producing abundantly.

Thanks UGC

This is to acknowledge the generous donation from Uki Garden Club to Murwillumbah Community Garden, on the occasion of the Club's visit to our site today, 13/Jul/21. We received \$100 in cash.

We intend to use this money towards fitting out our new greenhouse/shadehouse that you saw today.

Many thanks, BARRY FIRTH (Treasurer)

(Ed: Thanks to our photographer extraordinaire – David Kidd for the snaps).



Did You Know?

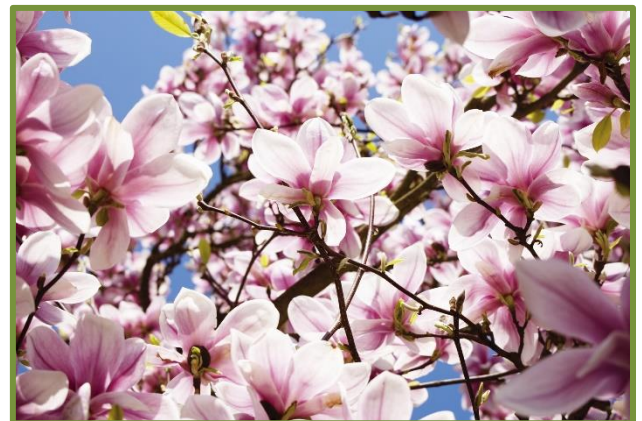
Unlike other citrus species, the 'Meyer' lemon can be grown from cuttings.

Marvelous Magnolias

Magnolias have been wonderful this year. But you may have noticed that these lovely trees produce rather a strange large, bumpy fruit, quite ugly compared to the elegant blooms.

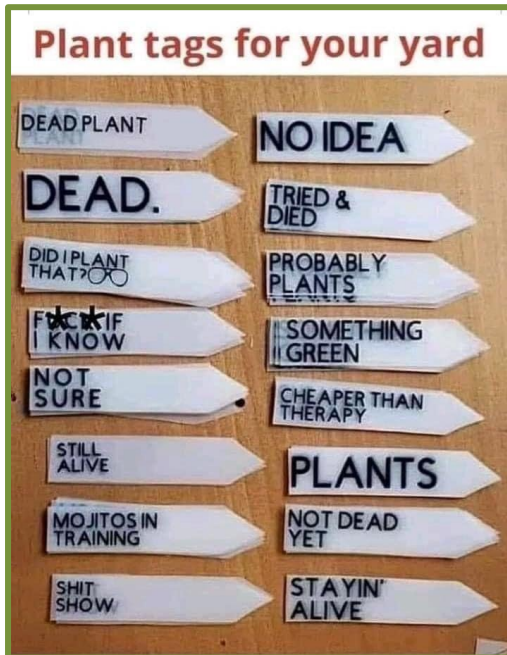
It is possible to propagate magnolias from seed, although they may take up to 10 years to flower, so are only for the young and/or patient gardener.

If you feel like giving it a go, simply take a ripe seed head, dry it off indoors, and wait for the individual segments to burst. Remove the seeds from within and place them in damp seed raising mix. Care for them as you would any other tree seedling.





Thanks to David Kidd, Miss Penny and Rosalie for supplying the laughs.



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AND THE NEXT MINUTE
YOU'RE PHOTOGRAPHING
VEGETABLES IN YOUR
GARDEN.**



Tweed Shire Botanical Garden

I don't know about you, but when I hit a new town or city the first things I look for are its parks and gardens; they reveal the soul of the place.

For about 30 years I've been lamenting the lack of a beautiful park/garden in the Tweed Shire. It has confounded me as to why we don't have a significant green space that reflects the heart of the community.

After years of whinging about this gaping hole I was prompted to act (after a couple of glasses of wine). I emailed all the Tweed Shire councillors urging them to start a discussion on the establishment of a botanical garden.

Well, it was rather a surprise to learn that the land for a botanical garden had been acquired by the council many, many years ago...it's just not a priority.

The response from council: "Council is developing a design for the first stage of the Tweed Regional Botanic Gardens, which will feature the region's unique flora and provide a range of quality facilities for the Tweed community and visitors".

There are no existing botanic gardens in the region with the specific physical and ecological characteristics and potential offered by the Tweed's Eviron Road site.

The Royal Institute of Parks and Recreation recommended the establishment of 18 new regional botanic gardens throughout Australia.

The Tweed is one of four favoured in NSW because of the "significant natural ecosystems of the Mt Warning Caldera and unique plant communities".

The botanical gardens are a key initiative in the draft Delivery Program for the Community Strategic Plan. It is proposed to locate the botanical gardens at a spectacular site at Eviron.

Parts of this site are currently used as a quarry and landfill, and Council resolved on 17 January 1996 to develop a Regional Botanical Gardens as an end use for this land."

For the full Tweed Shire Council report: <https://honourroll.tweed.nsw.gov.au/BotanicGardens>

Well, nothing like a band wagon to jump on to make the botanical garden a priority! And who better to be on that band wagon but the members of the Uki Garden Club!

It will take a concerted effort by a cross-section of the community to get this project moving but with the plethora of benefits from a botanical garden, including physical and mental health, increased business opportunities, improved air quality, but most importantly, a place of refuge in this ever changing and challenging world, let's get behind it!.

For me there is no better time to launch a campaign to get this show on the road and be part of a community-wide project that will bring much happiness to many!

Anyone interested in updates on the Tweed Botanical Gardens please send an email to Madi: maddwoman49@yahoo.com.au

Madeleine Doherty

(PS: Julia continues to gather signatures from people interested in becoming a 'friend' of the gardens.)



Life at Cat Hill Allotments – Richard Stile

Who said an allotment is all about growing vegetables! Certainly our Site has not been all sweetness and light over the past 6 months.

The social and political harmony and sense of community seem to have deserted us over this period. What with huge disharmony in our committee, neighbours threatening legal action over structures erected on our site and our site being used as access to neighbouring properties to facilitate burglary, it seems that we will be very lucky to survive for long without some form of legal action either by or against us. We have recently needed to consult a barrister! It's little consolation that of the 49+ allotment sites in our Borough 11 are currently involved in litigation. Perhaps this reflects the strains of the present situation in the pandemic.

So, we shall have to think seriously about our management structure, as our officers are becoming increasingly aware of the possible personal financial obligations they may face. Incorporation will pitch us into the unknown land of corporate financial reporting, company law and problems of financial reporting. Now that's off my chest...



As you are all aware, the weather never fails to deliver new problems and our very dry April, warm May and then June with above-average rainfall have provided ideal conditions for blight across our 9 acre site. The tomato crops will be miserable and our own polytunnel full of tomatoes has been devastated.

Still, we have tried melons for the first time and we are still managing to obtain a pretty good harvest of the old staples. Blueberries have been particularly successful this year (6.5 kilos from our 5 bushes) so plenty of pies and smoothies. By spreading a few around amongst our neighbours we have also benefited from some excellent muffins and breakfast bars in exchange. The usual suspects, courgettes, cucumbers, potatoes and squash are and will continue to crop well this year.



The plot is looking pretty tidy although perhaps not having been tended as well as we would have liked.



Allotment Blueberry Muffins – Pauline Gallagher (Richard's neighbour & Fran's sister)

Ingredients

- 110g unsalted butter at room temperature
- 250g plain flour
- 175g caster sugar
- 2 medium size eggs
- 125ml milk (room temperature)
- 1 teaspoon vanilla essence
- 2 teaspoons baking powder
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 225g blueberries

Method

1. Preheat oven to 180°C /Gas mark 4/350°F
2. Line a 12 hole muffin tin
3. Sift flour, baking powder and salt together and set aside
4. Cream butter and sugar together until light and fluffy
5. Add the eggs and beat well
6. Add the milk, vanilla and flour mix
7. Beat until combined.
8. Fold in the blueberries
9. Divide the mixture between the 12 muffin cases
10. Bake for 25-30 mins



Allow to cool in tin for 10 mins before carefully removing them to a wire rack until completely cool.



Mandarin Dessert Cake – Jenny Kidd

Consider this recipe while citrus is plentiful – yummy, easy to make, dairy and gluten free.

Ingredients

- 2 medium or large mandarins
- 2/3 cup of castor sugar
- 4 eggs
- 1 1/3 cups of almond meal

Method

1. Boil whole mandarins in water until soft, about 2 hours.
2. Remove seeds, puree remainder of fruit in processor.
3. Add sugar and process, add eggs and process again.
4. Finally add the almond meal and process again briefly.
5. Place in a greased and lined 20cm round cake tin.
6. Cook at 160 degrees until it springs back in centre, about 35 mins.

I served mine with mandarin syrup, some candied peel and ice cream.



Syrup

- 1 cup mandarin juice, 1 cup sugar, 1/2 cup water.
- Combine and dissolve over low heat.
- When cooled slightly pour syrup over.



The 2019 - 2021 Outgoing Committee

The outgoing committee held its last meeting together on 16th July at Tumbulgum and thought a picture to commemorate their time together would be in order.

From left to right – Sue Holzknicht, Helen Lofts, Fran O'Hara, Tim Hunt, Jenny Kidd, Couz'n Lynn O'Hara, Gillian Woodward.



Annie Simond's Garden Wonderland



Annie has lived in her Bakers Street home for four years. When she first arrived, the 'garden' consisted of wild reedy weeds which she promptly removed. So effectively, she started from scratch, which is amazing, considering all the different nooks and crannies that she has filled with plants of all kinds. Just like the small gardens we witnessed at North Star this year, Annie's is a work of art. Everywhere you look, there is something different to take your eye.

Two years ago she decided to do away with the so-called 'lawn' out the front



which was very patchy and difficult to mow. A kind neighbour helped her to gather some mulch (in their large wheelie bins) and cover the ground with a generous spread, which she has more recently topped up with 24 bags of mulch from the local hardware store. Quite an effort for someone like Annie, who admits that

her physical body is now very restricted in what it can do! On this mulched area, she has many potted plants, with bromeliads dominating the space. It has been a great way for her to omit the need for a lawn mower, without spending a fortune.



The pipes you see in her garden raise the plants (which are in

pots at the top opening) making it easier for her to tend them. A special garden stool helps Annie to be able to continue tending her plants, trimming hedges and watering, making her hanging baskets and doing general garden maintenance.



Annie loves donating and receiving cuttings and plants from the club swap table.

As Annie says, she lives for her garden, as well as for her dog Topsy of course!

(Ed: Thank you Gillian for sharing Annie's inspiring story)



The Simple Life

Many of us feel that our lives today are too complicated and some of us feel stress as a result. One way to simplify our lives and to de-stress them is to limit the amount of clutter we acquire. Decluttering the house has the effect of literally freeing us up from all those unwanted possessions, and having a garage sale is a good way to achieve this aim. Don't forget that the Palliative Support Shops in Murwillumbah (in Queen Street and in Prospero St) are always grateful for good stuff that can be reused.



Decluttering the garden also has a cathartic effect and gives one an instantly good feeling. The easiest way to do this of course is to get rid of the weeds, but there are also other things that help. Pruning back or removing altogether trees and shrubs that are crowded in on each other open up the view and create a sense of calm and order. Making a good path, rather than having to fight one's way through the undergrowth, is also a good way to simplify and enhance one's garden experience.

Our tastes change too, so if you no longer like that Greek statue that's been in your native garden for years, get rid of it and maybe replace it with something organic, like an interesting log or rock. If your roses just refuse to perform dig them up and give them away to someone with better growing conditions. Take that huge pile of plastic pots to the Tip Shop.

Do what you can in the cool weather, and when it gets hot again just sit back, relax and enjoy your tranquil surroundings.



Not all Gloom and Doom

Climate change has demanded that we rethink the plants we grow. Petrol prices encourage us to shop locally. Food price increases mean that fruit and vegetables are becoming a luxury. We can take matters into our own hands and simplify our lives at the same time by growing as much as we can. In times of glut we can swap or share, bottle, preserve and freeze. In times of shortages a packet of seed costs very little and produces lots of plants.

If the end of fossil fuels means the end of life as we know it, I say "bring it on" – I grew up watching Felicity Kendall and Richard Briers in *The Good Life*, and now that I'm kind of living their dream lifestyle I realise it's pretty good!

Perhaps the Garden Club can think about holding a forum next year on ways in which we can reduce our carbon footprint and do more to help ourselves and each other survive the changes gardeners in the Tweed will be faced with in the future.

Julia Hancock



Ten Top Tips For Propagating Perennials

This method is suitable for herbaceous perennials including pentas, veronicas, begonias, pelargoniums, geraniums, salvias, argyranthemums, chrysanthemums, coleus, lavender and other shrubby herbs.



1. Work in the cool of the early morning.
2. Make sure secateurs are clean and sharp.
3. Have plenty of clean pots ready and filled with good quality potting mix. Up to 20 cuttings can be placed into a 200mm pot, depending on the size of the cutting.
4. Use a dibble stick to make the hole in the pot so as not to damage the root.
5. Select plant material from a specimen that is still actively growing.
6. Select cuttings from growth nearest the base of the bush.
7. Nip out any flower buds so the cutting puts all its energy into developing roots.
8. Use a rooting hormone powder or honey to encourage the formation of strong roots.
9. Place pots in a shady spot and keep cuttings moist but not soaking wet.
10. As soon as good roots have formed (the time this takes depends on which species is being propagated) pot up in individual containers.



Artistic Endeavour Exhibition

This exhibition opened at the Tweed Regional Art Gallery on 16 July and features the work of 33 botanical artists from the Botanical Art Society of Queensland. The exhibition explores the artistic, scientific, environmental and cultural significance of Cook and Banks' voyage up the east coast of Australia in the *Endeavour* from 19 April to 27 August 1770. Below are two of Julia Hancock's works featured in the exhibition.

Callicarpa pedunculata



Callistemon citrinus



Backyard Bush Tucker

What's all the fuss about? Well, growing bush tucker at home makes sense when you consider that it is low-cost, attracts birds and insects, and produces food that is both tasty and healthy. Native food plants that grow well in our area include:

- Davidson's plum (*Davidsonia jerseyana*, *Davidsonia pruriens*) (pic at right) – the deep purple fruits are rich in antioxidants and are not blighted by fruit fly. They are incredibly sour and strong, so have to be cooked and turned into things like jam, ice cream, chutney and sauce before they become edible.
- Finger limes – the darlings of yuppie chefs the world over (except elsewhere in the world they pay a fortune for these fruits). The fruits of *Citrus australasica* can be used in exactly the same way as Tahitian and West Indian limes and add a delightful pop to most foods. Try them on your smashed avocado or in your next guacamole dip – delish!
- Lilly pillies – such an attractive group of plants ranging from dwarf shrubs to largish trees. The riberry (*Syzygium leuhmannii*) is particularly popular in these parts and they can be grown easily from seed. Likewise, *S. australe*, commonly known as the brush cherry is both easy to grow and popular with humans and birds alike.
- Having a small back yard is no excuse not to grow lemon-scented myrtle, as it is a small-to-medium-sized tree that behaves itself. It's evergreen, produces lovely fluffy cream flowers and of course, the leaves smell and taste wonderful in salad dressings, cordials, Asian cuisine and as a tea. It's part of the *Backhousia* family, that also includes aniseed myrtle.
- The peanut tree (*Sterculia quadrifida*) (pic at right) bears edible peanut-like seeds that don't tend to send allergic people into anaphylactic shock. It's a medium-sized bushy rainforest tree that is usually evergreen but may be deciduous in areas of hard winter frost.
- *Tasmannia* spp. is a genus with the common name of pepper trees, because the seeds inside the fruit and the leaves are intensely peppery. If you like your food spiced up a bit, why not give this a go?
- You really have to have a large garden to grow the bunya pine (*Araucaria bidwillii*) but if you do, look out for those huge and heavy cones. They are full of seeds which when cooked, taste similar to macadamias. But like macas, they're hard to open.
- Lemon aspen (*Acronychia acidula*) produces clusters of creamy, sour, crisp fruits once the scented flowers have finished. It's an attractive, fast-growing shade tree that deserves to be more widely grown in these parts.



- Creek sandpaper figs (*Ficus coronata*) (pic at left) grow almost like weeds along the banks of the Tweed River and its creeks. It's a useful little tree that the birds adore for its small, sweet fruit, which are edible for humans too. Bush regenerators love them as they can be planted out as young tube stock and left to fend for themselves after one watering.

- *Austromyrtus dulcis* (Midyim) (pic below right) are the most useful plants to grow on banks and as a groundcover in shady areas. They are covered with tiny white flowers in early summer, and these then develop into small white fruits with grey-marbling that can be picked and eaten straight from the bush. Kids love them, not least because they grow at an ideal height for them to reach.

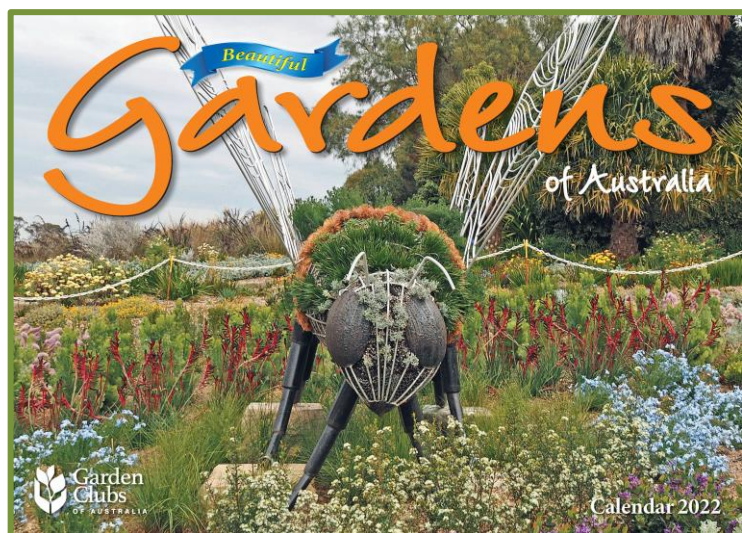




Covid Craft Exhibition @ Murwillumbah Library

Don't forget that the Covid Craft Exhibition, curated by Julia Hancock is still on display at the Murwillumbah Library until 31 August. If you haven't already seen this wonderful exhibition there is still some time – so get cracking!

(R: Tess Thompson's piece – My Cow Parsley)



The Garden Clubs of Australia 2022 Calendar

The Garden Clubs of Australia Inc. (GCA), in conjunction with Bartel Calendars, are pleased to present the 2022 annual pictorial Calendar featuring a wonderful variety of Australian gardens taken by affiliate members. The Calendar includes the Wall Planner to record all important dates.

The price for the Calendar to affiliated clubs, members and their friends is \$8 and includes GST & postage.

To order your calendar click on the link <https://www.bartelcalendarsldc.com.au/gardenclub>

Membership Renewals Due

A membership renewal form was attached to the end of the June newsletter and forms are available at meetings if you don't have a printer easily at hand. Please complete the form and either bring it to a meeting or scan and email it to ugcnews@gmail.com.

Renewal fees can be paid either at a meeting via an envelope with your completed form placed in the Treasurer's Box or by direct deposit to the Club account – details as below:

BSB: 722-744 (Southern Cross Credit Union)
Account name: Uki Garden Club Inc
Account number: 100017935
Reference: Surname + renewal

Please remember to put your name on the deposit or envelope so Helen can match your renewal to your name. (NB: And as stated before, any envelopes with monies enclosed and no details will be treated as a donation to UGC.)

August Job File

Julia Hancock

- ☺ Give your azaleas some TLC by removing the last of the spent flowers, checking for red spider and lacewing infestations, and feeding with a granular azalea fertiliser. Give them a good, long soak and mulch with some nice organic stuff.



- ☺ Prune poinsettias and snowflake bushes (pic at left) by two-thirds when they've finished flowering to prevent legginess.

- ☺ Encourage insects, birds and other wildlife to your garden by planting species that are rich sources of nectar and seeds. Look for labels on plants in garden centres that state they are wildlife-attracting. Cottage garden plants are pretty, easy to grow and lend themselves to companioning. Some species to try this spring are: primulas; daisies (coreopsis, marigold, rudbeckia, chrysanthemums, shasta, aster); herbs such as mint, oregano, sage, thyme, basil and lavender; all the

salvia family; and buddleja.



- ☺ If you want to get the most out of your cabbage patch this late in the season, put in a 'catch crop' of kohlrabi. It's easy to grow from seed and fast growing too. It likes rich, moist soil just like other members of the Brassica genus. The swollen stems appear above ground and should be harvested when they are slightly smaller than a tennis ball. They can be sliced and steamed or grated and used raw in salads.
- ☺ If your passionfruit vine has become rampant, it's OK to tip prune some of the new growth to slow it down again.
- ☺ Prune grapevines to two strong buds.
- ☺ Carrots and coriander make great companions in the garden and they also combine well to make a delicious soup.
- ☺ If you are worried about citrus gall wasp (and there are conflicting opinions about whether this does damage to a fruit tree or not), prune the branch to just below the gall and burn the prunings.
- ☺ Dormant clumps of ginger, turmeric and arrowroot can be dressed with compost and blood and bone for good spring growth.
- ☺ Save snake skins to drape around fruit trees to deter birds.
- ☺ Rock minerals are brilliant for scattering around fruit trees and in vegetable gardens to boost production and healthy growth.
- ☺ Harvest spent peas and put the trash in the compost.

Julia with Costa (who is very generous with his cuddles) taken a few years ago when he was in the area.





August Garden Gathering & AGM

(Subject to COVID restrictions applying at the time)

Saturday 28th August 2021 – 2pm start time

Crystal Creek Estate Café/Nursery, Numinbah Rd, Crystal Creek

Please note that as this is a cafe –food and drink may be purchased from the cafe. Please do not BYO to this meeting.

There will also be no swap table as the venue has its own nursery where plants can be purchased.

Agenda:

- Acceptance of the minutes of the 2019 AGM (published in the July newsletter)
- President's Report
- Annual Financial Statement
- Election of new committee members

You must be a financial club member to vote at this meeting.

Please book to attend by clicking on this link: <https://www.trybooking.com/BTAQU>

Visitors are welcome to attend the August meeting, however they must be registered on the trybooking site in their own name please. You will be sent a confirmation email and ticket. If you find you are unable to attend after RSVPing, please return your ticket by going back to the original confirmation email and following the [Click here](#) link.

If you are unable to book online, please either speak with a friend or phone Jenny Kidd on 0431 989 477 or Gillian on 0457 872 040 and they will help you through the online booking process.

For this meeting members are asked to bring the following:

- ☺ Name badge
- ☺ Hat & water
- ☺ Any gardening questions
- ☺ Your chair
- ☺ Small change for raffles.

Information about September meetings will be communicated once we know more.

That's all Folks for This Month...

Huge, huge, huge thanks to all the contributors to this newsletter.

As always, all of your contributions are welcome and we would love to hear what you've all been up to. Send your hints, tips, recipes, travel stories, bragging photos to us at ugcnews@gmail.com

And thanks as always to our printer – Sandra & Alan Guthrie at Poster Paradise, Murwillumbah.