

The Flower Pot

The Official Newsletter of the Mittagong Garden Club Inc.



Meetings for the Mittagong Garden Club Inc. are held on the first Friday of the month 10am at the RSL Club, Mittagong.



Next Meeting

Friday 6th February: 10am. Club meeting - Mittagong RSL.

Speakers: Short talks from Can Assist, Pop In and Southern Highlands Regional Rose Society.

Friday 13th February: 10am.

Garden visit: Harpers Mansion
9 Wilkinson St, Berrima.

Cost: \$12pp.

Plus Propagating Demonstration and talk about garden and house by Les Musgrave well known gardener in the Highlands. Should be a great start to our garden visits.

Please bring your mug and a plate to share.

From the President

Hello and welcome to the February newsletter.

I hope everyone is well and looking forward to our first meeting of the year.

It has been a roller coaster of weather over the last few weeks. What with extremely hot temperatures one day then decidedly chilly the next. I guess everyone is trying to keep the garden looking well with lots of watering. If you have lost any plants during this time please replace them from the well-stocked trading table.

We are in for a busy year ahead. The committee has been working hard behind the scene and all will be revealed in the upcoming meetings.

See you at the February meeting....

Enjoy your gardening folks.

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Show and Tell

How good has the rain been for our roses.

My roses have loved the deep soaking rains we have had over the summer.

Pictured to the right is Maurice Utrillo, displays tones of white, yellow, pink, red in camellia like blooms. The white roses are Rosa 'Pascali'.



Below a vase of mixed roses from the front garden - Mr. Lincoln, Betty Cuthbert, Soul Sister and Rose of Narromine.



I love to have cut flowers in the house and roses over summer do the trick!

Roz Mulligan

Bring in whatever may be flowering in your garden.

'Question and Answers' are back so bring along your gardening problems.

What's On.....

March 7: The Hartley Valley Garden Festival & Plant Fair.

www.hartvalecottage.com.au

April 18-19: The Collectors' Plant Fair – Penrith Showground

<https://www.collectorsplantfair.com.au/>

April 18, 19 & 20: Southern Highlands Open Garden Weekend & Plant Fair

<https://shbg.com.au/open-gardens-plant-fair/>

Red Cow Farm – open late September to May

<https://redcowfarm.com.au/>

Welfare Notice

Get Well Wishes go out to our members who are not feeling well or are getting over a hospital visit. Speedy Recovery.

Please let Sue Butler know if a member is sick. A card or a phone call will go out to brighten up their day.

Contact Sue on: (02) 48712117.

If you would like to contribute to the Newsletter please send me your article by 20th of each month, it would be most welcome.

Roz Mulligan

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Renwick Community Rose Garden

The Southern Highlands Rose Society (SHRRS) wishes to thank Mittagong Garden Club for donating two roses (Rosa Morpheus) for the Renwick Community Rose Garden Project.

Who would have thought that a long-held wish of Annette Lane's (*current Chairperson of SHRRS*) to have a rose garden in the under-developed space adjacent Renwick Community Centre (where SHRRS hold their meetings), would rise to fruition by a simple morning tea invite to Council workers who were working out in the community area.

With the support of Stuart Neal, the Open Space Coordinator for Wingecarribee Shire Council the SHRRS applied for and received a Community Grant to proceed with the Garden which will be dedicated to Australian Rose Breeders past and current.

Once completed, it will stand as the only public Australian-bred rose garden, not just in the Wingecarribee region, but along the entire East Coast of Australia.



Watch this space be transformed!

Rosa hybrida Morpheus Australian Bred Rose

An almost thornless bush with light pink blooms that are mostly solitary and have a cupped bloom form. Excellent health and the ability to produce large quantities of long-stemmed light pink blooms which age to green. The blooms are very long lasting on the bush.

Morpheus is bred by Warren Millington from NSW.



Primula auricula



Primula auricula is an evergreen perennial with thick mid green obovate foliage atop which a single stem which bears lovely open faced flowers with contrasting centres that are dusted with farina.

As such they look best when sheltered from direct rain which can spoil the lovely downy surface of the petals.

Very good indoors and also in pots outdoors in cooler climates.

Soil: Choose soil that is not overly wet or dry but is well drained while retaining some moisture. If in doubt add plenty of composted organic material.

Maintenance: Feed with a liquid fertiliser in early spring to provide them with a kickstart. Re-pot after flowering with fresh potting mix that has some grit or sand added for drainage.

For propagation they produce off-shoots or plantlets. Gently break them off and re-plant.

Diseases: Watch out for vine weevil.



February planting in the Veggie Patch

In the Southern Highlands, February is a time to prepare your garden for autumn planting. Here are some vegetables that be planted during this month:

- Lettuce: A great choice for continuous harvesting, especially in shaded spots.
- Spinach: Another leafy green that can be sown in February.
- Silverbeet: A versatile root vegetable that grows well in cooler climates.
- Asian Greens: These can be planted towards the tail end of February.
- Broccoli: A hardy green that does well in slightly cooler February nights.



Source: highlandsgardensociety.org.au

Trading Table Thought for the month....

Two Kinds of Plant People...

Which one are you?



Trading Table News

Welcome back to another year of Bring and Buy at our monthly Trading Table!

We hope you and your garden have survived the challenging hot days we have had over the Summer. Fortunately we have had some good falls of rain to rehydrate our gardens although the extreme temperatures have no doubt caused some issues in your garden. As we often say "gardeners are a resilient lot and we battle on."

We look forward to seeing what you have collected over our long break to share with our members at our first meeting for the year. Every contribution helps to make our Table Table a highlight of our meetings.

Thanking you from The Trading Table Team

*Sue Butler, Glennis Noble
& Jenny Zantis*

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Thank you to:

Mt. Murray Nursery for their support to our Club by providing raffle prizes each month.

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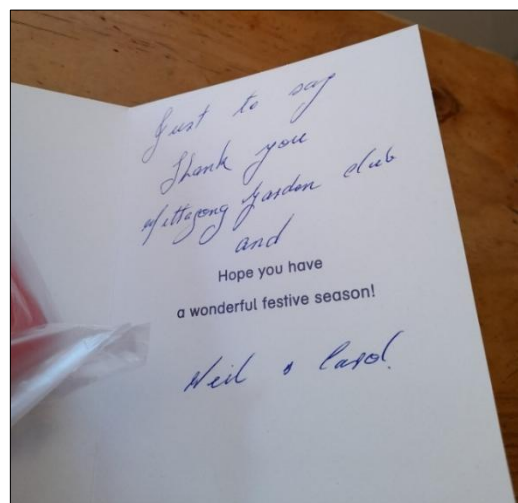
<https://www.mtmurraynursery.com/>
for gardening news and specials.

Mt. Murray Nursery also offers members a 5% discount on the 3rd Tuesday of every month.

Just show your membership badge.

A Thank You note was from Neil and Carol Jones thanking the Club for the basket of Christmas goodies and Bunnings gift card.

The Club thanked them for their support for propagating beautiful plants each month for trading table



Christmas at Di Bennett's

