



NEWSLETTER

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CLUB DATES TO REMEMBER

SATURDAY 6TH OCTOBER 1PM - 4PM

Cavalcade of Gardens - family and friends welcome. Details and map in this newsletter. No charge.

FRIDAY 19TH OCTOBER 10AM - 4.30PM

Paech Farm visit

Pay now. Directions and details from Maria Maxwell.

FRIDAY 25TH OCTOBER

Club Meeting &
Bloom Competition
4 categories

Roses, native bloom, pot plant, any other bloom.

1 Entry per category per person.

Blooms to be entered before the meeting.

Display bottles provided.

Judging during morning tea.

All entries to be removed by the owner at the end of the meeting.



FRIDAY 23RD NOVEMBER

GARDEN CLUB CHRISTMAS LUNCH

STRATHALBYN RACECOURSE

MENU COST \$35PP

Fresh bread roll and butter

MAIN

Roast turkey with cranberry sauce & turkey gravy

and Roast Beef with mustard and gravy

Crispy roast potatoes and carrots

Fresh green vegetables with parsley butter

DESSERT

Christmas pudding with brandy custard

Special dietary requirements on request



Full Cash Bar Facilities available with Beer, Cider, soft drinks and Local Langhorne Creek Wines

Neutrog Raffle Prize Winners

from the August meeting.

Josephine Chambers

Lynn Michemore

Annelie Daly



NEUTROG UPDATE WITH PAUL DEPUGLIA

Neutrog began in 1988 and thirty years later is bigger than ever, employing over fifty people and making a wide range of fertilisers to suit many garden and broadacre needs.

Product endorsements by high profile organisations such as the Rose Society, various Botanic Gardens, Flemington Race Course and life style programs such as Better Homes and Gardens are a key form of advertising for the brand.

Neutrog is located at Kanmantoo where all the composting is done and all the products are manufactured. The base for all the products is chicken manure which is in ready supply and can be collected easily. When the company began there was no cost to them for the manure but now the chicken farmers realise it has a value so Neutrog has to pay for it.

Composting the manure is carried out using **Thermophilic composting** which is the practice of breaking down biological waste with **thermophilic** (heat-loving) bacteria. The temperature of the heaps are raised to 65° with a temperature of 55° being hot enough to kill pathogens while good bacteria can survive at 65°. Once composted the material is screened to remove rocks and other foreign material.

The increase in the amount of straw or wood shavings required by the RSPCA to be used in the chicken sheds gave rise to the development of a new product "Whoflungdung" which is sold in bales as a biologically activated

garden mulch. As well as being a great additive to the garden beds it has been shown to reduce the impact of blackbird scavenging. The product is currently baled in NSW but Neutrog is working towards have the process carried out at Kanmantoo thus reducing the production miles and costs.

Neutrog products are available in both liquid and pellet form. All products start as a base mix with different elements added to suit the specific needs of the target plants.

Pellets are slow release fertilisers and require water to activate them. Rate of applications is recommended at 100 grams per plant or 100 grams per square metre and it is best to pull back the mulch when spreading it.

The dilution rate for liquids is one capful per watering can.



Top Tip Strike Back for Orchids is great on tomatoes as it is high in trace elements.

Neutrog recommends that for optimum garden health a year round program of fertilising is best, using the appropriate fertiliser for each application. Bush Tucker for sensitive natives and proteas, Blade Runner for lawns in winter and summer, Sudden Impact for lawns in spring to promote leaf growth and greening. Rapid Raiser is better than Blood and Bone and Giganic stimulates growth as it contains the residue of Gogo Juice.

New on the market this year is Sudden Impact for Roses liquid.



STRATHALBYN GARDEN CLUB CALENDAR OF MEETINGS AND EVENTS

MEETING DATE	SPEAKER/ACTIVITY	TOPIC FOR DISCUSSION
September 28th	Jan Forrest	Great Victoria Desert
October 6th	Cavalcade of Gardens	Organised by Jenny Thomas 8536 4275
October 19th	Paech Farm and Highcroft Garden Visit	Car pool, full day trip. (Maria Maxwell 8536 3731)
October 26th	Bloom Competition	Best blooms in 4 categories
October 26th	Margaret Jenkins	Water irises
November 23rd	End of Year Lunch	The Strathalbyn Racecourse Function Centre

THE AUSTRALIAN PLANT SOCIETY 2018 SPRING EXPO WORKSHOP PROGRAMME

FEATURING AUSTRALIAN DAISIES Saturday 6th October 2018

10:30am Andrew Fielke from "Creative Native Food Service Products" and "Tuckeroo Gourmet Retail Products" cooking demonstration and tasting.

11:00am Attracting Butterflies to your garden
Butterflies SA

11:40am Neville Bonney – Book Launch: "Knowing , Growing Acacia for Food and Conservation".

12:00 noon Australian Arid Lands Botanic Garden
John Zwar

12:40pm Andrew Fielke from "Creative Native Food Service Products" and "Tuckeroo Gourmet Retail Products" cooking demonstration and tasting.

1:00pm Paper Daisies : Do's and Don'ts for Success
In Your garden **John and Julie Barrie**

1:40pm Andrew Fielke from "Creative Native Food Service Products" and "Tuckeroo Gourmet Retail Products" cooking demonstration and tasting.

Sunday 7th October 2018

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11:00am Paper Daisies : Do's and Don'ts for Success
In Your garden **John and Julie Barrie**

11:40am Neville Bonney – introducing his new book "Knowing , Growing Acacia for Food and Conservation".

12:00 noon Pangarinda Botanic Garden **John and Julie Barrie**

12:40pm Andrew Fielke from "Creative Native Food Service Products" and "Tuckeroo Gourmet Retail Products" cooking demonstration and tasting.

1:00pm Plants for Those Tuff Spots **Anthony Morley**

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Wayville Showgrounds. Follow the signs from the Rose Tce entrance.

THE AUSTRALIAN PLANTS SOCIETY 2018 Spring Expo Native Flower Display & Plant Sale

Saturday 6th October 10am - 5pm

Sunday 7th October 10am - 4pm

Adelaide Show Grounds
Wayville

Entry \$3

Check the website for further details
www.australianplantssa.asn.au

S.A. GERANIUM & PELARGONIUM SOCIETY SPRING SHOW

Payneham Library Complex
Corner O.G.Road & Turner St Felixstow
Entry fee \$3.00

Plant displays, plant sales raffle, refreshments,
trading table.

Questions answered, Cash sales only.
www.facebook.com/sapellies

STRATHALBYN GARDEN CLUB MEMBER'S TALK

Each month at Garden Club we announce details of a range of interesting garden related activities - plant shows, gardening demonstrations, open gardens to visit. Each month we give members the opportunity to give a short talk. If you have been to a garden activity or done something interesting in your own garden why not share it with our club members. Don't be shy, don't be nervous - we are all interested in what you have to say. Just five minutes (more or less) would be great.





CAVALCADE OF GARDENS – SATURDAY 6th OCTOBER, 2018

1pm - 4pm (not necessarily in this order)

Penny Fairweather

14 Melville Street

Tea & biscuits here!

When I moved into Melville Street in December 2016 the garden had “gone native” and needed a lot of clearing before I could re-arrange it to my idea of what I would like.

With help, quite a lot of overgrown trees and saplings were removed together with 47 stumps to complete the operation. Now I have various designated areas. Acid loving plants are planted at the right hand side of the entrance. There is a cactus area, a rose garden, plus a row of standard ice berg roses along the side of the house. A vegetable patch is behind the chook shed. New fruit trees make for an orchard area and there are trees planted around in order to give me the autumn colours that I love. Finally, a herb garden adjacent to a lawn and pond bring the garden right up to the house.

Helen & Rob Fairweather

5 Ashbourne Road

Our garden rambles over about an acre. The front garden, because of the huge cypress hedge, uses plants tolerant of drier conditions. Spring flowering bulbs are planted amongst salvias, succulents, and pomegranates. This front garden uses one of the classical 1800 designs.

West of the house is basically an arbour, with limited dry tolerant understory. Gardens to the East of the house follow the bank of Dawson creek. Copious use of Australian natives has been made for this area.

The Northern garden consists of a conglomerate of liliiums and other bulbs, a few roses and other shrubs. In the order of 400 daffodils are planted between the picking garden and the hedge.

Copious use is made of hedges. The western area uses a small English box hedge, while at the rear of the house a viburnum hedge delineates the start of the vegetable garden. To the East, a saltbush hedge is used to enclose a slate paved area, before the native garden drops down to the Dawson Creek.

Bridget Knight

32 Fairfield Drive

Nothing stays the same!!

Small/medium garden chock full of this and that, all zoned to make ease of watering.

Cottage garden, dry garden/native mix, shade house full of assorted plants, wicking bed, herb garden and vegie patches spread in every square inch; all covered in walk-in bird/insect proof enclosures, watered with rain water. Hannah's (dog's) scruffy lawn watered with recycled washing machine water. Our water bill for the whole house and garden comes in between \$50-\$100 per quarter. We have 50,000 litres storage capacity for rain water. I hand water my entire garden, I find it very relaxing and it allows me time to check everything is doing well. All vegie patches, fruit trees, herb and cottage garden are organically grown.

Look forward to seeing you on our open garden visit.

Gas Works B & B

Heather and Graham Dean

12 South Terrace

The gardens are over an acre of landscaped gardens set within terraces on the banks of the River Angas. The feel is very much a cross between a formal garden and a cottage garden. Some beds have trimmed hedging, one with a statue fountain - repurposed as a succulent feature and roses (many roses). Other beds are given over to a mix of annuals, perennials, herbs and succulents; I love companionship planting and not averse to mixing up the edibles and ornamentals. We have pathways, bluestone garden walls and large grassed areas to enjoy and many of our guests enjoy picnics on the river bank. We have hosted several garden weddings and functions and plan an opera presentation amongst other events in the very near future.



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CAVALCADE OF GARDENS
SATURDAY 6TH OCTOBER 2018, 1PM – 4PM

1. Helen & Rob Fairweather, 5 Ashbourne Road
2. Penny Fairweather, 14 Melville Street
3. Bridgette Knight, 32 Fairfield Drive
4. The Gasworks, Heather & Graham Dean, 12 South Terrace

