



# NEWSLETTER

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Our Neutrog Order starts today with the order form and product sheet attached to this newsletter. The process is simple - if you follow the directions. Decide what your garden needs then follow the directions as they appear on the order form. Make a diary note reminding yourself that you have placed the order and that pick up is **Wednesday 31st July**.

#### HOW TO PLACE YOUR ORDER.

1. Fill in the form including name and address
2. Insert the form and the correct money or **printout of details** of EFT payment in an envelope.
3. Give the envelope to Frank Chapman or his assistant.
4. This form will be returned to you as a receipt
5. Bring the form to the collection depot to pick up your order. Details of the pick up and location of the depot are at the top of this form
6. **Enquiries to the Neutrog Order co-ordinator Frank Chapman 0466 416 314**

#### DID WE GET THE GRANT MONEY?

Earlier this year we made a submission to Open Gardens S.A. to win a grant for \$3000 to establish a Plant Rescue Depot at the Strathalbyn Woodshed. Our submission included details for creating a secure area with shade, shelving, raised garden beds and a small tool shed where volunteers could grow flowers and care for rescue plants. Unfortunately we were not successful. There were 29 applications for just three grants of \$3000.

#### HOWEVER GOOD NEWS!

The Strath Neighbourhood Centre did win a \$10000 grant to create a community garden at the Senior Citizens property on Parker Avenue.

As the work has to be completed by late November 2019 we need to get started.

The Strath Neighbourhood Centre would welcome interested volunteers from the Garden Club to join a working party to put the plan into action.

Norma Keily will be coordinating the project. Phone 8536 6276.

#### GARDEN CLUBS OF AUSTRALIA

#### MEMBER SURVEY RESULTS MARCH 2019

The survey was carried out during the March 22nd meeting of the Strathalbyn Garden Club with the following results.

**Gender** Females 90 Males 22  
**Age:** 40 - 49 = 1, 50 - 59 = 5, 60 - 69 = 19, 70 - 79 = 61, Over 80 = 30

#### Gardening Experience

Less than 10 years = 1  
10 to 20 years = 8  
More than 20 years = 100

#### Garden Size

Indoors/balcony/unit = 5  
Small residential block = 37  
Large residential block = 55  
Acreage = 21

Make of this information what you will but it tells me that despite our members being in the upper age range they still have reasonable sized gardens and many years of experience.

#### MORNING TEA CONGESTION

We are still working on a congestion free system for our morning tea break. Club members are encouraged to move through the kitchen as quickly as possible.

A trolley will be placed at the kitchen door for your empty mugs ready for the washing up team to deal with. Three or four volunteers are needed each meeting to take a turn at the kitchen sink.



#### FRIDAY MAY 3RD COACH TRIP

\$30 each some seats left!

Depart 9.30am from the Strathalbyn Visitor Information Centre South Tce  
**Arrive 9.15 to sign in**

Travel to Ukaria, Williams Road Mt Barker Summit - Garden Walk and coffee.

Depart 11.30am Travel to Green Platypus Gardens Macclesfield

Arrive 12.15 Garden Walk and Talk and Lunch.

Depart 3.00pm for return to Strathalbyn

Arrive 3.20pm South Tce Strathalbyn



# STRATHALBYN GARDEN CLUB PROGRAM 2019

April 26th	Robert Hatcher	The Art of Bonsai
<b>April 26th</b>	<b>Launch Neutrog Order</b>	<b>Price list and order form available</b>
<b>Friday 3rd May</b>	<b>Coach Trip \$30</b>	<b>Ukaria and Green Platypus Garden</b>
May 24th	Margaret Lee	Native Plants in Mediterranean Gardens
June 28th	AGM	
June 28th	Uwe Stroeher	Microbes - Magicians in the Soil
<b>June 28th</b>	<b>Final day for Neutrog Order</b>	
July 26th	Penny Fairweather	Experiences as an RAN nurse in remote Aboriginal Communities
<b>July 31st Wednesday</b>	<b>Pick up Neutrog</b>	<b>Walsh Avenue 9.30am - 12 noon</b>
August 23rd	Matt Daniel	Angas Zinc Mine habitat regeneration

## GREEN PLATYPUS GARDENS

### WORKSHOPS

Sunday 28th April 9.30 - 3.30  
\$130 for the day includes lunch.

Co-Creative Garden Design  
Design your dream garden now!

Co-creative Garden Design will give you the confidence, skill and knowledge to be able to do just that. Join local landscape designer and garden educator Amanda Reynolds in this exciting day of designing your own beautiful garden.

Workshop covers: developing your dream and identifying a concept and style; creating a site plan and concept design; the design elements of style, form, movement and colour; hardscape; landscape; greenscape; site preparation; time; budget; getting started.

Saturday April 27th

Organics for a day

\$40 for 1/2 day \$80 full day includes lunch

An interactive and practical day covering the principles of organic gardening.

A M - Composting Masterclass

- How to make great compost
- Troubleshoot major problems and challenges
- The best methods including worm farms

PM - Weed, pest and disease control the organic way

- Organic weed control without using poison
- Identifying common pests and methods of control
- Organic treatments to keep garden healthy.

Saturday May 11th

Gardens of Biodiversity

\$40 for 1/2 day \$80 full day includes lunch

Encourage birds, bees, butterflies and beneficial insects

AM - Creating biodiversity, choosing plants, building a frog pond.

PM - Bush Foods - identifying bush foods and how to grow and use them.

### PAYMENTS TO THE TREASURER

#### EFT (Internet Banking )

Strathalbyn Garden Club Inc  
BSB 105019  
Ac/N<sup>o</sup> 037 873 640

Always put your Name and the purpose for the payment e.g. J.Adams subs in the remitter line

Send an email to

cchuxter@aussiebb.com.au  
advising of the funds transfer.

Receipts (electronic) will be issued by return email

Keep all receipts as proof of payment.

### SHEEP MANURE FOR SALE

\$5/ bag

\$20 collected in a trailer (6X4)

Tania & John Richardson

Woodchester

85375011

We're happy to make your garden happy!  
Spread the word.

### COMPOSTED PIG MANURE

\$9.00 per 27 litre bag

Free delivery in Strathalbyn

Phone 8536 2628

Ros 0428 362 628

Brian 0438 362 628

Practically odourless!



## STRATHALBYN GARDEN CLUB MEMBER'S TALK

Did you have a good holiday and more importantly did you visit an interesting garden or park?

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.

Speak to any member of the committee!



# HON KARLENE MAYWALD - WATER

Among many other important positions Karlene Maywald is Chair of the Board of the International Centre of Excellence for Water Resources Management and co-incidentally she was guest speaker at the Strathalbyn Garden Club on March 22nd World Water Day.

Following a successful campaign in Waikerie to form a lobby group "Riverlanders for Regional Development". Karlene was encouraged to stand as a National Party candidate in the 1997 election. She won the seat of Chaffey and served the South Australian Parliament from October 1997 to March 2010 and was appointed as a Cabinet Minister from July 2004 until March 2010. Her Portfolio responsibilities included The River Murray, Water Security, Small Business, Regional Development, Consumer Affairs, Science and Information Economy, and Assisting the Minister for Industry and Trade. Karlene's past roles include Chair of the Australian National Water Commission and a Board Member of SA Water.

During her time as Minister for the River Murray Karlene travelled all over the Murray Darling Basin in an effort to understand all the issues. In 2002 South Australia had water restrictions for the first time and by 2004 the Millennium drought was in full swing and it continued until 2010 leaving the Murray River with no storage, no water in-flow, no water for irrigation and limited water for human needs.

At this time Karlene was the most experienced Water Minister at the table as negotiations took place on a monthly basis with NSW and Victoria for water for the 1.2 million citizens of Adelaide while the lower lakes dried up and the salinity levels at Wellington continued to rise.

Karlene is most noted for her significant contribution to progressing national reforms to the management of the Murray Darling Basin and setting the direction for long term water security in South Australia including the construction of the Adelaide Desalination Plant.

As Karlene commented 'people who live along the river look upstream with envy and downstream with disdain'.

Trying to get consensus on how the river and its water is managed is 'negotiation on steroids'.

Changes to the lakes and rivers affects not just the environment and farmers but also people who use the water for recreation and who have homes and shacks on the banks.

"Water for Good" was an initiative of the Rann Government to provide South Australia with water security into the future and it sets out a comprehensive plan for ensuring an adequate supply for the state using a range of initiatives.

South Australia is a leader in recycling stormwater and leads the nation in rainwater tank ownership. Current uses of recycled water include irrigation, industrial uses, some nondrinking residential uses (e.g. garden irrigation and toilet flushing), and groundwater replenishment. Recent national guidelines, developed with South Australian assistance, provide uniformity for public health and environmental risk assessments for some uses.

In South Australia, in an average year, around 75 per cent

of the water taken from the River Murray is used for primary production. This includes water for livestock, piggeries, dairies and wineries and for the irrigation of crops such as citrus, stone fruit, almonds, pasture, vegetables and other niche crops.

## The Murray-Darling Basin

The Murray-Darling Basin covers 1,059,000 square kilometres and drains one-seventh of Australia's land area. It includes the Australian Capital Territory, and parts of Queensland, New South Wales, Victoria and South Australia.

The basin contains Australia's three longest rivers, the Darling (2,740 km), Murray (2,530 km) and Murrumbidgee (1,690 km) and incorporates a vast network of tributaries, creeks and watercourses, many of which only carry water during times of flood.

The basin supports a wide range of estuarine, floodplain and wetland environments. There are around 30,000 wetlands with sixteen listed under the Convention on Wetlands of International Importance (the Ramsar Convention).

The basin supports significant agriculture, tourism and other productive industries and is home to more than two million people. Outside the basin, a further 1.3 million people depend on its water resources, including Adelaide, the largest population base reliant on basin water resources.

South Australia works closely with all basin states and the Australian Government to jointly manage the Murray-Darling river system. To ensure the entire river system is managed sustainably into the future, the Basin Plan was developed and agreed to by all basin states.

## MAR - Managed Aquifer Recharge Schemes

The system whereby storm water and treated waste water is distributed in purple pipes.

Nearly all of SA Water's alternative water network supplies treated wastewater. The 135 km Virginia Pipeline Scheme supplies more than 400 horticultural customers. This network is now the source of water for the trial at the Stebonheath-

Curtis MAR scheme in the City of Playford, and similarly Bolivar treated effluent is a source for the MAR component of the Northern Adelaide Irrigation Scheme. City of Salisbury has an advanced network that supplies reserves, schools, industry and some glasshouses in the Northern Adelaide Plains. In recent years, it also began to supply the Northgate and Lightsview residential and commercial developments in neighbouring City of Port Adelaide-Enfield.

## The Big Question

Why can't we run water in a pipe from North Queensland where it is always raining?

## Answer

It is not all down hill and the pumping cost would be prohibitive. The environment there relies on the rain water to maintain all its ecosystems including the coastal areas where the less saline sea water provides suitable conditions for mangroves and fish breeding sites.





**STRATHALBYN GARDEN CLUB  
MINUTES  
General Meeting held at St Andrews Church Hall.  
Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2019**

**Meeting commenced:** At 10am as the bell is lost a glass and spoon did the trick. We are now into the season for mists and mellow fruitfulness. Labels for plants are now available. There has been no response from our grants submission for our plant rescue idea.

**Welcome Visitors:** Jenny Turniskil, Frank Robertson, Rose Pearsall, Louise Ramsay, Helen Steer  
**New Members:** Linley Cleggett

**Attendance:** 92                      Apologies: 15                      **Lucky Door Prize:** Rose Moody

**Announcements & Correspondence**

**No Loitering in the kitchen** – 2 urns working so please use both and return your cups to the trolley.

**Welcome** Maggie Minchin and Bridget Knight to raffle ticket sales

Offering a plant identification and labelling service for donations to the raffle table

**Trip bookings** and payments are still being taken by Maria

**Garden Clubs of Australia** survey sheets are being passed around – only fill in one copy.

**Australian Native Plant Sale** 13<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup> April – Adelaide Showgrounds, Wayville.

**Unley Plant Rescue** – are having a sale on 7<sup>th</sup> April.

**Nangawooka** Open Day and Plant sale Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> April 10am -4pm

**Leura Gardens Festival** 2 weekends in October has been running for 55 years.

**Community Notices** – Fashion Parade Dressed4Success Monday 25<sup>th</sup> March

Kalimna Meeting Wed 27<sup>th</sup> March

Strathalbyn Woodshed Sale Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> April, 1-4pm

Rural Women's Gathering 11<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup> October in Strathalbyn – volunteers will be needed.

Wistow Hall – 30<sup>th</sup> March from 8.30am pop-up market, plants, etc. available.

**Minutes of the last meeting:** 22nd February 2019 page 3 of Newsletter

**Moved:** J. Leppinus    **Seconded:** H Fairweather.

**Treasurer:** All fine, 17 seats available on the coach see me or Maria, payment by next meeting.

**Guest Speaker**                      **Karlene Maywald – All you ever wanted to know about the Murray River and water problems of SA**

**Next Meeting Friday 26<sup>th</sup> April 2019**