



NEWSLETTER

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| Frank Chapman | Neutrog coordinator | | |
| Margaret Jenkins & Helen Fairweather | Raffle table | | |
| Janet Jones | Name badges & member profiles | | |

In Memoriam

Malcolm McDougall.

Died unexpectedly on 14th July 2018

A much respected member of the Strathalbyn Garden Club who will be sadly missed.

GARDENAID

Three assignments for rose pruning have been completed successfully to the relief and delight of the garden owners.

Thank you to the Club members who assisted.



OPENGARDENS SOUTH AUSTRALIA

Comprehensive garden details can be found on the website <https://opengardensa.org.au/>

SEPTEMBER

1st – 2nd

Avondale 146 Avondale Road, Rhynie
8th – 9th

Niwajiri 5 Lampert Road, Crafers
15th – 16th

Rosie and Mick's Garden 4 Graetz Tce, Springton
23rd Sunday only

Beaumont House 631 Glynburn Road, Beaumont
23rd Sunday only

Pt Elliot Open Gardens Tickets from 53 North Terrace, Pt Elliot

Charteris Place

Glengarry

Muller Garden

The Printmaker and Potter's Garden

OCTOBER

Long Weekend

Avondale 146 Avondale Road, Rhynie
6th – 7th

Crabapple Cottage 1 Jean Street, Leabrook
13th – 14th

Fiddlestix 58 Holly Rise, Coffin Bay

St Mary's Vineyard 563 V & A Lane, Penola

TickleTank 24 Hill Street, Mt Barker

20th – 21st

Erica's Garden 57 Sheoak Road, Belair
27th – 28th

Ashgrove Iris Garden 53-55 Albert Street, Gumeracha

Long Garden 1 Baust Crescent, Coromandel Valley

NOVEMBER

3rd – 4th

Forestbrook Estate 254 Checker Hill Road, Gumeracha

Randa 14 Bethany Rd, Tanunda

10th – 11th

Drouin 12 Mossop Court, Littlehampton

24th – 25th

Kinclaven 56 Waverley Ridge Road, Crafers

DECEMBER

1st – 2nd

Kookaburra Ridge 136 Ridge Rd, Ashton

8th – 9th

Jane's Garden 36 Agnes St, Mount Gambier

Watson Garden 19 Bertha St, Mt Gambier

STRATHALBYN GARDEN CLUB CALENDAR OF MEETINGS AND EVENTS

| MEETING DATE | SPEAKER/ACTIVITY | TOPIC FOR DISCUSSION |
|--------------------|---------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------|
| July 27th | Alice McCleary | Unley Gardeners Plant rescue group |
| August 24th | Paul Depuglia | Neutrog - the latest developments |
| August 25th & 26th | SA Garden Rally | Cornerstone College Mt Barker + local gardens |
| September 28th | Jan Forrest | Great Victoria Desert |
| October 6th | Cavalcade of Gardens | |
| October 19th | Paech Farm and Highcroft Garden Visit | Car pool, full day trip. |
| October 25th | Bloom Competition | Best blooms in 4 categories |
| October 25th | Margaret Jenkins | Water irises |
| November 23rd | End of Year Lunch | The Oval Function Centre |

ADDING GARDEN VISITS TO YOUR VACATION TOURING

The My Open Garden website
www.myopengarden.com.au
is an excellent resource for find-
ing gardens to visit.



Public and private gardens are listed as well as garden related events. all entries have comprehensive details.

Links to websites listing open gardens in UK, USA and NZ are provided with the promise of 'more to come'.

Navigating the site is simple with searching by state, garden name or proximity.

TO DO



- Start nurturing plants which will supply your blooms for entry in the Bloom Competition at the October meeting
- Finish pruning the roses and fertilise with Sudden Impact for Roses before mulching.
- Mulch around roses before new growth appears to avoid damaging the new shoots.
- Keep vegetables growing strongly with applications of liquid fertiliser.
- Protect broad bean plants from wind damage by staking.
- Donate excess produce to a grow free cart.
- Add to your sub soil moisture but collecting rain water and pouring it around trees and shrubs. The soil is still very dry below the surface.
- Plan to enter the Strathalbyn Show Spring Garden Competition entries close 7th September, judging on Sunday 16th September

GARDEN CLUB SUBS DUE \$10

Correct money in an envelope with your details on the front to the Treasurer
or EFT Strathalbyn Garden Club Inc
BSB 105019 Account Number 037 873 640
with your name in the remitter line.
Email cchuxter@aussiebb.com.au to confirm

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.

GREG THE WORM MAN 0438 808 066

Kilo packs of composting worms
Vermicast for soil improvement
Worm Farms to order
Worm Wee 3 litre & 20 litre containers
Catch me at the Strathalbyn Garden Club meetings!

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\$9.00 per 27 litre bag
Free delivery in Strathalbyn
Phone 8536 2628
Ros 0428 362 628
Brian 0438 362 628
Practically odourless!





HERE'S ANOTHER THOUGHT!

Bonus Extra! If you are planning to visit the Burra Garden Expo and Arid Lands Botanic Gardens at Pt Augusta why not, on the way home, add a side trip to Windrush at 11 Whelan Road Pt Broughton.

'Windrush' is a semi-arid country garden by the sea. Saltbush, eremophilas, salvias and artemesia join with other hardy native and exotic species to create a palette that is predominately silver. Bursts of colour come from the roses and flowering shrubs. Clipped hedges, slate paths and terracing define the garden. Welded art pieces add a touch of whimsy. A decade old, Windrush is a welcoming and productive garden that provides a calm respite for visitors and safe habitat for native birds.

CAR POOL OUTING FRIDAY OCTOBER 19TH



- 10.00am Meet at Coleman Tce to depart at
- 10.15am Travel to Paech Farm at 52 Blights Reserve Road, Wistow
- 10.40am Paech Farm for morning tea and lunch,
Tour the farm buildings, farm house, garden and historic machinery
- 1.00pm Depart for Highcroft Garden 231 Mail Road Harrogate travelling via Harrogate Road.
- 2.00pm Arrive Highcroft Garden for garden walk and afternoon tea.
- 4.30pm Arrive back at Coleman Tce.

NB Times are a little bit flexible depending on numbers and travelling conditions.

Cost: \$26.25 per person which includes entry fees, morning and afternoon tea and lunch.

- ◆ Dress for the weather and wear comfortable walking shoes.
- ◆ Detailed directions will be provided.
- ◆ Register your name with Maria Maxwell if you plan to attend. Friends welcome.
- ◆ Money due by the September meeting.

HIGHCROFT GARDEN

Highcroft Garden is a meandering 2.5 acre garden situated at Harrogate, on the forefront of a 300 acre family farming property in the Adelaide Hills. 'Highcroft Garden' has a relaxed atmosphere where visitors are invited to wander through the main garden and surrounding areas at their leisure.

Gardening in a rural setting and in a low rainfall area is challenging but this garden uses a range of species suited to the environment to create a colourful, interesting panorama. The metal sculptures, feature pots and stone walls enhance the plantings.



DID YOU HEAR ABOUT? **The Alexandrina Council initiative "Sustainable Spring"**



A three month program of events bringing together principles of sustainability, the arts and practical do-it-yourself green living know how.

One of the initiatives:

Roadside Verge Gardens - why not turn the space between the kerb and your front fence into a thriving verge garden.

Council will launch the new Roadside Verge Planting Guide on 8th September.

Details in the Alexandrina Alive winter 2018 Newsletter delivered with your rates notice.

AUSTRALIAN ARID LANDS BOTANIC GARDENS - JOHN ZWAR

In the May 2018 edition of the Friends of the Australian Arid Lands Botanic Garden Newsletter, John Zwar comments, that on a driving trip to Benalla (Victoria) to attend the Australian Association of Friends of Botanic Gardens biennial conference, he visited a total of thirty botanic gardens.

Friends groups of Botanic Gardens are formed by citizens interested in the conservation and development, scientific, educational, historical, cultural and recreational functions of the gardens.

Many botanic gardens are reliant on their Friends groups for energetic practical support with horticultural care, advocacy and fundraising as the gardens face funding and staffing pressures.

John spoke at length on the importance of Garden Tourism to the economy of an area and quoted Professor Richard Benfield of Connecticut, a world authority on Garden Tourism.

An example of the financial benefits of Garden Tourism can be seen from the statistics presented by Prof Benfield in relation to Floriade which in 2013 had close to 450,000 attend over the thirty days with 25% being from interstate and overseas. This equates to an economic impact of \$27million to the region.

The Arid Lands Botanic Gardens has between sixty thousand and one hundred thousand visitors a year which results in an estimated eighteen million dollar input to the region. Unfortunately the financial support for the garden is insecure due to the current economic downturn in the region.

The Gardens opened officially in September 1996 after many years of behind the scenes working and lobbying. WMC became a sponsor in the early 1990s and a substantial sum of one million dollars was collected from State and Federal Governments and the local council along with WMC so work could commence in earnest.

A 'Friends' group had been formed in 1984 and it was their initiative to fund a landscape architect to draw up the original plans. The Friends have raised more than one million dollars in funds and have contributed more than four million dollars worth of labour.

The Garden's focus is on the Southern Arid Zone of Australia which encompasses at least a third of the continent. There are a number of significant plant collections within the garden.

With over 200 named species in this genus the Eremophila garden showcases a significant range highlighting the amazing diversity and also the horticultural potential of this increasingly popular and often showy group.

The Robert Brown Collection of plants, featured at the Matthew Flinders Red Cliffs Lookout, represents some of

the species collected by botanist Robert Brown on his expedition with Matthew Flinders in 1802. The species planted here were collected from Mount Brown which is visible from the site and is the same area that the botanist collected from during that visit

Australia has almost 25% of the world's rare and threatened plant species and the Rare Plant Collection represents just a very small but significant portion of the arid species. The plants in this collection are classified as rare because of incredibly small or reduced and threatened populations.

The Garden is very welcoming to visitors with lookouts, boardwalks, seating, interpretive panels, Arid smart display gardens, a gift shop, a children's nature play area, plant sales and a café featuring native inspired food. It is open daily between 7.30am and sunset. The visitors centre is open 9am - 5pm weekdays and 10am - 4pm weekends and public holidays. Guided walks commence at 10am and maps are available for self guided walks.



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ROBERT BROWN set sail with Matthew Flinders in July 1801 employed by the expedition as the naturalist in a scientific team also comprising a Botanical Illustrator, Gardener to collect live specimens and seeds for Kew, a mineralogist, astronomer and a landscape artist.

Over the three and a half year expedition they collected 3400 species with 2000 being previously unknown.



Robert Brown
1773 - 1858
Born Montrose
Scotland