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From The President,

The frustration of not being able to get out into the garden because of the driving rain and wind is tempered slightly by the sight of overflowing rainwater tanks and dams and the flush of healthy new growth on the plants viewed through the rain spattered windows.

All the under cover gardening tasks are up to date with tools cleaned and sharpened, shed immaculate and spring vegetable seeds sown into pots and keeping warm in the glasshouse. All the cuttings taken in autumn have been potted on and should be well grown when it is time to use them to fill empty spots in the garden beds.

The garden magazines have been well thumbed and garden sites on the internet explored and if the rain continues the knitting needles may come out and be put to use creating flowers for the "Knitted Garden" project planned for next year.

Probably when the weather fines up there will be an explosion of garden pests, mosquitos, bush flies, fungal diseases and weeds to contend with and it is to be hoped that there is not a burst of hot weather to burn off all the tender new growth on precious plants!

With a bit of luck the Bloom Competition to be held at our October meeting should be spectacular and the Cavalcade of Gardens a delight to enjoy.

Norma Keily

\$10 Subs now due.

BIRDS OF THE FLEURIEU - WENDY PHILIPS & BOB DALY

The vegetation of the Fleurieu is classified as 'Mallee' so the majority of birds that we see will be Mallee birds. Many of the birds are often heard rather than seen as they are small and well camouflaged. The region has a diverse range of habitat resulting in a wide range of species which, despite almost 200 years of European settlement, has not been greatly diminished.

Some birds have more than one common name depending on where they are seen so access to a comprehensive reference book such as "Fleurieu Birds" by Peter Gower (Axiom Publisher 2012) is an asset when trying to identify species. This excellent resource is well illustrated with photos of birds in flight, male and female as well as juvenile variations and details of habitat, food sources and when and where they can be seen.

Corellas have migrated from the north because there is better access to water



and food sources and their migratory patterns have changed due to the readily available foods. Similarly sulphur crested parrots and crested wood pigeons have increased in number.

It is preferable not to feed birds in the home garden as it tends to change their living patterns and can be detrimental to their health.

Leaf litter, tree hollows, dense thickets, waterways and a wide variety of flowering plants and grasses as well as insects and other small critters are all essential to a viable biodiversity to support a healthy bird life.

Some introduced bird species have driven out native birds in some areas as they aggressively take over their habitats.

The well illustrated and informative talk concluded with a short video of life in a nesting box as eggs were laid and hatched and six hungry, demanding fledgling rosellas were fed and cared for and finally encouraged to fly the nest over a marathon of four weeks.

A KNITTED GARDEN

Following the success in Strathalbyn of the knitted poppies project for Remembrance Day the idea was proposed to put together a "Knitted Garden" for the Strathalbyn Red Cross Craft Fair which is held annually in the Town Hall

WHY? WHY NOT!

We would like this to be a joint venture for anyone interested and able to knit, crochet or felt flowers in any colour, style and size to be gathered together in a community display to be mounted at the craft fair. Afterwards it could be dismantled or offered for display at other venues.

THE PLAN

Donations of all colours of wool can be left at the Strath Neighbourhood Centre 1 High Street.

Finished flowers can be left at the Strath Neighbourhood Centre and wool can be picked up .

Flowers can be any colour, style and design in knitting, crochet or felt.

Completion date will be end March 2017 which gives time to put the garden together.

Norma Keily 8536 6276 will be managing the project but any offers of assistance will be welcome.

Pick up a flyer to share the idea with your crafty friends as the project is open to everyone..



STRATHALBYN GARDEN CLUB PROGRAM

MEETING DATE	SPEAKER/ACTIVITY	TOPIC FOR DISCUSSION
September 23rd	Gil Holamby	Butterflies in your garden
October 8th	Cavalcade of Gardens	5 Gardens to view around Strathalbyn
October 28th	Bloom Competition	Flower arranging Demonstration
November 25th	Celebratory Lunch	Oasis Langhorne Creek Rd Belvidere
December 23rd	Almost Christmas	NO MEETING



A big **THANK YOU** to Frank Chapman and his team for managing another successful Neutrog distribution to our members.

Many hundreds of kilos of fertiliser were sorted, stacked and then loaded into car boots or onto the back of utes.

In all the busy-ness only two items went astray

1. a 2 litre bottle of GoGo juice was taken instead of a 1 litre
2. A bag of Bush Tucker was taken in error

If you think either of these two items apply to you please let Mary Golden know.

Neutrog and the Garden Club would be delighted to have some photos of how your garden reacts to having applications of the various Neutrog products.



Shirley & Rex Fountain need small garden pots for their ever increasing collection of cuttings. phone 8536 3930 if you can help.

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!

SHEEP MANURE for Sale

\$5 / bag (delivered to Strath)

\$5/ bag (collected from farm)

\$20 / collected in trailer, i.e. 6'.4'

Tania & John Richardson

Woodchester

85375011

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

SA IRIS SOCIETY ANNUAL SHOW

SATURDAY OCTOBER 22ND 11AM - 5PM

SUNDAY OCTOBER 23RD 10AM - 4PM

GOODWOOD COMMUNITY CENTRE

32 ROSA ST GOODWOOD

ADMISSION \$3 ADULT, CHILDREN FREE

For Sale: Iris rhizomes - tall bearded, Pacific Coast iris, Japanese Iris, Louisiana Iris and Spuria.

Demonstrations both days @ 2pm

Saturday - All about iris

Sunday - Ikebana

Trading Table

Refreshments available

COMPOSTED PIG MANURE

\$9.00 per 27 litre bag

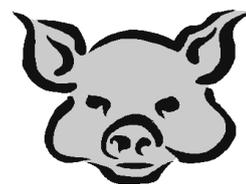
Free delivery in Strathalbyn

Phone 8536 2628

Ros 0428 362 628

Brian 0438 362 628

Practically odourless!



GARDEN CLUB

END OF YEAR CHRISTMAS LUNCH

FRIDAY NOVEMBER 25TH.

Oasis Gardens & Function Centre

Langhorne Creek Road Belvidere

12 midday for 12.30pm

2 course meal (main & sweets) \$36.00 pp

\$10 deposit at July 22nd meeting.

Balance of \$26 by October 28th meeting.

Partners and friends welcome.

Mention dietary requirements at the time of booking.

Put aside just \$2 per week for the next 20 weeks to cover the cost!

(No refund for late cancelation)

Good Food! Good Friends! Good Fun!





CAVALCADE OF GARDENS

8TH OCTOBER 2016

1PM - 4PM

**5 GARDENS TO VISIT
(NOT NECESSARILY IN THIS ORDER)
NO CHARGE!**



ROSE MOODY 38 MATRICE COURT (OFF RIVERSIDE ROAD)

A 5 acre property with stables for the horses, leaving plenty of room for a large diverse garden comprising natives, geraniums, salvias, roses, etc. etc. even a couple of pet sheep. (All abundantly fertilised with horse manure.)

MARGARET CROSER 19 SANDERGROVE ROAD

A suburban garden hidden behind a brush hedge. The July storm has robbed the garden of a couple of large trees but as a keen gardener, Margaret soldiers on. (Margaret thinks it's boring - what do you think?)

SUE MADDERN 5 EAST TERRACE

A semi-formal layout with interesting rooms and plants. A hidden treasure with interesting 'pieces' dotted around the garden beds.

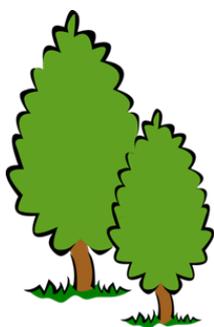
LORRAINE & ROB 10 HAIGH ROAD (OFF HAMPDEN WAY AND CATT DRIVE)

A suburban front garden but the back yard is a productive work in progress with fruit trees, berries and vegetables. Come and see if they can grow vegies better than you.

NORMA & REX KEILY 775 OLD BULL CREEK ROAD (7.5 KM FROM TOWN)

A large rural garden with plenty of everything. Alpacas and lambs frolic in the fields and the views are stunning. New garden areas have recently been created with interest added by pieces found at local garage sales! Afternoon tea will be available at this one.

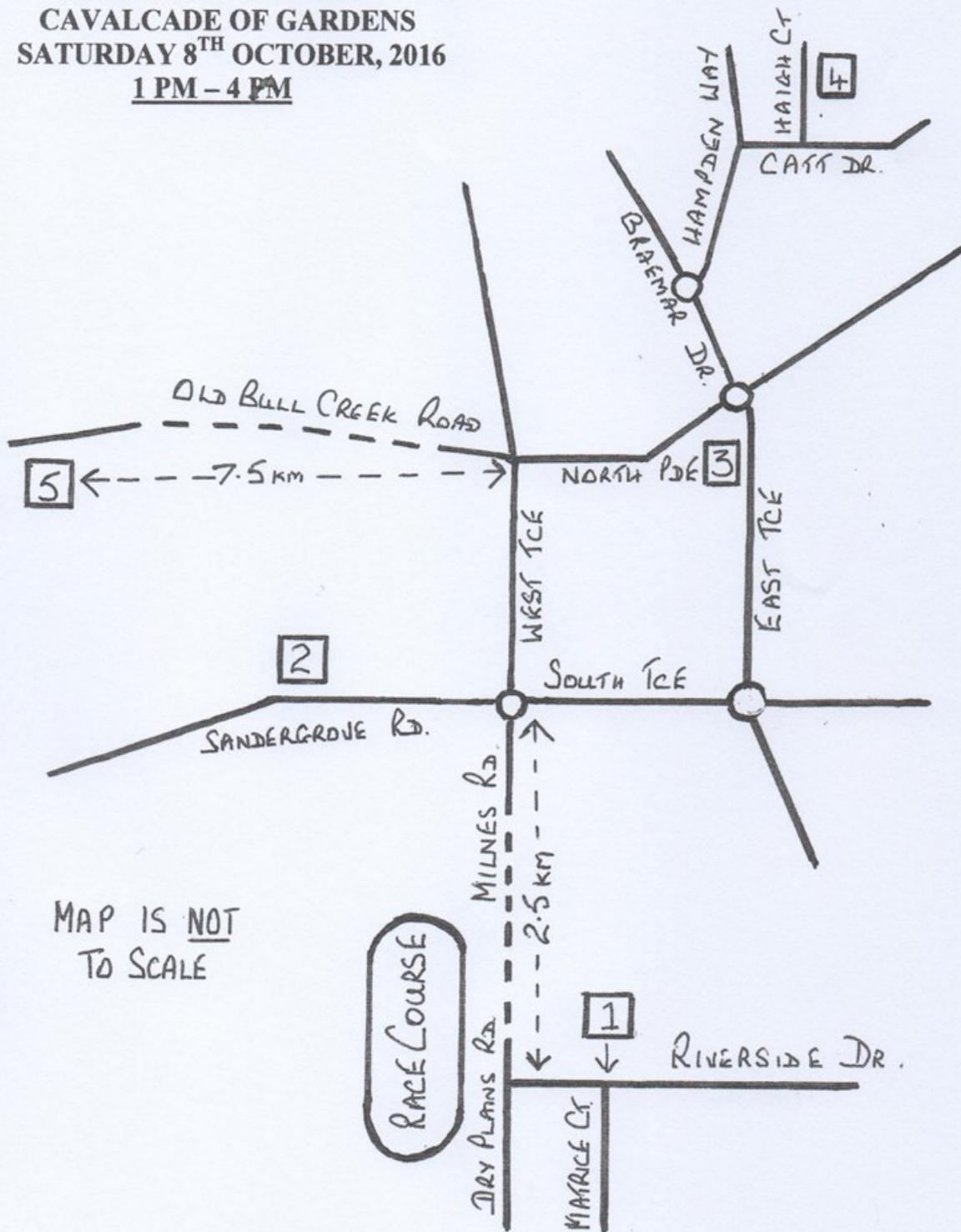
- Bring your camera
- Wear sensible shoes and please dress for the weather
- Family and friends all welcome
- Take care driving and parking



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STRATHALBYN GARDEN CLUB
 CAVALCADE OF GARDENS
 SATURDAY 8TH OCTOBER, 2016
 1 PM - 4 PM



1. Rose Moody, 38 Matrice Court.
2. Margaret Croser, 19 Sandergrove Road.
3. Sue Maddern, 5 East Terrace.
4. Lorraine & Rob Stokoe, 10 Haigh Court.
5. Norma & Rex Keily, 775 Old Bull Creek Road.