



# NEWSLETTER

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### OPEN GARDENS SA SPRING OPEN GARDENS

**August 27th** (Sunday only)

#### Etre Garden

10 Delaney Ave Willunga.

#### September

2 - 3

#### Avondale

146 Avondale Rd

Rhynie (near Riverton)

9 - 10

#### Brightview (new)

10 Brightview Ave

Blackwood

16 - 17

#### Riverline (new)

141 Karoonda Highway

Loxton

#### October Long Weekend

#### Avondale (as above)

#### Estella (new)

38 Cross Road

Myrtle Bank

#### Sunday & Monday only

#### Al-Ru Farm

1016 One Tree Hill Road

One Tree Hill

7 - 8

#### Crabapple Cottage (new)

1 Jean St

Leabrook

14 - 15

#### Tickletank

24 Hill St

Mt Barker.

All open 10am - 4pm

Entry \$8.00

Open Garden selectors are looking for gardens in the Strathalbyn area willing to open in Autumn 2018.

"Serenity" at 775 Old Bull Creek Road will be open in late April 2018.

Contact Open Gardens SA via their webpage or phone 0418 839 041.

### HILLSIDE HERBS AND SUCCULENTS LORRAINE THOMPSON

Hillside Herbs and Succulents is a family run nursery at 43 Sand Road McLaren Vale with Steve managing the succulents and Lorraine taking care of the more high maintenance herbs.

Succulents and cactus are a good alternative to cottage garden plants as they have a lower water requirement, grow well in pots and can handle a wide range of weather conditions as well as looking spectacular in mass plantings.

They do not do well in clay soils and perform better in a sunny position with at least half a day of sun. Good drainage is essential.

When growing succulents in pots use a good premium potting soil and add sand or small stones to increase drainage. Make sure the pot has good drain holes or add a layer of stones in the base. A slow release or liquid fertiliser can be used sparingly on pot grown succulents. Mixed collections of succulents with a range of shapes, textures, colours and flowers in a large pot will make a spectacular display. Re-potting is not necessary unless the plant grows too big for the pot. Frost and hail can damage succulents.

#### PESTS AND DISEASES

Over fertilising forces growth which creates softer less health plants which become prey to disease and insect attack. Fertilising is only required when the soil is severely impoverished.

**Aphids** – can be drowned either by dunking the entire plant in water or can be squirted off.

**Mealy bugs and ants** can be treated with Pest oil but not in hot or sunny weather.

Confidor can be used to save precious plants but should not be used on plants while they are flowering alternatively remove all the flowers to avoid poisoning the bees.

**Snails and slugs** can

decimate succulents so they need to be controlled by trapping and the use of a small application of pellets.

Some winter growing Aeonium shut down for the summer and often insects will attack at the time that plants are going dormant.

**Earwigs** can also be a problem for which there is no easy solution. Try trapping them.

#### PROPAGATING

Succulent cuttings do not need to dry out before being planted. Most will grow from leaf cuttings but always make sure that the leaf is pulled from very close to the stem. They may take up to three months to start developing roots. Aeoniums are best propagated from a stem cutting using a young healthy stem. When pieces break off a plant try tucking them back into the soil at the base of the plant to create a denser mass for a better display.

Cactus cuttings need plenty of time to dry before planting and should be re-cut if rot appears. Cactus do not have extensive root systems.

Chain of hearts have seeds which can be collected.

Euphorbias have a white latex sap which can be a severe irritant – wear gloves for protection.

#### TIPS FOR USING SUCCULENTS IN LANDSCAPING

Crassulas add height. Cotyldon silver waves can be grown under pine trees Kalanchoes do well in full sun and flower prolifically in a range of colours.

Research the origins for altitude, rainfall and light requirements when planning their use in the garden.

Sanseveria is good indoors

Crassulas are long lived plants and make excellent Bonsai specimens.



# STRATHALBYN GARDEN CLUB PROGRAM

MEETING DATE	SPEAKER/ACTIVITY	TOPIC FOR DISCUSSION
August 25th	Edmund Gooden	Sacred Grove , Belvidere. Organic Native Plant based health products
September 22nd	Paul Depuglia	The benefits of Neutrog in the garden
September 22nd	Market Day	Book a space and sell plants and garden items
October 7th Saturday	Cavalcade of Gardens	1pm - 4pm Details in the September newsletter
October 27th	Margaret Jenkins	Irises
October 27th	Annual Bloom Competition	4 categories to enter
November 24th	End of year lunch	The Oval Function Centre Ashbourne Road.
January 19th 2018	Andrew Barker	Grow Free

## PAYMENTS TO THE TREASURER

### CASH

- Provide correct money in an envelope with your name and contact details on the front.
- Receipts will be available at the following meeting.
- Keep all receipts as proof of payment.

### EFT (Internet Banking On-line)

- 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 will be available at the following meeting
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## STRATHALBYN GARDEN CLUB MARKET DAY FOR MEMBERS FRIENDS ARE WELCOME TOO!

**SEPTEMBER 22ND FROM  
9.30AM - 10.30AM**

### DURING THE CLUB MEETING.

- Bookings for selling space still available
- \$10 for a trestle/ \$5 a card table to be paid at time of booking. TABLES PROVIDED.
- Members will retain all the proceeds of their sales.
- There will be no raffle at the September meeting.
- The Garden Club will have a sale table for donated items with funds going to the Club.
- Plants offered for sale should be healthy, well grown and clearly labelled.
- Other items offered for sale should be garden related and of a saleable quality



2017/18 SUBS DUE

\$10 FOR THE YEAR.



### 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

\$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

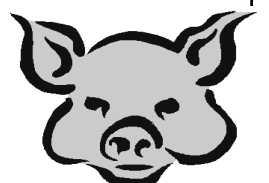
Free delivery in Strathalbyn

Phone 8536 2628

Ros 0428 362 628

Brian 0438 362 628

Practically odourless!



## AUSTRALIAN PLANTS SOCIETY 2017 SPRING EXPO

Saturday 7th October      Sunday 8th October  
10am - 5pm                      10am - 4pm

Adelaide Show Grounds Wayville

\$3 entry

\*Large range all grown in SA

\*Books \*free soil pH testing

\*Advice \*Demonstrations \*Children's activities

[www.australianplantssa.asn.au](http://www.australianplantssa.asn.au)

## 2017 STRATHALBYN SHOW MONDAY 2ND OCTOBER SHOW GARDEN COMPETITION

Convenor Heather McMurtrie 0428 817 532 & Rex Liebelt  
Entries close 8th September \$5 per garden with 9 different  
categories to enter.

Judging day Saturday 16th September. Award presentations to  
be at the Show.

### PLANTS IN POTS

Convenor Mrs Barb Smithies 8388 8096

Entry forms to be submitted before 4.30pm Wednesday  
27th September No entry fee

Many different categories - Ferns, succulents, orchids,  
plants in bloom, foliage plants, hanging baskets, bonsai  
etc

Full details on the website [www.strathalbynshow.com.au](http://www.strathalbynshow.com.au)

### COMMITTEE 2017/18

PRESIDENT	NORMA KEILY	8536 6276
SECRETARY	JENNY THOMAS	8536 4275
TREASURER & VICE PRESIDENT	CED HUXTER	8536 2215
ASSISTANT TREASURER	CAROLYN HUXTER	8536 2215
TABLES & PRINTING	JACKIE CHAPMAN	8536 8798
TRIPS & WELCOMING	MARIA MAXWELL	8536 3731

### VOLUNTEERS

MORNING TEA	JAN WITHERS & JULIE WILSON
GUEST SPEAKERS	RUTH FRANCK
NEUTROG	FRANK CHAPMAN
SPECIAL EVENTS	CHRIS PAPPIN
RAFFLE TICKETS	REN TREMAYNE & CHRIS BOURNE
RAFFLE TABLE	HELEN FAIRWEATHER & MARGARET JENKINS
NAMETAGS	JANET JONES

## GARDENAID



### For assistance or to volunteer

contact Mary Golden

Phone 8536 4267

Mobile 0418 800 040

Email: [marygolden@bigpond.com](mailto:marygolden@bigpond.com)

Gardenaid is for emergency assistance for those garden  
tasks which are one off and need to be done in a timely  
fashion.

STRATH NEIGHBOURHOOD CENTRE  
1 HIGH STREET STRATHALBYN  
8536 2856

## SNC FUNDRAISER "CUT ABOVE"

QUALITY LONG LIFE GARDEN GLOVES  
Tough & Thorn Proof \$7.50 a pair!

Sizes: Small, Medium, Large, Extra Large  
and Extra-Extra Large

All sizes in stock at  
the Centre.



## STRATHALBYN GARDEN CLUB END OF YEAR

### CELEBRATION LUNCH

Friday 24th November

12noon for 12.30pm

"The Oval" function centre at the  
oval Ashbourne Road.

\$35 for two courses. Drinks from the Bar.  
Friends and partners welcome.

Payment in full to the Treasurer either in an  
envelope with your details or EFT.

Final numbers needed by November 3rd.

Additional details closer to the day.



# STRATHALBYN GARDEN CLUB

## MINUTES

General Meeting held at St Andrews Hall  
Friday, 28<sup>th</sup> July 2017

Meeting commenced: The President Norma Keily commented that it was good to be home after our meeting last month in the Town Hall and issued a reminder to switch off mobiles, sign in and record apologies please.

**Welcome Visitors:** Cynthia Schultze, Sue Johansson, Helen Stacey and Penny Fairweather.

**New Members:** Chris Luscombe.

Attendance: 105 members as per the attendance register

Apologies: 15 members as per the attendance register

**Lucky door prize winner is:** Graham Withers

### **Announcements & Correspondence**

First day for the new Tea Team please be understanding.

Apologies from Norma for missing Joy Bourne , who takes care of the Website and Facebook page, from the volunteer list.

Following the AGM the committee is content to remain at 6 members as there are so many willing volunteers helping where needed.

Market Day – stall bookings open and the meeting time will be re-arranged so that selling takes place until 10.30 followed by morning tea, the general meeting and guest speaker. Friends and neighbours are welcome to attend the market.

Neutrog Order form – today is the final day for orders

Willunga Almond Blossom Festival takes place between 28<sup>th</sup> July and 6<sup>th</sup> August.

Cavalcade of Gardens any more volunteer gardens?

Orchid sales will take place at Hallet Cove shopping centre til Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> July.

Membership card for discount at Swanson's Nursery on payment of subs - \$10 in an envelope with name clearly written on the front

Knitted Garden will be displayed at the Antique Fair on the stage in the Uniting Church Hall.

Copies of the Our Garden magazine are available to take with thanks to Joy Stinson, Zone Rep for the Garden Clubs of Australia.

Janet Jones has warned that thefts of pot plants, garden tools, pot stands and garden ornaments are happening in Strathalbyn.

Please report any thefts to 131 444.

**Minutes of the last meeting:** Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May page 4 in the newsletter

**Moved:** Joan Leppinus. **Seconded:** Ren Tremayne

**Business Arising:** nil

**Treasurer:** Ced Huxter commented that it is pleasing to have subs being paid promptly and reminded members to have the correct money in an envelope clearly marked with your name.

**Member Talk** Shirley Fountain commended the Gardenaid team on the wonderful effort. She and Rex are grateful for the work done.

**Raffle:** **Morning Tea:** Well managed by the new Tea Team

**Guest Speaker** Lorraine Thompson Herbs and Succulents

**Next Meeting Friday 25<sup>th</sup> August**