

"Through the Garden Gate"

*Newsletter
of the
Medowie Garden
Club*

April - May 2021

Established March 2009

Member Count: 51



*Proud Member of
Garden Clubs of Australia*

AT LAST - HEADING OUT OF THE COVID-19 DARK!

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Monthly Meeting

Our April meeting was very capably hosted by David and Yvonne Tickle in their lovely home. Their garden was brimming with colourful plants and succulents and it was great to see there were lots of interesting items on the trading table. Thank you for opening your home to us for the first time David and Yvonne, it was a great day! Pics below.



Yvonne and David's great little succulent garden

The planned Autumn Plant Sale scheduled for the first Saturday in May unfortunately had to be cancelled, not due to COVID this time, but due to a large party booking in the Community Centre, meaning that the car park had to be reserved for (of all things) cars! This is the first time to my knowledge that we have ever clashed with anyone else on a Plant Sale day. We will need to book the car park well ahead in future.

So the May meeting was on the first Saturday as usual, hosted by Chris and Geoff Voigt at their lovely 'tropical' paradise. It was attended by 21 members, with 9 apologies. Thanks for providing an excellent venue once again Chris and Geoff (pics next month). Lots of great items on the trading table again which were mostly snapped up this month. Thank you and please keep them coming! The club bank balance was \$5077.

The next meeting will be on Saturday 5th June and will be hosted by Trish Littlejohns at 15 Ryan Road, Medowie.

Forget-me-Not..... Upcoming Events



Medowie Club Events

| Event / Date&Time | Location/Travel | Equip/Catering | Contact |
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| June Meeting: Sat 5th June 12:30pm for a 1pm start. | Trish Littlejohns at 15 Ryan Road, Medowie. | Chair, Cup & Food Plate. | Trish: 49828150 |
| July Meeting: Saturday 3rd July 12:30pm for a 1pm meeting start. | AGM - Annual General Meeting at Tilligerry Habitat, 2E King Albert Ave, Tanilba Bay. Annual Club fees due at this time. Committee nomination form attached. | Chair, Cup & Food Plate. | Chris: 49829025 |
| Xmas in July: Noon Thursday 22nd July | Lakeside Tavern, R' Terrace. Naughty Santa expected! | Subsidised lunch | Chris: 49829025 |
| August Meeting: Saturday 7th August 12:30pm. | TBC Volunteers for hosting future meetings welcomed. | | |
| Galston Open Gardens. Expected to be: Saturday 16th, Sunday 17th October. | This will be considered for a possible MGC bus trip with a number of open gardens to be visited. TBC |  | |

TBC: To be confirmed

Other Gardening Events

| Event / Date&Time | Location/Travel | Equip/Catering | Contact |
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| Friendship Day: Monday 30th August. 9:30am for 10am start. | Garden Clubs of Australia sponsored at Newcastle Botanic Gardens. Good raffles & plant sales. | \$25 for talks, lunch & garden activities | Chris: 49829025 |
| Bathurst Spring Spectacular and Garden Expo. 30th and Sun 31st October. | Expo: Lions Club Berry Park Bathurst. Open Gardens: TBA This would be a self- catered trip. | Expo: Gold Coin Gardens: \$20 all. Food stalls. | HVG: 4998 4000 |



Mozzie Repellent Recipe

For those that hate using those stinky commercial insect repellents, here is a recipe to make your own: In a spray bottle, add 100 mls of distilled water, 50 mls of Vodka or Witch Hazel and 25 drops of Lavender or Lemongrass essential oil and shake well. Test a little to check for allergy before liberal use.

Plant Sales

Even though the Autumn Plant Sale had to be cancelled, I managed to sell some of the stock I had grown for the sale via Facebook Market Place and also to some club members.



Salvia Magenta



Blue Ginger



Temple Bells



Salvia 'Big Blue'

Thank you to Jean Lawrence, Florence Humphreys, and Yvonne Tickle for providing plant material for me to propagate from. And a big thank you also to Medowie and Williams River club members who added these beautiful plants to their gardens. The sale of these plants has raised \$180 for the club. Thanks too to Susan Humphries for a lovely \$50 donation towards the next plant sale.



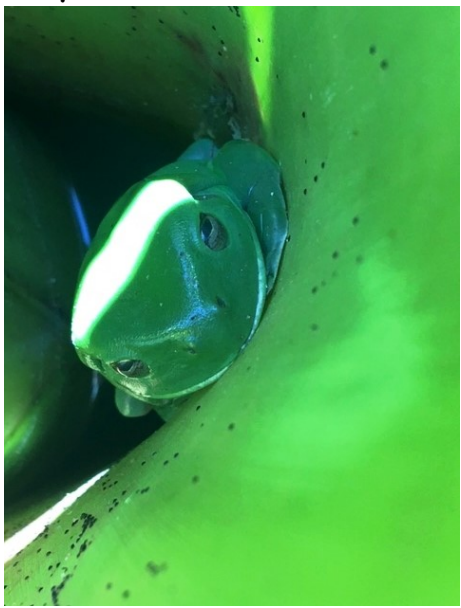
White Fringe Flower

Happy Snaps

I have included some great photos from members and/or members gardens. The first set is from Val Karwalski from her trip to Mount Coot-tha Botanic Gardens - thank you!



Mount Coot-tha Botanic Gardens, Brisbane



Taree Area Bus Trip

Our club bus trip to the Taree area on the 18th May was a great success! We visited the Manning Valley Succulent Garden and nursery for morning tea and very good succulent shopping from a great range of plants at very reasonable prices.



After a really nice lunch (with \$10 meals available) at Club Taree, we headed to the private garden of Bob and Carol Dixon and marvelled at his beautifully designed and immaculately maintained garden.



Before heading home, we visited Green Patch nursery to top up on seeds and plants with friendly help from their very knowledgeable staff.

A huge thankyou to Susan Hallett for providing lovely raffle prizes for the trip! And to Susan and Carol Love for running the very entertaining raffle.

By The Way:

Club membership fees are at last due in July (\$20 single, \$30 couple), Fran will be available to take these at the AGM, unfinancial members are not eligible to vote at AGM

Club Committee nomination form is attached below. Please consider nominating for a committee position. Forms should be submitted 21 days prior to the AGM.

Hope to see you at the next meeting! Cheers, Rick.



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MEDOWIE GARDEN CLUB

COMMITTEE NOMINATION FORM

I WISH TO NOMINATE THE FOLLOWING MEMBER FOR A COMMITTEE POSITION FOR THE YEAR: 2021-2022

- PRESIDENT
- VICE PRESIDENT
- SECRETARY
- TREASURER
- NEWSLETTER EDITOR
- GENERAL COMMITTEE

(Tick one)

NOMINEE (print name).....

NOMINATED BY: (print name).....

DATE:

SECONDED BY: (print name).....

SIGNATURE OF SECONDER.....

DATE:

ACCEPTING NOMINEE SIGNATURE.....

DATE:

NOMINATIONS CLOSE AT 1pm ON 18TH JUNE.

THE COMPLETED NOMINATION FORM SHOULD BE HANDED TO THE SECRETARY AT A MEETING OR POSTED

TO: **The Secretary, P.O. Box 112 Medowie NSW 2318**

NOTE: NOMINEES FOR ALL COMMITTEE POSITIONS AND THEIR NOMINATORS AND SECONDEES MUST BE CURRENT FINANCIAL MEMBERS OF MEDOWIE GARDEN CLUB.