

Hi Everyone,

I have loaned my laptop to my son for a few months so therefore unable to format my usual newsletter.

Therefore, a quick newsletter this month.

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Hi Everyone,

Thank you members who attended the RHSV Gardeners Day Out 2017. It was extremely enjoyable plus Tine and I received a cheque for \$300 for the Best Use of Texture in the Hanging Basket Competition.



JULY 2017 MEETING - Mosaics and social get-together and plant swap and raffle

WHEN: Saturday 1 July at 10.30am

COST: Free

WHERE: Tine Grimston's house, 4 Crimea Close Rowville. Phone Tine 9752 9897 with any questions.

Several people have requested that we do some Mosaics again, so I have purchased a large sack of adhesive we can share.

Those wishing to mosaic something will need to bring something to mosaic on - eg a craftwood shape (available cheaply at bunnings), bowling ball, terracotta pot, paver etc. You will also need to bring some tiles or broken crockery to create your mosaic or to share.

I do have some leftover tiles and broken crockery from last time that can be shared. If you have tile nippers or glass cutters, please bring them.

If you don't wish to mosaic anything, you could bring other unfinished craft projects to finish off or else just come along for a great lunch, a plant swap and a social get-together.

LUNCH: 12.30pm - Please bring a small plate of something to share. I will provide a large pot of soup, and have the Urn set up for Coffee and Tea.

WHAT to BRING:

A plate to share for lunch

Plants to swap

Mosaics materials as indicated above - Dress warmly as we will be working in the garage.

Change to buy raffle tickets

RAFFLE: We will raffle the hanging basket that the club entered in the Melbourne International Flower and Garden Show. \$1 per ticket

KEUKENHOF GARDENS

I had the wonderful opportunity to visit the famous Keukenhof gardens in Holland on the 8th May this year. Here a few photographs I took on the day. If you ever have the chance to visit these gardens, it is well worth while. They are only open March to May each year while the tulips are season.

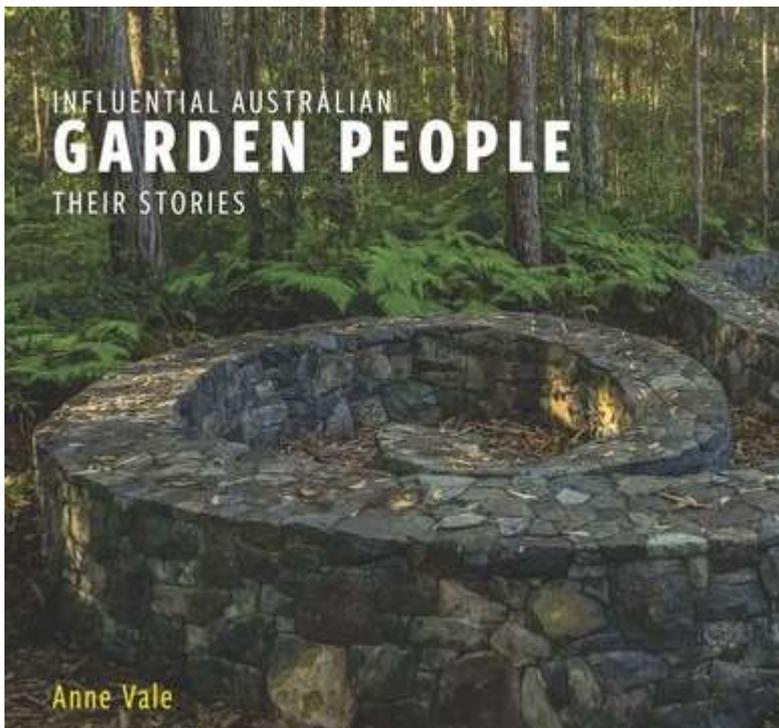




Thank you Tine. And yes, Tine had a wonderful holiday.

BOOK REVIEW - Influential Australian Garden People - their stories by Anne Vale

Paul Bangay, Arno King and Janine Mendel may all create totally different style gardens but like the rest of their 21st century contemporaries they share many similar experiences. The scent of rosemary around the sandpit, planting carrots as a five year old, or running free in the Australian bush are just some of the common childhood experiences that have sparked an interest in the natural world for this generation. Science, architecture and the arts are just some of the paths taken by these Influential Australian garden people. Collectively they have a wealth of expertise, passion and individual vision for garden making in Australia. We can journey with them as they relate their own experiences and express their own philosophies. This generation represents a fundamental shift in their values and beliefs attached by our society to nature, landscape and cultivated spaces.



REMINDER

Creswick Garden Lovers Weekend 11-12 November 2017

You will need to book your own accommodation, and on Saturday 11 November we will book into a hotel/cafe for dinner.

Creswick Garden Lovers Weekend is a garden lovers delight in the Victorian Central Highlands.

The weekend features a range of private and commercial gardens, the annual garden club flower show in the Town hall, mosaics display and a bonsai and succulent garden display.

The eight private gardens vary from a compact suburban garden in town to rural acreages not far away. All have a diverse range of beauty and creativity, hidden gems often not previously seen by the general public but guaranteed to impress.

The commercial gardens include Lambley Nursery in Ascot, Mistydowns and Tangled Maze at Springmount, Overwrought sculpture garden at Blampied, Newlyn Antiques and Cottage Garden, and Bells Water Gardens in Newlyn.

Community gardens include vegetable gardening at Neighbourhood centre, John Curtin Aged Care facility and the Heritage Railway precinct dry gardens.

The Neighbourhood Centre at 19 Victoria street Creswick will be the point of contact for ticket sales, maps and general information. Please do not go directly to the gardens, but follow the signs from the Information centre in Albert street (Midland Hwy).

May 2017 Meeting - Royal Botanic Gardens, Cranbourne.

Only a small number of members attended this day, but what a day we had! Our guide was an ex-American Bob who was very enthusiastic that you just wanted to talk to him all day. He was extremely knowledgeable and answered every question that was thrown to him. If you haven't been to the new section of these gardens, it is a must. Some of us ventured to the Trig Point Lookout so that we could view the entire gardens - well worth the walk to the highest point of the property.



This photo is The Weird and Wonderful Garden - In the heart of the Australian Garden, this bold garden focuses on some of the stranger and more dramatic forms of Australian flora. These plants are juxtaposed with massive vaults of Avoca stone and water features to create a fantastic and surreal landscape which is sure to become a special family and tourist destination. The Weird and Wonderful garden is a 'stand alone' garden in the design – it's a garden full of interesting plants and celebrates the great diversity that can be found in the Australian flora.

June 2017 Meeting - Gardeners Day Out

First speaker for the day was Cathy Powers - another passionate gardener who lives next to the Brisbane Ranges National Park as the area is still in drought. Her main topic was saving our endangered flora species. She will write a column for the next Gardeners Gazette and hopefully i will be able to include that in one of our newsletters. Websites to look at are natureshare.org.au and bowerbird.org.au (gather the images, videos and sounds of Australian nature in BowerBird, whether you are a specialist, citizen scientist, grey nomad or aspiring student, BowerBird will let you share your discoveries). For free quarterly newsletter about saving our flora, email saveourflora@gmail.com.

The next guest speaker, Jane Tenniswood is chairman (unpaid) of Blooming Tasmania, which is a group of enthusiastic people who meets bimonthly at various places in Tasmania. This is a committee with lots of ideas on ways to progress and represent the members of the organization, to progress Tasmania's niche garden sector. Blooming Tasmania product includes floral shows, festivals and garden open days, as well as a broad range of gardens, walks and tours, specialist growers and nurseries, and garden-based B&Bs. Blooming Tasmania (booklet or website) will guide you on a great journey including a wide range of unique garden experiences. Take the time to look at their websiute -<http://bloomingtasmania.com.au>



After lunch and the presentations, The Gardenettes were the next speakers. Chloe Thomson, Melissa King and Dani Venn are young energetic mothers who have joined their resources to produce YouTubes about gardening and cooking tips and tricks. There are garden projects and information in a retro tinged yet modern edge. The new website www.thegardenettes.com.au will be launched late June 2017.

Hope to see you Saturday 1 July, cheers, Julie