



BULLETIN August/September 2019

Important

Please bring the following information to the attention of your committee and all club members. Please read it out to all your club members at your next meeting and/or add it to your newsletter.

Club President/ Secretary

Please display this Bulletin and include contents of it as part of your regular club newsletter.

Social Media

The Garden Clubs of Australia is proud to promote the activities of your organisation.

I ask that you help me by sending either a link to your club's Facebook page or website, that I can share on our GCA Facebook page.

The best way for you to get publicity for any event or function that you organise is to spread it around and we are happy to help you.

Greg Ruckert

Social Media <socmedia@gardenclubs.org.au>

GCA 70th Anniversary Celebrations

GCA is looking for hard copy photographs either portrait (head and shoulders or full upright type) preferably coloured of the following listed past Presidents of GCA ; Margaret Davis, Mrs Kay Maccallum, Mrs Lallie Coombs, Mrs Ann Williams Clark; Mrs Wanda Robbins; Mrs Joan O'Brien; If you have any information as to where these photographs could be located, please contact on the details listed.

Margaret Watts

42 Spencer Rd Killara 2071 NSW

Email: education@gardenclubs.org.au or 0429 617 113

The GCA 2021 'Beautiful Gardens of Australia' Calendar photograph submissions

I am sure many members have taken lovely photographs of gardens in Australia.

Why not submit them for consideration for the 2021 Calendar. They can have been taken any time in the past – not just this year.

Submissions close on the 15th February 2020 and there is no entry fee.

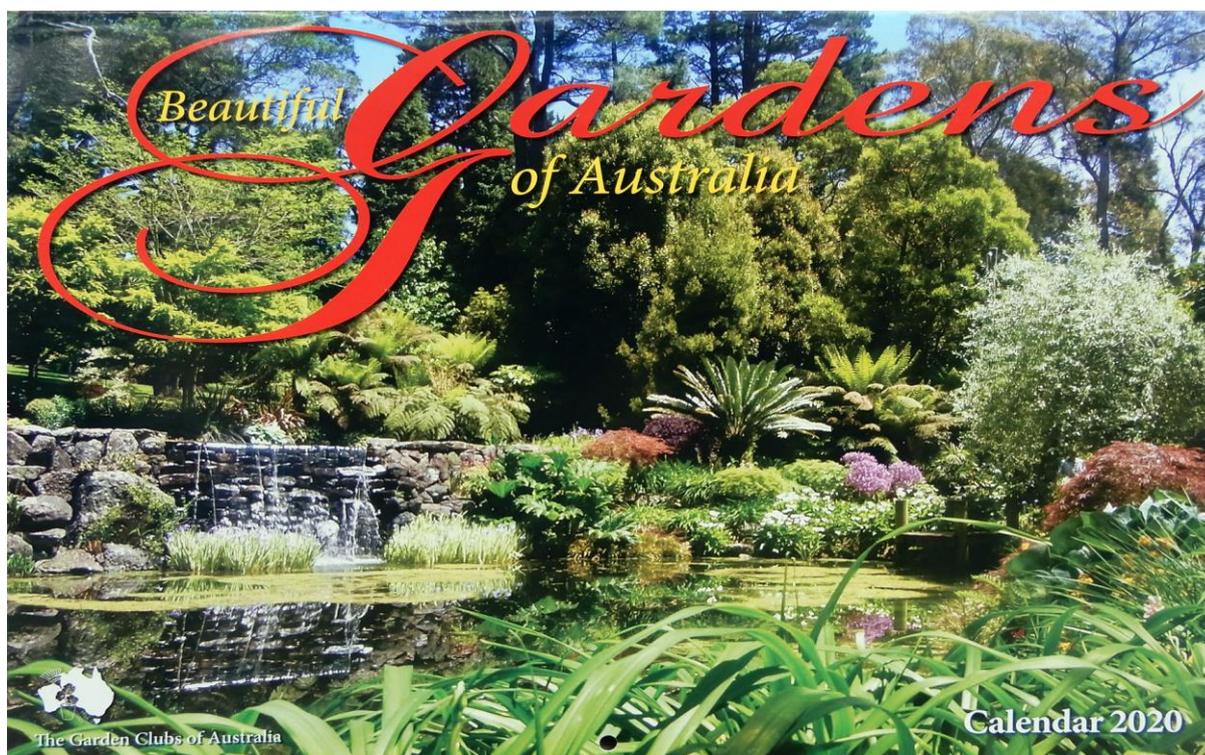
The simple conditions for entry are on the GCA website www.gardenclubs.org.au. There is no limit on the number of images, or when they were taken. You can email them to photocomp@gardenclubs.org.au.

Members whose images are chosen for the 13 main pages receive \$100 each, so have a go!!

The smaller "filler" images chosen do not attract a fee, but members get the satisfaction of having their image published in the Calendar along with their name.

Pictorial Calendar 2020

THE GARDEN CLUBS OF AUSTRALIA's 2020 GARDEN CALENDAR can now be ordered via the GCA website. As usual, a wonderful range of beautiful Australian garden images was received from members of affiliated clubs, and subscribers to *Our Gardens*.



The 2020 Calendar is the same large page size as in 2019, 34cm x 24cm. It will make an excellent gift for family and gardening friends, particularly those overseas.

Paul Lucas, GCA Calendar Coordinator Enquiries: photocomp@gardenclubs.org.au

The 2019 Annual Photographic Competition

The closing date for digital or post card entries is the **1st October 2019 with no entry fee.**

Members are reminded the total prize pool valued at around \$1,400 is the largest in Australia for a non-commercial organisation photographic competition.

There is no time limit on when the photographs were taken or where in the world they were taken.

Entry details are on the GCA website www.gardenclubs.org.au or can be requested from the address below. Entries can be emailed to photocomp@gardenclubs.org.au or posted to Paul Lucas at 62 Timbertop Drive, Rowville, Vic 3178

An internal Club Photographic Competition at your club?

Some Clubs have a simple **internal** Flower and Garden Photographic Competition amongst their members to allow their members to show what they grow and see on their travels.

Some Clubs have it for printed photos and/or just digital images.

One Club, Buderim Garden Club QLD, have had a digital image competition with a different set topic at each meeting for 6 months this year and they invited me to judge it each month for them via email and OneDrive.

Want to consider it for your Club and want an independent judge?

I am a qualified Photographic Judge and will gladly judge your digital images via email at no cost and offer a judge's constructive positive critique of the images to help your members improve their photo taking skills.

For further details contact me, Paul Lucas photocomp@gardenclubs.org.au or phone 040100330116

National Gardening Week

Australia's third National Gardening Week will be held this year from 13 – 19 October 2019. Australia's inaugural National Gardening Week was launched in 2017 at the Melbourne International Flower in Garden Show and over the last two years has been celebrated by garden clubs and related organisations across the country. Garden clubs have embraced the idea and over the last two years celebrated the event with a range of activities. Many have used the opportunity to reinvigorate their club and publicise their activities to the wider community, gaining new members and a raised profile.

This year the focus of National Gardening Week is on children. We are encouraging schools to become involved and organisations to promote events targeted at children, all with the aim of nurturing and inspiring the next generation of gardeners. Many clubs already have a connection with their local schools and I would encourage other clubs to do the same.

Maybe donate some plants or trees to a school, offer advice or assistance with the school veggie patch – pass on your experience, knowledge and passion to the next generation.

Whether your club chooses to link up with a school or children's activity or simply 'raise a cup of tea' at your October meeting – I do encourage you to find an appropriate way to *Dig In & Celebrate!* National Gardening Week 2019. A list of activity ideas is available on the GCA website.

For further information, please don't hesitate to contact me.

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Profile; Jan Graham, Committee Member



I have been involved in a range of activities over time: a propagation and nursery course, floristry, running a nursery and have been involved with Garden Clubs for at least 30 years. During that time I attended many of the SA Garden Rallies and 'Expos' - both locally and interstate. I completed a Garden Design course through TAFE and have had some success in plant competitions.

I have served on several committees; Community Housing and Consumer Affairs amongst them. Other activities included proof reading the maiden speeches for a political party in Qld.

Attachments: Forms 1,2,3, 4, secretaries' schedule and privacy letter

Graeme Whisker
Publicity Officer