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'Friendship through Gardens'

Bulletin

Welcome

The GCA Facebook page was opened up to clubs and members, with many affiliates taking advantage of sharing their Christmas activities with us. The following are some of the stories. I encourage you to join in the fun.

Royal Horticultural Society NSW

Long-time member since the 70s and Senior specimen judge, Mick Gooi was awarded Life Membership in recognition of his commitment to the Society.

From left to right-Cecily Rogers OAM - RHS Judges Convener with the three of the newest Horticultural Judges Kim Hamilton (cacti and succulent specialist judge), Glynis Hayne (rose specialist judge) and Lynnette Brown (floral art specialist judge). The three judges are not only qualified to judge their own specialist fields but now horticulture in general as well.

NEXT MEETING WILL BE WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 26TH. 9.30 to noon. Beecroft Bowling Club 128 Copeland Road. \$5 entry members and visitors alike including morning tea. All welcome.



Coal River Valley Garden Club Tasmania



Julie Westthorp from Coal River Valley Garden Club, Tasmania joined the group and shared a photo from her garden. This is one of the conversations we followed.

Lynnette Hall "Whoa! Tasmania is not short of rain by the looks of it!"

Julie Westthorp "Ha, not the case at all. I am on tank water and spring is about the only time my garden looks good. A very smelly bore helps though. We are in drought too with very little rainfall and Hobart is about to go on water restrictions. Temperatures staying low helps I guess but the winds have been devastating. Photo taken on a good day."

"Everyone thinks Tas gets great rainfall but not the case, we are in drought also. Maybe in the north of the state they may get more but not in some parts of the south. I'm on tank water and we quite often have water delivered, not enough from the sky unfortunately. Probably not as bad as the mainland though. Thx for your comments."

Wollondilly Garden Club

Enjoyed friendship at our Christmas Lunch today at Picton Bowling Club. Lyn Hudson shared some photos of lunch.



Perth Garden Club

Perth Garden Club celebrated their xmas get together in the air-conditioned atrium at the Mt Henry Tavern as Perth sweltered though a heat wave. 36 members attended an a la carte lunch and it was s fabulous day and certainly shows the club motto "friendship through gardens". It is wonderful to see clubs doing so well, this one has been around for more than 40 years. Merry xmas to all the gardeners across Australia. (Western Australia).



Faye Arcaro "This Facebook group is a great idea. A perfect way to share what our garden clubs get up to right across Australia. Actually, I am a bit of a groupie and frequent a few societies including the ferns, geraniums, palm and cycads."

The Rose Society of NSW

Photos of Christmas gatherings of some of the Regions of The Rose Society of NSW 70th Birthday Celebrations. Getting to the ripe old age of 70 is no mean feat for any club but GCA is proud of its heritage and service.

The Southern Highlands Rose Region celebrated with a progressive lunch to three homes - this one is drinks and cheese at the Chair persons home.

GCA Magazine Editor Judy Horton

Here I am with my Christmas lily. Its botanic name is *Lilium longiflorum* but I think it should be *Lilium 'supertallum'*. Happy Christmas everyone. Let's keep our gardens going!



Kind regards, Suzanne Bushell

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