

Judges & Afternoon Teas

May New Garden Club Year. These are the tentative judges only if you cannot make the scheduled dates can you please let me know so I can re-schedule you. (*Show Secretary Terry Euridge*)

May	Sandra Boston
June	Frances Martin & Jan Dhu
July	Carol Griffiths & Laura Colusso
August	Barbara Blake & Elaine Calvert
September	RHS Judges All members to help
October	Maggie Chang
November	Jeanette & Phillip Chown
December	D & N Strangio
February	Susan Hutchinson
March	Russell & Pat Edwards



Dates For Your 2024 Diary

Sun 5 th May	Annual General Meeting and Presentation Day
Sun 2 nd June	General Meeting
Sun 7 th July	General Meeting
Sun 4 th August	General Meeting
<i>Shows (greyed out) tentative dates only, to be verified.</i>	
Sat 7 th Sept	Annual Spring Show
Sun 8 th Sept.	Moon Festival, Cabramatta
Thur 12 th Sept	<i>Entries closing date Spring Garden Competition.</i>
Mon 16 th Sept.	<i>Spring Garden Competition Judging</i>
Sun 13 th October	Meeting <i>and Presentation Day</i> (1 st Sun Labour Day W.E.)
Sun 3 rd November	General Meeting
Sun 1 st December	Christmas Meeting

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Sunday 5th May 2023

- * Annual fees: Renewals Adults \$15.00, Children: \$1.00.
- Annual fees: New Members Adults \$20.00, Children: \$1.00
- * Will change to \$20.00 May 2025

**"Growth
is Life"**

Committee Meeting

The next committee meeting will be discussed by the incoming executive after the general meeting.

Pointscores 7th April 2024

Sandra Boston 84, Barbara Blake 26, Frances Martin 36,
R & P Edwards 9, Susan Hutchinson 31 and D & N Strangio 4.
Total Points Scored = 190

This Month Annual General Meeting

The AGM is this month, remember you have to be financial to vote or nominate.

Nominations are called for the following positions: -
President *(1), Vice Presidents *(2), Secretary *(1), Assistant Secretary *(1), Show Secretary *(1), Assistant Show Secretary *(1), Treasurer *(1), Publicity and Public Relations Officer *(1), Trade Table Steward (1), Birthday Steward (1), Hospitality Steward, Show Stewards (as many as possible), Returning Officer (1), Public Officer is Philip Chown.

Please note any candidate who stands for an Executive position (denoted by an *), if elected, is required to attend Executive Committee Meetings, as laid down in the Constitution.



Winners 2023-2024 Point Score Competition

Refer to Sheet 2

CITY OF FAIRFIELD GARDEN CLUB SCHEDULE FOR SUNDAY 2nd JUNE GENERAL MEETING

ALL ENTRIES TO BE STAGED BY 2.00p.m. PROMPT

Classes 1 - 9 Miscellaneous cuts and classes 16-17 Vegetables & Fruit exhibits must be grown by the person/s exhibiting. Classes 10-15 exhibits must be the property of the exhibitor/s for at least 3 months prior to showing (Children 1 month). Decorative 18-20 flowers and foliage may be purchased unless scheduled otherwise. Fresh flowers to be used unless otherwise stated. Embellishments are allowed. Stems to be in water. Children may enter in any section or class.

CLASS MISCELLANEOUS (to be displayed in supplied vases)

- 1) 1 cut bulb, corm or Rhizome. NOS.
- 2) 1 vase 3 cuts of same flower NOS.
- 3) 1 Camellia, leaving only 2 leaves of foliage,
- 4) 1 vase 3 cuts bulb, corm or Rhizome. NND.
- 5) 1 vase 3 cuts flowering tree, shrub or climber NOS NND.
- 6) 1 cut flowering tree, shrub or climber NOS
- 7) 1 vase 3 cuts Australian Native flowering growth NND.
- 8) 1 vase 3 cuts foliage DISTINCT NOS.
- 9) 1 cut geranium or Pelargonium with foliage attached,

POT PLANTS

- 10) 1 container fern/s.
- 11) 1 container of foliage plant/s NOS.
- 12) 1 container of flowering plant/s NOS.
- 13) 1 container of palm.
- 14) 1 Hydroponic Exhibit
- 15) 1 container Cactus/l and or Succulent/s

VEGETABLES AND FRUIT

- 16) One vegetable unit
- 17) One fruit unit

DECORATIVE

- 18) "Natives" Australian Natives/Hybrids
- 19) "Framed"
- 20) Miniature Flowers and Foliage" [no more than 100mm (4") overall]

Entries to be left on the bench for at least half an hour after close of meeting for members enjoyment. All members are responsible for removal of their entries and the emptying and putting away of bottles, the replacing of stands, trays and caps they have used to where they belong and for the disposal of entry cards and the removal of award certificates. Thank You.

POINTS ARE AWARDED AS FOLLOWS : 1 point is given for each class entered (please note only 1 point per class entered not 1 point per exhibit , so if you enter 5 things in the same class you only get 1 point)

GRAND CHAMPION 6 Points , 1st Prize 5 Points, 2nd Prize 4 Points, 3rd Prize 3 Points, Highly Commended 2 Points.

If you win a prize in a class you lose your point for entering that class, but you only lose that point once, e.g. if you get 1st, 2nd and 3rd in a class you get 12 points for that class..

EXHIBITORS PLEASE NOTE: The Show secretary must be informed of all entries so that they can be recorded by 1.55pm and exhibits must be staged by 2.00pm prompt, !!!! -- no exemptions.

DEFINITIONS:

NND not necessarily distinct. (They can be the same).

NOS not on schedule. (E.g. if you are entering the "1 cut Flowering Tree, Shrub or Climber" it must not be an Australian Native or Rose because there is a class for them on the schedule.

DISTINCT means different. (Same genus of flower, different colour, is not Distinct)

Your Notes.

Afternoon Teas

Reminder - Can you Please Bring a Plate for Afternoon Teas.

Reminder - Cups and food packaging made from polystyrene are banned in NSW so each member is asked to bring a cup with them for afternoon tea. We do not have adequate cleaning facilities at the hall so you need to take the cup home with you and bring one each meeting.



Something for Russ.

Sheet 2



The 49th Annual Point score awards.....

Club Shield

1 st Prize and \$25.00	Sandra Boston	593 points
2 nd Prize and \$20.00	Laura Colusso	404 points
3 rd Prize and \$15.00	Barbara Blake	352 points
Most Improved and \$10.00	R & P Edwards	120 Points a 300% Gain on last year.

Junior's Shield, sponsored by Russ & Pat Edwards

1 st Prize	Emma Shearing	17 Points
2 nd Prize	Penny Nolan	5 Points
3 rd Prize	Lili Nolan	4 Points

All Members who entered this year did well.
We Had 10 Meetings this year with only February lost due to extreme heat.
Congratulations.

Point Scores 2023 - 2024

Barbara Blake 352, Sandra Boston 593, Maggie Chang 79, J & P Chown 117, Laura Colusso 404, Jan Dhu 36
R & P Edwards 120, T & G Euridge 21, Carol Griffiths 43, Elaine Hall 11, Susan Hutchinson 189, Frances Martin 191, Lili Nolan 4, Penny Nolan 5, Emma Shearing 17 and D & N Strangio 38.
Total Points scored 2246.



Alas no more, succumbed to Myrtle Rust. Will have to remove and solarize them. No Green Bin for these ones.



Had success in controlling it in the past 10 years using Yates ZALETON but I cannot find that product on their website anymore. Will keep you posted if I find it, or alternatives.

Myrtle rust

Myrtle rust in Australia

Myrtle rust (*Puccinia psidii*) is a fungal disease which infects plants in the Myrtaceae family. Common Australian Myrtaceae species include eucalyptus, willow myrtle, turpentine, bottlebrush, paperbark, tea tree and lilly pilly. Since myrtle rust was first detected in NSW in April 2010 it has spread across the eastern Australian landscape in bushland reserves, home gardens, commercial operations and amenity settings such as parks and street plantings. Myrtle rust can now be found in New South Wales, Victoria, Queensland, Tasmania and on the Tiwi Islands in the Northern Territory.

Background

When myrtle rust was first detected, a response was initiated to eradicate myrtle rust. The response was unsuccessful because myrtle rust spores are

very easily dispersed by wind. In December 2010 eradication efforts were abandoned and transitioned to management.

Manage risk

Precautions to limit the spread of myrtle rust should be taken by people carrying out activities where there is potential to spread myrtle rust to vulnerable species or plant communities.

People engaged in activities associated with plants known to have, or likely to have myrtle rust should ask themselves:

- Will my actions spread myrtle rust to new areas?
- Will my actions spread myrtle rust to a vulnerable and important plant species or plant community?
- What can I do and how can I change my actions so that I do not spread myrtle rust?

Description

Myrtle rust is a fungal disease which attacks soft, actively growing leaves, shoot tips and young stems. Severity of infection and symptoms vary with different host species. Myrtle rust may also attack flowers and fruit of certain hosts. Generally myrtle rust starts as small purple spots on leaves. Bright yellow spores form in pustules within these purple spots. Pustules fade to dull yellow and then grey as the infection ages. In severe infections, spots enlarge and merge, often causing leaf distortion.

Heavy infection can result in the death of soft plant material. Whole plant death may occur in highly susceptible hosts.

Plants with dark purple leaves such as willow myrtle 'Afterdark' (*Agonis flexuosa* cv 'Afterdark') do not display obvious symptoms of early infection. Disease becomes apparent once the bright yellow pustules form on both surfaces of the infected leaf.

On turpentine (*Syncarpia glomulifera*), initial symptoms appear as small purple flecks on young leaves then yellow pustules form on the lower surface.



Disease cycle

The visible yellow pustules of myrtle rust are made up of millions of powdery yellow spores. Spores are spread by wind to other host plants. Spores germinate and the myrtle rust fungus grows, piercing plant cells to obtain nutrients from the plant. Myrtle rust spores require darkness, moisture and temperatures of 15–25°C to germinate. The first symptoms become visible within 3–5 days of initial infection. The new pustules can mature to release spores in 10–12 days. Spores can remain viable for up to three months.