



## KHS 2022 JULY NEWSLETTER

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Hello Fellow Gardeners,

It's July. It's cold. It's dark. It's normal. Even though the temptation is to stay home and hibernate, please, please, please, make an effort to come out to this month's speaker evening. You will not be disappointed.

### **The Next Meeting and Speaker Evening is Monday 18th July, 7.30 pm**

Our speaker is the fabulous and dynamic **Duncan Cocking**.

His subject is '**Carbon and Nitrogen: The Science of Compost**'

Although you have heard about compost before, it is guaranteed that you will hear and learn new things in a different perspective from Duncan.

Duncan started his own business called **Leaf, Root & Fruit** in 2014 to help people grow their own food. He has a vast amount of experience in successfully growing food, soundly backed up with a Science Degree majoring in Botany, and also has Advanced Permaculture Certificates in Design and Fruit trees Management. He has travelled extensively, developing a keen appreciation for the wisdom behind the ancient growing practices, still in use by indigenous cultures today.

Monday 18th July 7.30pm Football club, Showgrounds, Mollison St Kyneton

NB. Our very efficient and quick AGM will be held prior to the speaker. Please consider contributing to your horticultural group and joining the committee. New ideas are always welcome.

Bring friends (\$5), a contribution to supper if you can, and your sense of humour.

### **The Best Gardening Radio Program      Are you missing out?**

*Just in case you didn't see my rant last month, here's a reminder.*

For over 25 years I have been involved with the Community Radio Gardening show, (3CR). I have learned so much from the presenters who, invariably, are committed 'Plant Nuts', just as I have become.

It is presented by volunteers from all aspects of horticulture, be they horticultural educators, plant breeders, propagators, nursery owners, wholesale growers and retailers, horticultural media, authors, staff from the Botanic gardens, revegetators, pest and weed experts, the Nursery and Garden Industry body, to name a few.

Every Sunday morning at least three of the presenters get up really early to travel from afar into Collingwood to the Radio station to talk about horticulture, for our

pleasure and education. There are no sponsors or pay, they are all volunteering their time and expertise. There are no advertisements, just 'plant talk'. Every week the show is different according to what these presenters have brought to the table, and what questions that you, the listeners, may pose. They even do homework on our behalf if necessary. I think it is a hidden treasure!

Details: 3CR is Live on Sunday mornings 7.30 am to 9.15 am, 855 on the AM band (which is one station up from ABC 774 AM). However due to our distance from the station, the reception can be a bit hit and miss, so its' better if you can go online and listen. Two options: If you want to listen live., go to [www.3cr.org.au](http://www.3cr.org.au), choose the gardening show, or, you can download a free radio app - eg. [www.radio.net](http://www.radio.net), which has excellent quality audio.

**If you want to listen later at any time** (so you could sleep in), 3CR have each show podcasted for 4 weeks. This enables you to listen to the program again in case you missed something. [www.3cr.org.au](http://www.3cr.org.au) Happy listening

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## **OTHER Gardeny bits and pieces - Plenty to do and see.**

- Don't forget that we are planning to hold the Spring show, and that's only about 9 weeks away! So please, if you can, pot up a few plants for the plant sale at the show. If you are lifting any of your perennials or grasses to refresh and divide, put a few divisions into pots - easy, done! Don't forget, black pots please with labels. We have a box of black pots and bundles of labels at each meeting for you to use if you don't have any, and you can also get cheap, but good potting mix at Gumbo, 27 Piper St for this purpose. (\$8 a bag).
- KHS needs more volunteers to help run the Spring Show smoothly . Pease offer your assistance for any of the tasks, which are really quite fun to do, and get involved.
- GUMBO Garden shop has a closing down/ End of Lease Sale on right now, Open Thursday to Sunday 10 to 4.
- A letter from the W A Floral Art Society

Hello fellow floral designers, just a reminder to book for the AFAA National Convention in Perth 7 to 10 September 2022 asap. Come and see the beauty of Perth and WA during our famous wildflower season, enjoy catching up with floral friends around Australia and making new friends whilst exhibiting, watching top WA designers demonstrate and workshops featuring wildflowers with the latest designs and techniques.

Our WA Government is helping by subsidising air fares to WA, so wander over yonder at bargain prices and be a part of this amazing convention. Registration package on our website [www.wafloralart.org.au](http://www.wafloralart.org.au). WA Floral Art Society looks forward to welcoming you to Perth and participating in this AFAA National Floral Art Convention.

- Mt Macedon Horticultural Society will be resuming their Plant Lovers Fair on 1st & 2nd October 2022 in the grounds of Bolobek.

- <https://opengardensvictoria.org.au/> has wealth of things to visit, learn about and experience, including activities for kids, a Simon Rickard zoom presentation and their first open Garden for the new season being at Stephen Ryan's garden.
- Don't forget about our neighbouring Botanic Gardens are always inspiring places to visit, eg., Whitehills in Bendigo, Castlemaine, Wombat Hill Daylesford, Ballarat and, our Shire's, Kyneton Malmsbury and Gisborne.

## WHAT TO DO IN THE FRUIT AND VEGIE GARDEN

Do have a read of Duncan's Edible Gardening newsletters. They're so inspiring even in this cold weather, and information packed! Subscribe. ( We'll send you an example by email)

[www.leafrootandfruit.com.au](http://www.leafrootandfruit.com.au)

## LOCAL GARDEN HISTORY

These two articles are kindly researched and provided by our in-house historian Mal Closter. Thanks Mal.

The First Article is from 1994

### KYNETON HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

***BRYCE ELECTED FOR CENTENARY PRESIDENCY    The recent annual general meeting of the Kyneton Horticultural Society attracted 18***

*members.*

*It was determined that Doug Bryce would lead the society for the ensuing year, assisted by secretary Hugh Fraser, treasurer Del Meacham, senior vice president Bill Ferguson, junior vice president Bernice McGaffin with Ann Crozier, Mary Wynne and Joyce Fraser completing the executive committee.*

*The society holds meetings on the third Sunday of each month at the Kyneton Baptist Church hall, beginning at 7-45 pm.*

*Monthly competitions to display their garden produce (either Flowers or vegetables) and also floral art.*

*The past year's competition winners in the various categories were:*

*Floral art, Ann Crozier, vegetables, Dan Hill, cut flowers multiple, Dan Hill, pot plants Marge Griffin.*

*Some members prefer to watch and listen to the regular guest speakers and the guest speaker this month, for the June 20 meeting, will be **Stephen Ryan** of Dicksonia Rare Plants and he will speak on foliage plants.*

*Presentations at the AGM were made to outgoing president and secretary, Mary Wynne*

*and Isabel Ferguson and to the treasurer Del Meacham.*

*This year is a special one for the Horticultural Society, which celebrates its centenary.*

*Celebrations are being planned for late in the year and names and addresses of any past members are being sought.*

*New members are always made very welcome and this would be an exciting year in which to join a long standing and very active local organisation.*

*Kyneton Guardian 17th June 1994.*

The Second Article is from 1895 - all about the inaugural Horticultural Show! Note that there was a fountain erected just for the show, button hole sprays, and, and a packed out evening opening with musical performances! ( Should we step up?)

## **KYNETON HORTICULTURAL SHOW**

*President, Mr G. F. Laver; vice-presidents, Messrs. H. E. Best and Jas. Smith; hon. treasurer, Mr S. Kelley; hon. secretary, Mr W. Baker; committee, Messrs. R. I. Argyle, J. E. Andrews, M. K. Armstrong, J. De Gruchy, W. Darby, R. Dettmann, R. Darlington, R. C. Elliott, J. S. Johnson, W. Oram, W. Murray, D. McLennan, and H. Spencer.*

*The inaugural show of the Kyneton Horticultural Society was held in the Kyneton Mechanics' Hall yesterday afternoon, and will be continued and brought to a close today. Two previous horticultural shows were held under the auspices of the Kyneton Agricultural Society, but since the last a horticultural society was formed, and this, (as indicated above) is the first exhibition held by same. The exhibits are confined to flowers and vegetables. The entries are fairly numerous, amounting to 150 for the 78 sections in the prize list. There were, however, no entries in the sections for azalea, two petunias, collection of six pot plants in bloom, collection of three cacti in bloom, new or rare plant, brompton, cinerarias, cyclamen in bloom, three lilies (distinct varieties), one peony, six plox drummondii, three iris kaenferi, iris (any variety), three gladioli, one trust rhododendron, one variety double hollyhock, three varieties of single hollyhock, four dahlias (double), three cactus dahlias (distinct varieties), roses (hybrid, perpetual, or tea scented), best collection of tubers and bulbs, and table decorations. This was doubtless owing to the unfavourable dry season experienced, which has had a certain effect on the blooms, &c., but those which have been properly attended to are very choice, as a visit to the show will prove. The stalls are very neatly arranged, and the whole display is creditable to the society. The flower stall is under the management of the Misses Smith (Colonial Bank), Miss P. Hurry, Miss A. Hyndman, Miss Best, and Miss Dobinson; and the lolly stall is managed by Mrs. J. H. Pestell, Miss J. Baldwin, Miss Rachel Dobinson, Miss McFeeters, Miss S. Elliott, and Miss E. McLennan. One of the most attractive exhibits is a very choice collection of pelargoniums bought from Ballarat by Mr. G. Smith for exhibition only. Another attractive exhibit is a playing fountain in the midst of some large fern trees brought from East Trentham by Mr. G. F. Laver. The erection of the fountain and laying on of water, &c., was performed by Mr. H. F. Spencer, whose work deserves special mention. The judges were Mrs. Rawson and Mrs. Andrews for button-hole sprays, and made-up flowers; Mr. G. Smith, of Ballarat, judging the whole of the other exhibits, There are only two collections of vegetables shown, the exhibitions in this class being very few and not of first class quality. This, no doubt, has been due to the exceptionally dry season which prevailed up to Saturday last.*

*The attendance yesterday afternoon was not large, and consisted chiefly of ladies. Shortly after 3 o'clock Mr. Laver, in introducing Mr. Rawson, M.P., referred to the establishment of the Horticultural Society, and thought its first show was creditable and attractive. Mr. Rawson, who was received with cheers, made a neat speech, in which he prophesied that in the future the Kyneton Horticultural Society will be one of the most important in the colony. He was pleased to see so creditable an exhibition in the face of the exceptionally*

dry season experienced. In closing his address Mr. Rawson declared the show open, and sat down amidst loud applause.

Afternoon tea was supplied in the south-room in first-class style by Mrs. Garside, of the Kyneton Coffee Palace. In the evening the attendance at the show was very large, the hall being filled to its utmost capacity. The arrangements were well carried out by the committee, and everything passed off satisfactorily. There was a guessing competition, the nearest guesser to the number of lollies in two bottles being entitled to first prize. About 150 tickets at 3d each were sold. The result will be made known today. A similar competition will take place tonight. The society will reap a good profit from these contests,

as the prizes are not large and the lollies are gifts. The following musical programme was well rendered last evening and thoroughly enjoyed by the audience – selection, Kyneton Orchestral Union; instrumental quartette, Misses J. and M. Baldwin, Mr. R. Baldwin, and Mr. A. M. Perkin; recitation, "The Coronation," Miss Tottie Hartigan; violin solo, Mr. A. M. Perkin; selection, Kyneton Orchestral Union; song "An evening song," Miss Nettie Darlington; violin solo, Mr. Albo Brown; step dance, Mr. F. Armstrong; song, "Death of Nelson," Mr. Campbell; selections, Kyneton Orchestral Union. The accompanists were Miss Dobinson, Mr. A. M. Perkin, and Mr. Albo Brown. A varied and attractive programme will be submitted tonight. Prior to the opening of the show after tea last evening the Kyneton Temperance Band played selections of their excellent music on the rotunda. The takings at the door for the afternoon and evening (exclusive of members' tickets) amounted to £7 5s 6d.

The following is the list of the prize-takers:-

#### CLASS A – OPEN TO ALL

Best collection of pot plants – One entry. R. Cheeseman, Melbourne, 1. Best collection of cut flowers – One entry. R. I. Argyle, Kyneton.

#### CLASS B – AMATEURS ONLY

Three pelargoniums in bloom, any variety – One entry. W. McBean, Kyneton, 2; no first awarded. Three geraniums zonal in bloom, any variety – Four entries. W. McBean, 1; Mrs R. Dettmann, Kyneton, 2. Three fancy leaved geranium, tri and bi color – two entries. Mrs R. Dettmann, 1. One exhibit only. One plant of geranium or pelargonium, any variety, in bloom – Six entries, J. De Gruchy, Kyneton, 1; W. Darby, Kyneton, 2. Six ferns, exclusive of tree ferns – One entry. Mrs M. Grant, Kyneton, 1. Three ferns, exclusive of tree ferns – Four entries. J. De Gruchy, 1; Miss Coughlan, Kyneton, and Mrs W. Baker, Kyneton equal, 2. One maiden hair fern – Five entries. Mrs Grant, 1; Miss Hunt, J. De Gruchy, and Miss Coughlan equal, 2. Three fuchsias in bloom, distinct varieties – One entry. R. Darlington, Kyneton. One fuchsia in bloom, distinct varieties – Three entries. Mrs R. Dettmann, 1. W. Darby, 2. Two varieties monkey musk – Two entries. Mrs R. Dettmann, 1. One exhibit only. One variety monkey musk – Three entries. Mrs R. Dettmann, 1; Miss McAuley, Edgcombe, 2. One ivy-leaved geranium – Two entries. Mrs R. Dettmann, 1. No second award. One petunia – Three entries, R. Darlington, 1; R. I. Argyle, 2. One climber (foliage) – Three entries. Mrs R. Dettmann, 1. J. De Gruchy, 2. One climber (in bloom) – One entry. Mrs R. Dettmann. One palm – Two entries. Mrs Grant, 1; Miss Coughlan, 2. Three begonias, distinct varieties – One entry Mrs R. Dettmann. One begonia – One entry. Mrs R. Dettmann. One cactus in bloom – Four entries. H. Robbins, Kyneton, 1; R. Darlington and G. Robbins equal, 2. One pot of musk – Two entries Mrs R. Dettmann, 1; Miss Gilbert, Kyneton, 2. One hanging basket of ferns – Four entries. Mrs R. Dettmann, 1; Mrs Grant, 2. One farfugium – Two entries. Mrs R. Sutherland, Kyneton, 1; Mrs H. E. Best, Kyneton, 2. Collection of 12 pot plants in bloom – One entry. Mrs R. Dettmann. Collection of thee ornamental foliage plants – Three entries. Mrs H. E. Best, 1; Mrs R. Dettmann, 2. One ornamental foliage plant – Two entries. Mrs W. Baker, 1; Mrs R. Dettmann, 2.

#### Section 2 CUT FLOWERS

Six roses, distinct varieties – Two entries. R. Darlington, 2; no first award. Three roses, distinct varieties – Six entries. J. Smith, 1; W. McBean, Kyneton, 2. One rose – Five

entries. J. Smith, Colonial Bank, Kyneton, 1; Mrs W. Dettmann, Kyneton, 2. Four verbenias, distinct varieties, three trusses of each – Four entries. Mrs W. Dettmann, 1; Miss Kitty Sutherland, Kyneton, 2. Four carnations, distinct varieties, three blooms of each – One entry. R. Darlington, 1. Four pansies, show varieties, three blooms of each – Six entries. W. Darby, 1; Mrs W. Dettmann, 2. Four pansies, fancy, show varieties – Three entries. Mrs W. Baker, 1; Mrs W. Dettmann, 2. Three spikes of stock, double, distinct varieties – One entry. Mrs W. Baker, 1. Four varieties Chinese pinks (dianthus), three of each variety – Three entries. Mrs W. Dettmann, 1; R. Darlington, 2. Four snapdragons, distinct varieties – Three entries. Miss R. Dettmann, 1; R. I. Argyle, 2. One Xmas lily – One entry. W. Darby, 1. Three pentstemons, distinct varieties – Three entries. R. I. Argyle, 1; Miss K. Sutherland, 2. Two foxgloves – Three entries. R. I. Argyle, 1; Mrs W. Baker, 2. One clematis – Three entries. Mrs W. Dettmann, 2; no first award. Three Canterbury bells, distinct varieties – Four entries. Mrs R. Dettmann, 1; W. Darby, 2. Six annuals, distinct varieties – Three entries. Mrs R. Dettmann, ; Miss Daisy Sutherland, Kyneton, 2. Table bouquet – Two entries. Miss Smith, Colonial Bank, Kyneton, 1; Mrs Surman, Kyneton, 2. Hand bouquet – Two entries. Mrs Surman, 1; no second. Collection of wild flowers – One entry. Miss E. Moorhead, Kyneton, 1. Six gentlemen's button-holes – Five entries. Miss M. Robertson, Carlsruhe, 1; Miss Hunt, 2. Six ladies' sprays – Four entries. Miss M. Robertson, 1; Miss Best, 2. Best floral design – One entry. Miss Alleyne, Kyneton, 1.

#### CLASS C – VEGETABLES

Six stalks rhubarb – Four entries. Miss Moorhead, 1; C. Perkin, Kyneton, 2. Best collection of vegetables – Two entries. W. H. Arblaster, Kyneton, 1; W. Holmes, Kyneton, 2.

#### SPECIAL PRIZES

Twelve annuals, distinct varieties, gift of R. Cheeseman, Esq., plants to the value of 6s 6d and 4s – Two entries. Mrs R. Dettmann, 1; R. Darlington, 2. Collection of cut flowers, any variety, gift of Paton and Son, plants to the value of 6s and 4s – Three entries. Mrs R. Dettmann, 1; Mrs W. Dettmann, 2. Best collection of roses, gift of W. Adamson, Esq., seeds or plants to the value of 6s 6d and 4s – Two entries. R. Darlington, 1; Mrs Surman, 2. Best collection of pot plants, gift of Jas. Smith Esq., Colonial Bank, Kyneton, 12s 6d and 7s 6d – Two entries. W. Darby, 1; Mrs Grant, 2. Best collection of cut flowers, 10s and 5s – Three entries. R. I. Argyle, 1; R. Darlington, 2.

#### FOR EXHIBITION ONLY

R. Darlington, gooseberries; M. Moorhead, gooseberries; E. Gilbert, alpine strawberry, currents, and gooseberries; Mrs Surman, beans; Howard Robbins, variegated fuchsia; Mrs Yule, collection of plants; Miss Holmes, flowers; Mrs Booth, gooseberries.

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