



KHS NOVEMBER 2022 NEWSLETTER

Margot McDonald

Hello Fellow Gardeners,

We have a Special Event on our next Speaker Night, on Monday 21st November.

Let me explain.

We will have our speaker as usual, but that will be *after* we have a little party to celebrate Jean and Doug Hedington's great service to KHS, and as volunteers to our whole community.

It will be a special evening as we will meet in the grounds of the Uniting Church, corner of Ebden and Yaldwin st West, at 6.30pm. Jean and Doug will be planting a special commemorative tree.

Then we will go to the footy club rooms to have a celebratory drink with some nibbles.

After that we will enjoy a talk by local olive grower, Robert Pearse, from 'Olive's Olives. His talk is titled 'The accidental Olivist'

Please invite friends, especially if they know Jean, as we want to show our appreciation. Friends and guests are welcome to enjoy the speaker as well.

Monday 21st November 6.30 at the Uniting Church lawn then after at Kyneton Football Club Rooms, Showgrounds, Mollison St., Kyneton.

Our Speaker nights are opportunities to learn and share ideas. Bring friends (\$5 entry for non-members) And if you'd like, it's also the place to show off something from your garden, (the show table), and to share surplus plants, cuttings or produce, (the share table). No need to bring supper this night.

Members no longer have to bring \$2 entry, as that's now paid for in your annual membership. Just remember to sign in and collect your raffle ticket.

From our President

To help members and Committee with enquiries here is a list of the committee members and contact details for various purposes.

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And from our Committee

N.B. Although we send out hard copies of newsletters, it would be appreciated if any one can please assist any member without computer access. They may be finding difficulty getting to our meetings, to email / ask questions, make comments and adjust to changes. Thankyou.

SAD NEWS

It is with great sadness to inform you that one of our long time members, Nancy Bishop, has sadly passed away. A wonderful life member of the KHS and a great contributor to our flower shows. Nancy was noted for her magic ability to grow the biggest vegetables ever seen in the district.

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

- TheTylden garden called 'Verdicus' created by two of our members, will be open as part of **Garden Design Fest** - Australia's Premier Open Garden Event

Kyneton, Gisborne, Tylden
19th & 20th November 2022
Open 10am to 5pm

Five Wonderful Gardens

1. 96A Wedge St., Kyneton
2. 2/79 Wedge St., Kyneton
3. 34 Fisher St., Gisborne
4. 115 Red Hill Rd., Kyneton
5. "Verdicus" 7 Lowe St., Tylden.

- there are lots of other gardens open, nearly every weekend, see [opengardens vic](http://opengardens.vic.gov.au)
- The Bromeliad Society of Vic is holding its amazing, spectacular annual show on November 12 & 13, 2022. It's the first for three years, so promises to be a beauty! There'll be heaps of plant for sale too. Everyone is welcome. <http://www.bromeliad.org.au>

- Don't forget about our neighbouring Botanic Gardens are always inspiring places to visit, eg., Melton, Whitehills in Bendigo, Castlemaine, Wombat Hill Daylesford, Ballarat and, our Shire's, Kyneton, Malmsbury and Gisborne.
- This is a very busy time of year in the horticultural calendar! Just about every weekend there are plant shows on that you may like to visit, including many that specialise in one species of plants. eg bromeliads, succulents, dahlias, roses, salvias, natives, etc. Whatever your interest, there'll be activities to go to, where you can acquire new varieties, learn, admire and talk to the growers of such plant groups. These shows usually have lots of plants for sale at very reasonable prices grown by the enthusiastic members. There are just too many to list here, so may I suggest you research online, eg, google the plant species name, followed by 'society'. eg. If you want to learn all about Dahlia growing then have a look at this website. <https://dahliasocietyofvictoria.org.au/> and see www.rhsv.org.au

A hidden treasure!

3CR Gardening program 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

Garden designfest. Principal Partner **Le Pine FUNERALS**
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Garden DesignFest comes to Kyneton, 5 spectacular gardens to explore

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Rotary Kyneton | Garden designfest. | The main charity: **YOUTH SUICIDE AWARENESS**

gardendesignfest.com.au

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can go online and listen. Two options: If you want to listen live you can download a free radio app - eg. www.radio.net

If you want to listen 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 Happy listening

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 wet weather season, and information packed! Subscribe, and get the monthly newsletters sent directly to you.

www.leafrootandfruit.com.au



APRONS AVAILABLE

Thank you to Melva for her ideas and organising proficiency as a new committee member! You may have seen our new aprons at the Spring Flower Show in September. There were many favourable comments and requests to purchase some. So we now have some beautiful, best quality new **aprons** for sale, please order with Melva, (email details above). We have ordered a batch.

The WEED WARRIORS

Melva (maroon hat) has also been instrumental in getting the long held idea of a garden group to do some hands-on gardening in the community, up and running. The inaugural session was held last weekend as a trial run and was most successful.

The group of eight members weeded and pruned the front garden of an elderly couple who love their garden, but who find difficulty in keeping up the maintenance. The group, now nicknamed "The Weed Warriors", is planning to return and do the back garden, and mulch the freshly weeded beds.

If you'd like to participate in this sort of activity, or suggest other deserving recipients, please email Melva. (address above)

Even if you can't do the physical work, maybe helping with some morning tea offerings might be the way to contribute. The troops always need sustenance!

A REFLECTION FROM MARGOT

Last weekend I visited a local garden and, as you do, got talking with other admirers of the garden. I suggested she come along to our speaker nights and even become a member. The response astounded me and forced me to reflect about the image that KHS possibly poses in our community, and that we all, as members, should become more active in promoting what KHS is all about.

The woman asked lots of questions and obviously keen to learn about gardening but thought that she couldn't join or attend KHS because she 'knows nothing about gardening'! She is just the type of community member we want to join and learn about the pleasure of gardening.

Please help promote our club with the view that it is open to all and inclusive regardless of ability and experience.

A thought: perhaps we should change the name of KHS? Is it too 'old school' or sound a bit high and mighty, etc.? Could it be Kyneton Garden Club.....I'd be happy to hear your comments, people! (my email above).

LOCAL GARDEN HISTORY

These articles are kindly researched and provided by our in-house historian Mal Closter. Thanks Mal. This one is the committee placing an ad in the local paper, to thank those who assisted running the inaugural show, and trying to get a secretary.

KYNETON AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY

The monthly meeting of the committee was held on Thursday. Present - Messrs. Hoyle (president), Brady, Campbell, Smith, Orr, Bailey, Crewther, Johnson, Gleeson, Argyle, and Fysh. The Horticultural Show committee recommended that the show be a fixture and that it be held on or about the same date as it was this year; also that the thanks of the general committee be conveyed to all subscribers and assistants to the show.

*The recommendations were adopted, and it was resolved to have an advertisement of thanks inserted in the local papers. **A discussion took place re the appointment of a new secretary. Eventually it was decided to offer the position to Mr. G. M. Harper, the late secretary at a remuneration of £26 per year.** Mr. Harper was then waited upon, but he refused the offer; and the committee resolved to invite applications, returnable in a fortnight, for the office of secretary at a salary of £26 per annum. The meeting was then adjourned till Thursday, 28th inst., when the applications will be dealt with.*

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