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Up Coming Events

- The **July** meeting of the Doncaster Garden Club will be held on
Wednesday 10th July 2024

At 8pm at the RSL Hall, corner Doncaster Road and Leeds Street, Doncaster East.

July Speaker

A representative from MCC will speak to us
about FOGO

August Speaker

Felicity Gordon on QLD Fruit Fly

- July Dine-Out**

Will be held at the Doncaster Hotel on Wednesday 31st July at 6:00 for 6:30

This is our final dine-out for 2024. Please put your name on the clip board at the meeting or ring Pauline. All members are welcome, including those who receive emails but do not attend meetings.

D G C Life Members

Gerda van der Peet	Ted Page	Doug Brewer
Joanne Driver	Ken Beer	Elsie Carter
Toni Myers	Bev Turner	Gayle McCann
Francesca Kung		



LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Hello, Gardeners all,

Thank you to those who responded to the call for doing **supper roster**, coming at 7:15 pm, for July and August. This included some of our newest Members. Ray, our much appreciated, quiet and efficient worker in the kitchen, every month, will be in there to guide you.

We have likely all noticed the shorter and colder days. June 21st was the **Winter Solstice** and from that point the days are lengthening. (What bleak, icy days we are having). Daylight sensitive plants will do better after the solstice but those that like longer nights like garlic and onions have done their stuff putting down strong roots.

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Long Night/short day length plants include Peace Lilys, Chrysanthemums and Zygote Cactus, Lettuce, Potatoes, Spinach, California Poppies.

There are some plants that are not fussy, called Neutral in light requirements - strawberries, tomatoes, corn, cucumbers. We likely know all these better as summer and winter plants.

On Saturday the 14th of September **Kevin Heinze Grow** have their **ANNUAL Plant Fair**. They will be selling punnets of vegetable for Spring planting. This is a great organisation to support by buying their plants as the profits go to the horticultural education of challenged young adults which enables many of them to find paid work.

Kevin Heinz Grow have offered us a stall at their Fair so we can advertise our presence and perhaps find new members from those there on the day. I will be needing 5 members to offer an hour each and each person will be supported by a member of the Committee i.e. 2 people per hour. We will have our advertising brochures to hand out. Do tell people why you like coming to our meetings.

The **Roseville Hanging Basket Competition** is coming. Before then, we have a **Hanging Basket Workshop**, to be run by Aveo in August for you to attend if you wish to compete. The 3-4 prizes are to be revealed at a later date. Those who wish to enter will need to come to the Hanging Basket Workshop at Roseville on **Friday 6th September**, to receive your free Hanging Basket, potting mix and plants. I will be taking numbers at the meeting. Aveo's official invitation will be sent out as soon as it comes. **Disabled parking is available, please contact me if you require it.**



You are invited to our next *event*

Free Hanging Basket Workshop
Join us in planting up your own hanging basket with expert guidance, potting mix, plants, baskets and afternoon tea provided!

Doncaster Garden Club to share tips and tricks to create show stopping hanging baskets. Please join us for afternoon afterwards.

When

Friday 6th September
2pm till 4pm

Where

Roseville Apartments
110 King Street, Doncaster East,
Vic, 3109

RSVPs essential

Please contact your president to confirm your attendance
Phone 0409063060 Email pauline.pw25@gmail.com

Terms and conditions:
Events are conducted in accordance with the established health and safety practices.

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Ryset Order for Spring. This is when you need to buy Queensland Fruit Fly bait Containers and liquid as well as insect proof netting of

which they have many sizes from which to choose. I will lodge the order in August for delivery in September.

The Fruit Fly come out of hibernation on the 1st sunset at 18deg i.e. a pleasant evening for us and them.

Manningham is now infested with them. Nigel, at the Council, calls them ENDEMIC! This means it is a control issue.

I have a new copy of the Ryset 2024 catalogue and pricelist. It has almost 40 more pages of products.

Do look online at their products (there is a good index); write down the items you think you will buy with its name, page no and item code; Ring me and I can look at the current price list for you. Next fill in the Ryset Order Form you took at the July meeting and hand it in at the August meeting for delivery in September.

I spoke about us at the **Doncaster East Women's Group** one Monday morning. Who knows of their existence? They have been meeting for 53 years. They now know about us.

I still need to prune a **fig tree** so if anyone wants a piece to strike, before they are thrown out, please ring me and I will bring it to the meeting. It is a purple skin French variety from Diggers. I also have some well struck **Cape Gooseberry** pieces needing larger pots until planting out in spring. They are a savoury Berry in the solanum family and fruit generously. Allow 1sq metre or more of space in the sun.

Happy Gardening (rugged up) until next month,

Pauline

June speaker Review.

Kathleen Tant spoke to us about pruning roses and more

OUCH!! My hand was cramping taking notes...Kathleen was very engaging speaker, passionate about her subject and certainly passed on a wealth of information.

Tools for the job:

Long Handled Secateurs (loppers), used for high branches.

Pruning Saw (preferring a fold out style for safety reasons), used for anything larger than finger width.

Secateurs (in carry pouch, for convenience and safety) used for anything smaller than finger width.

Gauntlet Gloves, or tough padded short gloves for thorny plants

Looking After Your Tools:

After using, wipe down with methylated spirits.

Keep tools sharp for ease of use and health of plant.

All things Pruning:

Wait until your rose is totally dormant before pruning. This will occur somewhere between mid-May till mid-August.

Cut branches to a slight angle to prevent rot in the plant. To minimize healing time, prune early in the day, when there is some sunshine and a light breeze.

Roses love a hard cut back and are very forgiving. Firstly, reduce height, then clean-up, removing, “dead wood, diseased wood and decayed wood”. Cut back to an outward facing bud, about 1-2cm above the bud and on an angle.

Aim to achieve a cocktail glass shape, pruning anything that is facing inward at the stem, anything that is thinner than a pencil. Remove any root stock. Prune to open up the plant allowing air flow and decreasing chance of bad health in the plant.

Plant Nutrition:

Do not feed roses when dormant (after pruning) your plant is asleep, not eating.

Kathleen highly recommends spraying with lime sulphur to reduce the risk of infections.

Use Seasol once a month when not dormant to help with resistance to disease.

Use Seasol Liquid Compost every 3-6 months

Roses love compost/manure (use cow/sheep manure not horse manure and water-in well), full sun and well-drained soil.

Rose food has extra phosphorus, but any food will suffice. Powdered and granulated formulas should be applied every 6-8 weeks. Liquid food should be applied every 3-4 weeks.

Watering, no need to water in Winter and Spring, water once a week in Summer, then ease back again in Autumn.

Sudden Impact for Roses is a Neutrog product that gets a thumbs up from Kathleen and the Flemington Racecourse gardeners.

Problems:

Aphids, Black Spot and Powdery Mildew.

With Aphids, catch them early when the numbers are low and manually remove them (if you have plenty of lady bugs they will eat them for you). Planting garlic around roses will deter aphids. For black Spot, use a fungicide, (only use if there is a problem, not as a deterrent). Kathleen recommends “Eco-Rose”. Powdery Mildew can be treated with a milk spray (milk, water and detergent), or simply pick-off affected leaves.

Use Eco-oil for mites, thrip, and soft scale. It will suffocate the infestation. You can make your own, mix 1 teaspoon of bicarbonate of soda, 1 teaspoon of cooking oil, 1 tablespoon of biodegradable dishwashing liquid and 1 litre of water.

Ant infestation...Green Aphids if left on your plant will become Sooty Mould. The Aphids suck the sap, then excrete their “poo” which if left becomes sooty mould. Alternatively, the “poo” will attract ants that will feed on it.

Mosaic Virus shows up as yellow squiggly lines through the leaves, your rose will need to be removed and destroyed carefully so as not to infect other plants. You will need to replace empty space with healthy soil and wait at least a year before planting another rose.



Finally, Roses will survive on neglect, but will thrive on a little care (dead head, feed and water). Carefully dispose of

any affected plant material then, **“everything will come up roses”**

July Competition Table

Pauline won the monthly prize with her very pretty zygote



Our July competition Table “Special Items”

Will be Wattle and Camellias



A reminder to those who have empty bottles and cans that can be recycled. Gladys is still doing a mighty job for us. Our collection total has reached \$33:80 so far.



What to Plant in July in Melbourne

FRUIT & VEGETABLES

Asparagus
Beetroot
Broad Bean
Broccoli
Cabbage
Carrot
Cauliflower
Celery
Leek
Onion

Peas
Radish
Snow Peas
Shallot
Silver beet
Spinach
Spring Onion

HERBS

Chives
Dill
Garlic
Mint
Oregano
Parsley
Rosemary
Sage
Shallots
Thyme

FLOWERS

Alyssum
Cineraria
Cornflower
Cyclamen
Forget me Not
English daisy
Lobelia
Lupin
Pansy
Phlox

Polyanthus
Poppy
Primula
Snapdragon
Stock
Verbena
Viola

Suggestions from Pauline

Rose pruning at Ivanhoe Park, Saturday July 13 from 9.30 am onwards If you want to learn more about how to prune your roses, come along and learn. The rose garden is a display garden with the roses pruned on 3 levels: the outer roses pruned to about ½ metre high, the next about ¾ metre high, and the inner roses about 1 metre high. If you can help with pruning, bring your own secateurs, etc., and a container for the cuttings. We do not want any cut and drop. The cuttings are usually piled in a heap to the east of the garden for the council to remove. Bring morning tea, as it is usually a great get-together

Yarra Valley Plant Fair and Garden Expo

Will be happening on the 9th and 10th November.

Yarra Valley Plant Fair and Garden Expo. Wandin. A plant hunter's wonderland. Discounted tickets for groups and garden clubs available.

Information: phone Clive on 0414 242 710 or email clive@larkmannurseries.com.au



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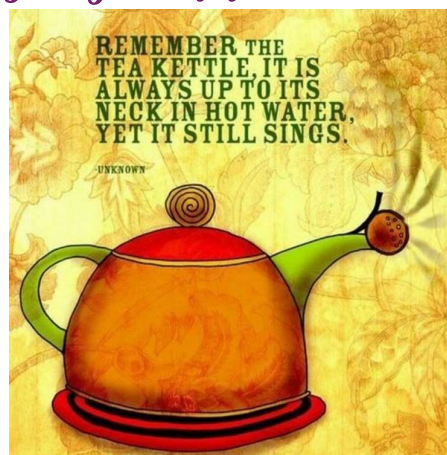
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July Supper Roster



Connie Lee, Leoniza Rosero, Ted & Mirella

August: Alana Camilleri, Georgia Triantopolous and

Rohini Padey

Comedy Corner



"Knowledge tells us that rhubarb is a vegetable and the tomato a fruit. Wisdom tells us which to pour custard over!"