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Up Coming Events

- The **October** meeting of the Doncaster Garden Club will be held on
Wednesday 9th October, 2024.

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

Bring roses and or Cabbage family for the competition table

October Speaker

John Harris on Habitat gardening in the backyard

November Speaker

AGM & Awards

No Speaker

- Saturday 5th October. Open Garden at Avril's. Pine Hills Drive Doncaster East. 2:30-4:00pm
- Kevin Heinze Grow Spring Celebration 12th October, 2024.
- Roseville Hanging Basket Competition 31st October
- Yarra Valley Plant Fair 9th & 10th November
- December Meeting to be held at Aveo, Domaine, Victoria Street Doncaster

D G C Life Members

Gerda van der Peet
Elsie Carter

Ted Page
Toni Myers

Doug Brewer
Bev Turner

Joanne Driver
Gayle McCann

Ken Beer
Franziska Kung



LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Hello Gardeners All,

If you are like me, the (few) warmer days have me busy removing weeds and PLANTING SEEDS. I think I am a compulsive grower of food. Mind you, with the way prices are going, that is a good habit/hobby to have. A modest bunch of greens or 6 sticks of rhubarb saves \$5-6.00, a pumpkin \$3-5.00 per kg, berries even more! Even asparagus, carrots and potatoes are worth growing as the flavour exceeds anything bought and must be so much healthier! Then there's the summer tomatoes, beans and cucumbers with so many ways to preserve the excess. I bottle, pickle, freeze and ferment for the winter eating.

In the Garden: The fig trees, raspberries and boysenberries are all coming into fresh leaf. Somehow my Plum tree has plenty of small fruit even though it was bitterly cold when in flower and no bees out. The Orange and Mandarin trees are in heavy bud. I have just planted lettuce, capsicum (mini red & mini chocolate), eggplant, tigerella tomato and red onion seeds which are on the hot mat. 4 hours spent cleaning up the strawberry bed of easily 6 dozen rooted offsets, older leaves etc, fertilizer and rockdust sprinkled, pinebark on top to keep fruit clean and a water. They still need Seasol. Flowers and Fruit forming already so a few weeks and delicious strawberries!

The visit to Domaine Village per the Club Connect Programme to view 2 apartments and the facilities for the residents was enjoyed by all 20 of us and especially by Margaret, the winner of the lucky door prize! We have received the \$500 promised.

Gladys has done a fantastic task of already booking our Speakers for next year. The total cost is coming to about \$1400 for fees or gifts. The Aveo money has been a very welcome income for our costs.

It has been a busy month with the sheep manure being delivered, email messages sent then collected by those who ordered it. Trevor has collected the Ryset Order from West Heidelberg, sorted it into individual orders, sent out more emails, etc for those who need to collect their bargains. Unfortunately, a small no of items were out of stock.

WEDNESDAY 13TH DECEMBER - NO MEETING AT HALL!

I have been talking with Michael at Aveo and the planning for the Christmas dine-out at the Domaine Restaurant, Victoria St is well under way. There will be champagne and canapès upon arrival, a 2 course meal and Esther and her Peranakan friends will entertain us. We will have our normal monster raffle, Domaine staff will do Christmas decorations and Aveo will do a Special Door Prize. It should be a good night.

Annual General Meeting

OUR Annual General Meeting ie AGM is close - in November. Avril will include a list of positions and duties that these positions entail on our Committee. There will be good support and help from Avril and I for anyone lacking confidence or experience. We all started out not knowing how, and learnt.

URGENT:

The Committee need about **3** extra people to come to the Hall at 7:10pm to help put the chairs out and tables which are on wheels, where they are needed and to reverse this at the end. This is normally done by Trevor and Lois every month with occasional extra help. This is VITAL as there is a high chance Trevor and I will be in Qld with one of our daughters who is having 2 operations maybe a month apart and will need us there for one if not both. As neither date has been set yet, we do not know when we go. We may be absent for meetings. If so, Avril & Margaret will take on my tasks but who will offer to help out for Trevor's tasks? . DO LET ME KNOW AS YOU MIGHT LIKE TO BE SHOWN THE ROPES, SO TO SPEAK at the October meeting.

Happy Gardening,

Pauline

September speaker Review.

Kristen Stewart spoke to us about worm farming providing us with some great tips.

When setting up your worm farm you must first select the right space....a cool shady spot, that gets some sun, ideally close to the kitchen. Your worm farm should operate between 15-25 deg. C. Kristen suggests that in the peak of summer, the garage is a good spot to house your worm farm.

Your worm farm will have at least three layers,

- the bottom layer should be set up with dry materials such as, shredded paper, straw from animal bedding (chickens, rabbits etc), cardboard, dry leaves and/or coconut coir.
- The next layer will be your worms. Do not use worms from your garden, you must buy specific worms from a garden nursery . BAAG sell them. Your worms will grow and multiply approximately every 30 days. Each worm will produce a cocoon, comprising 4-25 babies which resemble very fine threads of cotton. Just in case you are wondering your worms will regulate their population depending on the space and amount of food you give them. Once they multiply to a certain number, they will slow down their reproduction and maintain the population levels.
- The next layer is your food scraps. Including all those scraps from the kitchen, fruit and veg peels, You can include small amounts of citrus and onion skins but don't overdo them. Only adding food waste can cause your worm farm to become soggy so also include, vacuum waste, clothes drier lint, tea bags, hair from humans and pets, autumn leaves, leaf litter from gutters, grass clippings, coffee chaff, pea straw, chunky wood mulch, sugar cane mulch, bio-char, envelopes, shopping dockets and even 'snotty' tissues.

Keep your tap open with a bucket underneath to collect your "worm tea".

If you notice your worm farm is a bit whiffy, gently aerate it.

Flush up to 5 litres of water each week through your worm farm

When you are going on holiday, load up your food tray with 2-4kg of scraps, to keep your worms fed and busy.



September Competition Table



Linda's arrangement of white warratah and banksia, were the winners this month.

Please bring along your garden highlights for the October competition table.

We are looking for roses and cabbage family in particular this month

What to Plant in October in Melbourne

Fruits & Vegetables		Herbs	Flowers	
Beetroot	Onion	Basil	Alyssum	Petunia
Broccoli	Potato	Coriander	Begonia	Salvia
Cabbage	Pumpkin	Chives	Carnation	Snapdragon
Capsicum	Silver beet	Dill	Cockscomb	Verbena
Carrot	Spinach	Mint	Coleus	Zinnia
Cauliflower	Spring Onion	Oregano	Cosmos	
Celery	Squash	Parsley	Dahlia	
Cucumber	Strawberry	Sage	Dianthus	
Eggplant	Sweet Corn	Thyme	Impatiens	
Leek	Tomato		Lobelia	
Lettuce	Zucchini		Marigold	

RECYCLABLES

A reminder to those who can collect any empty recyclable bottles or cans. This is an easy way to generate some cash to cover our increasing costs, especially as Gladys is doing the hard work for us. To date we have raised \$76.70

Can we make \$100 by the end of the year, collectively I am sure we can!!

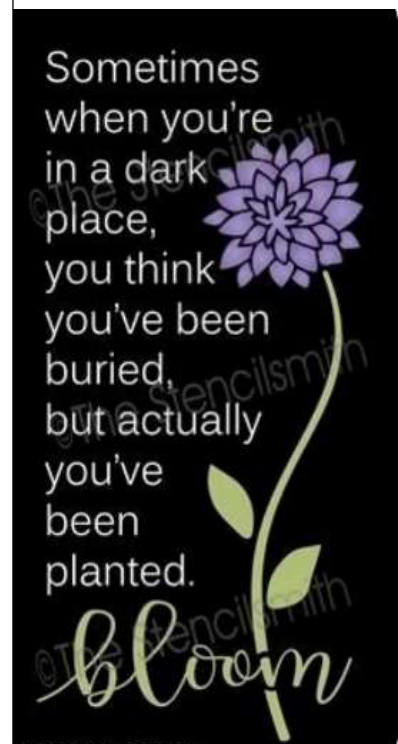
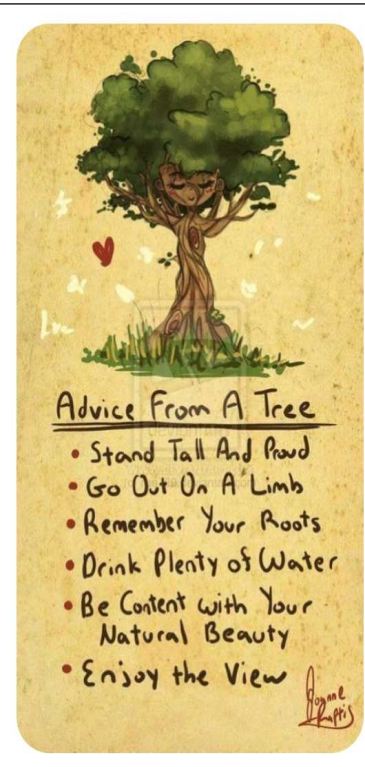
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SUPPER ROSTER



1Maureen
2Nola
3???

Words of wisdom



EXTRAS FROM PAULINE

- Annual Subscriptions are due **NOW** BUT NOT FOR those who joined since 1st September. Yours will carry forward the full year:
\$15 Online membership; \$30 Single; \$40 family - NB no changes this year.
Please pay into Westpac Doncaster Garden Club Inc bank a/c 033 375 179 681 Or Credit

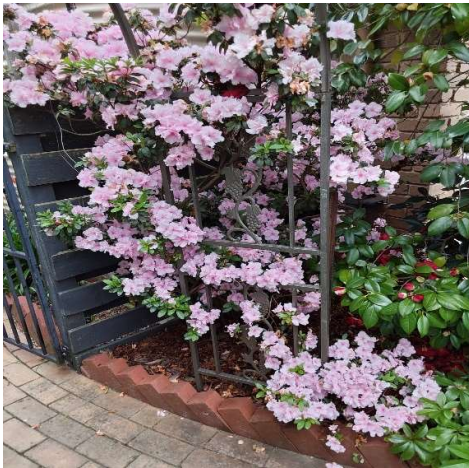
Or cash at the October Meeting

- These were left by members who brought supper on them.
Please take them home.



- Open Garden**
Saturday 5th October
2-4pm
At
Avril Clark's house
62 Pine Hill Drive
Doncaster East
RSVP Friday 4th October
0402478302

- From Pauline's garden**



Avril's New Adventure

I have just bought 2 of these wicking pots. Come with me as I test them out this summer.

1. Constructed pot



2. Upper plates with wicks in position



3. The inside of the pot



Pot with wicking layer installed



4. Pot is now filled with special potting compost for wicking pots available from BAAG. Pot one has dwarf beans. Pot 2 chilies and mini capsicums.



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DONCASTER GARDEN CLUB INC.**Official Nomination Form 2024****AGM NOTES**

Below are: (i) a list of official positions on the Committee and (ii) a description of their duties.

- All financial members can vote.
You may use this form to nominate people.
- Nominate one (1) person for the vacant positions. If two (2) people are nominated for the same position, there will be a ballot on the night.
- Anyone nominated for the *general* Committee will server for **one year** with the option to renew for another year.
- Please give your completed nomination form to either Pauline, Avril, or Margaret on the night of the AGM.
- **Special focus** on filling the positions of Vice President and Newsletter Editor.

Position	Current member renominating	Nominee	Nominator
Hon. President	Pauline Webb		
Hon. Vice-President			
Hon. Secretary	Avril Clark		
Hon Treasurer	Dr Margaret Salter		
Newsletter Editor			
<i>General Committees (7)</i>	Ester Lim		
	Anita Luzzza		
	Linda Speirs		
	Ray Brett		
<i>Vacant</i>			
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Roles and responsibilities

Role	Responsibilities
Hon. President	Face of the Club; Attracting new members; Approving annual agenda; Chairing monthly committee meetings; New initiatives; Responding to member requests; sharing information with all members; overseeing the kitchen roster; keeping club viable; Communication with Committee and Club; President's reports in the newsletter and AGM
Hon. Vice-President	Back up for President, arranging monthly Speakers, keeping Speakers/contacts details
Hon. Secretary	Preparing meeting agendas; recording minutes of committee meetings; receive and disseminate Club correspondence; maintains archives; attends to regulatory obligations; maintains membership register.
Hon Treasurer	Maintains Club finances (receipts, payments, and reconciliations); prepares financial reports for monthly Committee meetings; prepares annual budget; protects against fraud and theft; safe custody of petty cash; prepares annual financial statements for Committee approval for sharing with members at AGM
Newsletter Editor	Production and distribution of monthly newsletter, collation and finding of material for newsletter.
General Committees	Supporting office bearers; participating and contributing to Club activities; providing ideas.