



August 2024  
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## Up Coming Events

The **August** meeting of the Doncaster Garden Club will be held on  
Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> August 2024  
At 8pm at the RSL Hall, corner Doncaster Road and Leeds Street, Doncaster East.

### August Speaker

Kaye Robert-Palmer on QFF

### September Speaker

Kristen Stewart on worm farming

### August Competition Table;

Flowers of any kind.



### Citrus Fruit



## 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,

I now have 3 booklets on **FOGO** from the Council, in **Mandarin** ... please ring me if you would like one.

In early June I saved many **sweet potato** pieces and put them in water to root. In mid-July I potted these well rooted pieces into 80mm pots to grow on for mid spring planting. For all those who wish to try growing them for the roots or just for the leaves to stir fry, I will have some for the Trading Table. They need to be in a frost-free spot.

Our thanks to Dr Margaret Salter for her many hours of work preparing an appropriate **Privacy Policy** for the garden club. This is in line with the policy of Garden Clubs Australia, and has been inserted into our website: [doncastergardenclubaus.com](http://doncastergardenclubaus.com)

Margaret and Todd Yu have also put in work updating and adding to the website.

In mid-July I was planning which **tomato varieties** to grow and am favouring some shorter bushier types with early fruiting (7-8 weeks after transplant). This saves all the watering in the heat of summer when one doesn't wish to be out in it. Hopefully, it will also prevent Queensland Fruit Fly attack as the weather will still have colder moments. It seems the QFF doesn't do much/any damage before Christmas (so far in my experience with berries). As these shorter varieties tend to fruit more at once, I can net them for a shorter time. Cropping over 2-3 weeks is useful for preserving (drying, chutney, bottling or saucing) as well as being able to remove the plants sooner to grow some cabbages or other leafy greens. I also do a couple of later varieties as I have favourites in Tommy Toe and Black Plum - 10 weeks from transplanting. All tomato seeds will be planted and on a hot mat in late July or early August. Do have baits and nets to cover tomato crops before Christmas. Finding maggots in your tomatoes is very confronting. Shorter 'time to fruit' tomato varieties are Beams Yellow Pear, the orange Jaune Flamme, le Case di Apulia & the Purple Ukrainian which are 7-8 weeks after transplanting. Beefsteak varieties take 12-14 weeks which is mid to late summer or ask at your nursery.

**Ryset Orders** can be brought to Club and handed in this month please.

The **Sheep Manure Order** pick up date is still to be organised.

17 of the 24 who put names down for the Dine Out enjoyed our get together. Thank you to those who rang in to cancel. Unfortunately, 5 people did not. This is not only awkward and embarrassing for the Committee but for the Restaurant are expecting greater numbers. Please, if you put your name on any list at DGC, send apologies to those who organise the activity so any alterations necessary can be made. Severe illness or hospitalisation is the only acceptable reason for no apology.

When Anita rang to book our dinner, she was asked for a \$200 deposit. If our Club had lost a deposit, we would have had to request the funds from those who failed to cancel.

For those of you who need a safe rat bait re children, pets and owls, there is now one available commercially.

**Non-Anticoagulant Rodenticides** — Active Ingredient: Sodium Chloride

**Ratsak Naturals (a human and pet-safe bait option)"**

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Happy Gardening,

Pauline

## July Competition Table

Avril's stunning camelias were best on table this month.



## Our August competition Table

"Special Items"

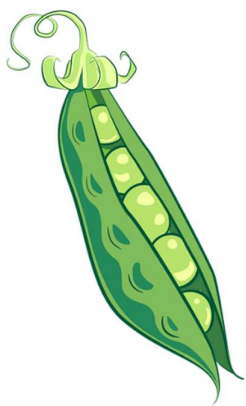
Citrus fruit and Flowers of any kind



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 \$47.50 so far.



## What to Plant in August in Melbourne



### FRUIT & VEGETABLES

Asparagus  
Beetroot  
Broad Bean  
Broccoli  
Cabbage  
Carrot  
Cauliflower  
Celery  
Leek  
Onion  
Peas

### HERBS

Chives  
Dill  
Garlic  
Mint  
Oregano  
Parsley  
Thyme

### FLOWERS

Alyssum  
Aquilegia  
Begonia  
Cornflower  
Delphinium  
Dianthus  
Forget me Not  
Foxglove  
English Daisy  
Lobelia  
Lupin



## Yarra Valley Plant Fair and Garden Expo

Will be happening on the 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:clive@larkmannurseries.com.au)



## Kevin Heinze Grow

(correction. Last month we printed the wrong date)

On Saturday the 12<sup>th</sup> of October **Kevin Heinze Grow** have their **ANNUAL Plant Fair**.



## **Committee Members**

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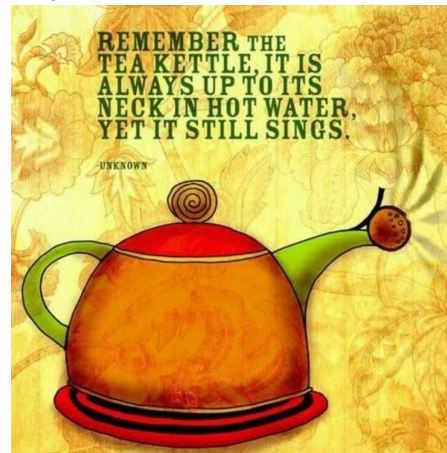
**Esther Sim**

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**Ray Brett**

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## **August Supper Roster**



Georgia Triantopolous, Rohini Padey

**SEPTEMBER**

TBA



## **JOKE OF THE MONTH**

There's a garden in England dedicated entirely to plants that are deadly and can kill you. It's the most dangerous garden in the world. It holds over 100 killers. Such as, hemlock, strychnine and nightshade.



## **DID YOU KNOW ?**

"Sheep manure is the best choice for flowers and above ground vegetable, i.e. tomatoes, beans, peas, peppers etc. This is because it has a high nitrogen content, encouraging above ground leaf grow. Cow manure, with the lower nitrogen content is better for root vegetables , i.e. onions, potatoes etc. as it encourages more of the tuber growth."

<https://cedarplanters.ca/blogs/news/sheep-and-cow-manure-in-your-garden-who-knew#:~:text=Sheep%20manure%20is,the%20tuber%20growth.>

*This is a highly edited version of an email, received by Avril, that she wanted to share. For those who are interested, I would strongly urge you to visit the open gardens website for more details on each of the gardens included.*

Subject: Open Gardens Victoria August Newsletter 2024

So many of you have already booked your tickets for our very special opening at Bickleigh Vale in Mooroolbark on Saturday 12 and Sunday 13 October. The opening is being presented in partnership with the Friends of Edna Walling at Bickleigh Vale Village. This opening will operate differently to our general openings with timed-entry tickets available for purchase via TryBooking and there will be limited tickets available to purchase on the day.

We can't wait for our special opening of eight properties in Bickleigh Vale Village in Mooroolbark on October 12 and 13, in partnership with the Friends of Edna Walling at Bickleigh Vale Village.

In the 1920s Edna Walling created an enchanted village for herself and her friends at Bickleigh Vale, and this special quality continues to influence succeeding owners as they work to keep the vision of her achievement alive for future generations. Bickleigh Vale remains the finest example of Walling's ability to achieve harmony between buildings and landscape.

As we celebrate the legacy of Edna Walling's century of influence, we invite you to visit Badgers Wood, Devon Cottage, Downterry, Lynton Lee, Mistover, Sonningfield, The Barn and Whistlewood, showcasing how past and present have been melded together in this unique community.

We have some special arrangements in place to manage traffic flow and access to the gardens, as we know this is going to be a popular opening. Timed-entry tickets are available to purchase via TryBooking and limited tickets will be available to purchase on the day. Please visit our website to find out more and to pre-book your tickets to this special opening.





## You are invited to our next *event*

Connecting Domaine Retirement Village with  
Doncaster Garden Club!!!

You are cordially invited to a guided tour and afternoon tea at Domaine Retirement Community. This exclusive opportunity promises to be an unforgettable experience, allowing you to explore the facility and expand your horizons. We look forward to your presence.

### When

Friday  
13th of September  
2pm - 4pm

### Where

Domaine Retirement Village  
37 - 43 Victoria Street, Doncaster,  
Vic, 3108

RSVPs essential

Please RSVP to Pauline or Avril to confirm numbers and dietary requirements. Be aware parking is limited and car pooling is encouraged where possible.

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

**aveo**

### Notice from Aveo

## Hanging Basket Competition

Michael Gill of Aveo has contacted me to organise a change of date to one which suits the person judging the competition.

It is **NOW THURSDAY 31st OCTOBER 2024** at

Roseville Village in King St Doncaster E.

The judge will be Kathleen Tant.

10am to midday followed by a Sausage Sizzle.

In due course Michael will send: Registration Forms, Invitations, and a Contents of Day Document.

Morning Tea will be served until the Judging is completed then there will be a PRESENTATION

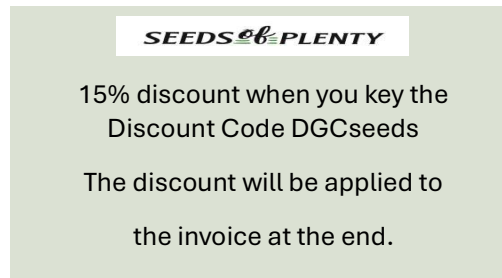
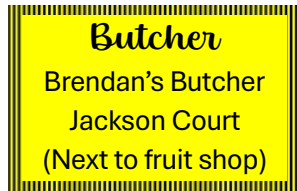
Kind Regards,  
Pauline

PS Any needs to be addressed to [pauline.pw25@gmail.com](mailto:pauline.pw25@gmail.com)





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**Ryset**  
The Committee each have a Ryset catalogue and an online pricelist to share with members.  
(Thousands of products) The Club receives wholesale prices which are usually the retail price discounted by 60-70%. Do ask to borrow the catalogue.

Please support our supporters, let them know you are a member of DGC and that we value them.

