



News

October 2021



Dear Members, Another month has gone by without a meeting. I'm sure we all felt better when we could spend some time in the garden on those sunny days. So let's all look forward to better days ahead. Many thank to those who have provided articles and pictures this month It is greatly appreciated Keep well, everybody, and we hope to see you soon., perhaps in November

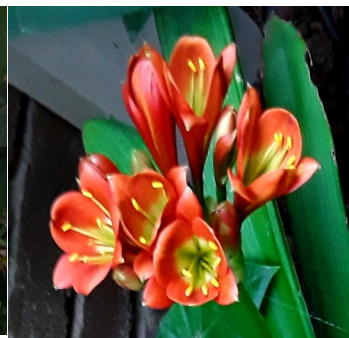
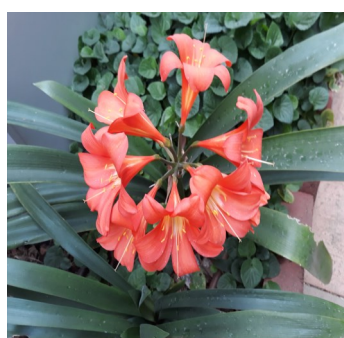
• Try a few potatoes

- Prepare the soil by adding compost or well-rotted cow manure. Potatoes like a rich, but well-drained soil, so do not plant below ground level or where water gathers in winter.
- Plant your potatoes about 10cm deep and 30cm apart. Leave about 80cm between each row.
- Sprinkle with some Blood and Bone and water in well. Keep moist, but not wet.
- As the plants grow, mound soil up along the stem to a height of around 30cm. Repeat throughout the season as the potatoes grow.



Clivias

These flowers do so well in shaded parts of the garden, and require very little looking after. Feed clivias in early spring and autumn with a controlled-release organic fertiliser for flowering plants, avoiding high nitrogen fertilisers. Specialist growers apply regular liquid fertiliser during summer to early autumn, using a high potash fertiliser to promote increased flowering. The flowers below are some grown by Garden Club members.



Broccoli+ Leafy Greens + Beef= Maximum Energy

The energy boosting iron in lean meat, like beef and leafy greens work even better to pep you up when complemented by vitamin C-rich broccoli. As long as you know how to cook your broccoli right, that is. A US Study revealed that steaming is one of the only cooking methods that allows this vegetable to hold it's nutrients– stir frying and boiling can significantly reduce broccoli vitamin C levels.

While you're steaming, add in youe leafy greens for more benefit: research suggests iron found in leafy greens becomes more easily absorbed by your body whe cooked as a result of the plants cells softening.



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Having trouble with ants in the house?

Perhaps one of These suggested remedies might be a help,

Borax -- One cup of warm water, half a cup of sugar, two tablespoons of Borax and some cotton balls. Mix all your ingredients together and then soak the cotton balls in the Borax concoction. Then you just need to place those balls anywhere where the tiny soldiers seem to come in and trail along. 25 May 2015

Vinegar – Ants hate vinegar, so this one's real easy: make a mixture of half vinegar and half water in a spray bottle. Simply spray all the areas where they come in from with your mixture and you won't be seeing these suckers around anymore! You can also spray it directly on the ants to kill them if they're already inside.

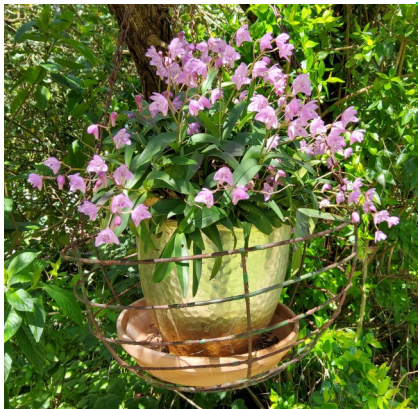
Chalk – A regular piece of sidewalk chalk can save your home from an ant invasion. You just need to draw a thick line with the chalk outside the door or wherever else they're coming in from and the ants won't cross that line.

Cinnamon – Use cinnamon just as you would the chalk – create a line of it around the outside of your house as well as any spots inside to keep them from coming in. Your house will smell nice, too!

Lemon Juice – A simple solution of half lemon juice and half water can be sprayed around the inside of your home to keep the ants out – the strong citrus aroma deters the pests.

Essential Oils – These aromatic oils may smell nice to us, but ants don't feel the same way. Make a mixture of 10 drops in one cup of water and spray that in the affected areas. You can use lemon oil, lavender oil, peppermint oil, cedar oil or eucalyptus oil.

Take note: eucalyptus oil is highly toxic to cats so don't use this if you have a cat!



Dendrobium nobile, commonly known as the **noble dendrobium**, is a member of the family [Orchidaceae](#). It has become a popular cultivated decorative house plant, because it produces colourful blooms in winter and spring, at a time when little else is in flower. It is also one of the [50 fundamental herbs](#) used in [traditional Chinese medicine](#). *Dendrobium nobile* is one of the most widespread ornamental members of the orchid family. Its blooms are variegated in colour, shading from white through pink and purple, and the many different cultivated varieties produce different sized and coloured blooms.

Many thanks to Bev Turner for sharing her lovely hanging basket.



Here is another to ponder over. This was given as seedling to Pauline from a neighbour originally from China. Pauline would be interested knowing if it has a name.

Don't let them take the temperature on your forehead as you enter the supermarket, it's a government plot to erase your memory, I went for a bottle of milk and a loaf of bread and came home with a case of beer and 12 bottles of wine.

FOR SALE BY OWNER Complete set of Encyclopaedia Britannica, 45 volumes. Excellent condition, £200 or best offer. No longer needed, got married, wife knows everything.

Vegetables to grow in October Artichoke, (Globe) Asian Greens, Beans (French, climbing) Beetroot, Broccoli, Cabbage, Capsicum, Carrots, Celery, Chives, Coriander, Eggplant, Kale, Kohlrabi, Leek, Lettuce, Onion, Potato, Pumpkin, Radish, Rocket, Silver beet, Spring Onion, Squash, Sweet Corn, Tomato, Turnip, Zucchini,

Some Flowers for October Sow Aster, Begonia, Bellis, Carnations, Daisies, Dahlias, Foxgloves, Hellebores, Hyacinths, Lavender, Marigolds, Primula, Petunias, Pansies, Snapdragons, Salvia, Viola, Wallflower,



Problem with Mealy Bug?

Take 1 ounce of apple cider vinegar and mix it with 2-3 ounces of water. Pour this liquid into a garden sprayer and spray in the evening.



Lemonade Scones (From the Womans Weekly)

Ingredients

1 cup pure cream

1 cup lemonade

3 cups self raising flour

Pinch of salt

Extra flour for dusting,



Preheat oven to 220°C (200°C fan-forced). Lightly flour a baking tray.

Sift flour and salt into a large bowl. Pour in lemonade and cream and mix to a soft sticky dough. Scrape onto a generously floured surface. Knead very lightly and press into 3 cm thick disc. Using a 6cm cutter, cut dough into rounds and place on a baking paper lined oven tray. Gently knead scraps of dough together, repeat pressing and cutting.

Lightly brush tops with a little extra cream and bake for 15-20 minutes or until browned and tops are browned

THE Garden Clubs Australia is asking as many as possible of the 55,000 gardeners who are associated with Affiliates of The Garden Clubs of Australia Inc to participate in this project - all you need is a MOBILE PHONE or a digital camera. Spend a little time between September 2021 and May - June 2022 photographing weeds in your garden, on street verges in your neighbourhood, in parks, gardens and sports-grounds, on the sides of roads, on the banks of creeks and waterholes or at the beach and send them into WEEDSCAN



For more information Andrew.mitchell@weeds.org/identify/weeds

Comparison of Nutrient Levels of Various Manures – percentage of Nitrogen (N), Phosphorus (P) and Potassium (K)

Rabbit: 3-4.8 %N, 1.5-2.8 %P, 1-1.3 %K, medium release speed

Cattle: 0.5-1.5 %N, 0.2-0.7 %P, 0.5-2 %K, medium release speed

Cattle (dairy): 0.5–2 %N, 0.3-0.5 %P, 0.4-1.5 %K, medium release speed

Horse: 0.7-1.5 %N, 0.2-0.7 %P, 0.6-0.8 %K, medium release speed

Sheep: 2.2-3.6 %N, 0.3-0.6 %P, 0.7-1.7 %K, medium release speed

Poultry (75% water): 1.5 %N, 1 %P, 0.5 %K,

Poultry (50% water): 1.5-2 %N, 1.8 – 2 %P, 1 %K, medium to fast release speed

Poultry (30% water): 3–4 %N, 2.5 %P, 1.5 %K, medium to fast release speed.

A man was riding on a full bus minding his own business when the gorgeous woman next to him started to breast-feed her baby. The baby wouldn't take it so she said, "Come on sweetie, eat it all up or I'll have to give it to this nice man next to us." Five minutes later the baby was still not feeding, so she said, "Come on, honey. Take it or I'll give it to this nice man here." A few minutes later the anxious man blurted out, "Come on kid. Make up your mind! I was supposed to get off four stops ago!"

TEACHER: Winnie, name one important thing we have today that we didn't have ten years ago.

WINNIE: Me!

Word meaning

Show-off: A child who is more talented than yours.

Sterilise: What you do with your first baby's dummy by boiling it, and your last baby's dummy by spitting on it.

Puddle : A small body of water that draws other small bodies wearing shoes right in it.

Independence: What we want our children to be as long as they do everything we say.

Hearsay: What toddlers do when someone mutters a dirty word.

Amnesia: A condition that enables a woman who has gone through labour, to do it again.

Family Planning: The art of placing your children proper distance apart to keep you on the edge of financial disaster .

Tomorrow One of the greatest labour saving devices of today.



Bulleen Arts And Garden

BA&G centre will always give you a discount if you show your Garden Club membership card.

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I wondered why the football kept getting bigger. Then it hit me.

A sign on the lawn at a drug rehabilitation clinic read: "Keep off the grass".

No matter how much you push the envelope, it will still be stationery

She was only a whiskey maker, but he loved her still.

When she saw her first strands of grey hair, she thought she'd dye.

Two silkworms had a race; the result was a tie.

Atheism is a "non-prophet" organisation.

You are stuck with your debt if you can't budge it.

A calendar's days are numbered.

A boiled egg is hard to beat.

He had a photographic memory which never developed.

If you jump off a bridge in Paris, you are in Seine.

A dentist and a manicurist married. They fought tooth and nail.

A chicken crossing the road is poultry in motion.

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Tidy up your succulents

Spring is the time to get your potted succulents into shape,

Inspect plants for mealy bug infestations or rotted root systems and discard any affected plants

Use secateurs or a sharp pair of pointed scissors to cut out dead or damaged sections of the plant

Carefully remove weeds that have sprung up in and around the plant during the cooler months

Repot plants that have been growing in the same mix for several years. Use a specialised succulent mix or make your own blend with one third clean sand and two thirds regular potting mix

Feed plants with a slow release fertiliser and apply a solution of liquid seaweed. Mulch the surface of the mix with a layer of gravel, choose a colour and particular size that suits the plant the pot and your décor

(Taken from ABC Gardening Australia Magazine)

