



# News

July 2021



## **GARDEN CLUB MEETING WEDNESDAY 14<sup>th</sup> JULY at 8pm**

**NEW VENUE:** we will be meeting at the **RSL Hall, cnr Leeds St and Doncaster Road**

COVID restrictions will impact this meeting

Sign in will be via the QR code or the Club membership book

Supper will be served and tongs for food will be supplied

We look forward to seeing you there.

The Club intends to run a raffle, (The club needs the funds)

So come along and bring those coins we don't seem to use anymore

From the RSL Doncaster

### **Welcome to the Doncaster Garden Club**

RSL Doncaster has committed to connect with our wider community and are excited to be able to share their venue with local groups. It is great to announce that the Doncaster Garden club will be able to hold their monthly meetings at the RSL and have their own locked storage cupboard. We hope you can enjoy the venue, valuable displays and the furnishings with a great respect as if they are your own. It is expected that all will be kept clean and cared for as we use their hall which is 8 metres wide by 16 meters long with a larger well equipped kitchen. As this is NOT a council funded facility the minimal cost and use is to be respected by all who enter, with the QR Code and all health and safety requirements to be adhered to. We look forward to a long and happy relationship.

**Please read the invitation from the RSL regarding Morning Tea and Fruit Cake and Poppy making on page 3 of the newsletter.**

Picture of a Veltheimia with 8 buds grown by Pauline (haven't the faintest what it is . Editor)



Pauline has large plants of comfrey, thyme, mint (very fragrant), Q'land Arrowroot and Oregano. If anyone would like to ring 8955 8440 or 0409 063 060 for rooted pieces, I will have them dug and wrapped in newspaper for collection.

There are also her seeds picked saved in April, May: garlic chives, purple dragon carrot, celery, & parsnip, bring an envelope for each of these.

**Our speaker for July** will be **Guy Palmer** who will speak on Local Food production.

He is the editor of the LFC newsletter whose main objects are to promote

**Upcoming local food-related events**: all the upcoming events of various types, around 400 per month.

**Local food producers**: pages on each of around 130 producers, both farmers and makers.

**Local community gardens**: pages on each of the 60 community gardens in the area

**Local food swaps**: details of the 30 food swaps in the area.

**Local food justice organisations**: including 'food is free' sites, free food distribution organisations and free community meals.

#### DID YOU KNOW?

You can make vegan meringue by whipping aquafaba, the liquid in a can of chickpeas, as you would egg whites, along with sugar etc. The proteins leached from the chickpeas into the brine make it behave like egg white.

**Vegetables to grow in July** Artichoke, Asparagus, Broad beans, Coriander, Endive, English Spinach, lettuce, Mint, Onion, Peas, Radish, Snow Peas, .

**Flowers:** Sow Candytuft, Cornflower, Delphinium, English daisy, Godetia, Hollyhock, Larkspur, Lupin, Nemesia, nigella, Phlox, Polyanthus, Primula, Schizanthus, Statice, Strawflower, Sweet pea and Wallflower.



Rhubarb is a wonderful edible perennial to have in the garden, and makes a delicious rhubarb crumble! It is one of the most easy-to-grow perennial food plants and produces lots of beautiful edible stems and is also a very handsome plant. It will tolerate neglect but with a little care such as plenty of compost and well-rotted manure and water in the dry seasons, it will reward you with plenty of rhubarb to harvest throughout the year.



Growing rhubarb from crowns gives you a head start in the garden, bringing forward your harvest time. A 'crown' is the part of the plant that grows under the ground and is made of a rhizome and a bud. Check out the photo at the end of this email to see what these rhubarb crowns look like.

Roses have been a favourite of gardeners for centuries. Known for their heavenly fragrance, hardy nature and opulent heady blooms, they are jewels of the garden.



Winter is the ideal season to purchase roses for two reasons. Firstly, as with all bare root products, they are better value. Secondly, if planted when they're dormant in winter or early spring, bare root plants will establish quicker and flourish earlier than potted roses.

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## Now is the time to prevent leaf curl

Leaf curl on peaches and nectarines can only be prevented, not cured. The leaves will remain on the tree until hot weather arrives and then by that time the damage has been done and poorer fruit will be the result. Over the years growers in the Doncaster area found that better results were obtained if Bordeaux sprays were applied early in the month of July than later in the year. Growers used a mixture of copper sulphate mixed with Hydrated lime that had to be kept agitated as it would soon settle to the bottom of the spray vat if not kept in motion. Lime sulphur was also used but Bordeaux was the most popular. Sulphur could hurt the eyes, whereas Bordeaux was just hard to wash off.



Up until the fifties most spray pumps were pulled by horses and the spray was delivered on to the trees with the use of spray rods at the end of a long hose. Later when tractors became more useable, power take-off's on tractors drove air blast sprayers. 10000 litres of spray could easily be delivered in a day.

As you will not need large quantities to spray a few fruit trees, nurseries and Bunnings will be able to provide you with your needs. One good well covered spray should be enough, but there is nothing wrong with a follow up three weeks later. No doubt there are other home made sprays that can be used, but these are the sprays that the orchardists used. All we asked for was a calm day,

## INVITATION

**Tuesday 13th July 10am to 11.30am**

FREE - Morning Tea of Scones and Fruit Cake are on the menu with refreshments.

**Poppies** - Wool and patterns for knitting and crotchet will be provided with more to take home. Training available or come and teach some of us!

Help support our 11th November Remembrance displays. Even if you don't knit or crotchet, we can have help with sewing the middle in, or just enjoy sharing.



For all people (Not just RSL members) friends and neighbours and community to come together. Bring a friend who may want to see our community RSL Doncaster **Our Museum is a great adventure in itself** come see some of our interesting items and enjoy our hospitality. Come and see what we have done in the past and help us put together great items for Displays for the future.

**RSVP: by Sunday 13th June** Phone: Martha Clarke **0408 316 935**  
or email **rsldoncastersubbranch@gmail.com**

or send a message through our Facebook; **RSL Doncaster Subbranch**

page link <https://www.facebook.com/RSL-Doncaster-Subbranch-107744134762346>

If at first you don't succeed, skydiving is not for you.

- ☐ I was going to wear my camouflage shirt today, but I couldn't find it.
- ☐ I like long walks, especially when they're taken by people who annoy me.
- ☐ I don't always go the extra mile, but when I do it's because I missed my exit.
- ☐ The grass may be greener on the other side but at least you don't have to mow it!







## Bulleen Arts And Garden

Now that we can visit some of our old favourites remember the BA&G centre will always give you a discount if you show your Garden Club membership card.





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# GARDEN EXPO

18 & 19 SEP 2021

9AM - 3PM

Location: Yea Saleyards

Flat Lead Road, Yea (see website for directions)

Only an hour from Melbourne!

- Native & flowering plants
- Garden sculptures
- Motorised barrows & vehicles
- Garden tools & Vegetable bins
- Seedlings
- Mulch, fertilisers & compost
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In a city at a busy crowded bus stop, a pretty young woman wearing a tight skirt was waiting for a bus. As the bus stopped and it was her turn to get on, she became aware that her skirt was too tight to allow her leg to come up to the height of the first step of the bus. Slightly embarrassed and with a quick smile at the bus driver, she reached behind her to unzip her skirt a little, thinking that would give her enough slack to raise her leg. She tried to take the step, only to discover she couldn't. So, a little more embarrassed, she once again reached behind her to unzip her skirt a little more, and for the second time attempted the step. Once again much to her chagrin, she could not raise her leg. With a little smile to the driver, she again reached behind to unzip a little more and again was unable to take the step. About this time a large man who was standing behind her picked her up easily by the waist and placed her gently on the step of the bus. She went ballistic, turned to the good Samaritan and yelled. "How dare you touch my body! I don't even know who you are" The man smiled and drawled, "Well normally I would agree with you, but after you unzipped my fly I figured we were friends."

