



June 2025
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The DGC committee meeting was held on 28 May 2025 at 7.30 pm

The next DGC meeting will be held on **Wednesday, 11 June 2025**
7.30 pm at the RSL Hall , cnr Doncaster Road and Leed Street. Doors open at 7.15pm

At this meeting we have a Q & A session with our panel talking about common issues in the garden , sandwiches will be provided by the club .

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At the May Club meeting Avril Clark took us on a tour of Monet's iconic garden in Giverny, France. We travelled back to the 19th century when Monet first rented the Pink house to accommodate his large combined family in the middle of the rich apple growing region of Normandy. Initially Monet installed vegetable gardens to feed the family but several years later he was able to purchase the property and begin gardening in earnest. Heavily influenced by the Japanese woodblock art and his love of colour he experimented with unusual combinations with a wide variety of plants. Many years later he designed and installed the Water Garden across the road, which is now reached by an underground tunnel. The water garden is designed along the Japanese concept of a "cup garden" which allows for introspection, serenity and peace. It is covered in beautiful water lilies and around the edges are lush plantings of Mollis azaleas, Japanese maples, Wisteria, Weeping Willows etc.

Such a beautiful garden for generations to enjoy.



Hello Gardeners All,

The weather has become chilly belatedly but we are still too dry. I had 18.7mm for May which is so inadequate. Keep up watering seeds, seedlings, larger vegetables and many shrubs.

The oregon pea seedlings planted at Easter are flowering, and the savoy cabbages and golden beetroots appear to be doing ok. My seedlings of broccoli, cabbage, cos lettuce, rocket and cauliflower were planted late May. It is almost the last date for successful planting with the much colder weather due but one can potentially try till mid June. I also have broad beans up about 100mm.

Bought seedlings of peas, cabbage, thyme are in as are my saved garlic, and shallots and seedlings of broccoli and cauliflower. Radish and carrot seeds are up and Coles Dwarf Broadbeans are planted. I will report on the result in late spring as they need 18deg for flowers to set then grow broadbeans.

There are white fly and aphids attacking all brassicas and I have been liquid feeding them in the hope that improving their strength will fight the pests off. The recent rain, as small as it was seems to have helped also. The asparagus is dying back and in a couple of weeks they will be cut to the ground to wait for the spring shoots. The silverbeet is prolific.

Some of the roses too have put on a late spring burst of beautiful flowers, especially Sonata. The white alisum is still flowering and the snapdragons have almost finished. Interestingly, the dark pink is the last one to finish with flowers as the cream, yellow and pale pinks are all long gone. In spring their dropped seeds will self grow and I will transplant some.

Happy Gardening,

Pauline

A big thank you to Gladys Lim for banking \$84 last year and another \$89.20 so far this year.
Thank you to all members who brought in recyclable cans and bottles.

IMPORTANT NOTICE -

Please bring your items for recyclable collections for the June meeting

Upcoming calendar events:

Following Committee Meeting:	25 June	hosted by Avril Clark, 7.30pm at 62 Pine Hill Drive Doncaster East
Following Meeting:	09 July	at the RSL Hall, 7.30pm at cnr Doncaster Road and Leeds Street Doncaster East
Speaker will be Felicity Gordon on Quensland Fruit Fly		
Following Committee Meeting:	23 July	hosted by Avril Clark, 7.30pm at 62 Pine Hill Drive Doncaster East
Following Meeting:	13 August	at the RSL Hall, 7.30pm at cnr Doncaster Road and Leeds Street Doncaster East

Doncaster Garden Club website

Our gardening club website is up and running and is updated with Newsletter and Calendar of events

Please bookmark the page and explore the website for updates.

<https://doncastergardenclubaus.com/>

Coffee / Brunch meetup - Saturday 30th August 11 am at Petty' s Orchard

It will be great to catch up for a coffee or brunch. Petty's Orchard in Templestowe, Victoria, Australia, is among Melbourne's oldest and last-remaining commercial orchards . Please let us know at the meeting if you will be joining us.

The address is Corner of Homestead and Monckton Roads, Templestowe 3106

You can read more about them at <https://www.heritagefruitsociety.org/page-1701901>

**Winner of last month's competition was
Ron Lewis with his beautiful Lily**

Competition Table

**For the June meeting we would like to see your best seasonal vegetables on this table
We will have 2 judges who will select a winner.**

Things to do in the garden this Month:

Plant deciduous trees, shrubs, vines, cane fruits and roses.

Wait till spring to plant citrus.

Divide existing perennials and plant new perennials.

Gather and compost fallen leaves.

Protect plants that are not frost-hardy in frost-prone areas.

Install windbreaks, such as the plastic tree guard sleeves, around evergreens.

Prune deciduous fruit trees (not apricots, best to prune these in late autumn when the leaves start yellowing, during dry, preferably windy weather to prevent diseases entering the pruning cuts).

Prune deciduous shrubs (rose pruning is done in July) and vines (such as kiwi fruit).

Prune grape vines and take hardwood cuttings from these for propagation.

Continue planting garlic, strawberry runners and shallot bulbs.

Harvest parsnips, they will taste better now that they have experienced some cold.

Article courtesy - <https://deepgreenpermaculture.com/2023/05/31/june-vegetable-and-herb-gardening-calendar-for-temperate-climate-australia/>

Competition Table Tips

Here are some tips for members who will like to bring in plants for us to admire

The plant and flowers should be at their best and make sure you have watered the plant so it looks healthy. Cut out any dried leaves or stems.

If you have placed the plant in a container make sure that the size of the container is just right as that affects the appearance of the plant. Also give the container a good clean so that the plant looks at its best.

If you are displaying any flowers, put them in a vase that will enhance their beauty, place the large blooms at the back and the smaller blooms in the front.

Please bring in fruits as well for us to admire and taste.

We look forward to seeing more displays from our members.

**One of our founding member Ken Beer will welcome visits from garden club members .
For those who wil like to visit the address is Croydon Place Care Community, 9 jackson
Street Croydon 3136. Ph (03) 97262500**

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

Doncaster Garden Club Inc. Membership 2025

Annual fees are due every October

Please complete the membership form on the Clubs website:
<https://doncastergardenclubaus.com/becomeamember>

Membership fees: \$30 singles and \$40 for families

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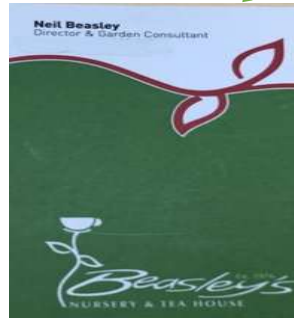
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