

 The Climbing Rose Newsletter
THE MANDURAH
GARDEN CLUB INC.

February 2025



CLUB PRESIDENT



I thoroughly enjoyed our Xmas gathering at Murphy's and was pleased to see so many there. Hope you all enjoyed the company and meal.

Here we are into the second month of 2025. I hope you have all enjoyed the break and are ready to start another year of gardening. Mind you, it hasn't stopped for us - lots of hand watering, as yet again the bore has clagged it.

New pump on the way. I sincerely hope you are all in good health, though the very hot weather hasn't been too kind. Give me Autumn and Spring any day! We hope to have some interesting speakers for you this year. *Remember, There are no garden mistakes only experiments*

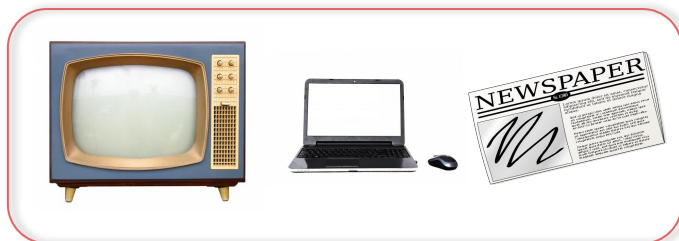
NEWS FROM THE GARDEN

JOBS FOR FEBRUARY

Remove old plants, weed, add compost, plant warm-season vegetables, harvest ripe crops, water heavily due to summer heat, prune, divide perennials, collect seeds, and mulch to retain moisture.

As February is typically the last month of summer in Australia, prioritize managing heat stress on plants and preparing for the cooler months ahead.

GARDENING PROGRAMMES ON TV, RADIO & PRINT



MANDURAH LIBRARY: available on line to borrow:

- **Pretty Tough Plants (135 Resilient Water smart choices.**
- **The Speedy Vegetable Garden**

PODCASTS:

- **Gardening Talkback**
- **The Good, The Bad & The Bug-ly**
- **Seedy Chats.**

PARKING SPACES IN THE GARDEN

There is a *recycled plastic product* that comes in squares that once clicked together forms a grid, and there is an option from hardware stores called **SurePave**. There is also a more robust version from a company called **Elmich**. This grid can be placed in the ground with the gaps filled with the soil that has been dug out to install the grid and then turf grass laid on top.

It won't protect the leaves, but the roots are protected by the grid, so recovery times are very quick.

For an area that isn't used for parking every day, it's great and will keep the surrounding plant life happy, too.

A suggested hard grass would be **TifTuf Hybrid Bermuda** on top, as it is drought tolerant and hardy to wear.

A GREAT RECIPE



PRAWN, CORIANDER & COCONUT RICE

- 1 1/2 cups (330g) jasmine rice
- Zest of 1 lime
- 1/4 cup (60ml) lime juice
- 1 tbsp grated palm sugar or brown sugar
- 1/2 cup (125ml) coconut cream
- 1 bunch coriander, leaves picked
- 1 long red chilli, seeds removed, finely chopped
- 2 tbsp peanut oil
- 1kg cooked prawns, peeled (tails intact)
- 1 telegraph cucumber, finely chopped
- 4 spring onions, thinly sliced
- 1/4 cup (35g) chopped roasted peanuts

Step 1

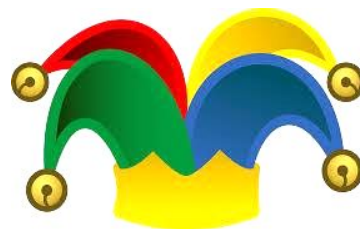
Cook rice according to packet instructions. Rinse under cold water, drain, then cool.

Step 2

Place lime zest and juice, sugar, coconut cream and coriander, reserving 2 tablespoons to garnish, in a blender. Whiz to a smooth puree, stir in chilli, then season to taste.

Step 3

Toss the cooled rice with the prawns, oil, cucumber, spring onion and coriander dressing. Divide among plates, scatter with peanuts and extra coriander leaves, then serve with lime wedges.



A GOOD JOKE

As an aeroplane is having problems with one of its engines, worrying it might crash, a female passenger jumps up frantically & announces, ***"If I'm going to die, I want to die feeling like a woman."***

She removes all her clothing & asks, ***"Is there someone on this plane who is man enough to make me feel like a woman?"***.

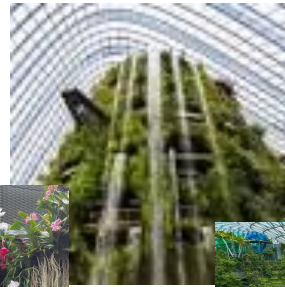
A man stands up, removes his shirt & says,

"Here, iron this!"

A German Shepherd, a Doberman & a Cat have died. All 3 are faced with God who wants to know what they believe in. The German Shepherd says: ***"I believe in discipline, training & loyalty to my master"***. "Good", says God. "Then sit down on my right side." The Doberman answers, ***"I believe in the love, care & protection of my master."*** "Aha", said God. "You may sit on my left." Then he looks at the Cat & asks, "What do you believe in?". **The Cat answers, 'I BELIEVE YOU ARE SITTING IN MY SEAT'**

GARDENS BY THE BAY SINGAPORE (CLOUD FOREST)

My visit in November



DESERT ROSE (*Adenium obesum*)

is a **poisonous species** of flowering plant belonging to the tribe Nerieae of the subfamily Apocynaceae of the dogbane family,

*The plant
prefers
consistently
warm
temperatures
Likes
well-draining,
sandy soil &
needs careful
water
management*



*Desert rose is
often used as a
bonsai plant
thanks to its
thick succulent
trunk, & thin
delicate leaves,*



*Very Slow
growing -
about 12 " per
year*

**DID YOU
KNOW?**

Also slow growing is the **Balga Xanthorrhoea**, or Grass Tree. Every Centimetre of growth takes about a year, i.e. **a 1m-tall tree is 100 years old!**

JANUARY

Margaret
McLean
Brenda King
Michelle
Campbell
Sheila Elliot
Lesley Hughes



FEBRUARY

Ann Bonny
Anne Mason
Judy Glasspool
Helen Pecnik
Laurel Bingham
Shirley Simpson

WHAT DO WE KNOW ABOUT OUR FELLOW CLUB MEMBERS?

Sue Lansdown has had a very long association with the Peel region. Her Father grew up in Pinjarra though he was born in Margaret River.



As a 9 year old her Mum decided she should learn to play a **Piano Accordion**. She played in the **Tony Marcella Band** and at many concerts, including the **Festival of Perth**. She also entertained for engagement parties, birthdays and weddings.

Her earlier employment was with the Belmont City Council, Osborne Transport and the then Public Works Department, Vox Adeon's, Radio Stations 6KY, 6PM and 6IX, Flatman & Co, Blackwood Hodge, Tony Marcella Music House and the PMG (now Telstra). During her employment, duties were of a clerical nature including, book-keeping, debtors and creditors, accounts payable and stock control.

With her music background, while at the Tony Marcella music house, **she was involved in the sale of musical instruments and teaching of students**. She was employed as Secretary to the Program Manager and Record Librarian at 6PM and 6KY and a Talks Producer at 6IX.

Eddy and Sue moved to Mandurah from Guildford in 2001. Eddy had retired and Sue gained a transfer to the Peel Police District Office. and joined the Mandurah Garden Club in 2008. **She was editor Of the Climbing Rose for about 13 years!**

Sue has a strong interest in **Hibiscus Rosa Sinensis, and has been involved with the Hibiscus Society of Western Australia for about 30 years**, where she held the position of President and now Secretary. Eddy & Sue have quite a few **registered hibiscus on the International register. "Dancing Queen" being one of the first registered.**

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NEXT MEETING

WEDNESDAY 12TH FEBRUARY 2026

GUEST SPEAKER

Lisa Gardiner
Retired Police Officer & Manager
of the Mandurah Senior Citizens
Centre

Venue is - Mandurah RSL Club
Unit 5/20-22 Rouse Rd, Greenfields - Opposite Gilberts

To facilitate setting up by the Committee, **doors will not open until**
1.30 pm

Meetings are 1.30pm for a 2pm start
As parking is in short supply, please park
across the road.



PLEASE BRING YOUR OWN CUP
FOR AFTERNOON TEA!

COMING UP..

22 - 23 Feb

Garden Clubs & Societies Plant Fair - South
Perth Community Centre

26 - 30 March

Melbourne International Flower & Garden Show

**Guest Speaker For
March**

**Michelle from
Bohemian Botany**

*She has requested
members use this
opportunity to have her
answer your gardening
questions or if you
prefer, submit your
questions to the
Committee who will ask
on your behalf*

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