

THE MANDURAH
GARDEN CLUB INC.



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CLUB PRESIDENT



Can you believe? We have arrived in March already.

I attended the Garden Clubs and Societies Fair in February - a very good weekend. It was lovely to see some of the people who come every year, & one fellow brought me a little bunch of Glory Lily. I really like that little vine, & am a bit pleased he has offered to put some tubers in for me, and bring it along next year. The Gerbera Society did well and didn't have to take too many home. The Hibiscus Society had tabled 170 plants and only 3 remained.

We have some interesting speakers coming up for the next few months. Some we haven't seen for a long while, if ever.

I would also like to extend to those members who have health issues, please know you are thought of and not forgotten.

Very best regards to all

Susan Lansdown

Teach a man to garden and the whole neighbourhood gets tomatoes

NEWS FROM THE GARDEN

JOBS FOR MARCH



SWEET PEAS: Get your seeds ready to plant between St Patrick's Day (17/3) and Anzac Day 25/4 (An old story!!)

ADVICE FROM CHARLIE ALBONE

(Sunday Times 2/2/25)

"We have 2 raised corrugated planters that we want to put on concrete pads. What would you suggest for drainage & what liners can you recommend? Also would you put a layer of pebbles or such on top of a mat-type solution?"

A If the Planters have a solid metal base, I would first ensure there are plenty of drainage holes. Then I would have a layer of coarse aggregate, ie blue metal. To prevent the soil mix from clogging up the aggregate, **put in a layer of geotextile turned up the sides of the plant. It will also insulate the walls of the planter.** Use best quality potting mix & top with a layer of compost 75mm

GARDENING PROGRAMMES ON TV, RADIO & PRINT



ABC: Monty Don's Spanish Gardens (New Series)
Friday 8.35 pm

ABC IView: Gardening Australia Series 34 Episode 19
Fuchsia Fanciers Australia

PODCASTS:

- The Garden Party
- Fowl Play - Small Farm Chats

Sweet Peas Poem by Alfred Noyes

Under the sweet-peas I stood
And drew deep breaths, they smelt so good.
Then, with strange enchanted eyes,
I saw them change to butterflies.

Higher than the skylark sings
I saw their fluttering crimson wings
Leave their garden-trellis bare
And fly into the upper air.

Standing in an elfin trance
Through the clouds I saw them glance....
Then I stretched my hands up high
And touched them in the distant sky.

At once the coloured wing came back
From wandering in the zodiac.
Under the sweet-peas I stood
And drew deep breaths. They smelt so good.

A GREAT RECIPE

LITTLE TRIFLE CAKES



1 store-bought sponge cake, cut into Small rounds.

1 cup jelly (prepared & set)

1 cup custard

½ cup whipped cream

Fresh berries for garnish

Place a sponge cake round at the base of a serving glass or mold, Add a layer of jelly on top of the cake.

Spoon custard over the jelly layer. Repeat layers if desired, finishing with

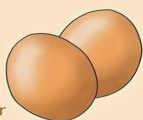
Custard.

Top with whipped cream & fresh berries.

Chill for at least 30 minutes before serving.

How to Tell if an Egg Is Bad

*Place the egg into a bowl of room temperature water



Fresh



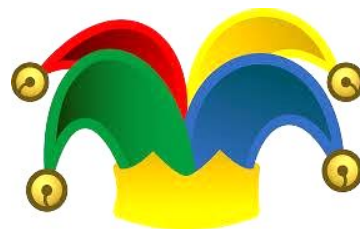
A week old



Stale



Very old



A GOOD JOKE

I took my wife to a restaurant. and the waiter, for some reason took my order first.

"I'll have the rump steak, rare, please."

The waiter said, "Aren't you worried about the mad cow?"

"Nah, she can order for herself."

AND THAT'S WHEN THE FIGHT STARTED.....

My wife and I were sitting at a table at her high school reunion, and she kept staring at a drunken man swigging his drink as he sat alone at a nearby table. I asked her, "Do you know him?" "Yes", she sighed.

"He's my old boyfriend. I understand he took to drinking right after we split up those many years ago and I hear he hasn't been sober since."

"My God!" I said, "Who would think a person could go on celebrating that long?"

AND THEN THE FIGHT STARTED.....

Keep smiling, it makes people wonder what you have been up to!



SIMPLE SELF WATERER



AGAPANTHUS “BLUSH PINK”

A fabulous new release from available from Garden Express (gardenexpress.com.au)

One of the first pink varieties, the stunning white flowers of Blush Pink do exactly that as they age. They blush to a true pink, making this a rare & unusual plant.



They are a drought tolerant plant so only water to supplement rainfall if required. Fertilising is not usually required, but you can use a complete fertiliser in Winter or Spring. Remove flower heads after flowering to prevent seeding in unintended places. Clean up and remove any yellowing leaves.

Agapanthus (Agapanthus spp.) also known as the **African Lily** or the **Lily of the Nile** is a fleshy rooted perennial. It is part of the Liliaceae family and is native to Southern Africa. Agapanthus come in a wide variety such as evergreen and deciduous to tall and dwarf. All have a dense fleshy root system that produces arching, strap-like, dark green foliage in a clumping habit. During mid Spring to early Summer tall flower spikes will emerge with round umbels of brightly coloured flowers. The flowers are tube to bell shaped in shades of blue to purple or white. If your Agapanthus isn't flowering it might be in too much shade as they prefer to be positioned in full sun.

Note that this plant can be potentially invasive in some regions, so should not be planted near bushland or other sensitive areas. Check local government restrictions. As necessary, plant sterile or low-seeding varieties (such as Black Pantha).



Current Situation

A Quarantine Area has been declared in Perth's southern suburbs to support efforts to eradicate Queensland fruit fly (Qfly), requiring residents and businesses to take action to help protect gardens and stop the spread of the pest to agricultural areas

The Queensland fruit fly is a small, wasp-like fly that is red-brown in color with yellow markings.

Adults About 7–8 mm long, Reddish-brown in color, Distinct yellow markings, Hold their wings outstretched horizontally when walking, and Flick their wings in a characteristic manner.

Phorid flies are most often confused with *fruit flies* (*Drosophila* spp.), however, **fruit flies have characteristic red eyes that phorid flies lack** (Figure 5). In addition, compared to fruit flies, phorid flies have elongated and expanded hind legs as well as a hump on the thorax. Their wing venation is also different.

WHAT IS THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN QLD FRUIT FLY AND MEDITERRANEAN FRUIT FLY?

	Med Fruit Fly	Qld Fruit Fly
Size	3–5 mm long	7–8 mm long
Color	Light brown	Reddish brown
Wing markings	Mottled, with brown bands to the tips	No visible markings

PATRON & OFFICE BEARERS

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CLUB DIRECT BANK PAYMENTS: **BSB: 036-157**
ACCOUNT: 208-453
REFERENCE: Your Name

NEXT MEETING

WEDNESDAY 12TH MARCH 2025

GUEST SPEAKER MICHELLE

from

BOHEMIAN BOTANY

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

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..

2nd March Kalamunda Garden Festival - Stirk Park

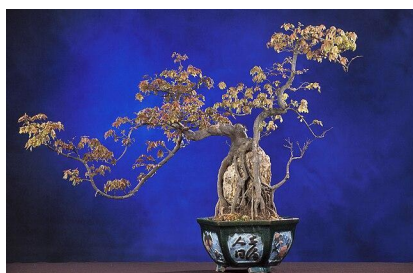
26 - 30 March Melbourne International Flower & Garden Show



MARCH

Margaret Hoaland
Mark Robinson
Glenys Billing
Meg Martin
Norma Gill
Livia Sossi
Shelley Lane
Cheryl Ivey

GUEST SPEAKER FOR APRIL BONSAI SOCIETY



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CITY OF MANDURAH

SENIORS**2025 Membership Form****Annual Fee****Pro Rata Fees**

1 Jan – 31 Dec:

1 April – 31 Dec :

1 July – 31 Dec :

1 Oct – 31 Dec :

\$59.50 per person / \$114.00 per couple

\$44.75 per person / \$85.50 per couple

\$29.75 per person / \$57.00 per couple

\$15.00 per person / \$28.50 per couple

Applicant Information – Member 1

Mr / Mrs / Ms (please circle)

Full Name:

Date of Birth:

Mobile:

Phone:

Address:

* Vehicle Rego:

***Rangers will be using number plate recognition when patrolling our carpark**

Email address:

Please provide your email address if you would like to receive upcoming event news including our newsletter by email.

Applicant Information – Member 2 (Couples membership)

Mr / Mrs / Ms (please circle)

Full Name:

Date of Birth:

Mobile:

Phone:

Address: AS ABOVE

* Vehicle Rego:

Emergency Contact Information

Full Name:

Phone:

Relationship:

Please tell us how you found out about City of Mandurah Seniors:

On paying a membership fee to Mandurah Seniors and Community Centre you are agreeing to abide by our Code of Conduct. A copy of this is displayed in our foyer and you can also obtain a copy from Seniors staff.

OFFICE USE ONLYPaid by: ☐ Cash ☐ Cheque ☐ EFTPOS

Single \$59.50



Couple \$114.00 January – December



Single \$44.75



Couple \$85.50 April – December



Single \$29.75



Couple \$57.00 July – December



Single \$15.00



Couple \$28.50 October – December

Receipt No: _____

Date: _____

Signed: _____

