



December 2025

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Hanging
Basket, Vase
or
Pot
Competition
April 2026
meeting.

CLUB PRESIDENT



Well, can you believe this is our last newsletter for 2025? The year has gone quite quickly, though I suppose a six year old would not agree. Hope your all enjoy the Xmas get together, and please remember our friends who are unwell and unable to join us.

The committee are busy planning for next year, holding in mind please, **no meeting in January** - will see you all back at the RSL in February. **Don't forget to start planning your basket, vase or bowl for the Foliage competition in April, plenty of warning.**

Finally a big thank you to the Committee and those who contribute to the running of the meeting each month - wouldn't work without you all. Don't forget, suggestions are always welcome.

Best Regards, happy Christmas and a big wish for a Bright year ahead.

Sue Lansdown

Flowers are restful to look at, they have no emotions or conflicts.

NEWS FROM THE GARDEN

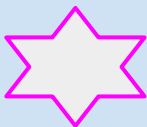
CHRYSANTHEMUM



Chrysanthemum are planted for their spectacular blooms that symbolise fidelity, optimism, joy and long life

Plant Chrysanthemums now to allow the plant to establish a strong root system.

Plant them in well draining evenly moist soil in an area that receives full sun. Once established, fertilise them throughout the growing seas with Sudden Impact for Roses, if planted in the ground or Strike Back for Orchids if planted in pots. Water all application in well with Gogo Juice.



If your reticulation system has low pressure, try swapping to low-flow nozzles or increasing stations.



5 COMMON POISON PLANTS TO BEWARE OF

MARIGOLD	Sap	Irritant, vomiting
MISTLETOE	Berries	Fatal.
MORNING GLORY	Leaves, storks	Contains purgative properties
NARCISSUS	Bulbs	Vomiting, diarrhoea, Death
NIGHTSHADE	All parts	Fatal, affects nervous system

GARDENING PROGRAMMES ON TV, RADIO & PRINT



ABC IView:

Series 36 Episode 33 - Ancient art of Topiary.

CLICK ON THE LINKS BELOW:

<https://www.abc.net.au/gardening/how-to/2025-series-36-episode-33/105876456>

Series 36 Episode 35

- Grand Gardens
- Plants for tricky slopes
- Favourite shade loving plants

<https://www.abc.net.au/gardening/how-to/2025-series-36-episode-35/105931514>

Channel 7: “Grosse Pointe Garden Society” - Tuesday 11.05 pm

<https://7plus.com.au/grosse-pointe-garden-society>

A GREAT RECIPE

CHOCOLATE ALMOND TORTE

(Gluten Free!)

(Recipe from Chris Hardie)

Ingredients

6 Egg Whites
¾ Cup Caster Sugar
1 Cup coarsely chopped Almonds
150 gr. coarsely chopped
Chocolate Melts
100 gr. coarsely chopped Milk
Chocolate Melts
200 gr. Raisins
1 tsp Salt

Method

Beat egg whites with salt until thick, then continue beating gradually adding sugar. Beat until thick and glossy.

Fold in remaining ingredients, and place mixture into a 25 cm springform tin which has been greased and lined with baking paper.

Bake at 160°C for 50 minutes or until cake is set. Cool then dust with icing sugar to serve. This recipe is Gluten Free.



A GOOD JOKE

An 8 year old girl went to her grandfather, who was working in the yard and asked him,

“Gramp, what is a couple sex?”

The grandfather was surprised that she would ask such a question, but decided that if she's old enough to know to ask the question, then she's old enough to get a straight answer.

Steeling himself to leave nothing out, he proceeded to tell her all about human reproduction and the joys and responsibilities that go along with it.

When he finished explaining, the little girl was looking at him with her mouth hanging open, eyes wide in amazement. Seeing the look on her face, the grandfather asked her, “Why did you ask this question, honey?”

The little girl replied **“Well Grandma says to tell you that dinner will be ready in just a couple secs!”**



Leftover Xmas Wine - Freeze in ice cubes & use for cooking



Use beer to loosen & aerate the soil!!



Old age has come at a bad time. Just as I was beginning to know everything, I'm now forgetting everything I knew!





**Coral Beard
Val Rayner
Claire Oliver
Don Beard
Astrid Miller**

CONGRATULATIONS

**CLUB MEMBER
CHERYL IVEY
LOCAL LEGEND AWARD**



LAST MEETING



**Club President Sue
Lansdown's Hibiscus
Presentation**



Outside - Lovely Weather



**PLEASE REGISTER WITH VICE PRESIDENT MICHELLE CAMPBELL
TO ASSIST WITH SUFFICIENT TABLE SETTINGS**

*I have a list of folks I know, all written in a book
And every year when Christmas comes, I go and take a look,
And that is when I realize that these names are a part,
Not of the book, they're written in, but of my very heart,
For each name stands for someone who has crossed my path sometime
And in that meeting they've become the rhythm of each rhyme,
And while it sounds fantastic for me to make this claim,
I really feel that I'm composed of each remembered name.
And while you may not be aware of any special "link",
Just meeting you has changed my life a lot more than you think,
For once I've met somebody, the years cannot erase
The memory of a pleasant word or a friendly face.
So never think my Christmas cards are just a mere routine
Of name upon a Christmas list, forgotten in between, For When I send a
Christmas card that is addressed to you
It's because you are on the list of folks whom I'm indebted to.
For you are but the total of the many folks I've met
And you happen to be one of those I prefer not to forget,
And whether I have known you for many years or few,
In some way you have had part in shaping things I do.
And every year when Christmas comes, I realise anew,
The best gift life can offer is meeting folks like you.*

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NEXT MEETING

Wednesday 11th February

**NELLY FROM WEST COAST
FRANGIPANIS**



**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..

10 December
21 & 22 February

XMAS LUNCHEON
Garden Clubs & Societies Plant
Fair - South Perth Community
Hall



1st March

Kalamunda Garden Festival
Stirk Park, Kalamunda

8th April

Hanging basket, Vase or Pot Competition

FUTURE GUEST SPEAKERS

**NO MEETING IN
JANUARY**

FEBRUARY 2026



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