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**Hanging  
Basket, Vase  
or  
Pot  
Competition**

# CLUB PRESIDENT



*Hello all - goodness already April and have had some hot days but some cooler ones as well. That wind has been horrible, as it brings all sorts of ills with it. Hope you are all on top of your weeding, I'm not!*

*Though we have Easter approaching, 4 days and the town will be invaded again by holiday makers, so please have a peaceful pleasant break, and be aware of the double demerit points issued for speeding etc.*

*Best of luck for the Hanging Basket/Pot/Vase competition - looking forward to that.* 

*Best regards to you all*

*Sue*

***The difference between winning and losing is most often not quitting***

# NEWS FROM THE GARDEN

## JOBS TO DO

**WISTERIA:** During autumn, remove or shorten excess and wayward stems, or tie them to the climbing support they are growing on. Dead or unwanted growth, along with suckers at the base of the vine, can be removed at any time.

## COMPOST TUMBLER

Q. *We have been doing compost for years. We have 3 compost tumblers we turn every day. Can you tell us why our compost clumps into ball & comes out dry instead of looking like potting mix? We put vegetable scraps & lawn clippings in.*

- A. Successful composting requires the right amount of moisture, oxygen, carbon & nitrogen. You need to add ½ a watering can of water to a ½ full tumbler & ensure the carbon (dry material like hay & straw) & nitrogen (wet material like manure, green lawn clippings, weeds) are in the ratio of 4 parts dry to 1 part wet & is turned every day to spread the moisture & bacteria evenly throughout the material. Adding seaweed solution & fresh comfrey leaves to the blend will also help the bacteria to grow.

*The above is an excerpt from "Green with Envy" Saturday West 7th March, 2026*

# GARDENING PROGRAMMES ON TV, RADIO & PRINT



## ABC TV & IVIEW:

**LOVE YOUR GARDEN** - Weekdays varying time.

**CLICK ON THE LINK BELOW:**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=R A80mwQcL6s>

**DREAM GARDENS** - Sundays varying times.

## GARDENING AUSTRALIA:

**Series 37 Episode 2:**

*"Pruning Stone Fruit Trees in Summer"*

**Episode 3 - "Arid Botanic Garden" & "Tomato Varieties"**

**CLICK ON THE LINK BELOW:**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=v5y2oU-ypjU>

## MAGAZINES:

**Australian House & Garden**

## MOVIE:

**"Silent Friend" screened during the Perth Festival**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=72SfEyxoZrA>

# A GREAT RECIPE

## LEMON COCONUT SQUARE

Recipe provided by Cass Perry



½ Cup Sweetened Condensed Milk

125g Butter

250g Arrowroot Biscuits

1 tsp grated lemon rind

1 Cup of Coconut

### LEMON ICING:

1 ¾ Cups Icing Sugar

3 tbsp Lemon Juice

15g Butter

2 tbsp coconut

Gently heat condensed milk & butter in a small saucepan & stir until combined.

Finely crush biscuits - add lemon rind & coconut. (mix well)

Add the warm milk & butter mix to the biscuit crumbs to combine.

Press into a greased 28cm x 18 cm

(11" x 7") lamington tin & refrigerate 1 hour.

Ice with lemon icing & sprinkle with coconut. When the icing has set, cut the slice into squares.

### ICING:

Combine sifted icing, lemon juice & soft butter in a bowl & mix well to make a smooth icing,



## A GOOD JOKE

Mum visits her son for dinner, who lives with a girl as a roommate.

During the meal, his mom couldn't help but notice how pretty his roommate was.

She had long been suspicious of a relationship between the two, and this has only made her more curious.

Over the course of the evening, while watching the two interact, she started to wonder if there was something more between him and his roommate. Reading the mom's thoughts her son volunteered: "look, I know what you must be thinking, but I assure you we are just roommates.

About a week later, his roommate came to him saying: "Ever since your mother came to dinner, I've been unable to find the silver plate. You don't suppose your mother took it, do you?"

He replied, "I doubt it, but I'll email her, just to be sure."

He sat down and started typing. "*Dear Mum, after your dinner visit, a silver plate has been missing. I'm not saying you took the silver plate from my house, and I'm not saying you didn't, but the fact remains that it's still missing. Love, your son.*

Several days later, he receives an email from his mother which read: "*Dear Son. I'm not saying that you sleep with your roommate. Nor am I saying that you don't sleep with her, but the fact remains that if she was sleeping in her own bed, she would have found the silver plate by now, under her pillow. Love, mum.*

# 10 FLOWERING GROUND COVER PLANTS





**LAST MONTH'S GUEST SPEAKER  
GRACE THOMSON FROM THE  
LAKEHOUSE NURSERY  
IRISES AND DAYLILIES**





**MOMENTS IN THE PARK:  
STIRLING GARDENS 12th  
APRIL**



<https://visitperth.com/events/moments-in-the-park--stirling-gardens>

**HISTORIC GARDEN TOUR  
12TH APRIL**



<https://visitperth.com/events/historic-garden-tour>

**MOMENTS IN THE PARK  
HAROLD BOAS GARDENS  
12TH APRIL**

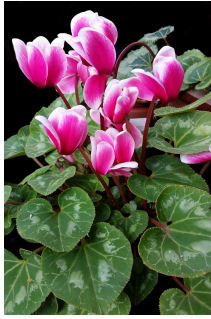


<https://visitperth.com/events/moments-in-the-park--harold-boas-gardens>

**QUEENS GARDENS  
19th APRIL**



<https://visitperth.com/events/the-significance-of-queens-gardens>



## What you need to know about cyclamen

cyclamen, florist's cyclamen (*Cyclamen persicum*)

**Plant type:** low-growing plant with leaves arising from a mainly underground corm or bulb. Herbaceous (leaves die back to reshoot the following year)

**Height:** generally less than 10cm, flower stems taller.

**Foliage:** heart to oval shaped. Dark green above, pale underneath. Often has silvery spots and markings.

**Climate:** warm and cool temperate, as well as other zones, as often grown as an indoor plant.

**Soil:** well-drained and open with additional organic matter.

**Position:** outdoors or in the garden in a cool, sheltered position. Some summer shade but moderate light at other times. Indoors—good light, a couple of hours of morning sun, protection from draughts.

**Flowering:** early winter to mid-spring.

**Feeding:** feed annually in early winter with a controlled-release fertiliser. Liquid feed during leaf and flower development.

**Watering:** in pots, best if bottom-watered by filling the saucer and allowing it to soak up. In the garden, minimal water while dormant and then reliable moisture across the growing seasons, especially as leaves and flowers form.

### Preferred conditions

**When growing cyclamen in the garden**, choose a cool, sheltered location with dappled shade in the warmer months but moderate sunlight at other times. The soil must be very well drained and open, and ideally have a small amount of organic matter such as well-composted manure added. Cyclamen likes reliable moisture during growing times, but must never be wet. Avoid applying water to the corm.

**When growing cyclamen in pots**, make sure it has good, filtered light, ideally with a couple of hours of morning sun. Use a quality potting mix. When watering, pour the water into the saucer and allow the mix to soak this up before filling a second time. This reduces the chances of overwatering. Keep the pot out of drafts and away from heaters and the warm output from a reverse-cycle air-conditioner.

If growing your cyclamen indoors, it can be a good idea to put it outside at night. The cool night air will keep it happier, healthier and flowering for longer.

### Planting cyclamen

In pots or the garden, the cyclamen corms should be planted with the top just showing above the soil surface. If planting in the garden, space the corms around 15cm apart. Water your cyclamen sparingly at planting time, and aim to apply water around the corm, not on it.

### How and when to prune cyclamen

Remove flowers as they finish and trim off any yellowing leaves. At the end of the season, remove any remaining dead leaves

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**Greenlife**  
INDUSTRY WA

**17 - 19 April 2026**

At McCallum Park

# PERTH GARDEN SHOW

Special Guest 2026



Hannah Moloney

## 2026 SHOW HIGHLIGHTS

- Special Guest Hannah Moloney from Gardening Australia.
- NEW Garden Gurus display garden and stage area.
- NEW Home and Garden Workshops.
- Richgro Knowledge Centre Stage Area.
- Greenlife Design Hub with Show Gardens.
- NEW Open Gardens WA Tiny Garden Display area.
- Kalamunda Garden Festival Patch.
- Blank Canvas Makeovers.
- Plant Market

Plus more to be announced.

## Discounted Tickets

Grab your tickets online and use the code 'KALAMUNDA' to get discounted tickets! (Adult and Family only). Scan the code below for tickets.



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## NEXT MEETING

Wednesday 8th April

## COMPETITION

## POT - VASE - HANGING BASKET

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..

25-29 <b>March</b>	Melbourne International flower & Garden Show
1-30 <b>April</b>	Boorloo Heritage Festival
8th <b>April</b>	<b>Hanging Basket, Vase or Pot Competition</b>
17th <b>April</b>	Perth Garden Show
25-26 <b>April</b>	Harvey Agricultural Society Show
3rd <b>May</b>	Northern Districts Orchid Society Autumn Show
8th <b>May</b>	Orchid Society of W.A Autumns Championship Show - Flinders Square Shopping Centre
8 - 9 <b>May</b>	WA Chrysanthemum Society Show - Kalamunda Agriculture Hall
18-24 <b>May</b>	Australian Botanic Garden week

## FUTURE GUEST SPEAKERS

### MAY

#### FAYE ARCARO

Faye Arcaro is a West Australian based horticulturist who cohosts the weekly "Let's Talk Gardening" program on Curtin 100.1fm radio

### JUNE

#### Geranium Society



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