

THE MANDURAH
GARDEN CLUB INC.



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**Remembrance Day 11
November**

**Meeting changed to
18th November as a
result.**



CLUB PRESIDENT



Hello Members

We have had a few good days to go out into the garden and pull blessed weeds, but the wind is still very fresh. We have had a lot of snails this year, which indicates to me that our resident Bobtail Lizard has left, so have resorted to snail pellets and of course the white moths are back leaving their trail of green grubs. I hope you are all keeping well, and will see you all again on the **3rd Wednesday of November, the 18th**. I won't forget it will be my Grandson's 33rd birthday. Time marches on. Keep safe friends.

Sue Lansdown

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NEWS FROM THE GARDEN

WISTERIAS NEED VIP TREATMENT

Question from a reader to Sabrina Hahn:

Our Wisteria has not bloomed. The vine is still alive, although no green foliage.

Answer:

Wisterias need full sun to start with and lots of compost, manure and a superior quality fertiliser with trace minerals. They are greedy feeders when young, so you may need to improve the soil more, add a wetting agent and fertilise along the whole root run.

GROWING HERBS IN W.A

Perth's sandy soil suits Mediterranean herbs perfectly. Rosemary, thyme, oregano, sage, and lavender actually prefer the fast drainage and low fertility of our sands. Do not add compost or fertiliser to the planting area for these herbs. Rich soil produces lush, floppy growth with less flavour and weaker essential oil concentration.

Annual herbs (basil, coriander, parsley) need richer conditions. Dig in a bucket of compost per square metre before planting. Add a wetting agent to prevent the hydrophobic sand from repelling water. Mulch around annual herbs to retain moisture.

GARDENING PROGRAMMES ON TV, RADIO & PRINT



ABC IVIEW:

Gardening Australia Series 2026
Episode 6

"Indoor Plants"

Episode 8

"Artists' Gardens."

NETFLIX:

"GREEN FINGERS" - Comedy
True-life story centred on a hardened con, who gets a new lease on life - behind prison bars - as a Gardiner.

IS IT LEGAL TO TRADE?

Australia has strict quarantine laws, not only for plants being brought in from overseas, but also being sent interstate. Commercial online plant shops advise they don't ship plant goods to Tasmania, the Northern Territory or Western Australia, unless they provide biosecurity certificates, declaring the good are free of pests, diseases and weeds.

Be careful, some plants should not be traded at all, anywhere, so, **CHECK BEFORE YOU BUY** - search plant name to learn the plant's status and go to [interstatequarantine.org.au](https://www.interstatequarantine.org.au)

A GREAT RECIPE

Walnut Pear Cake

(recipe provided by Chris Hardie)

Step 1.

2 medium Pears peeled and sliced (2 cups)

¼ Cup Lemon Juice: Mix together, set aside to infuse.

Step 2.

1 Cup chopped Walnuts

1/3 Cup Brown Sugar

1 tsp. Cinnamon

1/3 Cup Plain Flour

¼ Cup cold Butter

Rub Butter and Flour until breadcrumb consistency. Mix walnuts, sugar and cinnamon, add ¾ cup of mixture to flour, set the rest aside for filling.

Step 3.

½ Cup Butter & 1 Cup Sugar

2 Eggs

1 tsp. vanilla & 1 ¾ cups Plain Flour

¾ tsp. baking powder & ½ tsp. baking soda

¼ tsp. salt

1 cup Sour Cream

½ Cup chopped Walnuts

Cream Butter and Sugar until fluffy, add eggs one at a time, add vanilla and remaining ingredients beating well. Spread ½ of batter in spring form tin, top with pears and reserved nut mixture, then remaining batter, sprinkle the ¾ cup nut mixture and extra walnuts on top. Bake in 170° approx. 55 mins, or when a skewer comes out clean Remove when completely cold.



A GOOD JOKE

FINALLY BLONDE MEN JOKES

A blonde man is in the bathroom and his wife shouts “did you find the shampoo?”. He answers “Yes but I’m not sure what to do.... It’s for dry hair and I just wet mine.!”

A blonde man spots a letter on his doormat. It says on the envelope ‘DO NOT BEND’ He spends the next 2 hours trying to figure out how to pick it up.

A blonde man shouts frantically into the phone. “My wife is pregnant and her contractions are only 2 minutes apart” “Is this her first child?” asks the doctor. “No!” he shouts, “this is her husband”



A husband & Wife had a fight The Wife called her Mum.

”He fought with me again!”. “I’m coming to stay with you.”

The mum replied “No dear, he must pay for his mistake.

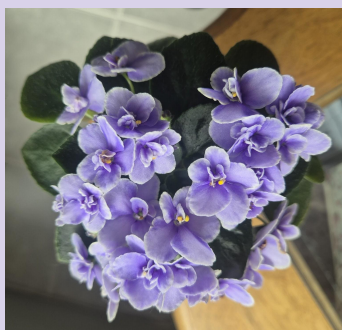
I’M COMING TO STAY WITH YOU!!”



NOVEMBER

Coral Beard
Val Rayner
Claire Oliver
Deb Lang
Don Beard

SUCCESS IN THE GARDEN



I thought some of the ladies would like to see my african violet which I got at the meeting from the talk we had on them. I have tried to grow these several times without success until now. Regards Clare Olliver.



SHELLEY LANE'S SRI LANKAN GARDEN TOUR WITH PHIL DUDMAN



Garden of
Geoffrey Bawa
Sri Lanka's
visionary
Architect.

DISCOVER WHERE ALL YOUR FAVOURITE FLOWERS ORIGINATED

Gerbera
Eastern Asia



Lily of the Valley
Japan



Hellebore - Eurasia



Freesia - South Africa



Hydrangea - Japan



Gladioli
South Africa



Rose
China



**Dahlia - Mexico &
Central America**



**Camelia China &
Japan**



**Hoya - Asia &
Australia**



Chrysanthemum - China

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NEXT MEETING

WEDNESDAY 18TH NOVEMBER



DSATCO PREMIUM GARDEN PRODUCTS

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, TOGETHER WITH A PLATE
TO SHARE!**

THERE IS ALSO A \$7 ATTENDANCE FEE

COMING UP..

November 6 & 7	Canning Agricultural & Horticultural Show
“ 7	Epiphytic Cacti & Hoya Society Show
“ 7&8	Late flowering Orchid Display - Manning Sen. Citz.
“ 14 & 15	Cactus & Succulent Society championship

THE BOARDWALK @ DQ Mandurah Quay

\$17.90 Seniors Lunch Special



OPEN GARDENS

**14th November
&
15th November**

**Whitestone Gardens
(David King)
Gnangara**

**Open
10 - 4 pm**

**REMINDER !!
NO MEETING IN
JANUARY**

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