

OPERCULUM DECEMBER 2014



*Christmas greetings to
all the Friends of the
SHBG!*



Forty-three Friends turned up for the last working bee of the year (2nd December). We celebrated Christmas with a glass of bubbly.

Town and Country Open Gardens Weekend: 2015

The Friends Committee is delighted to announce that the following gardens are now confirmed for the Town and Country Weekend 18-19 April 2015:

1. 'Quindalup', 130 Sproules Lane, Bowral (Owner: Deidre Hill): The Plant Stall will be held in the old nursery area.
2. 'Bellagio', 4 Kimberley Drive, Bowral (Owners: Roy and Wendy Alvaro)
3. 'Durness', 1 Joadja Road, High Range (Owner: Susan Elders): The Floral Art exhibition will be held in the shed.
4. 'Upper Woodlands', Corner of Woodlands Road, High Range (Owner: Charles Moore).
5. 'Arcadia', 59 Nathan Street, Berrima (Owners: Fred and Margie Krahenbuhl).
6. 'Vine Cottage', 126 Osborne Road, Burradoo (Owners Ann & Anthony Emmett).

And there is an extra surprise—an exciting group of 'Secret Gardens of Burradoo'. All will be revealed soon!

Several garden clubs from around the State have already indicated that they will be attending the weekend. The brochures and flyers are currently being designed and will be available in February when a new online ticketing system will be functioning. Visitors will also be able to purchase individual tickets for each garden at the gate.

Harper's Mansion Fair

The National Trust held a Fair at Harper's Mansion, Berrima, on Sunday 16 November 2014. There were about 30 stalls including the SHBG stall and the Plant Growers Group raised a total of \$3,500 for the Botanic gardens with their beautifully nurtured plants.



Di Grant and Les Musgrave putting the final touches to the SHBG Plant Stall



Chris and Charlotte Webb



The plant stall occupied two tents

Finalisation of Design

Kate Cullity (from Taylor Cullity Lethlean) visited Bowral on Tuesday 18 November and spent the day on the site with Charlotte and Chris Webb. She hadn't seen the latest developments—the Shed and Shade House—and was impressed with all the planting. They discussed every aspect of the gardens, including the plant list. Hopefully the revised plan will be received soon.

The Storage of Chemicals on the Site

At the November working bee, Alan and Vicki Mitchell recorded every chemical on the site and produced a Safety Data Sheet. This provides information on the properties of hazardous chemicals and how they affect health and safety in the workplace, including:

- the identity of the chemical,
- health and physicochemical hazards,
- safe handling and storage procedures,
- emergency procedures, and disposal considerations.

The Working Bees

More and more people are getting involved in the working bees, much to the delight of the Friends Committee. The working bees are always held on the first Tuesday of each month. In addition, plants are now offered for sale each month as the Plant Growers Group, co-ordinated by Di Grant, are so efficiently producing top quality specimens.

The cuttings taken by Friends at the December working bee have all rooted well and need to be potted up in January. In addition, we will be taking more cuttings for plants to be sold at the Town and Country Weekend in April.



Judy, Marilyn and John

Please put these dates into your diary:

Tuesday 6 January 2015 starting at 9.00am—it's the date of the first working bee next year—especially for the plant propagators and potters.

Tuesday 3 February 2015—the first general working bee will be held—also at 9.00am to avoid the heat of the day. Do come along—there's always something that you can do to assist, whether it's mowing, weeding, potting, or washing plant pots.

Call for Small Pots

So much potting and propagating for the April Plant Stall is currently under way that we need more pots. If the gates to the Botanic Gardens aren't open, please pop the pots over the fence near the entrance. The size of the pots required is eight-inches or smaller. We'd be grateful if you would clean them as best you can before delivery



The plant sale on 2nd December with Maureen, Sally and Di—made \$680.



Many hands make light work

Please Note: Name badges for all Friends are available. Apply to the secretary, Jacqui Page: secretary@shbg.com.au

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