



November 2023 47 Years of Growth 1976 - 2023



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The next DGC committee meeting will be held on

Wednesday, 1 November 2023

8pm at 11 Inglewood Close Doncaster East

The next meeting of the DGC is the AGM and will be held on

Wednesday, 8 November 2023

8pm at the RSL Hall, cnr Doncaster Road and Leeds Street, Doncaster East

The Speakers for November are Jack McDonald & Andrew Fennick...speaking on Recycled Water

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Lavenders include some 28 species of evergreen aromatic shrubs and sub shrubs belonging to the mint family, the Lamiaceae. They occur mainly around the Mediterranean and their flowers range from pink to purple and white.

Lavenders appreciate full sun. Grow them in shade and they grow out towards the sunlight, and they like a well-drained soil. They don't like wet feet. They don't need a lot of fertiliser but some dolomitic lime in spring and autumn helps, and add some potassium to intensify the colour and strengthen the stems.

These plants develop a good root system, so they don't need too much water. As lavender plants age, bushes can become woody. When pruning it's important to retain the green foliage and don't cut back into the old wood.
(From ABC Gardening Australia)

October Speaker Review:

Last month Seila Hierk gave us a most comprehensive and informative talk on Beekeeping.

Did you know Australia is one of the top 10 honey producing countries of the world and of the 30,000 registered beekeepers in Australia most of them are backyard hives!

Honey is well known for its anti inflammatory and anti bacterial properties and is the only natural food that doesn't go off.

The main harvests of honey are made in December and March. Spring honey tends to have strong citrus flavours.

There are several pests that can attack hives – the wax moth, hive beetle and varroa mite to name a few. New South Wales beekeepers have had severe attacks from the varroa mites which wiped out the complete hive and destroy both bees and honey. The pests are a big problem for beehives as bees are the chief pollinators of all our food and our food supplies depend upon them

Seila also showed us the construction of the hives with the various frames and a beekeeper's equipment

Photo: White Allysum & Lavender Dianthus



DGC November Newsletter President's Report

Hello Gardeners All,

What a busy, enjoyable fantastic evening our October Meeting was with the **Awards Night and Seila's Bee talk**. And what a supper! I think we all, members and visitors alike enjoyed themselves - especially Alana whose photo and information will soon be on Garden Clubs Australia website in their latest Newsletter Australia wide as well as the Warrandyte Diary, Nicole Werner's (Liberal MP Warrandyte) website and is in today's Local Food Connect Newsletter. Avril was very prompt in collating photos and words to send to these organisations.

Thank you for all Committee members, people on supper roster and others who helped with furniture set up or tidy away and the floor sweeping. So much organisation for a successful evening and it went flawlessly.

I hope you all saw our inaugural Calender. The quality is superb; those who sent in photos will have one in it; they are modestly priced at \$7.50 for one, \$7 for each subsequent one ; and will make an attractive Christmas gift for people who are difficult to buy for. Add some home baking or preserves and your shopping is for one (or more) less.

Next on the Agenda is the **Annual General Meeting** - another busy night but necessary for the Club members to hear both our achievements and struggles in not just our meetings and social occasions but the reporting of our finances: how we have budgeted, what we have spent and what we have earned. Do we have enough money to run our Club for a year? This is normal business practice and it was what helped us through the 2 years of covid lockdowns and the giving our members a year with no fees. The Committee has decisions to make: do we start saving for the expenses for our **50th Birthday Celebration** in 3 years or not? Do we run extra functions to raise this money next year? We may need to pay the deposit on bigger rooms for the occasion. Your opinions and **ideas are always welcome** to Avril or myself. Jane Edmonson has been booked to speak and comes at a price.

The **Plant Sale** which was organised at short notice to suit the plant situation hopes to raise a few dollars for the Club. We hope it is a warmer day than mid week.

I have snatched lots of bursts of time for the garden ahead of rain and the days after the rain. It is so rewarding planting into the newly prepared beds! I have planted some tomato 🍅, sweet potato, capsicum 🍆 seedlings and bean 🌱, carrot 🥕, radish and silverbeet seeds. There is still sweet corn, potato 🍠, more tomatoes, occa (a NZ Yam). I am eagerly waiting for the hot weather to plant cucumbers. Trevor and I have sieved out 2 barrows of compost which we prepared over 6 months ago. It is full of worms and ready to top dress beds. El Nino might be coming, but I have measured 104.8mm of rain for October.

Happy Gardening,

Pauline



DGC Life members

Gerda van der Peet
Doug Brewer
Ken Beer
Toni Myers
Gayle McCann

Ted Page
Joanne Driver
Elsie Carter
Bev Turner
Franziska Kung

New Members

Serey Sok

November Supper

Michelle Webb
Carmelo Xuereb
* 2 more volunteers
needed please

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Q: How do you tell the difference between male and female zebras?

A: Males are black with white stripes and females are white with black stripes

All members are welcome to attend the November AGM and participate in our 47th birthday celebrations. However, only financial members will be entitled to cast a vote at the AGM. In addition, all members are welcome to the December Christmas function.

Next Committee Meeting: 01 November hosted by Pauline Webb, 8pm at 11 Inglewood Close Doncaster East
Next Meeting: AGM 08 November at the RSL Hall, 8pm at cnr Doncaster Road and Leeds Street Doncaster East
Following Committee Meeting: 06 December hosted by Pauline Webb, 8pm at 11 Inglewood Close Doncaster East
Following Meeting: 13 December at the RSL Hall, 8pm at cnr Doncaster Road and Leeds Street Doncaster East



The Right Preparation For Growing Tomatoes In Melbourne

Begin your tomato growing odyssey by picking seedlings that are disease-resistant and plant them after all possibilities of frost has actually passed. Select an area that gets complete sunshine, proper drainage and protection from the wind. Make sure the soil is naturally rich before you dig – then remove the bottom leaves from your tomato seedlings and plant them in the soil so that it covers the gotten rid of leave’s areas. Stake your tomato plants to reduce root damage and after that water thoroughly (without wetting the plant’s leaves).

Now that your tomato seedlings are planted, you’re ready to support them into healthy plants that will produce the very best tomatoes you have actually ever tasted. Here are some tomato growing tips that will assist you prevent the common issues of growing tomatoes:

Water regularly and early at the base of the tomato plants while they remain in their early stages (drip watering is a great way to ensure your tomato plants are getting enough, but not too much, water.

Periodically investigate your tomato plants for disease and prune those dead or dying leaves frequently.
(From John French Landscape Designs)

Now that Orchids have ceased flowering, feed with a suitable fertiliser. Here are Neutrog recommendations for their products.

NEUTROG POT GUIDE

All potted plants will need a feed to keep them thriving throughout the year.
 Application rates differ depending on the size of the pot you are using, so to make it easier for you, we have put together this simple guide.

Pot Size	40"/100cm	30"/76cm	20"/50cm	12"/30cm	6"/15cm
Strike Back for Orchids:	100g	75g	50g	30g	15g
Sudden Impact for Roses:	185g	135g	85g	45g	15g
Kahoona:	185g	135g	85g	45g	15g
Seamungus:	250g	190g	125g	75g	40g
Bush Tucker:	150g	115g	75g	45g	25g
Gyganic:	185g	135g	85g	45g	15g
Human Beans:	250g	190g	125g	75g	40g

PLANTING IN NOVEMBER

TASMANIA, ACT, MELBOURNE, BALLARAT, BENDIGO, CEELING & MOUNT GAMBIER				
COOL ZONE	FRUIT & VEGETABLES		HERBS	FLOWERS
	Beans	Sweet Corn	Basil	Alyssum
	Beetroot	Tomato	Coriander	Aster
	Broccoli	Zucchini	Chives	Begonia
	Cabbage		Dill	Carnation
	Capsicum		Mint	Cockscomb
	Celery		Oregano	Coleus
	Cucumber		Parsley	Cosmos
	Eggplant		Sage	Dahlia
	Leek		Thyme	Dianthus
Onion			Impatiens	
Rocket			Lobelia	
Shallot			Marigold	
Silver beet			Petunia	
Spinach			Snapdragon	
Spring onion			Verbena	
Strawberry			Zinnia	

Christmas Party Meeting is the 13th December, our Entertainment is Dave Caffey a Magician/Comedian. Everyone to please bring a small supper plate to share. There will be no speaker in the December meeting. All are Welcome

Open Garden at Avril's

A group of 13 attended the Open Garden at Avril Clark's house on Saturday 28th October.

A wide variety of potted plants were also available for sale and \$42 was made

Hilda Frazzetto won the Lucky Door Prize of a beautiful terrarium which had been put together by Anita Luzzza.

A very enjoyable afternoon was had by all



Competition Table

November - Cut Flowers

Trading Table

The Trading Table this month will have 20 plus plants priced between \$1 & \$3 each

TreeProject

Calling Volunteer Growers

It's time to register!

Register to become a volunteer grower and grow seedlings in your own backyard!

Grow seedlings with us and make a positive change for revegetation, restoration, corridors, shelter belts, waterways, and more.



To our TreeProject Community - we're still in need of a number of volunteer growers to grow indigenous seedlings with us this coming season.

Are you keen to participate?

Read more about becoming a volunteer grower

https://treeproject.org.au/grow-with-us/?utm_source=newsletter&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=grow_seedlings_for_a_great_cause_in_your_own_backyard&utm_term=2023-10-29

Click here to apply to become a volunteer grower

https://treeproject.org.au/grower-application/?utm_source=newsletter&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=grow_seedlings_for_a_great_cause_in_your_own_backyard&utm_term=2023-10-29



Thank you, your green thumbs, support for the environment and passion for positive change are really appreciated!

The TreeProject Team

**DGC Calenders \$7.50 for 1
\$7 for 2nd, 3rd, etc.
Easy Christmas gifts!**

**Supper Volunteers Needed for
November Please
With Linda away, we don't
have a copy of the supper
roster.**

**If 2 people can bring a large
plate of supper each please.
Ring Pauline so only 2 more
bring food**

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Useful Websites:
organicgardener.com.au
www.rosesalesonline.com.au
theseedcollection.com.au
www.neutrog.com.au

Cabbage Moths and Grubs

Breeding. The females lay single eggs on the underside of host leaves. The eggs hatch into caterpillars after about four days and the caterpillars then eat for 17 days, before becoming pupae for eight days. They finally emerge as white butterflies.

Dipel is the safest spray to use OR squash the caterpillars by hand OR net the plants

Healthy soil is the foundation every garden needs. You might always be thinking about what to provide your plants so they grow and produce abundantly, but have you considered that you need to feed your soil as well? Fertilisers and manures are great for soil fertility, and compost is king for building organic matter in your garden beds, but what about seaweed, worm castings, trace mineral rock dust, soil probiotics and more? (pip.magazine.com.au) for remainder of article

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