



SOME 100 members and friends attended the mini show staged by the Leura Home Gardens Club at its last meeting.

The pots of ferns, indoor plants, flowers, vegetables and a stand of handicraft made of flower petals by Mrs Denning made a wonderful showing.



Barred  
1-Maxim Place  
Lundey  
via Woodford 2778

The President  
Leura Gardens Club.  
Dear Mrs. Newson

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It was indeed a "D-day" for us to meet for again with so many of the folk we know as fellow members of the Garden Club.

Daisy & Jack were very good & looked after us wonderfully at the Luncheon. It must have been a tremendous event to organise, & we appreciate all you have done to make it such a success & nourish the Garden Club all these years.

Congratulations on your Presidency & wishing you & the Leura Garden Club all that you can wish for in friends & gardens.

Sincerely  
Ethel McMorris, Acting President

Members took a cut lunch and after the short meeting mingled around the exhibits discussing how the various plants were grown.

Two bus loads of members also enjoyed the trip to El Caballo Blanco and the wine tasting at Gledswood Winery on March 27.

Mr and Mrs Ron Rowan reported on the various autumn shows they had attended and they were congratulated on the number of champion and grand champion ribbons they had won.

The club will be entertaining the Paddington Club on their tour of the Mountains and the gardens of some of the members will be opened for their inspection.

The monthly competitions were won by: One stem, Mr Calcutt; three stems, Mrs Calcutt.

Persons wanting information about the next bus trip should contact Mrs Holliday.



*On Your Silver Anniversary*



*From the CAMPBELLS OF BLACKHEATH  
RHODODENDRON SOCIETY.*



# BLUE MOUNTAINS HOME GARDEN EDUCATION CLUB

GUEST speaker Radi Wiess spoke on trees, their use to humanity and on the pleasure they give at the May meeting of the Leura Home Garden Club.

He said that the Australian land masses only had a 2% tree coverage which was in danger of dropping even lower.

He implored all to plant a tree and to always replace any tree that had to be removed. If there was not room for a large one then a dwarf should be planted.

Members stood in two minutes' silence in remembrance of an old member Mrs Ailsa Dwyer.

The club accepted with regret the resignation of Mr Geoff Sowden who had been hon. treasurer for six years and wished he and Mrs Sowden bon voyage for their trip to Europe.

Mr Ron Rowan judged the monthly competition with 4 awards going to: 1 stem, Mr G. Crawford, a perfect lavender bloom; 3 stems, Mrs Butcher, fuschias.

Mr Rowan stressed that in showing three stems the blooms must be of even size.

Persons wishing to go on the club's coach over to the Pictou area on June 10 should contact Mrs V. Holliday.

MAY 1950 MEETING

- A. is for Ash, green, golden and claret,
- B. is for Berries, beloved of the "parrot".
- C. is for Compost all gardeners must make,
- D. is for Dahlia, tied to his stake.
- E. is for Erica - tiny bell flower,
- F. are the Ferns in the Fairy Queen's bowes,
- G. is Genista, once worn by a king,
- H. is for Hollyhock - great lanky thing.
- I. is the Iris, white, blue, mauve and yellow,
- J. is the Juniper, prickly fellow.
- K. - from Kentucky the Kalmia came,
- L. is for Lavender - sweet is its name.
- M. is for Mistletoe - Druids and lassies,
- N. is Nepeta or Catmint - in masses,
- O. is for Orchid, ye millionaires,
- P. for Potatoes, much humbler affairs,
- Q. is for Quince, and its jelly is grand,
- R. is for Rose, loved in every land.
- S. is for Scilla, blue, dainty and small,
- T. is for Torch Lily, graceful and tall.
- U. is for Ulmus, which thrives there it's wet,
- V. is, of course, our old friend Violet.
- W. is Wisteria, ablaze in the sun,
- X. in the number of yards it will run.
- Y. is the Yew, trimmed by topbarist,
- Z. is for Zinnia, and so ends the list.

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THEN PRESIDENT 1957



# LEURA HOME GARDEN CLUB.

Another Spring Festival of Flowers over! What a busy time these shows are, but such an enjoyable, companionable time. This year's was a great success with masses of spring flowers and bulbs filling the tables to overflowing. The floral art was well supported and it was good to see such a good roll-up in the novice section. Next year is our 25th anniversary, and I feel we will need a hall with elastic sides.

October is the annual Garden Festival in aid of the Blue Mountains District Anzac Memorial Hospital. Many of our members help by manning the gates. No doubt many of you will have visited the area to view the gardens, and we know you would have found the trip worthwhile.

We have had a busy year, with our visits to various places; Camellia Gardens, Mount Wilson, Wollongong for their Spring Show, amongst other places. It is always a pleasure and an inspiration to see what other gardeners have done and we come home and view our own patches with a jaundiced eye and vow we shall never have the garden of our dreams, but roll up the sleeves and have another go anyway. Our guest speakers have talked to us and helped us with various subjects. Question time has always been a busy time for our speakers.

Our President, Mrs. Mawson, our Vice President, Mrs. Sowden, and our Treasurer, Mr. Sowden, all attended the 25th Anniversary of the Lismore Club, and the Conference. They all enjoyed the trip very much. Ours is a very friendly, easy-going club and we hope it will always be that way. Gardeners are a lucky people with such rewards as friendship and beauty.

Ivy Ward,  
Publicity Officer.

FROM THE QUARTERLY MAGAZINE

OF THE GARDEN CLUB OF AUSTRALIA NOV 1979

MR Ron Rowan judged entries in the monthly competition conducted by the Leura Home Garden Club.

Mrs Liddell was awarded first prize for one orchid and Mr Scott for three zygo cactus.

Mr Rowan also answered many questions. He said now is the time to move shrubs and plant liliums.

Club president Mrs Mawson and Mrs Denning have been invited to exhibit at the Garden Club of Australia's mini show and field day in Sydney on August 27.

Club life members Mr and Mrs J. Hudson will be leaving in the near future for Victoria. They have held several positions on the committee and are wished the best of luck in their new home.

Mr and Mrs Utig will be the speakers at the next meeting. As the meeting will go for the whole day members should take lunch.

Next coach trip will be on August 12 to Bilpin-Kurrajong. More details may be obtained from Mrs V. Holliday, 82-1710.

JULY 1980

LAST meeting of the Leura Home Gardens Club was devoted to making final arrangements for the 25th Annual Festival of Spring Flowers to be held in St Alban's Hall, Leura, on Saturday, October 4.

Mr Ron Rowan spoke on the presentation of flowers at shows. He gave many hints on showing and staging exhibits.

Spring blossom will be needed for decorating the hall and should be left at the hall on Friday, October 3.

The monthly competition for a single stem was won by Mrs Breakspear with a fine camellia. There was no award in the three stem class although a few came close.

The club's next coach trip will be to the Illawarra Spring Festival. The Garden Club

Church Service will be held at St Alban's Church, at 10 am, October 12.

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Dates to  
remember

Leura Home Gardens Club 25th annual Spring show, St Alban's hall, Megalong Street, Leura (near The Mall), Sat, Oct 4, noon to 4 pm.



FROM LEURA.

This year, we celebrated the 25th Anniversary of our Club with a luncheon at the Leura Gardens Motor Inn. What a happy day we had! Although no Foundation members are now in the Club, several of them still attend the celebrations. Our President, Mrs. Thelma Newson, is the longest serving member as she joined the Club in 1956, just one year after its foundation. Only four Presidents have been elected during the 25 years and Thelma has served us faithfully since 1971.

Our guest speaker was Mrs. Ann Williams Clark and seemed, by her smiling face, to be enjoying herself. Our members now think that luncheons should become an annual event.

We have had some enjoyable outings in the last few months - to Swanes' Nursery, Koala Park and Nock and Kirby's Nursery - the luggage compartment of the bus was full after that day. A day at El Caballo Blanco and Gledswood Cellars proved very popular. Maybe it was the wine tasting, as the boot was rather loaded on that trip also!

Last month we went west for a change and viewed the Autumn colours at Bathurst and Orange. As we are now confined to watering with a can only, we felt a bit sour watching the sprinklers going in Orange. The glorious claret and golden Ash delighted us and the Begonia House in Bathurst caused so many "oohs and aahs" I feel they must have been heard for miles around. We are planning to visit the Stony Range Reserve, "Eryldene" and are even thinking of the Zoo.

The annual Mini-Show was held recently and was very well supported, most members bringing something from their gardens - a flower or two, vegetables, a favorite pot - anything one was proud of went on show.

Planning is under way for our Spring Festival of Flowers, to be held on Saturday 4th October at 12 noon. Will we see you there? The Autumn show has been in abeyance for some years but it has been decided to re-introduce it again next year.

Our monthly point score competition is well supported, even though we need rain badly. Lawns are turning into dust-bowls, so do give us a thought when you turn on your hoses and sprinklers.

IVY WARD.  
PUBLICITY OFFICER.



## Top flower display

Despite the shortage of water and unseasonable heat, the display at this year's Festival of Spring Flowers organised by the Leura Home Gardens Club was a delight to the eye.

Although the daffodils, which usually form a large part of the show along with other bulbs, were over, other flowers such as lilac and azaleas of all types more than made up for them.

Mrs Denning did a wonderful job of decorating and displaying her flower crafts and Mrs Thelma Mawson showed her beautiful miniatures.

Dr North, one of the club's patrons, displayed a selection of his camellias.

The champion of show was Mr Ron Rowan.

Other results:—

Section A, bulbs: No champion awarded; Mr R. Rowan 1st.

Section B, flowering shrubs and blossom: Champion, Mrs Dillon.

Section C, annuals: No champion awarded; Mr R. Rowan 1st.

Section D, pot plants: Champion, Mrs Elizabeth Wren.

Section E, floral art: Champion, Mr Bob Scott.

Section F, floral art novice: No champion; Mesdames Liddel and Wren 1st.

Section G, children's: Most successful, G. Sowden.

OCT 1980 25th Show

LEURA Home Garden Club held its recent annual general meeting on January 20, 1981. Mrs Thelma Mawson, BEM, was congratulated on being included on the honour's list this year and was presented with a basket of flowers from club members.

Also two minutes of silence was held to honour the memory of late members, Mrs J. Peebles and Mr V. Butcher.

The following office bearers were elected: Patron, Dr North; president, Mrs T. Mawson, BEM; vice-presidents, Mr G. Crawford and Mr G. Liddell; secretary, Mr G. Wearne; treasurer, Mrs G. Wearne; assistant treasurer, Mr F. Leonard; show secretary and tea-convenor, Mrs May; social secretary, Mrs Bremner; management committee, Messrs B. Byrne, Wood, Beckett and Mrs Wood; chief steward, Mr R. Rowan; stewards, Messrs G. Crawford, Beckett, Woods, Ignacy, Bremne and Mesdames Snelling and Dent; librarian, Miss N. Everingham; assistant librarian, Mrs B. Smith;

plant stall, Mesdames R. Rowan and Dent and publicity officer, Mrs V. Holliday.

This year an Autumn Show as well as a Spring Show will be held and Leura will be host club to the Garden Club of Australia Biennial Meeting to be held at the end of the year.

Bookings are already heavy for this event meaning a lot of extra visitors from distant places will be welcomed to the Mountains this year.

All members are reminded subscriptions are now due. Payments for the bus trip to Sunny Corner on March 10 will be accepted at the February 17 meeting.

THE SUN

Wednesday, September 2, 1981

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SEPT 24, 1981

Leura Home Garden Club, Spring Festival, Albany Hall, Leura, N.S.W. 2755. 9-4 pm.

Blue Mountains Gazette, Wednesday, June 24, 1981

LEURA Home Garden Club members welcomed Mr Smith, of Bilpin, as their guest speaker at the June meeting held in St Alban's Hall, Leura.

An expert on the growing of many plants and flowers (liliums, tulips, violets, lilacs, etc.), he was able to give some very helpful advice to a most interest/audience.

A vote of thanks was given in appreciation of Mr Smith's effort, on behalf of the members and visitors to the club.

With regret, members heard of the hospitalisation of three valued members: Mr and Mrs Rowan and Mrs Denning, and are pleased that they have now returned home.

A few bookings are available for the club's forthcoming visit to the Springwood Nurseries. It is to be a morning trip (9.30 to 12.30) and may be booked through Mrs Bremner, 59-2041.

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Blue Mountains Gazette, Wednesday, September 2, 1981 13

EXCITING events are scheduled in the coming weeks for the Leura Home Garden Club. The club is the host club to the Garden Club of Australia from September 21-25. The venue is the Hydro Majestic Hotel at Medlow Bath.

The hotel is fully booked for that period and hundreds of visitors from many parts of Australia are looking forward to the biennial meeting with good speakers and many informative visits to the Mountains and its lovely gardens.

On Saturday, October 3, the Leura Home Garden Festival is to be held at St. Albans Hall, Leura, from 12 noon to 4 pm. All exhibitors are welcome. Competitive and noncompetitive. Refreshments will be available.



# 8th Convention

"Getting To Know You"  
7.30 p.m. to 9.00 p.m.

## Tuesday, 22nd September

Registration  
8.30 a.m. to 9.30 a.m.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING  
9.30 a.m.

Luncheon  
1.00 p.m.

Official Dinner  
7.00 p.m. - Dress Formal

## Wednesday, 23rd

Coach Trips -

No. 1 - Full day to Mount Wilson  
Inspection of three private gardens  
Cost (including admission) \$8.00  
Departs 9.30 a.m.

No. 2 - Half-day inspection of two private  
Leura gardens  
Cost (including admission) \$4.00  
Departs 9.00 a.m.

No. 3 - Half-day inspection of two private  
Leura gardens  
Cost (including admission) \$4.00  
Departs 2.00 p.m.

Guest Speaker  
8.00 p.m.

## Thursday, 24th September

Coach trips -

No. 4 - Full day to Mount Wilson.  
Inspection of three private gardens.  
Cost (including admission) \$8.00  
Departs 9.30 a.m.

No. 5 - Half-day to Katoomba, Leura,  
Wentworth Falls, including Everglades.  
Cost (including admission) \$4.00  
Departs 9.00 a.m. and 2.00 p.m.

No. 6 - Half-day to Blackheath, Mount  
York including Blackheath Rhododendron  
Garden.

Cost (including admission) \$4.00  
Departs 9.00 a.m. and 2.00 p.m.

Films may be shown  
Hydro Majestic Hotel  
8.00 p.m.

## Friday, 25th September

Delegates depart.

The Management of the Hydro Majestic Hotel has given over the entire hotel to the Garden Club of Australia for the period of the Convention.

Tariffs for the period from after breakfast on Monday 21st September until after breakfast on Friday 25th September are: -

Private Bathrooms:  
Twin Room \$130 per person  
Single Room \$150 per person

Without Private Bathrooms:  
Twin Room \$110 per person  
Single Room \$130 per person.

Tariff is inclusive of all meals.

When all Hydro Majestic Hotel accommodation is reserved, the Management will arrange alternate accommodation as selected by the individual requiring it.

Please list alternate accommodation when lodging application with the Hydro Majestic Hotel.

Deposit of \$20 per person to accompany applications. Balance due is payable on arrival.

Address applications to:  
Hydro Majestic Hotel  
Great Western Highway  
MEDLOW BATH, N.S.W. 2780

Alternate accommodation nearest to Medlow Bath is:

At BLACKHEATH:  
Blackheath Motor Inn  
High Mountains Motor Inn  
Norwood Motel  
Redleaf Motel

At KATOOMBIA:  
Alpine Motor Inn  
Clarendon (Swiss Inn)  
Old Colony  
St. Elmo Town Centre  
Sky Rider Motor Inn  
Sunset's Echo Point Motor Inn  
Carrington Hotel

GARDEN CLUB OF AUSTRALIA

8th BI-ENNIAL CONVENTION

22nd September, 1981

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*Cream of Pumpkin Soup*

*Tuna Boat*

*Roasted Chicken Chasseur*  
*Garden Fresh Vegetables*

*Chocolate Mousse*

*Coffee*

*Mints*

ORDER OF PROCEDURE

Loyal Toast

Grace ..... Mrs. A. Williams Clark

Welcome ..... Mrs. T. Mawson

Dinner will be served

Presentation of Awards ..... Mrs. M. Coombs

Appreciation ..... Mr. G. Wilmot

Master of Ceremonies ..... Mr. G. Wearne

Host: Leura Home Garden Club



MRS LOIS BRENNER / MRS A. BRENNER  
SOCIAL SEC. - 1981

MRS VERA HOLLIDAY  
PAST SECRETARY of L.G.  
" SOCIAL SECRETARY  
" PUBLICITY OFFICER  
AND  
MANY TIMES DELEGATE  
GARDEN CLUB of AUSTRALIA  
AND  
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# Garden enthusiasts had great convention

The Hydro Majestic Hotel, Medlow Bath, was packed on Monday morning, September 21, with members of Garden Clubs affiliated with the Garden Club of

Australia who had registered for the 8th Biennial Convention.

As the number of registrations was near 400, the Carrington Hotel at Katoomba, The Chalet at Medlow Bath and motels from Blackheath to Echo Point were called upon for accommodation.

The visitors praised the courtesy and consideration extended by the managers and staff of these places.

Monday night (21st) was a "Getting to Know you". As members came from N.Z., Brisbane, Adelaide and Perth, and so many places in between, the time was not long enough.

They were delighted with the floral displays everywhere which had been arranged by Leura Garden Club members under the direction of Mrs Mavis Matthews, and also the posies which had been made and delivered by other Leura Club members and placed in each room.

The annual general meeting held on the Tuesday was a busy day of business and the announcement of award winners, etc.

Mr George Wearne, hon secretary of

Leura Home Garden Club and conference chairman, was awarded the Kay McCallum Award for outstanding service to the Garden Club of Australia.

This award was well deserved as there was no detail missed and no effort was spared by Mr Wearne to make this conference the great success that it was.

All awards were presented on Tuesday night at the official dinner, as were the badges to the incoming office-bearers.

Wednesday and Thursday were given over to Leura members showing the gardens from Wentworth Falls, Leura, Blackheath, Mt Wilson.

Guest speaker, Mr R. Weiss spoke about gardens which he had visited whilst on his recent overseas trip. This subject was followed up on Thursday night by a film night on gardens in Holland, Ireland and Britain.

The closing speeches by the conference chairman, Mr G. Wearne and by Mrs T. Mawson, BEM, president, Leura Home Garden Club, brought the 8th Conference to a close with the feeling that "friendship through gardens" is a really wonderful experience.

## Garden club's lively start to year

Leura Home Garden Club's 28th year got off to a lively start with its annual general meeting held on January 19.

Reports for the 1981 year were presented by the president, Mrs Thelma Mawson, BEM, the hon. secretary, Mr George Wearne, and the hon. treasurer, Mrs Joan Snelling.

This was a busy and successful year for the club, with the Autumn and Spring Shows, as well as hosting the Biennial Convention of the Garden Club of Australia, held in September last at the Hydro Majestic Hotel.

Mrs Mawson's report was of special significance, for it marked the completion of 10 years of service as the club's president and 26 years as a working member.

A presentation was made to Mrs Mawson by Mr Gordon Crawford, on behalf of all members, in honour of her outstanding service as president, and on the occasion of her resignation from the position.

Mr Wearne's report touched upon the various activities and interests of the club, including the success of the coach trips organised during 1981 and the popularity of the guest speakers.

Mr Wearne has now resigned as hon. secretary, after three years of work and loyalty in this position.

In giving the financial report, Mrs Wearne thanked the hon. auditor, Mr G. Drake, for his work for the club.

Elections for office-bearers for 1982 were held, with Mr Wearne as returning officer, resulting as follows:

President, Mr Gordon Crawford; vice-

presidents, Mrs Thelma Mawson and Mr Bert Byrne; hon. secretary, Mrs Pat Jarman; hon. treasurer and publicity officer, Mrs Joan Wearne; committee, Mr and Mrs Ron Dent, Mrs Vera Holliday and Mrs Nancy Snelling.

Chief steward, Mr Ron Rowan; show secretary, Mrs Joan May; stewards, Mr Harold Calcutt, Mr and Mrs Dent, Mr and Mrs Ignacyk, Mr George Liddell and Mr Bob Scott; tea convenor, Mrs Billie Brown; plant stall convenors, Mrs Mary Lemon and Mrs Mary Butcher.

General meetings of the club are held in St Alban's Church Hall, Megalong Street, Leura, on the third Tuesday of each month, commencing at 10 am.

There the club offers such attractions as a good lending library, a plant stall, guest speakers, and a question and answer session on gardening problems.

There is also a monthly display, with competitive and non-competitive sections. Take along that interesting or dearly loved bloom or plant!

An interesting program of activities has been arranged for 1982. New members can be assured of a warm welcome.

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AND GOING FURTHER BACK

21<sup>ST</sup> BIRTHDAY — 1976



STANDING: LEFT TO RIGHT:

UNA ORCHARD.  
HAROLD CALLCUT.  
TOE HUDSON.  
BABS GARNISS.  
DR. DICK NORTH.  
REV. CARL FELDMAN.  
LORRAINE FELDMAN.  
MAGGIE HUDSON.  
MARJORIE FLEMING.  
THELMA MAWSON.  
RENE CALLCUT.  
GEORGE HARLEY.  
JEAN LEONARD.  
RON ROWAN.  
FRED LEONARD.

SEATED: L. to R.:

DORIS GARET.  
OLIVE COOPER.  
PHYLLIS MITCHELL.  
RUBY DENNING.

AT THE PIANO

RICHARD MAWSON





## Club celebrates 21st birthday

The Committee of Leura Garden Club recently celebrated the club's 21st year of operation in conjunction with its annual Christmas party.

The foundation of the club in 1954 has resulted in many activities being undertaken by the numerous committees and members since then.

Picture shows Mrs Mawson (centre) cutting the birthday cake during the celebrations.

— Photo courtesy of Souvenir Snapshots, Katoomba.

## Club celebrates 21st anniversary



PRESIDENT of Leura Home Garden Club, Mrs R. Mawson, is pictured cutting the club's 21st anniversary cake at the recent Christmas party. More than 95 people attended the party. — Photo: Souvenir Snapshots, Katoomba and Springwood.



"WORLD ENVIRONMENT  
DAY"

5 JUNE 1982

PLANTING OF OUR  
CLUB'S TREE

AT GLENBROOK

GORDON CRAWFORD (PRES.)

JOAN WEARNE (TREAS.)

BERT BYRNE (VICE PRES.)



FRANK DASH AND  
GORDON CRAWFORD

ADMIRING

LEN ROWAN'S

CAMELLIA DISPLAY

AT

SPRING FLOWER SHOW

OCTOBER 1983.