



Red Hill Gardening Society Newsletter Winter 2018

Winter has arrived with a vengeance and it has become hard to venture into the garden and much more tempting to rug up and sit by the fire, or better still head off for some warmth further north. However, we have had a few nice sunny days and for those who have stayed home, it is hopefully enough to tackle some of those winter tasks - tidying up the fallen leaves, starting the pruning, planting new roses or trees and readying the soil for the new season's crops.

2018 commenced with a number of memorable events. Our special thanks to Mezzie Taylor for hosting us at her fabulous property in March. As usual we enjoyed the opportunity to get together with our fellow members and wander through this very special garden.

Later that month Attila Kapitani enthused us with his passion for succulents, and who could forget Steve from Sugoï bonsai, who in April gave a demonstration of the art of bonsai and described his love of and dedication to this art. April was also memorable for the generous donation of plants by members for the Rosebud Hospital garden and for our bus trip to Ringwood/Warrandyte where we enjoyed the contrast between the park like garden of Banool designed by Paul Bangay, and the native Hanson Garden in Warrandyte. We wrapped up the first half with Deb Collett's presentation which provided excellent guidance to assist and encourage our efforts with the composition of floral art designs for the "*Spring Fantasy Flower Show*" in October.

What's next?

August

24 August: Ordinary meeting at the Red Hill Mechanics Hall with guest speaker Paul Kilpatrick. Paul was formerly a teacher and then a gardener at historic gardens in NSW. He will be speaking on French potager gardens and tools and will be bringing some selected tools for sale on the day.

September

21 September: September rendezvous at Glenda and Robert Bankier's garden (details will be provided closer to the event).

28 September: The AGM is in September this year (not October). Our guest speaker is Glendys Baker on "*Natives in the home garden*". We will also be making the award of the Jim Mills prize (given in remembrance of Jim Mills who served for many years as the RHGS Treasurer). The prize is offered for a gardening project in one of the district Special Schools.

October

26 October: The Spring Fantasy Flower Show and Social Luncheon at the Main Ridge Hall. For further details and the Schedule please go to the *Notes* page on this website.

November

23 November: The Christmas morning tea and meeting in a member's garden (details will be provided closer to the event).

December - Christmas break

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