

Festival of Country Gardens



Balingup, Bridgetown,
Donnybrook,
Manjimup, Nannup
South West WA

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Welcome to summer 2011/2012 when we gardeners have had every combination of weather we could think of. Extreme heat, electrical storms, drenching rains and hail - for some of us only - bushfires and thankfully the occasional cool day. It's been tough on the gardens, but the recent milder conditions have given us and the plants a chance to recover.

We look forward to seeing you and your gardens in the Festival in spring this year. It may seem ages off, but planning has started and we would love to have you involved either as a Garden Exhibitor or as a helper.

Become an Active (Gardening) Citizen!

May your plants grow well,

Best wishes

Peta Townsing

6 February 2012



At the Australia Day Breakfast in Bridgetown after being presented with the Active Citizenship Award for a Community Event. Committee members Peta Townsing, Judy Matts and William Stuart are in the centre. Behind to the left is Tony Crook, MHR, and to the right, Shire President, Brian Moore.

Festival Events 2012

Prelude: Fri 12 - Sun 14 Oct

Main Festival: Thu 1 - Sun 4 Nov

Notice of Meeting

The AGM of Blackwood Country Gardens will be held on:
Tuesday, 14 February, 2012 at 10.30 am, at the Cottage,
61 Grimwade Rd, Balingup (at Peta's place).

All welcome.

Agenda

- the Chairman of the Association reporting on the performance of the Association for the preceding year;
- the Treasurer providing an audited financial report;
- the election of Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer for the ensuing two years when the AGM occurs in an even-numbered year;
- the election of the Executive Committee;
- any other business which is set in the agenda.

Morning tea to follow

Committee Members

Here are the current committee members who we hope will all stand for election at the AGM. We would appreciate several more members to spread the activities.

Peta Townsing, William Stuart, Bev Deroubaix, Judy Matts, John Pritchard, Vicki Hansen.

Memberships are now due for the next two years

We've enclosed a form for your convenience. If you have already rejoined thank you - you may like to pass the form on.

Promotion activities

We can have the best gardens in WA, but if nobody knows about the Festival, the dates and the range of gardens we have on offer, then we won't get too many visitors. Promotion is essential to attract the visitors and let the locals know. There is much to be learnt by visiting other people's gardens: reticulation tips, where to plant day lilies, does the Scarborough lily stand full sun, etc.

We will produce a bookmark flyer (advertisers wanted) which can be used at the Balingup Small Farm Field Day on Saturday 21 April, even if we don't have enough starters for Garden Week. The website is being maintained and will be added to as information comes to hand. Emailing out information to people on our lists helps, too. We are trying out Twitter and Facebook and would relish someone taking this on.

The Shires of the area are supportive so will help to promote, as are the local newspapers. Finances depending, we will probably place a series of ads in Habitat of the West.

Distributors needed - of flyers, posters, etc.

Garden Week 2012 EOI

Expressions of interest are called from members and friends who may like to man our stand at Garden Week, Perry Lakes from Thursday 19 to Monday 23 April. If you could spend a day or so there you will have the opportunity to see Garden Week without charge. Contact us within the next fortnight.

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