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Castlemaine and District Garden Club Inc

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear All,

Apologies for what will be a short message this month. A couple of life events have washed any ideas I had for a message from my sieve-head! Gardens, however, feature in both events.

Big Gran has finally moved into a care home. She has lost some mobility through the restrictions of covid. Her new room looks out onto a garden of weeds and sad looking pots. My girls and I plan to create an outdoor retreat as a Christmas present, bringing her an orchid and roses from Castlemaine and finding a chair and table suitable for a ninety-three year old. The site is sheltered and should suit her and her plants well.

This week saw the passing of my beautiful, almost twelve year old boxer, Mackenzie, in the loving presence of his family. Mac was a special dog and made the world better a better place by his presence. He is to be cremated and his ashes will go into my garden to complete the circle of life. Planning what to plant in his memory helps to deal with the grief felt at the loss of a good mate.

I can't help but think of how enriching gardens and gardening is to our lives.

I am very much looking forward to catching up with as many Members as possible at our forthcoming Plant Sale on Sunday 7 November.

Meantimes, stay safe and well.

Jo Welsh



A Malus in full bloom – Castlemaine Botanical Gardens

THE MONTH THAT WAS



September General Meeting

Tuesday 24 September 2021.

7.00 pm for 7.30 start

Wesley Hill Hall, Duke Street, Castlemaine.

EVENT CANCELLED



Speaker was to have been **Graig Castree** who was to speak on "**Edible Gardens**"

Craig is a qualified Horticulturist of 40 years experience and has grown his own food traditionally and organically in an urban space over this period. Talk hopefully to be re-scheduled.



Visit to **Craig Castree's Garden**

Wednesday 29 September

88 Rowes Road, Werribee Victoria 3030, Australia

EVENT CANCELLED



Senior's Week – Posy Making

(for Residents @ Castlemaine Aged Care)

Tuesday 5 October 2021

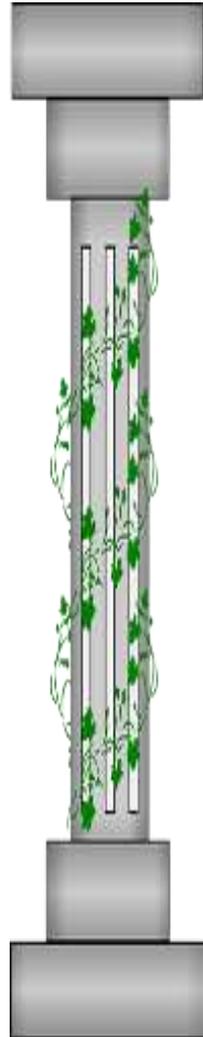
EVENT CANCELLED

SPRING IN FULL SWING

Editor's Note: As Editor I am thrilled to receive contributions for publication, even ones that steal my thunder(!) such as this delightful seasonal poem provided by Marion Downe (now well recovered from her earlier fall and associated surgery) extracted from an inter-war issue of PUNCH magazine:

THE GREEN VEIL

It was Willow who first wore it
Until her weaving fingers tore it.
On to the moss-grown wall
Weeping, she let it fall.
The Ivy for a shroud intended it
But Hawthorn with her needle mended it,
Washed it and spread it out to dry.
A March wind, galloping by,
Seized it and threw it over Ash and Oak
Who, for a joke,
Tied pale pink ribbons on it
And made the Almond wear it as a bonnet.
Almond ripped off the bows and took a tuck in it
To make a frill for Chestnut's wrist,
But Chestnut's treacly thumbs got stuck in it.
Her neighbour, Quince,
Unwound it, twist by twist,
Gave it a rinse
And by the ivory moon sat all one night
Embroidering it in the stars of white
For gypsy Cherry, Plum and Pear
To twine in their wild hair.
With the wind's combing
The tangled stars shuffled out,
Leaving a web of thinnest tissue
For Silver Birch
To gather in the April gloaming
And crochet into a lace fichu
Which (much puffed out)
She wears outside the church.
So it is passed and passed



Continuously
From tree to tree;
Used now for this, now that –
As garland, coronet, hat
And at the last
By Poplar, as a broom
To sweep her room.
And then away, away
Into the auction rooms of May
Where all the rags and ribbons of the spring
are sold
For cowslip gold
And auctioneering crickets pass
Between the tufty stems of grass
Crying “For Sale! For Sale!
A green veil!”



Editor's Further Note: FYI a “*Fichu*” is a small triangular shawl, worn around a woman's shoulders and neck.



And., of course, Spring for we antipodeans also invokes other happy celebrations this month, in a Covid-safe manner, naturally...



TREE TAGGING BOTANICAL GARDENS

The tree tagging exercise continues in full swing in the Castlemaine Botanical Gardens thanks to Member Philip Hopley pictured here under instruction (!) at right and actually tagging below – a great job!



Just on the northern side of my wall I have a quadpod, (made by Neil Tate), that has a climber growing up it. It is **Clematis Montana Alba**.



Flowering at the moment it is lovely with nicely spaced four white petals of each blossom with a tiny boss of stamens in the centre. It is massed at the top of the stand. Last year it went up and into the branches of the willow there, but this year those branches are no longer there, and it is struggling with nowhere else to go. I have another **Clematis** going up into **Malus Florabunda**. Blast, I can't remember it's name, but it is the winter flowering one with the wonderful droopy tiny flowers with all the freckles. It's really lovely.

Down in the red garden with all the red roses is a hybrid **Clematis** called "**Prince Charles**" that has started to grow for this season but still a long way from coming into flower. These hybrids look good growing up through trees and bushes. Along the front veranda is another growing through an old apple tree that is a much older hybrid named after a **Mr Cole**. A special native **Clematis** scrambles all over my tank and brings great clouds of blossom to make a great show.

Other climbers that everyone might know are the roses, especially **R. Banksia**. When the veranda posts were painted and new spouting done last year it was cut back very hard, but has recovered and reached to the top again already and is budding up nicely.



More climbing roses and scrambling ones are about in other parts of the garden. Do you have a favourite rose of this type in your garden?

Perhaps the very best perfumed climber is **Jasminum Polyanthum**.



It is a bit of a thug but earns its place because of its lovely white flowers and the mentioned perfume. Another nice old creeper/scrambler is the **Lonicera**, the common honeysuckle, which also has a lovely fragrance.

Lots of other creepers and climbers rely on other features to earn their place in our gardens. Beautiful autumn colour from the **Boston Ivy** and the **Virginia Creeper**, as well as the wonderful ornamental grapes. In my garden these cover walls and down the paddock, a stretch of fence. They are well worth their place.

A good weed is the climber **Ipomoea**. Mine is the white morning glory and it is a glory but oh glory, does it go everywhere! Ivy is the same;

it finds its way up trees, on the side of the shed, over the little stone walls and everywhere. Where it is low it is not so hard to control but when it gets up and going it can be a real pest.

A climber that does all those things but is not a pest is the fantastic annual, and sometimes perennial, **sweet pea**.



The coloured ones are in the garden beds away from the house and just come up and do their sprawl wherever they wander, and I really enjoy them. Every few years I need to get new seed but that is an easy chore for any gardener. I do have a lovely white perennial sweet pea that comes up each year through my snowberry bush and compliments the white berries there.

Don't forget to notice the climbers in your veggie patch or wherever the peastraw was in the last few years. These peas are not only productive but have great beauty with the pink flowers showing up in the most amazing places.

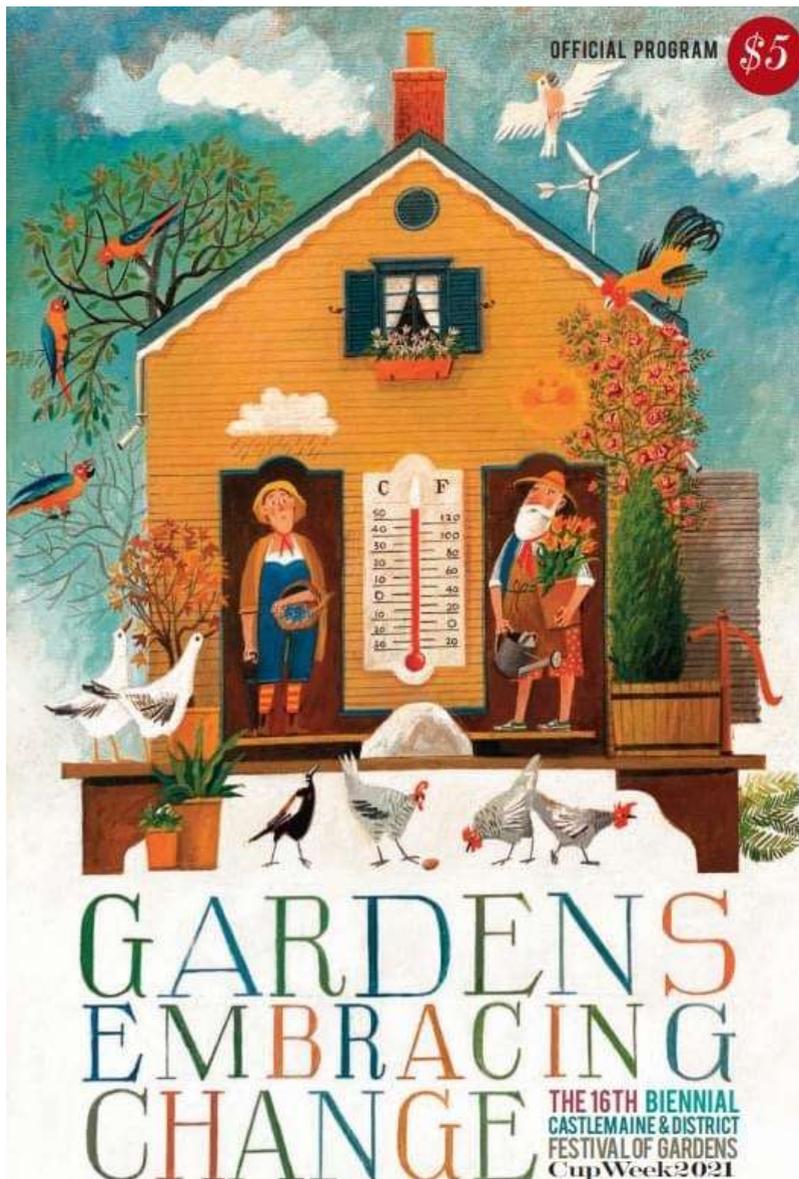
There are other spreaders and climbers that help to beautify our gardens, some protecting and sheltering the ground and others keeping company with bushes, shrubs and trees. I hope you have some favourites in your garden.

Keep safe, be well.
Happy weeding.
Best gardening everyone.
PEGGY M.



FESTIVAL OF GARDENS

EVENT CANCELLED!



WEDDERBURN DATE CHANGE

Interested Members please note the Wedderburn Garden Expo advertised in last month's MULCH has suffered a change of date and will now be held on:

SUNDAY 7 NOVEMBER 2021

(Significantly on the same day as our own PLANT SALE event!)



SUNDAY 17TH
OCTOBER 2021
9.30AM TIL 3.30PM
REGISTER AND PICK UP MAPS AT WEDDERBURN
COMMUNITY CENTRE 24 WILSON STREET
BOOK ON 54943489

**WEDDERBURN
COMMUNITY HOUSE
2021 GARDEN EXPO**

6 PRIVATE GARDENS
2 PUBLIC GARDENS
DEVONSHIRE TEA AT COACH HOUSE
GALLERY & MUSEUM
MARKET STALLS & NURSERY.

MARG, DEDE OR CORALIE ON 54943489 OR
ADMIN@WEDDERBURNCH.ORG.AU

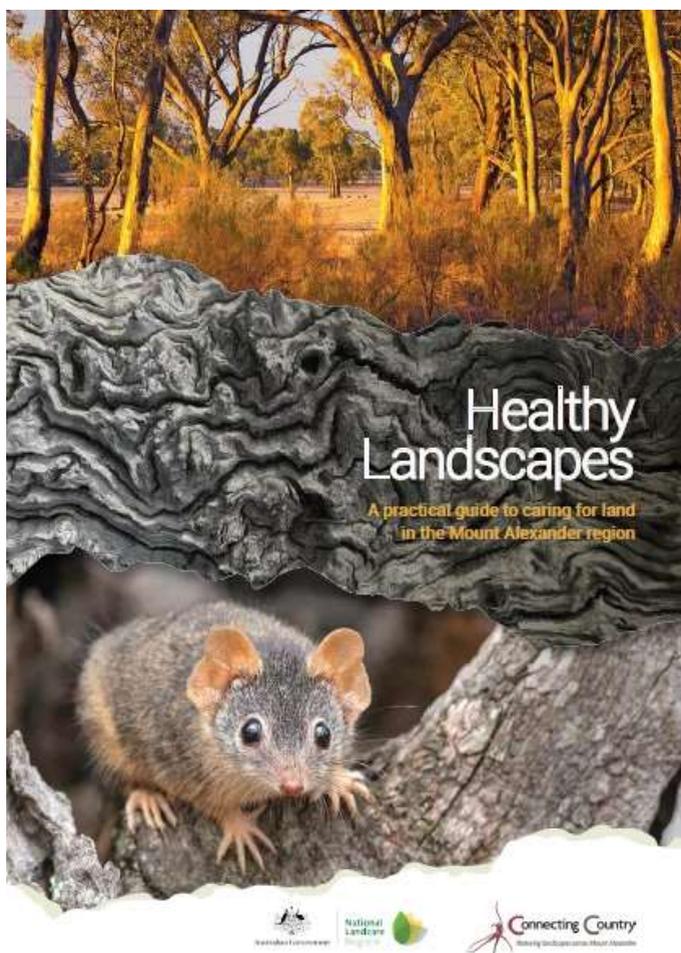
Wedderburn Community House
GARDEN EXPO

HEALTHY LANDSCAPES GUIDE

Healthy Landscapes Guide – get your copy now. The first print run is nearly sold out – still currently available now from Stoneman's Bookstore, MAAW Op-Shop, Castlemaine Visitor Centre or The Book Wolf Maldon.

Mount Alexander Shire Council Friends of the Box-Ironbark Forests
Mount Alexander Sustainability Group North Central CMA
Castlemania

<https://connectingcountry.org.au/healthy-landscapes.../>



UPCOMING EVENTS (COVID permitting!)



October General Meeting

Tuesday 26 October 2021.

7.00 pm for 7.30 start

Wesley Hill Hall, Duke Street, Castlemaine.

*[No **supper** will be served due to current Covid restrictions]*

EVENT CANCELLED



Visit to **System Garden** @ Melbourne University
(Carlton Campus)

Wednesday 3 November 2021 (To be re-scheduled- again!)

EVENT CANCELLED



Interclub Day Hosted By Maldon Garden Club

Monday the 15th of November



Maldon Garden Club

At this stage the program is as follows:-

- Meet at 10am at the club rooms in High St, Maldon, opposite the Maldon gardens and down the steps.
- Morning tea in the rooms before car- pooling and heading off to the first of 2 gardens.
- Around 12noon go back to the rooms for a delicious lunch.
- At 1.30pm leave to visit 2/3 more gardens with afternoon tea at the last garden.

PLEASE ADVISE ATTENDANCES AND ANY DIETARIES TO CLUB SECRETARY – ALAN ISAACS - BY 26 OCTOBER 2021:

E: a.isaacs@bigpond.com; **TEL:** 0407 725 426



**ANNUAL CHRISTMAS GET TOGETHER
Dinner at BUDA**

6.30pm for 7pm

Tuesday 24 November 2021



Cost: \$30 per person
(for 3 courses – served buffet style)
BYO Beverages!

**FULL PAYMENT [and any dietaries] REQUIRED BY
TUESDAY 26th OCTOBER**

by direct debit into the Club's account:

Bendigo Bank BSB 633 000, Account 104 908 280
(quoting reference “Party” and your family name)

**Or contact Club Treasurer John MacIntyre:
E: john.s.macintyre@gmail.com; TEL: 0412 614472**

SPECIES FOR CENTRAL VICTORIA

Member **Jenny Read** writes that whilst searching the internet for information about some street trees in Harcourt, she came upon this document worth sharing with other Members:

“Cool-it Tree Selection - Evaluation of street trees for future climate in the Mallee, Loddon-Campaspe and Central Highlands regions.”

Prepared by Dr Cassia Read Dr Meredith Cosgrove

Available at:

https://www.mountalexander.vic.gov.au/files/Environment/Tree_Selection_for_future_climate.pdf

The project is a collaboration between the Central Victorian Greenhouse Alliance and nine local government areas (LGA) in our region, including Mount Alexander Shire.

The report evaluates 423 urban street and park tree species from Central Victorian towns, and other towns with comparable climates, narrowing this group down to 100 species for a detailed analysis of their likely vulnerability to projected long-term climate change. This short list of 100 species includes 50 current species and 50 new candidate species.

The report gives a ranking of tree vulnerability to climate change for each region, recommends the likely most resilient species and provides information to assist selection of trees for streets and parks. It also gives recommendations for ways in which the resilience of tree plantings might be enhanced. Many of you have an interest in such decisions being made by local government, but the information is also useful for those of us planting trees on our own properties.

It is comprehensive, 43 pages, but it is easy to quickly find the parts most relevant to your own LGA. Thoroughly recommended!



Tough plants for Challenging Climes:

Grevillea '*Clearview David*' (rosmarinifolia hybrid)

This is a very solid performer in difficult parts of the garden. I have planted them in areas where the soil is thin and compacted.

They cope with minimal watering - maybe once a month in the first summer and then whatever falls from the sky.

This is a prickly Grevilia growing to about 2 metres but responds well to pruning. At this time of year it has red flowers for many months. It is full of little birds and bees.



The prickles protect the small birds from the big birds and also deter visitors from wandering off the path!

PLANT SALE 7 NOVEMBER 2021

IT'S ON!

**Sunday, 7th
November 2021**

9 am to 1 pm

Tennis Courts
Car park
Wheeler Street,
Castlemaine
(opposite Western
Reserve)



***MEMBERS – PLEASE DELIVER ALL YOUR
POTTED PLANT STOCK ON/AFTER FRIDAY 5TH
NOVEMBER INTO THE TRAILERS PARKED
OUTSIDE PRESIDENT JO WELSH'S HOME AT:
52 Maldon Rd [Pyrenees Highway] Mckenzie Hill***

*Alternatively bring plants directly to the plant sale if not
able to get to Jo's beforehand!*

This is our major fund-raising activity for the year and the President & Committee hope all Members will get involved!

The following **Roster** has been prepared accordingly without fear or favour! Please check and note attendance, swapping or (as a last resort!) advising the Secretary if unable to assist in your allocated time slot.



Plant Sale Roster – Sunday 7th November 2021.



THIS LIST IS ENTIRELY ARBITRARY &
CONSTRUCTED WITHOUT FEAR NOR FAVOUR!

If all Members turn up as allocated, however, we will
be in over-supply, so no worry if unable...

BUT if you are unable to attend during times allocated please
arrange to swap with another Member or alternatively advise

Club Secretary - Alan Issacs:

E: a.isaacs@bigpond.com; **TEL:** 0407 725 426

It is important that we have sufficient Members on
hand to serve and assist customers...

Name	Set up from 7.30am	8am – 9.30am	9.30am – 11am	11am – 12md	Clean up from 12md
Albert, Sue		✓			
Anstey, Lorna	Labels				
Averay, Johnston		✓			
Barnier, John & Elizabeth				✓	✓
Bassett, Susan			✓		
Becchio, Susan				✓	
Bidstrup, Julian				✓	
Byrne, Martin & Glenda				✓	
Calitz, Erika			✓		
Cardwell, Sue			✓		
Carrall, Mary				✓	
Cunningham, Alison			✓		

Davey, Gwen				✓	
Eastwood, Judy			✓		
Ellery, Lyn		✓			
Forrest, Carol & Hugh				✓	
Geroe, Rena		✓			
Gibson, Angela		✓			
Gibson, Neil		✓			
Grant, James and Tanya	✓	✓			
Grant, Richard			✓		
Greenwood, Virginia			✓		
Grimes, Sue		✓			
Haffar, Camilo				✓	
Hambleton, Deborah				✓	
Harriman, Charlotte		✓			
Hoal, Evie			✓		
Hopley, Philip & Judy	✓				
Huggins, Sabrina			✓		
Isaacs, Pam & Alan	✓				✓
Kendall, Wendy		✓			
Kennedy, Mary			✓		
Kent, Judi		✓			
Kersbergen, Donna		✓			
King, Christine			✓		

Laker, Celeste				✓	
Leversha, Sally			✓		
Lewis, John		✓			
Lillywhite, Brendan			✓		
Lorback, Louise				✓	
Lorenz, Debbie			✓		
MacIntyre, John	✓				✓
McFarland, Jill				✓	
McIlDowney, Lissa		✓			
McKay, Leah			✓		
McMillan, Alison	✓	✓			
Maud, Barbara	Labels				
Miller, Catherine				✓	
Molan, Marie				✓	
Morris, Helen				✓	
Munro, Peggy	Labels	✓			
Nettleton, Roseanne		✓			
Niall, Ava				✓	
Nuske, Jenny		✓			
O'Connor, Juliet				✓	
Payne, Kaye			✓		
Payne, Paul			✓		
Picone, Jane			✓		
Prest, Lynda		✓			

Read, Jennifer/Gordon Sanson				✓	✓
Roman, Gabe & Ann				✓	
Rotteveel, Peter/Janine Young		✓			
Rowles, Karina			✓		
Sherlick, Judy & Peter				✓	
Shuttleworth, Pam			✓		
Smith, Stan		✓			
Spacey, Sue & Mike	✓				
Spicer, Heather	✓				
Tester, Maxine & Steve		✓			
Tovey, Hillary	✓	✓			
Toser, Bev and John		✓			
Uren, Judy & David			✓		
Vorchheimer, Lynda				✓	
Walton, Robyn			✓		
Webster, Julie- Ann & Neil				✓	
Welsh, Jo	✓				✓



PLANT SALE



Sunday, 7th November 2021

9 am to 1 pm

Tennis Courts Car park
Wheeler Street, Castlemaine
(opposite Western Reserve)

Free Entry

**CASTLEMAINE AND DISTRICT
GARDEN CLUB INC.**



New Members Welcome
Membership - \$20/ household/year

SEPTEMBER GENERAL MEETING

Not Held!

COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

DATE: Tuesday 12 October at 5.00pm

VENUE: via Zoom

Present: Alan Isaacs, John MacIntyre, John Barnier, Peggy Munro, Jenny Read, Alison McMillan, Hilary Tovey, Tanya Grant

Apologies: Jo Welsh

Jo Welsh being absent, Alan Isaacs chaired the meeting.

1. Business arising from previous meeting:

- 1.1. It was noted that the Festival of Gardens has been cancelled and so it was fortuitous that we missed the deadline to include an ad in their booklet.
- 1.2. End-of-year dinner: John Barnier reported that following discussions with him, Buda would not charge the Garden Club the additional \$100 for use of their kitchen.
- 1.3. October general meeting & activities: No longer relevant – see below.
- 1.4. Membership form: Alan noted that after discussion with John Barnier there have been two minor changes to the new membership form: the online reference to our Rules has been simplified, and the January meeting no longer says for 'new' members.
- 1.5. Questionnaire re interests: It was suggested that, following the feedback that Hilary had received, she should do another draft and circulate it to the committee.

2. Correspondence In:

- 2.1. Emails from Stan Smith re pruning practicals

3. Correspondence Out:
 - 3.1. Emails to Stan Smith re pruning practicals
 - 3.2. Alan said that in future he would circulate pdfs of email correspondence to the committee as they arrived or were sent.

4. Treasurer's report: Received.

5. General Business
 - 5.1. Festival of Gardens has been cancelled.
 - 5.2. October general meeting: It was agreed that, given covid restrictions, the meeting be cancelled. Alan or Jo will contact Millie Ross to see if her talk can be deferred until a suitable time next year.
Action: Alan & Jo
 - 5.3. November plant sale: There was much detailed discussion regarding the organisation of the plant sale to be held on Sunday 7th November. John Barnier will supply a roster for members to assist on the day and further details will be in the October Mulch or sent directly to members via email. Alan will send a separate document regarding detailed planning to the committee.
 - 5.4. Advertisements in Mulch – discussion was deferred until the next committee meeting.
 - 5.5. John Barnier reported that Edward Gollings was recovering well at home after a heart attack week before last. He had been rushed to Bendigo Hospital where he was looked after for a few days. All Committee wished him a speedy recovery.
 - 5.6. New members: Stan Smith was accepted as a new member.

6. Next meeting: 5:00 pm Tuesday 9th November, venue TBA.

Meeting closed 6:15 pm.



TREASURER'S REPORT

There has been minimal activity in the accounts in September.

Bank Balance at 30 September 2021	\$6,879.83
<u>Less funds committed to the Castlemaine Bot. Gardens</u>	<u>\$4,649.00</u>
<u>Net funds available</u>	<u>\$2,230.83</u>

The Club is running at an operating loss of \$266 for the current financial year 1 July 2021 – 30 Sept 2021



Castlemaine & District Garden Club Inc

Profit and Loss Statement

For the period from 01/09 2021 to 30/09 2021

This Month 01/07/2021 -
31/09/2021

Income

Membership fees 2020 - 2021	40.00	60.00
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Less: Expenses

Consumer Affairs - annual fee	-	60.10
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Printing - Mulch	57.75	192.56
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Speaker fees	50.00	50.00
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Sundry expenses	-	23.09
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Total — Expenses	107.75	325.75
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Net profit (loss)	(67.75)	(265.75)
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DISCOUNTS

Members are reminded to please continue to support the businesses that support us in the form of discounts

You will need your 2020 membership card for identification

- ▶ **All Stone Quarries (ASQ)**
10% garden related products over \$10
- ▶ **Mt Alexander Timber and Hardware (formerly Beards)**
10% off plants, variable on other garden related products
- ▶ **Sociana's 'The Green Folly'**
10% discount
- ▶ **Stoneman's Bookroom**
10% off for purchases over \$10

PLEASE NOTE - All discount providers have been notified to honor 2020 Membership Cards until February 2022



To

Sender: Castlemaine and District Garden Club Inc
P.O.Box 758, Castlemaine 3450

Next General Meeting:

Tuesday 26 October 2021
Wesley Hill Hall
7.00 for 7.30 pm

CANCELLED!

Next Committee Meeting:

3pm on 26th October 2021
Venue-Castlemaine Botanical Gardens

The Castlemaine & District Garden Club meets at 7.30pm on the fourth Tuesday of each month February to October at the Wesley Hill Hall, Duke Street, Wesley Hill

Membership of the Club is open to all and costs \$20 per year per household (\$32 if you want a paper copy of MULCH provided to you)

Mulch in colour is sent to members with email accounts.

Subscriptions are payable at the beginning of each calendar year

New members very welcome!