



For August

*Next meeting : Wed 2nd August 2017
7.30pm start*

*In the Club's hired room at
1 Taroonia Cresc.(Uniting Church)*

Our **GUEST SPEAKER** for August will be our member, **Gillian Fitzgerald**.

Her topic will be **Gardens of Cornwall**, a short slide show of a recent visit.

There will also be Post Winter Solstice drinks and nibbles.

Please bring along a small plate of finger food to share.

Wine and a Soft Drink will be provided.



There will also be a Lucky Door Prize with a substantial prize.

Planning future activities

The Executive Committee is currently planning this year's activities

Watch this space for information about a Spring Picnic Lunch in a beautiful garden.

A Taroonia Foreshore Trip is in the early stages of planning.

But your committee welcomes input from our members. To make this easy, we will provide a short printed (and anonymous) survey at the August meeting for members to put forward their ideas and provide feedback. Your committee is looking for ideas about what you would like at meetings and for outings, guest speaker suggestions, and any other feedback on our Forum activities.

FLOWER OF THE MONTH – Helleborus flowers.

TRADE TABLE

This is an important fund raising event at each meeting, so we ask for your support. Please label and price your items.

This year we will also try a **Gardening Bric-a-Brac section**, where you can buy and sell any Gardening items. Bring a photograph of your item to display at the trade table if the item is too cumbersome to bring. 10% of the proceeds will be collected for the Club from the seller.

Winter lunch

Unfortunately we did not get enough participants to go ahead with the lunch originally booked at the Tarooma Bowls Club (we needed a minimum of 30). However 21 people met at The Duchess Restaurant in Sandy Bay and enjoyed a pleasant lunch and get-together.

This flower is *Helleborus x hybridus*, Mrs Betty Ranicar

Discovered in Mrs Betty Ranicar's Red Hill, near Deloraine, garden, it has flowers in a most delicious & enchanting double white, & is sure to make you swoon! Like most all Hellebores, she's a rockstar when it comes to dealing with the most difficult garden situation – dry shade. Nothing but nothing likes growing in dry shade, but Hellebores deal better than most, & are a must-have for any shady garden, as they are durable, drought tolerant, & provide winter interest!

'Betty' gets to be 1'x1', & almost always comes true from seed! Average water & occasional compost makes for better & bigger plants, but they need little more than a bit of snail bait now & then to keep them looking perfect year-round.



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