

Galston Garden Club

Our Monthly Meeting will be on Wednesday 11th November at 37 Arcadia Rd Galston at 8pm.

This will be our last meeting for the year.

Our Speaker will be Klaus Ekhardt from Green E Roses.

All visitors are welcome.

Australian Plants Society-North Shore Group

The last meeting for this year of the Australian Plants Society-North Shore Group will be held on Friday November 13th at 7-45 pm in the Willow Park Community Hall, 25 Edgeworth David Avenue, Hornsby.

Dr Edward Liew, manager of the Plant Disease Diagnostic Unit at the Royal Botanic Gardens, will discuss "Soil-borne Plant Pathogens in our area." Visitors welcome. Native plants for sale. For more information visit www.blandfordia.org.au

Bushfire Smart Native Gardens

By Julia Hamilton

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In any area subject to bush fires, attention must be given to proper planning and regular maintenance of gardens. An article published in the March 1994 issue of "Native Plants for New South Wales", the newsletter of the Society's NSW Region, suggested some of the factors that should be considered.

- Plant trees at least 5 m from house to allow clear access. Have paved sections such as paths and barbecue areas and/or a pebble garden with herbs near to the house.
- Space trees and shrubs to avoid continuous canopy that may carry fire. Careful arrangement of plants is essential. Don't have trees that overhang the house.
- Use plants around the house that can be pruned when fire threatens. Trees and shrubs with lignotubers will re-sprout and recover quickly if it is necessary to cut them back hard in the face of threatening fire.
- Monitor the growth of trees and shrubs so that pruning is maintained, dead limbs removed, and leaves put into compost bins with lids.
- Avoid combustible door mats and brush fences.
- Avoid growing Conifers, rough fibrous bark trees such as *Syncarpia glomulifera* and trees that have loose bark near the house.
- All plants, whether they are exotic or Australian, will burn when subjected to sufficient heat. Nevertheless, native trees, shrubs and groundcovers of the rainforest type, if correctly sited, conserve moisture, serve as a wind break and absorb and deflect radiant heat from the fire and act as a barrier to flying sparks and embers. These plants also look nice, attract wildlife into the garden and do well in the right positions.



Glenorie Mission Church....continued

Yet, Jesus was rejected and despised by men. He was mocked and beaten. He had a crown of thorns placed upon His head and He was crucified. His humanity was revealed in His suffering and death. He was in anguish, He felt pain, He bled and He died.

Jesus Christ is our only hope. He came, He wept, He suffered, He died and He rose from the dead, so that through Him, you and I can find peace and be reconciled to God.

Want to find out more? Join us at Glenorie Mission Church at 10.15 am Sunday mornings and we'll do our best to point you in the right direction.

The following plants are some of the suitable plants for a bush fire smart garden:

Trees: *Acmena smithii*, *Alectryon subcinereus*, *Callicoma serratifolia*, *Cassine australis*, *Diospyros australis*, *Eleocarpus reticulatus*, *Glochidion ferdinandi*, *Hymenosporum flavum*, *Rapanea howittiana*, *Acacia elata*, *Angophora costata*.

Shrubs: *Banksia integrifolia*, *Acacia saligna*, *Acacia terminalis*, *Banksia marginata*, *Bursaria spinosa*, *Dodonaea spp.*, *Einadia hastata*, *Grevillea spp.*

Groundcovers: *Auga australis*, *Carpobrotus glaucescens*, *Dichondra repens*, *Einadia nutans*, *Eremophila debilis*, *Hardenbergia violacea*, *Kennedia rubicunda*, *Myoporum parvifolium*, *Pelargonium spp.*, *Scaevola spp.*

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