

AUSTRALIAN RHODODENDRON SOCIETY

SOUTHERN TASMANIA BRANCH INC.

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COMING EVENTS

- August 14th** Annual General Meeting - 2 pm
Kerry & Harry Van Den Berg's
"Woodbank Gardens"
2040 Huon Road, Longley (Ph. 6239 6032)
Followed by a walk around the Garden
- August 25th** **Committee meeting** at Ken & Lesley Gillanders'
6pm at Harmony Chinese Restaurant,
Channel Court, Kingston
- September 11th** General meeting – 2 pm
Ken & Lesley Gillanders'
"Dwarf Rhodos"
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Meeting Agenda – 14th August 2016

Annual General Meeting

- 7.30pm Apologies
Minutes from the 2015 Annual General Meeting
President's Report
Treasurer's Report
Election of Office Bearers and Executive Committee
(see tear-off form at back of this newsletter)

General Meeting

- Apologies
Minutes of the last general meeting
Matters arising from previous minutes
Correspondence
Treasurer's Report
Question time - any problems in the garden?
Other business

There will be the usual "blooms on display", raffle and auction. Please bring a contribution to help make these activities a success.



IN MY GARDEN by Lesley Gillanders



I really thought I would not write this article in time. I will not be able to get inspiration from a quick walk in the garden. But from my hospital bed, with a good mental picture, I will give it a go. Ken tells me there are nice little flowers on a small daffodil until a snail found them, but not to be dismayed there are two more buds coming. It is *Narcissus cantabricus petunioides*, a little charmer. When Ken comes to visit each day my first question is "How are you?" followed by "What is in flower in the garden?"

A large patch of *Galanthus plicatus* gently swaying in the breeze makes a pretty picture. Unfortunately the same cannot be said for the strong winds over the last few days. There is a considerable difference in the size of the flowers in the *Galanthus* family. Our smallest one is *G. nivalis*, a delightful species, and we also have the double flowered form *flora pleno*. *G. gracilis* and *G. rizehensis*. All have the



typical three petals with an inner tube which is sometimes green or with individual green markings. Some of the larger flowered ones we have are *G. caucasicus*, *G. plicatus* and *G. "S. Arnott"*.

The *Eranthis* are making a good sized clump at the front of the house, they have to contend with some well grown *Cyclamen hederifolium*. There is a tub of them in full



sunshine at the back of the house with not one flower. Ken says he will give them a drink.

Iris reticulata has several flowers open and different forms of it will flower in the next week - "George" is outstanding with its large flowers.



A new flower for us after losing it many years ago is *Cyclamen pseudibericum*. The leaves have a pewter sheen to them, and the flowers are scented and deep carmine. The first of the *Narcissus cyclamineus* are open, and in another week there will be a patch open near the creek. It is a sweet little daffodil with its turned back petals.



At Longley we could not grow *Lachenalias* as it was too cold. Here in Kingston we have a few flowers open on *L. pendula* and *L. quadricolor*.



Anyone with a plant of *Daphne bholua* will appreciate the intense fragrance of its flowers opening in mid winter. We have two plants 2 m high in full bloom, one near the greenhouse and the other on the side garden. Some trusses are open on *Rhododendron* "Cornubia". The strong winds wrecked the early ones but more are opening now. It is in the front garden where we lost R. "Taurus" a couple of years ago.

Camellia reticulata is also flowering there with lovely large red flowers.

If I get home from hospital I will type this article myself, if not Ken will type it. He will not guarantee to get it right, with no spelling mistakes, no italics for plant names but I am sure he will do a good job.



Editor's note: Well done Ken, and I'm pleased to say that Lesley is now home and recovering well.

Mid-year Luncheon - 8 members and partners met for lunch at the Huon Manor in Huonville where we enjoyed a pleasant meal and an afternoon of good company on a beautiful winter day.

Annual Membership is now due. This can be paid at the Annual General Meeting or by posting a cheque, made payable to **Australian Rhododendron Society Inc., Southern Tasmanian Branch**, and mailed to the Treasurer, Lorraine Grewcoe, Clarendon Vale House, Clarendon Vale Tas 7019.

Payment can also be made by Direct Deposit to **BSB: 067000 Account No. 28026437 Account Name:** Australian Rhododendron Society

Single Membership \$20.00 Family Membership \$25.00

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NOMINATION FOR COMMITTEE MEMBERS 2016/17

I nominate _____

for the position of _____

Proposer _____ Seconded by _____

I am willing to accept the nomination _____