

Garden club marks 35 years

The Stirling and Hills Garden Club celebrated its 35th anniversary on November 21 at two gardens with "beautiful" views.

Julie and Dennis Donovan hosted a progressive lunch at their garden in Mylor.

Guests then attended the gardens of long time members, Yvonne and George Duffy's in Crafers West for afternoon tea and celebration cake, baked by club member Sue Gooding.

Club secretary Kathy Read said it was a wonderful day and they were blessed to have nice weather.

"We were a bit worried about the weather, especially with the event being outdoors," she said.

"It worked out really well in the end and everyone had a great time.

"Both of the gardens that we went to were lovely and had beautiful views."

The club is a group of gardening enthusiasts who love to talk and hear

about all things to do with gardening.

Throughout the club's existence there have been a number of speakers who have come and talked about different topics such as bats, composting, endangered birds, ferns, rare fruit, roses, soils, weed identification plus much more.

Its membership, which is open to anyone who lives in or near the Hills, has a wealth of knowledge about gardening and the best plants to grow.



*LEFT:
Yvonne and George Duffy's picturesque garden in Crafers West was on show last Sunday November 21 as part of the 35th year anniversary celebration event for the Stirling and Hills Garden Club.*

Note error – this image is from Julie and Dennis's garden

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GARDEN CLUB CELEBRATES CORAL ANNIVERSARY

Luke Harris

Members of the Stirling and Hills Garden Club commemorated the club's coral anniversary on Sunday, November 21, marking 35 years of gardening talks, tours and fellowship.

Club members and partners were invited to participate in a progressive lunch moving between members' private gardens, and enjoying a variety of food and desserts.

Secretary of the club Kathy Read said the event was a great success with many members turning up to mark the special occasion.

"It was a beautiful day, we had perfect weather as well which made for a very enjoyable afternoon," she said. "We started off with a lunch in

Mylor before moving on to afternoon tea and a celebratory cake in Crafers West, where a life member recited a poem, recalling their memories with the club."

A certificate commemorating the occasion was presented to the club by zone coordinator of Garden Clubs of Australia Jan Ball.

The club, comprising 60 members aged from their mid 30s all the way up to 91 years old, hosts meetings on the fourth Thursday of each month.

To learn more about the club, or to make a membership inquiry, visit www.stirlingandhills.com.au



Club President Gary Fletcher receives certificate from Garden Clubs of Australia

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Stirling and Hills Garden Club celebrates 35 years

As the Stirling and Hills Garden Club celebrates its 35th birthday in 2021, we acknowledge those who have made a contribution to our success and look forward to continued community involvement.

The Club was formed in 1986 by a small number of avid gardeners and since that time has grown significantly, with now over 60 members. David Weston is our longest serving but not our 'oldest' member.

When Stirling and Hills Garden Club was first formed, our meetings were held in a cellar beneath the Masonic Hall in Milan Terrace Stirling, now converted into residential accommodation.

There were few members at that time, and we worked to increase numbers through various activities formulated to enhance publicity for the Club. A garden competition was held for several years, supported by a real estate firm, local garden centres and Neutrog, the fertilizer people. This proved successful in our efforts to attract new members and stimulated interest in the Club.

We have changed venues from time to time, mainly due to increased membership. During the life of the Club, a friendly atmosphere has prevailed and the sharing of knowledge between our more experienced gardeners and newer enthusiasts, has always been a feature of our activities.

Since its inception, the club has always been an inclusive club of gardeners whose activities include a promotion of gardening through its community focus and fund raising.

It has been our aim to encourage young people in gardening and horticultural pursuits and this has included the provision of assistance for various educational projects over the years. More recently, we have had the opportunity to support victims of bushfires and the restoration of native habitat for flora and fauna.

The club affiliated with Garden Clubs of Australia (GCA) in 1991 and has actively supported GCA with members such as past president, Elizabeth Dobson being on the board for quite a number of years and other members providing input to GCA AGMs, as well as interclub visits. Through the initiative of Elizabeth, the club ran the 2018 South Australian Garden Rally at Mt Barker, which was very successful.

We look forward to continuing for many years adapting constantly to whatever challenges we face, knowing that gardening will always inspire us and forge links with like-minded people.