

**Stirling & Hills Garden Club
Program 2023**

All meetings are held at the Village Well, Aldgate at 7.30pm unless otherwise stated.

23 February -

Gardens of Japan

Dorothy Whiterod will share the Japanese gardens she visited on a pre-Covid trip to Japan with Helen Lloyd.

23 March -

Annual General Meeting

Purdie Bowden will talk via Zoom about the Watson Micro Forest in Canberra and its community benefits. This will feature on Gardening Australia later in the year.

27 April -

Wood with Ron Allen

An interesting talk on how to make better use of your wood than putting it in your combustion heater - presented by a master woodturner with expert knowledge of woods' characteristics

25 May -

Topiary Pruning of Trees and Shrubs Ollie Graham from Valley Horticulture, Mylor will talk on how to go about creating works of art by pruning of shrubs and trees. Ollie will also bring plants for sale.

28 May

1.30pm- 3.30pm Sunday

Cuttings Day

At an Aldgate garden- details will be provided to members

22 June -

TBA

27 July 6.30pm-10pm Thursday

'Winter Warmers'

Details will be announced nearer the time

24 August -

A talk on *'Ikebana'* (Japanese flower arranging)

28 September

Garden Design - Jamie McIlwain of Hills Classic Gardens is an award winning landscape designer and constructor and is passionate about creating elegant and unique landscapes.

15 October 2.00pm to 4.30pm Sunday

Highcroft Garden - in conjunction with National Gardening Week

231 Mail Rd Harrogate

Highcroft Garden at Harrogate - Visit and afternoon tea at Maureen and Chris Hight's 2 acre Mediterranean garden at its most spectacular time of year. Cost will be \$20 per person for the visit including afternoon tea.

26 October -

Fire Resilient Gardening – Danielle Clode, the author of "A Future in Flames" (and many more books and articles) will present on how we can make our gardens more fire resilient.

19 November 11.30am Sunday

Progressive Lunch - Visit to 2 members' gardens for lunch and afternoon tea. Venues to be determined later in year

23 November

Tentatively a talk on *Bonsai*.

Not finalised yet so may change

7 December- 6.30pm Thursday

'Xmas Dinner'

A catered Christmas celebration at the Village Well