



Wentworth Falls Garden Club Inc.
Affiliated with The Garden Clubs of Australia Inc.

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We acknowledge and respect the traditional custodians of this land: the Darug and Gundungurra people.

From the President.....

After a wonderful time away it is lovely to be back in the Mountains to see Autumn in all its glorious colours.

This month is all about our 30th Birthday, with GCA President George Hoad helping us to celebrate in style. This achievement would not be possible without the foresight of local gardeners who established the club in 1989. Founder members and some past presidents and committee members are here today and we thank them for their efforts in developing our thriving club. We will hear reminiscences from some of them during the meeting.

Well done to the twenty-two photographers who entered pictures for the Photo Gallery. They are of exceptional quality and will be used as banner headings for our website pages. You will see all the entries in a special presentation today. They are a delightful selection and show the many aspects of our Mountain gardens.

Thanks also go to Sylvia who has generously donated the beautiful Heritage Rose watercolour and Windflower cards for our raffle. Two subscriptions for the GCA magazine 'Our Gardens' are included as prizes too. Have your tickets ready!

It was a very happy group of forty members/partners who met for lunch at Wentworth Falls TAFE last week. The students did a brilliant job and the meal was delicious. It was appropriate timing to have an early Birthday celebration. Thank you, Sharon for your excellent organization.

Many thanks to Henry for stepping into the President's role in my absence while still doing his job as Treasurer. Henry and Gai have put in a huge amount of work setting up today's celebration for us all to enjoy so thank you both. It is a very supportive committee group and I encourage members to think about nominating for the committee to fill the vacancies for the next Garden Club year.

Happy 30th Birthday to Us! Friendship in Gardening...indeed.

Carol

Club Tours and Functions

Club tours and functions are available only to members and must be booked and paid for at a club meeting.

TODAY	Garden Ramble after the meeting. Details at the meeting.
30 th September	Leura Gardens Pre-Festival tour. Details TBA

Today's Speaker is George Hoad, President of Garden Clubs of Australia

George is a keen gardener, devoting as much time as he can to his 6 – acre garden, Winchelsea, situated in Killabakh, a village on the Mid North Coast. He regularly opens the garden for charity, raising funds for Ronald McDonald House, Northern NSW. He was President of Killabakh Garden Club for the last 15 years.

George is currently the national president of The Garden Clubs of Australia, to which WFGC is affiliated. He has had four busy years at the helm of GCA, visiting clubs in all six states and the ACT. George also writes a regular gardening column for his local newspaper and contributes to a gardening segment on local ABC radio. It is fitting that he is here today speaking about GCA - Past, Present and Future.

George has four great passions in life, which have shaped and influenced his life and career – Gardening, Theatre and Music, Collecting (old garden books and tools) and Travel. His love of travel has included visiting many gardens and flower shows where he indulges his love of photography. Following a career as a professional singer, actor and theatre administrator we can expect a rousing chorus of “Happy Birthday to Us” at some stage in today’s proceedings!

ALL Executive and Committee positions become vacant at the AGM in July. All positions are open for nomination.

If you would like to further contribute to the effective administration of the club, you are invited to nominate for either an Executive or Committee position. The Committee members meet once a month to review and discuss the operation of the club, future functions, speakers, finance and how we can best serve the members of the club. Three committee members, Sharon, Anne and Vic, will be stepping down this year and we would invite you to consider how you could join the committee and help your club.

The positions that are available are:

- Tours and Functions
- Speakers
- Audio/Visual Setup

Please see Gai or Henry for a nomination form or any enquiries

Next Meeting

13^h June 2019

Guest speaker:

Peter Hey, Just Cliveas and Rare Things.

Hall set-up and Pull down:

Robbert Van Leeuwen and Warren Sharpe

Morning tea

Iris Walton and Fran Munroe

Bring a plate

Merilyn Shields and Joanne Burgess

Club Information

All members and visitors are asked to sign in upon arrival. Members are asked to wear their club name badges to all club meetings, tours and functions. To take part in club functions and tours you must be a *bona fide* club member. General Meetings are held on the second Thursday of each month, from January to November, at the Wentworth Falls School of Arts Theatre, Adele Ave (cnr Great Western Hwy), Wentworth Falls. Check-in at 9.30am and finish around noon. The library and plant stall are open before the meeting and at morning tea. \$5 entry fee.

Joining fee is \$30. Thereafter, annual subscription is \$20 due in July each year. Payments can be direct debited to Wentworth Falls Garden Club Account: BSB: 062-559 Acct: 28003852.

Ensure your name is included with your remittance.

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