



*Wentworth Falls Garden Club Inc.*  
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We acknowledge and respect the traditional custodians of this land: the Darug and Gundungurra people.

*From the President.....*

Club members who were at the AGM in July were treated to an armchair trip to the 2019 Chelsea Flower Show, thanks to our speaker Jane Stockel. Beautiful photographs and interesting commentary brought the show alive. Wonderful.

Thank you to the retiring committee members, Anne Peebles (Speakers), Sharon Phillips (Tours and Functions) and Vic Tuite (AV) for giving their time and energy to making our club such an active one. Eight committee members have been re-elected. Their names can be found on the website. We are very grateful to Martin Vaughan for chairing the AGM again this year and to Peter Shoemark for auditing our accounts once more. Thank you, gentlemen!

Two new members have been elected to the committee. Susan Streeter is our current Speakers Coordinator. She has already filled the spots for this year's meetings and is working on the first half of next year so if you have any suggestions for speakers/topics please see her at the meeting today. Duncan Leys will be setting up the AV equipment for the General Meetings. We still need a volunteer for Tours and Functions. Meanwhile, thank you Barbara Fox for collecting the Pre-Festival Tour (Monday 30<sup>th</sup> September) payments. There are still places available for this very inspiring look at some special local gardens.

Gai and I attended the GCA Blue Mountains Zone meeting at The Lodge, Campbell Rhododendron Gardens, Blackheath, on Saturday July 13<sup>th</sup>. These meetings are well attended by members of other clubs and a very helpful forum for all things gardening, especially exchanging information on informative speakers.

I was interested to see Manu Prigioni featured on Gardening Australia last week. She was our guest speaker in March this year, talking about productive edible gardens and soil health. Manu certainly practises what she preaches in her own garden, from what we saw on the program.

I commend to you the 'What to do in the Garden in Winter' sheet, written by our members Sylvia Smith and Joan Saunders. It is a bargain at \$2 and while this is not a growing season as such there are still plenty of things to do as Spring is just around the corner.

*Carol*



**Merino Magic is back!**

Merino Magic may be ordered this month. See Lea Nelson with your new order. Available for \$6/10kg bag, to be picked up from Leura.



*Club Tours and Functions*

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

30 <sup>th</sup> September	Leura Gardens Pre-Festival tour. Four very special gardens. This is a self-drive event. Car-pooling is recommended. \$30 per member. Ten spots left!
12 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Lunch at Mountain Heritage, Katoomba. Cost \$45.00 for members and \$55.00 for guests. Bookings may be made starting from the September meeting.

## *Our Speaker today is Mary Moody*

Mary Moody is a journalist and author, television presenter and tour guide who has specialised in the field of gardening. She has lived in Leura, Yetholme and Blackheath and in all three places has developed large, sustainable gardens, continuing to pass on her knowledge to her grandchildren.

Mary has had an exciting and varied career that includes ten years as a presenter on the ABC's *Gardening Australia* and being a daytime talk show host on Channel 9. She spent much time living in France and has produced an acclaimed film for SBS about a village restaurant that has been in the same family for over 100 years. Mary has written or edited over 40 books on subjects including France, cooking, various gardening topics and gardening for children.

Mary's passions are family, food, gardening and travel. She leads tours to France, Morocco, Mongolia and the Himalayas. Today we will hear about her time on *Gardening Australia*, her gardens and much more.

### **Membership renewal of \$20 is now due. New badges will be issued upon payment.**

- 1) Please pay in **cash**, OR
- 2) Remit electronically to our bank account:

**BSB: 062 559**  
**Account No: 2800 3852**

**Please ensure your name and the word "Sub" is included with the remittance.**

(If you joined after 1<sup>st</sup> January 2019, you are not required to pay renewal until July 2020.)

This is just one plant!



Photo by Marjorie Gunasekara

### **Future Meetings**

#### **12<sup>th</sup> September 2019**

##### **Guest speaker:**

Our speaker is David Kennedy: "The Making of our New Garden, Highfields"

##### **Hall set-up and pull-down:**

Martin Vaughn

##### **Morning tea**

Felicity Houston

##### **Bring a plate**

Bev Turner and Sheena Simpson

#### **10<sup>th</sup> October 2019**

##### **Guest Speaker:**

Lloyd Sharp is speaking on: "Heritage and edible plants around the world"

#### **14<sup>th</sup> November 2019**

##### **Guest Speaker:**

Dianna van Gaal is speaking about: "Irises"

### ***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.

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