



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.....

After our brutal summer it is heartening to see so much green again. I would gladly have shared some of the approximately 550mm we received in the recent rain event in early February with the communities out west who missed out. We need to be prepared for the next extreme water event when it comes.

Planning laws state that householders are responsible for run off from the roof to exit to the storm water system and not to impact neighbouring properties. Developments have to comply with Australian and New Zealand Building Standards. Older buildings may not comply with present regulations but if a nuisance is being caused to a neighbouring property by an old-style drainage system, then the council "may" direct the property owner to connect the downpipes to a nearby drainage system. Thank you to an architect friend who gave me this information.

I know of several other Garden Club members whose properties received overflow from elsewhere, the unwelcome water definitely a nuisance. Like many of you I face costs to try and keep other people's storm water out of my property. Due to local topography I can deal with some of the water but not all of it. I await a response from Council to my concerns.

On a brighter note, despite the soggy weather, I thoroughly enjoyed visiting many of the Edible Garden Trail gardens open last weekend. Innovative ideas managed watering during the drought. The gardeners are to be commended for their quality produce. It was encouraging to see young families providing food for the table and involving their children in the fun of gardening. The Trail is an inspiration for us all to "have a go" in raising our own veggies.

Carol



Give your garden a boost with **Merino Magic**. See Lea Nelson with your new order. Available for \$6 / 10kg bag, to be picked up from Leura.



Silent Auction in May

If you have any items to donate to the Library, they would be welcome at the April meeting.

Club Tours and Functions

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

If you would like to volunteer to organise club events please speak to a member of the Committee.

Sat, 28 – Sun, 29 March 2020	For your diary: Collectors Plant Fair, Racecourse Rd. Clarendon. This is not an organised WFGC tour.
Thursday 4 th June, 2020	TAFE Luncheon. Wentworth Falls College Campus. Thirty places available. Cost \$30 each. Pay Geraldine today to reserve your spot.

Our Guest Speaker today is Judy Horton

Her topic is "The History of the Backyard".

We are very pleased to have Judy Horton as our guest speaker today. She is a keen gardener and is currently horticultural editor for the Garden Clubs of Australia's magazine *Our Gardens*. It seems appropriate to offer two subscriptions to the magazine for our Lucky Door prizes today!

Judy has been the recipient of the Golden Wattle Award, the highest award presented by the Australian Institute of Horticulture, and the Allan Seale award given by the Nursery Industry of NSW for outstanding contribution to the gardening media. Judy has also been awarded the Order of Australia Medal (OAM) for her work in horticulture and promotion of gardening.

Judy is a garden adviser who has had experience in retail nurseries, bush regeneration, radio talkback (*Talking Lifestyle* and the ABC) and garden writing. For 22 years she was Yates Communications Manager and has been responsible for six updates of Yates Garden Guide, Australia's best-selling gardening book.

One of Judy's responsibilities at Yates was to look after the company archives. These give a wonderful overview of gardening in Australia, particularly during the 20th century. Judy's talk draws on these archives and other resources to outline the trends, world events and social changes that have affected our gardens in that time, with particular emphasis on the ubiquitous quarter-acre Aussie backyard.

This is a fun talk that will have everyone recognizing something they remember from past gardens and their childhoods and will also pose a few questions about where our gardens are going in the future.

Since her retirement from Yates, Judy has worked with Botanica World Discoveries. She travels with Botanica as a horticultural guide and promotes Botanica at garden shows and other gardening-related events.

Future Meetings

9th April 2020

Guest Speaker:

Lloyd Sharp, grower and supplier of edible heritage vegetables and herbs: "Growing Heirloom Produce in your Mountains Garden."

Hall set-up and pull-down:

Bernie Turner and Martin Vaughan

Morning tea

Judy Bonner and Annabelle Fraser

Bring a plate

Irma Mahling and Gráinne Flynn

14th May 2020

Guest Speaker:

Chris Djekic will be giving us some very useful information about First Aid in the Garden.

"GCA Readings" are short articles about Gardening sent out to us each month. See "What's New" on the club's web site.

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 and the word "Sub" is included with your remittance.

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