



# *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.....*

What strange times in which we live. At the March meeting we knew that COVID-19 was spreading worldwide but it seemed impossible then that one month later, we would be physically distancing and unable to continue with life as we knew it.

Growing up in England after the Second World War, listening to my parents relate their stories of those six years, I was always struck by their fortitude in such difficult times. Their generation did what it had to do, not knowing how or when the war would end and if they would be alive to see it. We at least know that this period will end and we just have to do as we are asked to slow the spread of infection.

Garden Club meetings have been cancelled until and including the July meeting and AGM. We will let you know if that arrangement changes. Council has closed all community facilities so we will be unable to meet again anyway until restrictions are lifted. You will receive a monthly newsletter to coincide with what would normally be our General Meeting. In the meantime, updates re Library purchases, the TAFE lunch, Merino Magic purchases, GCA Readings and the Collector's Plant Fair can be found elsewhere in this newsletter.

How lucky we are to be living in the Upper Blue Mountains during this time of semi isolation. The Autumn colours are starting to glow and lifting spirits on my walks. Our gardens will be receiving plenty of attention and providing much thinking time and solace as we clear our Summer crops and prepare for Winter. Green Tomato Relish is on the menu again and after a bumper crop I have made Mickey Robertson's rhubarb cake. This delicious recipe is in her book *The House and Garden at Glenmore*, which is in the library.

Each year I grow a couple of hyacinths indoors in special bulb glass containers and they are now in the cupboard in darkness to force growth. Charcoal helps to keep the water sweet. I have planted grape hyacinth bulbs in the garden for the first time to add variety to my Spring colour scheme. Sweet pea seeds are in and I am in the process of re-sowing patches in the lawn. The *What to do in the garden in Autumn* information sheet, put together by members Sylvia Smith and Joan Saunders, is so useful. Grateful thanks. On their recommendation I am getting the soil ready for Autumn planting and fertilizing my camellias and azaleas.

In these difficult times it seems more people are turning to growing their own vegetables and keeping chooks. Perhaps this virus will be the catalyst to encourage a whole new generation of gardeners. Let's hope so. Enjoy your gardens, keep well and see you on the other side of this staycation!

*Carol*



**Merino Magic.** No more orders will be taken until spring. If we are still unable to meet then, we will let you know in the Newsletter how to order, pay for and collect Merino Magic.  
**Henry and Lea**

## Club Tours and Functions

### TAFE Lunch – Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> June

The TAFE lunch has been cancelled. All payments are in our WFGC bank account. If you require a refund, please contact Henry Nelson on 4784 1101, giving him your bank details so he can return your payment electronically. If you are happy to leave the payment in our WFGC bank account, it can be used as payment for membership for next year or part payment towards the Christmas Lunch. We have rebooked at Mountain Heritage and hopefully we will be able to hold the function in December.

Carol



### LIBRARY NEWS

Something to look forward to; a new DVD – *Costa's Garden Odyssey* – 2 CDs of the SBS series. Episodes feature information on water management, permaculture, community gardens, bio-dynamics, composting and lots more. Look out for Katoomba Community Garden and some familiar faces in the episode showcasing the Plant Collectors' Fair when it was still at Bilpin!

Merilyn

### GCA READINGS

You can find these interesting readings in the Garden Tips section of our club website, on the [GCA Readings](#) page. Topics are listed under March 2020...*How the first trees grew so tall with hollow cores, How trees communicate via a Wood Wide Web and Urban owls are losing their homes so we're 3D printing them new ones.*

Gai & Sed



### WELFARE.

Please continue to contact Lea on 4784 1101 for Welfare matters. There are no welfare matters to report this month.



The Collectors' Plant Fair has been cancelled.

BUT

Collectors Plant Marketplace

is now open ONLINE at

<https://www.collectorsplantmarketplace.com/>

OPEN NOW until Midnight April 14<sup>th</sup>.

**Stay Safe. Stay Healthy. Stay Home.**

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