

# 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.....

As your new President, I can't wait till meetings begin in 2021. It has certainly been a challenge over the past several months, and thankfully we've survived and can meet in friendship and camaraderie, as the COVID crisis seems to be abating. It was such a bonus to work in the garden over the lockdown, but it can't replace the pleasure of meeting as a group.

During the monthly lack of General Meetings, behind the scenes the Committee has worked tirelessly to keep the club viable and, as I take over as President, all pending issues have been resolved and I feel assured of a free and easy move into office. Let's look forward to 2021 with optimism in the knowledge that we'll have lots to talk about, gardening tips to share and plenty of "green" thumbs up, as we take advantage of the warmer weather and seasonal change in the garden. Aren't the bulbs beautiful; so many of them and such a variety. I love tulips and have a nice display.

*Janice Light*

### Member Garden Questions

Do you have a gardening question that could be solved by one of the club's other gardeners? Send your questions to [wentworthfallsgardenclub@gmail.com](mailto:wentworthfallsgardenclub@gmail.com) and the question will be put on our Garden Tips > Member Questions page. Please have a look at the posted questions and, if you have an answer, send it to [wentworthfallsgardenclub@gmail.com](mailto:wentworthfallsgardenclub@gmail.com) as well.



### Membership Renewal Now Due

Special COVID-19 rate of ONLY \$10.00

Payments can be deposited to the Wentworth Falls Garden Club Account online or at any bank:

BSB: 062-559

Acct: 28003852.

Ensure your **name** is included as identification. Cheques should be made payable to Wentworth Falls Garden Club and deposited at any bank or posted to the address in the email. Badges will be held until we next meet.

### Treasurer's Report Summary September 2020

Available Funds at 1st Sept.	\$4,212.81
plus Monthly Income	\$421.29
minus Monthly Expenditure	\$397.21
Available Funds at 30th Sept.	\$4,236.89

The full reports are available [here](#)

### WELFARE.

Thinking of you card sent to Sed Mayne following successful cataract surgery.

**Lea**

Please continue to contact Lea on 4784 1101 for welfare matters.

**The  
2021 Collectors' Plant  
Fair  
will be held on  
10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> April 2021.**

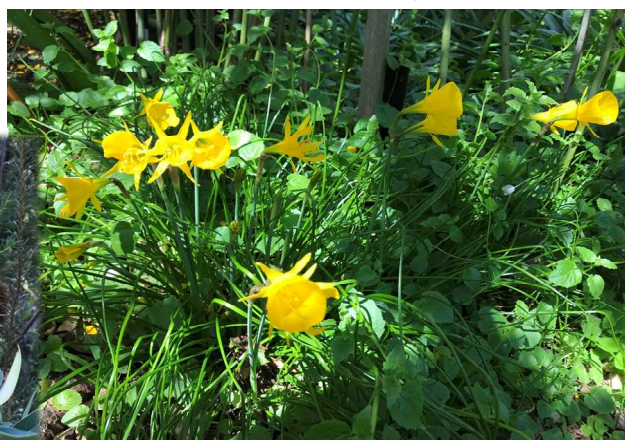


## Merilyn's Garden

It's mid-Spring and while very few of us will ever forget 2020 as being the year of the COVID-19 pandemic and its consequences, it's hard not to be optimistic when surrounded by all the new life and colour that Spring always brings. And, of course, not all of those pandemic consequences were entirely detrimental. One happy consequence, at least for me, especially during the lockdown period, was that I was able to spend more time in my garden without any sense of guilt that I should be doing other things – utter bliss! I love my garden. While it could never compete in beauty and excellence with the wonderful gardens we see in the garden festival, it is always such a pleasure to stroll through it each day (weather permitting), even though it means having to face all the things that need to be done – weeding, dead-heading, pruning, fertilising, mulching etc., etc. – it's endless! But suddenly I will notice something emerging from the soil that I had completely forgotten about, or those buds that seem to have been buds for so long, finally become flowers, or lovely new growth manages to transform a previously very sad-looking plant. I love all the surprises my garden constantly gifts to me.

When we came here almost eight years ago there was a well-established garden with nicely laid out beds and gravel paths between them. I waited for a year to see what each season was going to produce and then I let loose! The result is that I now have an area at the front where I have planted a variety of natives, and at this time of year the native mint bush is like a purple cloud and the waratahs, both red and white, are always impressive. Most of the bulbs have finished but some tulips are hanging on and the petite hooped petticoat daffodils and bluebells are also still giving much pleasure. The ephemeral beauty of the weeping cherries has been blown away – such a shame that this time of year seems to be when we get a lot of wind so the blossoms last such a short time before they become confetti on the ground. The Japanese rose (Kerria japonica) has been glorious – such a strong yellow – it lights up the whole garden. Now it's time for the azaleas and rhododendrons to take over, and the irises are coming out too. Clematis, cornflowers, poppies, foxgloves, lupins and delphiniums are growing and budding up and will become the next highlight in my ever-changing, cherished garden – it has brought so much pleasure in an awful year.

*Merilyn Shields*



You can see these pictures and more on the [Gallery page](#) on the Club's website.



**Merino Magic orders being taken NOW. Call Henry. See details in email.**



### **Club Information**

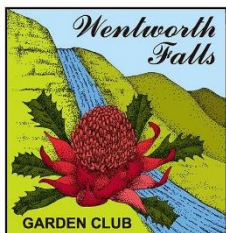
**Wentworth Falls Garden Club contact details:**

Email: [wentworthfallsgardenclub@gmail.com](mailto:wentworthfallsgardenclub@gmail.com)

Website: [www.wentworthfallsgardenclub.com](http://www.wentworthfallsgardenclub.com)

**For Club Welfare Matters**, please contact Lea Nelson  
Ph 4784 1101 or email [leanelson@ozemail.com.au](mailto:leanelson@ozemail.com.au)

**But wait! There's more – see over**



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## Christmas Lunch

**Thursday, 10<sup>th</sup> December 2020, 12:00 -2:00pm**



Jamison Views Restaurant,  
Mountain Heritage Hotel,  
Cnr Apex and Lovel St. Katoomba NSW 2780.  
Plenty of parking available.

A booking has been made for 50 people.

**Get together with your Garden Club friends! Say Goodbye to 2020!**

**Cost per person is \$60 for a two-course meal.**

**The cost is the same for members and guests this year.**

**An additional \$10 will buy you a voucher for a glass of wine or beer.**

The voucher will be issued on arrival. This system eliminates a long wait at the bar.

Soft drinks may be purchased individually.

### Main Course

Medley of roasted, maple glazed ham, succulent pork, and turkey  
on herb roasted vegetables with Cumberland sauce

### Dessert

Traditional Christmas pudding topped with brandy anglaise  
and fine vanilla ice cream

Freshly brewed tea and coffee

**Bookings are open to current 2020-2021 Garden Club members.**

Please phone Carol Conway at the number on the accompanying email to book your place and state any dietary requirements. One guest per member may be booked, if numbers allow.

Christmas Lunch payments should be made by Direct Deposit online or by cheque or cash at any bank. Club BSB and Account numbers can be found in the Newsletter. Please include your name and 'Xmas Lunch' and phone Henry Nelson at the number provided in the accompanying email if you have any questions regarding payment.

**But wait! There's even more – see next page.**





## Garden Ramble at Janine's

Thursday, 12<sup>th</sup> November

**Session 1 10:30 – 11:30**

**Session 2 11:30 – 12:30**

To avoid overcrowding please phone Carol Conway on the number in the email/letter to register which session you will attend.

**There will be plants, pots and books for sale by gold coin donation.**

**All proceeds will be donated to the Wentworth Falls Garden Club.**

Many thanks go to Peter Shoemark for sharing Janine's garden with us.

The address can be found in the accompanying email/letter.

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Will be at **Blackheath Growers Market**

Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> October 8am-12pm

Potted tall and medium irises for sale – mostly \$12

## **Blackheath Growers Market**

Monthly on the Second Sunday

11<sup>th</sup> October, 8<sup>th</sup> November and 13<sup>th</sup> December

Blackheath Community Centre

Cnr Gardiner St & Great Western Highway

Blackheath

**Stay Safe. Stay Healthy. Distance Yourself.**