



# 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.....

On Thursday 8<sup>th</sup>, the first ramble of my presidency was enjoyed at Geraldine and Peter Sternberg's lovely house and garden in Leura. Although a showery and windy day, the enthusiasm of 19 members who attended the first ramble and 20 members attending the second, was never dampened, and the interaction between members and Geraldine, who generously gave of her time during the rambles, sparked a welcome return to normalcy. This is what WFGC is about; the interaction such events engender between members is so important to our lives, as are our club meetings. Thanks go to those of the Committee who manned tables to sell books, plants and distribute badges and take payments.

I want to commend Carol Conway for her efficient organisation of the morning, no hiccups, and even the sun obliged intermittently during the 2 hours, as we wandered through an interesting layout that I believe took 9 years to bring to its present glory. Geraldine and Peter Sternberg's garden is the topic of the section on page 2, "My Garden".

## Janice Light

### Christmas Lunch 10<sup>th</sup> December

**Only 3 places left.**

Phone Carol by November 20<sup>th</sup> at the latest if you wish to join us.

Arrival time is after 11.45am ready for table service to start at 12.15 pm.

Please allow enough time to sign in on arrival, receive your drink voucher, get your drink from the bar and find a seat before service begins. See you there!

### Cicadas

Did you hear the cicadas, singing in the trees?  
Is it for a mate they sing or gardeners for to please!  
I wish they'd sing in unison or four-part harmony,  
and do they have a conductor 'cause it's very plain to me  
they all start up at once you see and stop togetherly.

Janice



### The GCA 2021 Calendar is now available to order

A sample and the order form are available on the Club's website. Go to the [GCA Notifications page](#).

### MERINO MAGIC

I have a little ditty I'd like to share with you  
It's about Merino Magic or colloquially sheep poo  
It's got a lot of goodness for vegies, flowers and shrubs  
And isn't on the menu for aphids, snails and slugs  
\$6 a bag, 10 kilos all up  
Ring Henry or Lea as the sun comes up  
It's mighty stuff just pure and simple  
Go on I dare you, it won't give you pimples.



### Treasurer's Report Summary October 2020

Opening Balance at 1st Oct.	\$4,236.89
plus Monthly Income	\$3,250.85
minus Monthly Expenditure	\$805.00
Closing Balance at 31st Oct.	\$6,682.74

The full reports are available [here](#)

## Last Orders, Please!

This will be your last chance to order Merino Magic for 2020. Contact Henry. See details in email. The price next year will be \$7 per bag.

## My Garden - AVILA – Geraldine Sternberg

See the [Gallery page](#) to view the pictures while reading.

Welcome to AVILA, a hedge walled garden, accessed by gates. This property, previously named *The Gatehouse*, was renamed to reflect a personal family link to AVILA, Spain.

The streetscape features *Ginkgo biloba* trees, (a very good reason to drive by to view in their autumn splendour), and, standing as sentinels at the gates, Amanogawa Cherry Trees. The driveway, lined with *Camellia sasanqua* “Shishigarshira” on one side and *Elaeagnus ebbingei* “Limelight” on the other, offers a beautiful entry to the garden. On the western boundary the focal point is an original Anduse Pot (c1818) centred between two olive trellises.

This garden is approximately 9 years old. The ironstone used to build the drystone walls was sourced from the Woolworths excavation site in Leura. These walls give the garden structure (and sometimes causes us trouble during an electrical storm as the lightening travels through the ground). Now beautifully mossed over, these walls give a sense of longevity, and an indication of how clean our environment is here in the Mountains. The *Cercis canadensis* “Forest Pansy” and *Acer palmatum* “Trompenberg” stand protectively over the *Podophyllum* “Spotty Dotty” with its wonderful spotty foliage.

The *Cercidiphyllum japonicum* “Pendulum” is a picture to behold in all seasons. Its pendulous branches sway gracefully in the breeze in spring and summer, yet in winter her branches are bare of her heart shaped leaves. The focal point in the front garden is the graceful *Prunus snofozam* “Weeping Cherry” surrounded by Hebe “Dwarf in Pink” and flanked by Buxus Topiary balls from the original Gatehouse garden (c 2000).

This spring, we planted 500 “The Edge” tulips with their large peony shaped white perfumed flowers on medium height stems. The wavy foliage, edged in yellow mellowing to pink tones, is an interesting contrast in the garden. We will leave these to naturalize this season and await nature’s miracle.

The north eastern garden provides a calming walk under the *Acer palmatum* “Full Moon” Camellias and Rhododendrons on one side and white Iceberg roses on the other. The roses enjoy the companionship of bearded iris which are a little slow to flower this year. Clematis is flowering behind the roses and the focal point is the *Acer aureum*, a small maple, slow growing and requiring moist soil and protection from hot winds. The Tree Peony, “Sunrise”, displays glorious blooms on a very new plant this season; its soft shades and ever-changing colour bode well for the seasons ahead. A bonus is that this tree peony does not appear to be burdened by the “odour” of the others.

*Geraldine*



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

### Club Information

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### WELFARE.

We sent a get-well card to Di Jones.

Lea      Contact details ➔

**Stay Safe. Stay Healthy. Look After Yourself.**