



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

*A message from the President.....*

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Christmas has come and gone, and it seems for now, the rain has come ~~and gone~~ (Editor: No it hasn't), but I'm sure I speak for all gardeners when I say the weeds have come but haven't gone so it's knee pads and gloves for the battle to rid the garden of unwanted growth. I'm amazed how the rain spurs the growth of the lawn, shrubs, weeds and trees giving us much to do before autumn sees a totally new outlook in the Blue Mountains.

As 2021 came to an end, those who attended the Random Rambles in November, were not disappointed with The Toddler, The Adolescent and The Mature all resplendent in early summer glory. As a bonus, speaker, Rowe Morrow, gave an insight into Permaculture and how we can incorporate some of its principles into our own garden. Everyone was pleasantly surprised at her quiet devotion to the ongoing problem of climate change and how we as gardeners might make some changes for the good. We hope to meet her again in 2022.

We finished 2021 with a delightful Christmas lunch at Katoomba RSL. Everyone seemed very happy with the food, the service, the ambiance of the club and particularly that we could meet as a group in a spontaneous and friendly social gathering without too many mandatory rules and regulations due to COVID. Each person's lunch was subsidised to the value of \$5.00 as the Committee felt the lack of meetings for the year warranted something special. The RSL worked hard to ensure the day went off without a hitch and I think the 62 who attended were happy with the results.

The Committee is working hard to organise group gatherings with the health and well-being of the membership upper most for consideration. It is our fervent hope that there will be minimal disruption to general meetings in 2022, but should it be deemed risky to meet as a group, substitute social events are being considered to ensure the club remains active.

*Janice Light*

Happy  
New  
Year  
Goodbye  
2021  
Welcome  
2022



## *The Wow Factor of Hydrangeas*

*There's something delightfully old-fashioned about hydrangeas, and they are a useful shrub for shady spots in the garden. The colour trick is either lime for pink flowers, or aluminium sulphate (called blueing tonic) for purple and blue flowers. Start the above feeding in autumn, then until buds have formed in early summer.*



While researching (actually, just searching) looking down the list of links, guess what? There was an entry from the Wentworth Falls Garden Club about aquatic plants for the Blue Mountains and this led me to look again at the resource we have in our own web site.

Our Q+A page has lots of FAQs about gardening: <https://www.wentworthfallsgardenclub.com/q-and-a.html>

With all the rain and warmth around now, our gardens are producing lots of weeds! Have a look: <https://www.wentworthfallsgardenclub.com/priority-weed-list.html>

While it is very wet now, we all know that drought is just around a corner. One of our best defenses against drying soils is groundcover and now is the time to get them started. Here is an article by Janice Light: <https://www.wentworthfallsgardenclub.com/ground-covers.html>

There are lots more detailed articles on our web site to help you in your garden.

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## **WELFARE.**

Condolences to daughter and family of Eileen Nolan. Farewell to Irene Jenkins moving to Brisbane to be with son.

If you know of anyone who is unwell, please contact **Lea** Contact details ➔

## *A Couple of Gardening Tips*

- *Install a birdbath or place a bowl of water near shrubs for birds to bathe in a drink.*
- *Tip-prune native shrubs that have finished flowering to promote denser lateral growth.*
- *Remove runners from strawberries to focus the plant's energy on producing more fruit.*

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## **MEMBERSHIP**

Welcome to new member: Gregory Metz  
The club now has 103 members.

## **February Meeting**

Remember to be on the lookout for an email around Australia Day with news about the February meeting. Fingers crossed.

## **Treasurer's Summary November - December 2021**

Opening Balance at 1st Nov	\$6,387.54
plus Monthly Income	\$993.46
minus Monthly Expenditure	\$2,687.70
Closing Balance at 31 <sup>st</sup> Dec	\$4,693.30

## **Club Information**

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