



*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.....*

The club got off to a great start for the first general meeting of 2022. It was a lovely sunny day, there was a modest turn out of members and the plant stall was loaded with the results of the big wet we've been experiencing. Instead of a speaker we had a TRIVIA challenge arranged by Carol Conway. The questions covered a variety of plant groups that kept the members debating answers and the winners divided a basket of fresh herbs and the runners up a basket of flowering plants. Thanks go to Carol who organised it with great precision, even down to the last biro, to ensure the whole event went without a hitch, **and it did!** It was great to be back into the swing of things, to meet, greet and chat through masks about anything but COVID.

In the intervening time, a break in the clouds has brought about frenzied activity in the garden- hedge cutting, lawn mowing, weeding, dead heading, re-planting, trimming and shaping the overgrown as we prepare for autumn. So much to be done between the raindrops- however, all I can think about is the "big wet". What good can I find from so much rain to engender a feeling of positivity- well, a quick check of google tells me that rainwater is far more beneficial for plants than tap water because the air is rich in nitrogen, some of which falls to earth during rainfall, causing the excessive growth and lush condition that we gardeners finally cut back to bring about order and structure. Raindrops are also oxygen-rich and this assists with stabilising the saturated soil as root rot can result from too much tap water which doesn't contain enough oxygen and thus may give rise to anaerobic soil conditions. Rain also absorbs carbon dioxide and as this combines with atmospheric minerals the result can be more acidity; as the rain falls it facilitates the release of micro-nutrients such as copper, manganese, iron and zinc, all important components for healthy plants. As we humans need clean air to breathe more freely so do plants, and rain helps the leaves of plants to absorb more carbon dioxide and nutrients for photosynthesis; so, although it's "bring on the rain", please- give us a break, let the flowers bloom, let the children play and let the sun shine so that we may make lots of "hay"!!

*Janice Light*



**Events to look forward to**

When	What	How Much?
Thursday, 7 <sup>th</sup> April 2022	Car trip to Peta Trahar's garden, <i>Woodgreen</i> , Bilpin	\$15.00 per person To be paid at the March Meeting
Wednesday, 20 <sup>th</sup> April 2022	<i>Everglades</i> – Guided Tour and Lunch	NT member \$25, Non NT Member \$35 Payment due March or April Meeting
June 2022	TAFE Lunch	Register expression of interest (\$30)
Wednesday, 14 <sup>th</sup> September 2022	<i>Mayfield Garden</i> Bus Trip	Register expression of interest (approx. \$30)
5 <sup>th</sup> October 2022	Mystery Garden Ramble	Register expression of interest (\$18)

# TODAY'S SPEAKER IS LACHLAN HART –Birches of Leura



Lachlan has many years of experience in the Horticulture Industry having started his career in the Retail Nursery Sector. He has also spent many years in the Landscape Industry and more recently in the Ecological Restoration Industry where he project-managed large-scale Restoration and Revegetation Projects. He is passionate about sustainable living and has studied and practised Permaculture Design. Lachlan's young daughter is also growing up to be a devotee of sustainability and the natural world.

## Dandelions!

Apparently, a great wrong has been done to an altruistic being, albeit a plant, which is striving to remediate our world, well, at least our soil. However, significant research by your editor, seeing a Facebook post the following day, has produced a view that defends the poor dandelion:

<https://www.wentworthfallsgardenclub.com/dandelions.html>

### Next Meeting 14<sup>th</sup> April 2022

#### Guest speaker:

Peta Trahar - Horticulturist and Co-founder of Collectors' Plant Fair will tell us about "Moth", the "Lost David Austin Rose"

#### Hall set-up and pull down:

Vic Tuite - **ALONE! We need TWO volunteers for this job**

#### Morning tea

Done

#### Bring a plate

T.B.A.

### Treasurer's Summary February 2022

Opening Balance at 1st Feb	\$3,995.21
plus Monthly Income	\$337.95
minus Monthly Expenditure	\$110.40
Closing Balance at 28 <sup>th</sup> Feb	\$4,222.76

### 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 \$35. Thereafter, annual subscription is \$25 due in July each year. Payments can be direct debited to Wentworth Falls Garden Club Account: BSB: 062-559 Acct: 28003852.

Ensure your name is included with your remittance.

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### WELFARE.

There are no welfare items to report this month

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