



Wentworth Falls Garden Club Inc.
 Affiliated with The Garden Clubs of Australia 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.....

One of the few fine days we enjoyed last month was spent in the garden surveying the result of the big wet. As I tried to make sense of the amount of growth, I took time to welcome the sun on my back and to remember how much I had missed the pleasure of gardening. However, reality struck when noticing that a bank of 12 port wine magnolias near the nature strip had grown well above the phone and power lines of the house. Several hours later, there was a mountain of refuse to dispose of, and it's still sitting there waiting to be cut and bundled into the required lengths for a BMCC waste service scheduled for May 3. Let's hope there'll be another "fine day" to enjoy the bruises, cuts, dirty nails, sore muscles, and grubby knees that we gardeners proudly display after a job well done. I'm betting I'm not alone in all this!

As President, I recently attended a Garden Clubs of Australia Zone meeting at the Rhododendron Society Hall in Blackheath and the following news might concern or surprise some members. Sadly, the *Herb Group*, that Jaquie Anstis was vitally involved in, has closed for good. **Kurrajong Heights GC** has increased its membership within a very short time from 40 to 108 members with our April speaker, Peta Trahar, now the President. The members have endured a certain amount of flood damage and inconvenience of late but this club continues to offer worthwhile events to maintain momentum. **Central Blue Mountains GC** recently invited chemical engineer Gary Kimble to give a talk on how to deal with green waste. Some of you may already know about the corn-starch bags that allow waste to break down for eventual distribution onto the garden. We are all into composting, using bio-degradable products and phasing out plastic/gladwrap. We all want to make positive changes to help the planet by choosing eco-friendly products and there are quite a few available to assist us- eco-friendly ground composting systems; let's get rid of those plastic pots and use biodegradable peat paper pulp pots instead; no waste organic garden solutions enable us to re-propagate leftover greens, stalks and kitchen scraps like avocado seeds, carrots, and apple cores into viable and edible produce. There's a fun book about it- *No Waste Kitchen Gardening* by Katie Elzer-Peters. Through illustrations followed by explanations she gives an easy, hands-on, step by step description of how to grow scrap food-waste successfully and to get the children involved too...all in the name of sustainable living! Let's give it the thumbs up and inspire others by exchanging views and talking about our progress at general meetings.

Janice Light

Events to look forward to

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

TODAY'S SPEAKER IS PETA TREHAR



Peta Trahar was raised in Tasmania, lived in Mosman in Sydney and now calls *Woodgreen* Angus Stud, at Bilpin, home. Peta is a graduate of Ryde School of Horticulture. Her experience includes working as a landscape lecturer, writer, garden judge and selector for Australia's Open Garden Scheme, now closed. Her career as a landscape designer has given focus to the development of her nursery, *Town and Country Gardens*. Time is now spent propagating and selling her interesting plants. Past memberships include the Australian Institute of Horticulture and the Australian Institute of Landscape Designers and Managers. Peta was the co-founder of the highly successful Collectors' Plant Fair. In 2005, together with Beth Stokes, Peta was awarded NSW Horticulturist of the Year and the National Award of Excellence "for promoting horticulture, particularly the use and conservation of rare and unusual plants through the organisation of the Collectors' Plant Fair."

How sustainable is your garden?

Check it out at: sgaonline.org.au

The website has lots of information about sustainable gardening: tips, workshops and online seminars.

Download the sustainability checklist form and evaluate your own garden [here](#).

Treasurer's Summary March 2022

Opening Balance at 1st Mar	\$4,222.76
plus Monthly Income	\$951.20
minus Monthly Expenditure	\$550.86
Closing Balance at 31 st Mar	\$4,623.10

Next Meeting

12th May 2022

Guest speaker:

Sue Carney, beekeeper, speaking on "Bees: Helping Us, Helping Them – Local and Global Issues".

Hall set-up and pull down:

Blue Phillips and Sed Mayne



WELFARE.

Card sent to Lea after surgery.

(Even Welfare needs occasional welfare. Ed.)

Lea Contact details →

ALL Executive and Committee positions become vacant at the AGM in July 2022. All positions are open for nomination.

If you would like to contribute further to the effective administration of the club, you are invited to nominate for either an Executive or Committee position. The Committee members meet once a month to review and discuss the operation of the club, future functions, speakers, finance and how we can best serve the members of the club. We invite you to consider how you could join the Committee and help your club.

Please see Gai or Henry for a nomination form, or any enquiries.

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 for a 9:45 start 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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