



# 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.....

As we enter the 2<sup>nd</sup> half of 2022 there have been no cancellations of general meetings so far this year, and we can look forward to activities and lectures that are sure to please. The highlight of the July general meeting will be a **Super Morning Tea** provided by the Committee as elected at the AGM, and after, a fabulous lecture on the *Fauna and Flora of Lord Howe Island cloud forests*. We invite you to join us to make this general meeting one to remember as a new start with better things to come.

So, what's been happening since my last message? The rain has returned, that's not hard to miss; the passing of Karen Ives, responsible for hall bookings at BMCC, caused much shock and sorrow for all on the Committee who worked with her; those who attended the TAFE lunch weren't disappointed, and Yulefest Lunch at the Grand View Hotel had good service and excellent fare; finally, the bus is booked, the driver hired for a welcome trip to Mayfield Gardens in September. We also have a Mystery Garden, weather permitting, in October and so much more.

The month of June was such a welcome relief with plenty of sunshine and even though the days were cold, did you manage a few long overdue jobs in the garden? If you did, let Carol know so you can talk about the results in the segment *In My Garden*. Keep the plants coming for the plant stall and if you have any ideas you think worth a visit, the Committee would be pleased to hear. Rambles are always welcome, especially in spring, but we can't have them if we don't have a garden to go to, so please put your hand up and book a ramble before the year ends.

I'll see you in July for the AGM which will be short sharp and to the point. In the meantime, stay warm and dry, out of the wet and watch the tulips popping up all over the place.

*Janice Light*



**ALL Executive and Committee positions become vacant at this meeting. All positions are open for nomination.**

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



📖 **Silent Auction** 📖

There will be a Silent Auction of Library Items at the September meeting.

### Membership Renewal Now Due

**The Annual Subscription of \$25 is now due.**

Payments can be made in cash at the meeting or by direct debit to Wentworth Falls Garden Club Account: BSB: 062-559 Acct: 28003852.

Ensure your **name** is included with your remittance.

## Events to look forward to

When	What	How Much?
Thursday, 15 <sup>th</sup> September 2022	Mayfield Garden Bus Trip	\$35. Payment at July August or September meeting
Wednesday, 5 <sup>th</sup> October 2022	Mystery Garden Ramble with Morning Tea	Register expression of interest (\$18)
Thursday, 8 <sup>th</sup> December 2022	Christmas Lunch	T.B.A.

# Today's Speaker is Dr John Porter



John Porter is a Senior Scientist at the Office of Environment & Heritage and a Research Fellow at the Centre for Ecosystem Science, University of NSW. John has 30 years' experience in investigating plant community ecology in temporary and permanent wetlands and has described several new plant species he discovered. John has extensive experience in landscape scale monitoring of biodiversity including waterbirds and threatened plant communities in Australian rivers and wetlands. He has studied the ecology of threatened species in a range of remote areas from arid wetlands and oceanic islands, including Lord Howe Island. Recently John has been involved in monitoring the impact of introduced rodents on Lord Howe Island and its critically endangered cloud forests. The island's cloud forests support a large number of endemic and endangered plants and animals. John's talk will focus on the ecology of Lord Howe Island and some of the unusual and beautiful plants and animals that occur there. John was raised in the Blue Mountains and is currently a resident of Wentworth Falls.



*Dietes robinsoniana*

Talk Title: *Flora and Fauna of Lord Howe Island cloud forests – a World Heritage Island*

## This Meeting Super Morning Tea



To celebrate the AGM and election of the new Committee, we are

### Putting on the Ritz.

To mark the start of a new Garden Club year, the Committee is providing a special morning tea. There will be cakes, biscuits, treats and savouries on a **lavish scale**. (Well, at least like we used to have.) We invite you to come along and let's get to know each other all over again.

Dress: Warm Casual - Top Hat, Gloves and Cane optional.

Reports from the 2021 AGM are [here](#). There will be a paper copy available. See Gai.

### Treasurer's Summary June 2022

Opening Balance at 1st June	\$4,473.18
plus Monthly Income	\$1,379.10
minus Monthly Expenditure	\$2,068.50
Closing Balance at 30 <sup>th</sup> June	\$3,783.78

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## Next Meeting 11<sup>th</sup> August 2022

**Guest speaker: Peter Hey: Rare Plant Breeder,  
"The symbiotic relationship between plants and fungi"**

### Hall set-up and pull down:

Sed Mayne and Martin Vaughan



## 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 by direct debit to Wentworth Falls Garden Club Account: BSB: 062-559 Acct: 28003852.

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