

Wentworth Falls Garden Club Inc.

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We acknowledge and respect the traditional custodians of this land: the Darug and Gundungurra people.

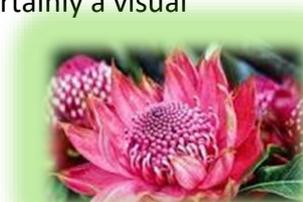
A message from the President.....

I'm not in the least bit interested in sport but I sometimes watch and admire the remarkable efforts of the athletes that compete in international sporting events. Whether they win or lose, each in his/her own way, deserves our respect and applause. Traditionally, all medal winners receive a bouquet of unique native or exotic flowers. Birmingham recently won a gold medal for the tenth year in a row at the Chelsea Flower Show and the city of Birmingham is exploding with colour to welcome the many tourists that have come from over 71 countries to cheer on the athletes at the Commonwealth Games.

I am reminded that Meghan Markle's bridal veil was embroidered with 56 native flowers representing countries of the Commonwealth. Flowers bring enormous joy to our lives; they mark birthdays, anniversaries, weddings, Valentine's Day and Mother's Day, and of course funerals, and are very much a part of our daily lives, as we tend our own garden. With spring just around the corner, only one month to go, we await the explosion of colour we have come to expect at various spring festivals and open garden events, and, more importantly, our own garden. Whether it be the humble daisy or exotic orchid, the pansy or magnificent camellia, flowers are always a welcome sight and a symbol of love and appreciation.

We start the new financial year at the August General Meeting, and I invite members to bring a flower to each meeting. Not a bunch, just one flower and place it on the morning tea table/events table/official table or front of the stage to brighten the proceedings. As a garden club, shrubs and flowers, veges and trees - some with spectacular foliage, are what we are all about. I'm looking forward to my last year as President and working with our amazing Committee that quietly manages the affairs of the club and keeps it ticking over. The flowers you bring to the meeting may well become a talking point, most certainly a visual enjoyment, and indeed engender a good measure of enjoyment for us all.

See you at the August General Meeting with a flower.



Janice Light



📖 Silent Auction 📖

There will be a Silent Auction of Library items next month at the September meeting. Remember to bring CASH to enable you to secure the items that you want. **Please bring any gardening books that you want to donate to the auction to the August meeting.**

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.

If you joined since January, you do not need to renew until next year.

Events to look forward to

| When | What | How Much? |
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| Thursday, 15 th September 2022 | Mayfield Garden Bus Trip | \$35. Payment at August or September meeting |
| Wednesday, 5 th October 2022 | Mystery Garden Ramble with Morning Tea | \$18. Payment at August or September meeting |
| Thursday, 8 th December 2022 | Christmas Lunch | T.B.A. |

Today's Speaker is Peter Hey



Peter and his wife Margaret began breeding rare plants in 1986 when they purchased a property on the mid-north coast of NSW with the view to developing a tea tree oil enterprise. Much of the work extracting oil from *melaleuca alternifolia* was based on selecting and hybridising better and better bushes to improve the yield and quality of the oil. That's where the fire for breeding was established.



Clivia "Peter Hey"

Peter's talk today will be on the symbiotic relationship between plants and fungi.



Bring a Single Flower to the meeting



Special limited supply of Merino Magic - orders being taken NOW. Call Henry. See details in email.

Next Meeting 8th September 2022

Guest speaker: Brenda Lyon, Daffodil Aficionado
– All about Daffodils

Hall set-up and pull down:
Grant Clarke and Marjorie Gunasekara

Morning Tea – Bring a plate

Sweet: Tricia Miskovic
Savoury: Marjorie Gunasekara
Gluten Free/
Fruit: No volunteer



Treasurer's Summary July 2022

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| Opening Balance at 1st June | \$3,783.78 |
| plus Monthly Income | \$2,359.57 |
| minus Monthly Expenditure | \$734.37 |
| Closing Balance at 30 th June | \$5,408.98 |

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Cards sent to Kerry Lee and Barbara Wakefield

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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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