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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 a group we are fortunate to have access to great speakers from all sections of the gardening world. One of my favourites was August speaker Peter Hey, 'Symbiotic Relations- Plants and Fungi'. During his lecture he recommended the book "*Entangled Life*" by Merlin Sheldrake. It's in WFGC library and makes utterly fascinating reading. Who would have thought that humble fungi have been serving us for millions of years and has a relationship with plants where it colonises the root system of host plants and provides the plant with nutrients while the host provides the fungi with carbohydrates and phosphorus. King Charles III was thought strange when he revealed he talks to his plants and they respond. It seems he is not alone in this. *New Scientist* magazine August 2022 has an article, "*The inner mind of plants*" in which plants respond to certain outside stimuli in much the same way as a conscious individual might respond. There is much to ponder in the natural world especially with plants that seem to operate in ways that we humans find strange and unbelievable. Have you had a plant that seems to sulk, or one that thrives where it shouldn't, or a climbing plant that finds support metres from its root system? This article asks us to ".....slow down and get closer to a plant's different timescales." Slime moulds, mentioned in "*Entangled Life*", certainly give the impression there is more to the life of plants and fungi than we mortals realise.

Time is running out to register your interest in the Christmas Lunch, December 8th at Katoomba RSL. November General Meeting is the final date for cash payments. I hope you'll join us and make this a really joyous occasion. There'll be other activities between courses, so do come along and help bring 2022 to a festive end.

See you at the November GM along with a flower from your garden.



Janice Light



Bring a single flower to the meeting



Queen of the Night Watercolour by Sylvia Beresford

Raffle \$5.00 per ticket or 3 for \$10

Raffle drawn at the Christmas Lunch

See Ronah at the Events Desk

Treasurer's Summary October 2022

Opening Balance at 1st Oct	\$6,442.32
plus Monthly Income	\$2,226.23
minus Monthly Expenditure	\$300.00
Closing Balance at 31 st Oct	\$8,365.55

Events to look forward to

When	What	How Much?
Thursday, 8th December 2022	Christmas Lunch at Katoomba RSL 12:00 Noon	\$50 each. Book Now!

Today's Speaker is Peta Trahar



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. Her garden is a wide collection of unusual plants displayed with an eye to colour and texture. The garden has featured on ABC's *Gardening Australia* and Channel Seven's *Better Homes and Gardens* as well as in several gardening magazines. They include *Your Gardens*, *Better Homes and Gardens*, *The Garden Clinic Magazine* and the *ABC Garden Magazine*.

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."

Peta is currently president of the Kurrajong Heights Garden Club.

Next Meeting 12th January 2023

Guest speaker: Barbara Cooper and Norma & Andrew Price will tell us "All About Fuchsias"

Hall set-up: Peter Shoemark, Kevin Craze

Pull down: Grant Clarke

Morning Tea – bring a plate
Sylvia Beresford
Dorothy Davis
Barbara Fox
Plates should be ready to serve

Today, Peta will tell us about "Moth", the lost David Austin rose.



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, events and rambles. To take part in club events and rambles 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 9.45am 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.

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

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