



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 look out the window and see the sun shining, but it's raining quite heavily - maybe the joys of climate change - but at least the plants are being watered and, at the same time, getting a dose of sunshine. It's such a sight to see so many flowering native plants, especially the bottle brush with its brilliant colours and a promise of warmer weather. During the Christmas break, I visited my well-read horticulturalist brother who lives in Bayview on the northern beaches and he suggested I get some Mollis Azaleas as they much prefer the cool climate of the mountains. I assured him there would be many WFGC members who have them as they're quite spectacular and prolific flowering plants.

It's such a relief that in 2023, we can finally meet without disruption; Carol Conway can plan speakers for the next few months without the threat of cancellation and the Committee can plan ahead with determination. We've been promised a serious upgrade to the hall, with the installation of new seating, lighting and visual equipment within the next 12 months.

Fran Craze was thrilled to win the raffle "Queen of the Night", the painting of a single tulip by Sylvia Beresford which was drawn at the Christmas lunch. Although there were a few aspects of the Christmas lunch at the RSL that left us puzzled, I think in spite of such those who attended, 52 in all, had a good time, especially debating the answers to the cartoon characters and TV shows that were part of the proceedings between courses. We'll possibly aim for another venue next year so if you have any thoughts on where, please let one of the committee members know, however, the venue must be able to cater for approximately 60 diners.

I hope your festive activities were creative and brought much pleasure when meeting up with friends and family and you start the New Year with a resolution not too difficult to sustain. Our first meeting for 2023 is January 12, I hope to see you there. Don't you just love the Mollis Azaleas pictured here?

Janice Light



Happy New Year
*Wishing us all a
happy and healthy 2023*

Today's Speakers, Barbara Cooper and Norma & Andrew Price will tell us all about Fuchsias

Barbara Cooper is a former librarian at Penrith City Library and is the founder of Fuchsia Fanciers, Australia. She loves fuchsias; both growing them and collecting fuchsia items: china, craft and much more. Barbara also collects dolls mostly celluloid, cottages and children's books in particular.

Norma and Andrew Price moved to Hazelbrook in 2010 from Penrith and before that were farming out near Cowra. They have always been interested in gardening and everywhere they have lived they have always had a love of establishing a garden alongside the chooks. Their gardens have always had a "built" component, including aviaries, chook sheds of various sizes and designs, greenhouses, and shade houses. *Tarraleah* is an example of what happens when they stay somewhere for more than 10 years. There is their chook shed with its rooftop garden, covered orchards (cockatoos, bower birds and such other culprits love eating fruit and tulips), and more recently they erected a greenhouse, a fuchsia rotunda/shade house and another shade house, and started an olive grove. There wasn't a major plan – it just evolved. Lawn areas were replaced by the garden. The back hill was divided in half – Norma has her flowers etc. on one side and Andrew has the orchard and chook areas on the other. They love tulips, daffodils and fuchsias (of which they have about 150) and many other plants. Andrew also loves growing fruit to make jam which he sells.

They have also been associated with the Mid Mountains Open Gardens Festival since 2014 and love opening their gardens for people to enjoy whatever is in flower at the time and get some ideas on how to cope with the mountains, cockatoos and slopes.



Next Meeting **9th February 2023**

Guest speaker: John Parsonage, BMGCA Zone Coordinator, "China! Not what you think"

Hall set-up: --

Unknown!

Pull down: --

Morning Tea – bring a plate

Carol Conway
Marg Kennedy
Jocelyn Dorrrough

Plates should be ready to serve

The Treasurer's Report will be delivered at the meeting as usual.

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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WELFARE

We did not have any welfare notifications over the holiday period.

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