



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.....

It's been a mixed bag weather-wise since our general meeting in February. I hope you've been able to keep your garden in order between the wet, sometimes cold, and fine sometimes very hot days. My tomatoes are not sure what's going on, but they press on regardless and it looks like a generous crop will be my reward. We can't control the weather and changing seasons that seem to confuse the plants so lovingly tended all year round, but we can make the most of the sunny days and enjoy exchange of ideas during general meetings. Do you have a story to tell about a strange happening in your garden that you can't explain? I have a cordyline that for about 6 years remained small and withered but has suddenly sprung to life and looks quite beautiful with strong vigorous multi-coloured leaves.

I'm looking forward to what's happening this year regarding Events and Rambles. A sub-committee of members from the Committee are preparing bus trips and other excursions; I have no doubt whatever is offered will be well received and places filled in no time. You'll hear all about it at the March meeting. Further, if you would like to participate in the "In my garden" segment at a general meeting do speak to Carol who can fill you in on what's needed. Also, we all have a common interest in the management and care, upkeep and many problems that occur in the garden. Have you come across some unusual pests you've never seen before that have taken up residence on some of your plants? I took a photo of something that had appeared all over one of my native bushes. I showed it to a couple of professional nurserymen and, shaking their heads, the only answer was "probably" woolly aphids; other than that, it stumped them. Nasty looking things like spitfire sawfly that, if disturbed, eject a yellowy-green, eucalyptus smelling liquid, have taken up residence and massacred a bottle brush. I was assured the tree will survive but am wondering where the pests have gone. I suppose I'll soon know by the state of another shrub somewhere else in the garden.

We meet again on March 9th. I won't be there but it will be a meeting in the usual exuberant style with much planned by the Committee to keep everyone engaged. Deb Wells is the speaker, with an update on disaster recovery of The Campbell Rhododendron Gardens at Blackheath. I hope it's a sunny day to add to the pleasure.

Enjoy the March general meeting and I'll see you in April.

Janice Light

A big "Thank You!" to all our volunteers! You make our club something for us all to enjoy!



Events to look forward to

| When | What | How Much? |
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| Saturday, 15 th April, 2023 | Bus trip to Collectors' Plant Fair | \$40 pp. Book and pay at the meeting. |
| Thursday, 4 th May, 2023 | Bus trip to Nooroo and Wildwood Gardens | \$60 pp. Book and pay at the meeting. |

Today's Speaker is Deb Wells, Vice President of the Blue Mountains Rhododendron Society

Deb's life was spent in Musical Theatre with short bursts in pharmacy between shows. After retiring from the stage, she taught singing and drama voice skills and, with a theatre colleague, created the company Powerhouse Presentations working in the corporate world.

Deb moved to Blackheath in 2010 and joined BMRS a year later. Since joining the committee in 2013, she has taken on the roles of Kitchen Manager (for Welcome Weeks), Marketing Manager, Vice President and President.

Deb says, "The most enjoyable job I do for the Campbell Rhododendron Gardens is talking about it and that I can do for days...so be ready to stop me when needed".

Deb will tell us of the disaster recovery at the Campbell Rhododendron Gardens in Blackheath

ALL Executive and Committee positions become vacant at the AGM in July 2023. All positions are open for nomination.

This year, Janice is stepping down as President as required by the Club's constitution and will be leaving the committee. Also, Ronah is not standing for re-election to the committee.

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

Please see Gai for a nomination form or any enquiries.

April General Meeting 13th April 2023

Guest speaker: Bianca Boman, Product Manager
Mr Fothergill's Seeds: Bulbs and Seeds to plant in Autumn

Hall set-up: Vic Tuite
Daniel Murphy

Pull down: Vic Tuite
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Morning Tea – bring a plate.

Irma Mahling
Annabelle Fraser
Carol Conway

Plates should be ready to serve.

Treasurer's Summary February 2023

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| Opening Balance at 1 st Feb | \$5,994.63 |
| plus Monthly Income | \$460.08 |
| minus Monthly Expenditure | \$1,138.00 |
| Closing Balance at 28 th Feb | \$5,316.71 |

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

No welfare items this month

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