



Wentworth Falls Garden Club Inc.
Affiliated with The Garden Clubs of Australia 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.....

Many thanks to Duncan who so willingly took my place at the general meeting in March. We've enjoyed real gardening weather this past month and with autumn on the way, it's so much easier to get jobs done as we look forward to a break during the winter months. Members who would like to go to the **Collectors' Plant Fair** should make intentions known as there are only a few places left. Do remember to wear your badge and give details of emergency contact numbers. There will be a plethora of climbing plants at the Collectors' Plant Fair, certainly worth a visit. Nooroo and Wildwood bus trip is fully booked.

Wentworth Falls Garden Club is a member of the Blue Mountains Zone of Garden Clubs of Australia (GCA). GCA is a vibrant organisation with over 760 clubs from all over Australia. BM zone has approximately 13 clubs and meets 3 times a year to discuss problems relating to the Blue Mountains area. The last meeting in March discussed some of the issues clubs are facing and one such major issue brought up several times in zone meetings, is filling positions on the committee. Indeed a few of the clubs were in danger of closing down due to a lack of interest in the role of the presidency and no club is permitted to function without a President. WFGC has been very fortunate in that several present Committee members have been serving in their respective roles for several years, but of course, this won't be the case forever. To that end, WFGC is now in need of a person willing to take over the technical set-up each month. There will be plenty of help with guidance through the tasks, and a detailed sheet is provided showing step-by-step instructions. It's also worth noting, that the BMCC has the funds to upgrade all the technical items in the School of Arts hall to bring the theatre into the 21st Century. This will make the job much more user friendly. If you have any interest or skills in this area, I urge you to please step up.

Finally, the Blue Mountains Zone is discussing the possibility of a joint venture to bring the zone together socially and to draw attention to members on ecological matters and various concerns that have come to light since COVID, to endeavour to actively engage the clubs in joint activities rather than working in isolation. This is in its infancy now, but I'm hopeful something tangible will emerge from discussions before my tenure as President is over in July.

Enjoy the bus trips that have been so carefully organised, enjoy the end of summer and the beauty of autumn. I hope you enjoyed the book initiative, but please, in future, only contribute two or three books.

See you at the next general meeting on 13th April.

Janice Light

Events to look forward to

When	What	How Much?
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. Fully Booked

Today's Speaker is Bianca Boman, Product Manager at Mr. Fothergill's Seeds



Bianca is the Product Manager at Mr. Fothergill's. Growing up in the Blue Mountains, she always had an interest in nature. Often found wandering off into the bush, following creek lines or looking at insects, her interest in flora and fauna only grew. She studied business and marketing at Western Sydney University, aiming to work in the conservation sector, however Bianca found herself continually attracted to roles within the gardening industry. Throughout her career, she has worked for a leading production nursery, a plant breeding and research facility and now a national seed, bulb and gardening products supplier.

Bianca deeply values making the world a greener place and loves seeing the flowers, fruit and vegies grown in customers' gardens. She loves sharing gardening knowledge so that all gardeners, from beginners to experts, can experience the joy of growing their own at home.

Bianca will tell us about which bulbs and seeds to plant in Autumn.

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.

May General Meeting 11th May 2023



Guest speaker: Lis Bastian - Blue Mountains
Planetary Health Initiative

Hall set-up: Blue Phillips
Greg Carty

Pull down: Blue Phillips
Greg Carty

Morning Tea – bring a plate.

Sharon Phillips
Fran Craze
Marjorie Gunasekara

Plates should be ready to serve.

Treasurer's Summary March 2023

Opening Balance at 1 st Feb	\$5,316.71
plus Monthly Income	\$2,131.38
minus Monthly Expenditure	\$729.00
Closing Balance at 28 th Feb	\$6,719.09

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 the 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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