



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.....

This is my last message after 3 years as President. Next month I'm sure you'll enjoy a new message and encourage the friendly face at the mic that will bring a new perspective in the months to come. I've enjoyed my time and especially writing for the Newsletter and do hope the messages have stirred your thoughts and given a moment to muse over all things garden related. I can't say I've done much in the garden lately to justify the lovely sunny days, but I have enjoyed watching the bird life (not the cockatoos) and have resolved to plant more flowering native plants such as Callistemon, Leptospermum scoparium, Hardenbergia, 'Happy Wanderer', and Grevillea robusta (Silky Oak), to encourage these brightly coloured visitors.

For all who have a vegetable patch, it's time to plant broccoli, cauliflower, cabbage and brussels sprouts, all members of the brassica family. And if you have some left over, do bring them in for the plant stall. To deter the white moth that will demolish your wonderful efforts try pyrethrum spray or cover with netting. I have a Myer lemon tree which is in a pot that I bought from one of our speakers last year. This is a hybrid fruit tree, brought to the US in the early 1900s by explorer Frank Myer. It is self-pollinating, the fruit is smaller, rounder and sweeter and looks great with fragrant white blossoms and dark shiny leaves before the fruit appears, which is rather slow taking anything up to 4 years in some cases, but they are worth the effort. In these tough times, it's good to supply your own produce and there's nothing like eating your own tomatoes and veggies, fruit and herbs. I had a brother-in-law who grew everything he could, and I told him about my lovely flowers, he looked aghast and said, "You can't eat flowers!" I think he was trying to tell me something, and I think I have finally woken up.

I'll say cheerio, stay warm, enjoy the sunny days, but most of all keep the garden healthy and vigorous. See you at the AGM in July.

Janice Light



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?
Friday, 8:00 am 27 th October, 2023	Parramatta Historical Tour	T.B.A.
Thursday, 8:30 am 16 th November, 2023	Australian Botanic Garden Mt. Annan Plant Bank	T.B.A.
Thursday, 12:00 noon 14 th December, 2023	Christmas Lunch, Palais Royale, Katoomba	T.B.A.

Today's Speaker is Garry Kimble, MBA, BSc., (Retired)

Garry has had over sixty years experience in technical and management roles in manufacturing companies, government agencies, and professional and business services providers before he retired fully in October 2017.

Garry's last full time job was as a Project Coordinator for Health and Safety Products in the Product Certification Group of SAI Global Ltd (formerly QAS Pty Ltd and part of Standards Australia). In that role he assessed companies for compliance against a number of product standards including potting mixes, soils for landscape and garden use, composts, soil conditioners and mulches.

From 2005 to 2017 he provided assistance, on a part time basis, to the compost industry, assisting in establishing Compost Australia as a viable industry organisation, and then as NSW Secretary of the Australian Organics Recycling Association Ltd (successor to Compost Australia). He was on the Standards Australia Committee CS-037 which revised AS4454 – composts, soil conditioners and mulches in 2013 and AS4419 – soils for landscape and garden use in 2017

Garry will tell us what happens to the stuff in our green bin!

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

This year, Janice is stepping down as president as required by the club's constitution. Ronah and Marilyn are not standing for re-election to the Committee.



We must have a President for the club to exist. We need club members to manage the library and arrange for speakers at our meetings. Someone arranges the morning tea at every meeting. Someone needs to arrange for members to talk about their gardens or a garden they have visited. Someone needs to manage membership, and someone must produce this newsletter. We can't operate without a secretary or a treasurer. Someone must set up the projector, screen, computer, and sound system at each meeting.

You expect all these things to happen, and they do, but they need someone to do them. ***Maybe, this year, that someone is you!***

The club needs members to join our committee to contribute further to the effective operation of the club; you are invited to nominate for either an Executive or Committee position.

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.

August General Meeting

10th August 2023

Guest speaker: Paul Dipuglia Neutrog Customer Relations Manager SA and NSW

Hall set-up: Daniel Murphy
Martin Vaughan

Pull down: Daniel Murphy
Martin Vaughan

Morning Tea – bring a plate.

Gwen Day
Liz McCowage
Tricia Miskovic

Plates should be ready to serve.

Club Information

All members and visitors are asked to sign in upon arrival. Members should 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 9.30 am for a 9.45 am start and finish around noon. The library and the plant stall are open before the meeting and at morning tea. \$5 entry fee.

The joining fee is \$35. Thereafter, an **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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