



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.....

Our winter has now become more like spring. This time last year, I was having drainage installed while being almost flooded. Now I am out with a hose on my dry and warm garden.

I will start with an update on the events we have now locked into the runup to the end of year.

- 27 October 2023 - Parramatta Tour taking in Experiment Farm, Hambledon Cottage & Elizabeth Farm. The cost of the tour includes entry fees, morning tea, lunch & tour guides including our own
- 16 November 2023 Australian Botanic Gardens Mount Annan Plant Bank Tour
- 14 December 2023 end of year lunch at The Palais Royale in Katoomba

Reluctantly the TAFE lunch has been cancelled. TAFE has not been able to provide a suitable date. We will look to reschedule the TAFE lunch in the new year.

We are starting work on our 2024 tours & functions & would welcome suggestions from members. Your committee is also exploring other options for events that will involve our own members telling us about any personal experiences or items with a gardening connection for show & tell spots, such as special plants, unusual tools, books, pots or experiences. Unsuccessful or glorious failures are most welcome. Also, we are thinking to run spots on garden tool maintenance, repair or rejuvenation or sharpening. Odd ball tools will be most welcome.

For the first time I am thinking of showing my garden in a ramble. I suspect like many I have held back because my garden was not ready or good enough. Things had still to be done & to be honest things will never be all done. No matter how many tasks you get through in gardening & life, the supply of incoming tasks is effectively infinite. So, if you are like me, please consider putting your garden up for a club visit. The committee is more than happy to take you through the process.

Looking forward to seeing you at our August meeting.

Duncan Leys

**GCA 2024
 Calendars
 \$10.00**



Events to look forward to

When	What	How Much?
Friday, 8:00 am 27 th October, 2023	Parramatta Historical Tour	\$80.00 per person. Includes bus, morning tea, lunch & guided tours
Thursday, 8:30 am 16 th November, 2023	Australian Botanic Gardens Mt. Annan Plant Bank	\$30.00 per person. Includes bus and entrance to plant bank. Lunch at own expense
Thursday, 12:00 noon 14 th December, 2023	End of Year Lunch, Palais Royale, Katoomba	\$70.00 per person.

Today's Speaker is Paul Dipuglia Neutrog Customer Relationship Manager / SA & NSW

Paul Dipuglia has been working with Neutrog since 2009 and during that time has become an integral part of the Customer Relationship team.

Paul's role involves him being out on the road most weeks as he meets with retail stores such as Bunnings, Mitre 10 and specialist garden centres, and conducts staff trainings.

Another key part of Paul's role is with garden clubs and plant societies who stretch from the east coast of New South Wales all the way back to Ceduna in SA. Paul visits these groups to talk about Neutrog, the research and development projects that are underway, and the individual attributes of the products that Neutrog produce.

It's through day-to-day contact with retailers and these talks with passionate gardeners across a range of varieties and applications, that Paul has developed an in depth understanding of why Neutrog products are distinctly unique to their competition.

Paul not only sells the Neutrog products, he also uses them as he is a keen gardener and self-confessed 'lawn tragic'. Paul's passion is his lawn and he has been crowned at Neutrog as 'Lord of the turf' I'm sure if you ask him, he will show you some pictures of his lawn!

Paul will give us a brief history of the Neutrog company, the manufacturing process, the benefits of year-round fertilising and the associated products and applications.



📖 Silent Auction 📖

There will be a Silent Auction of excess Library items at the Auctober meeting. Remember to bring CASH to enable you to secure the items that you want. **Please bring any gardening books that you want to donate to the auction to the September meeting.**

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 this time next year.

September General Meeting 14th September 2023

Guest speakers: Volunteers from the Katoomba Wild Plant Rescue Team will tell us about native plants to attract insects and birds.

**Hall set-up: Peter Shoemark
Kevin Craze**

Pull down: Sandie Cleaver

**Morning Tea – bring a plate.
Gai Horrocks
Carol Conway
Barbara Fox**

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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