



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.....

A letter to garden lovers ...

Thank you to all who visited my garden last month. It proved to be a painless exercise & I appreciated the positive comments. I know my garden is special to me & I was pleased to see others appreciate it too.

As I said all along my garden was not quite ready to show but still it was worthwhile to see how others saw the state of my garden. I am hopeful that other members will see that their gardens are also worthwhile showing even though they may feel it is not quite ready.

One of the special treats for me has been finding Camellia seedlings popping up in my garden. The first one to pop up has now flowered; 4 years since I transferred to it into a pot. See the images below. I have no idea of its parentage (it looks like a *Camellia japonica*), but the first flower has been a treat.

The Parramatta trip is sold out & I now have received the CVs for our guides. Quite impressive & I trust they will live up to expectations.

Your committee has now turned its collective mind to planning activities for next year. We would welcome your suggestions for activities; be they visiting new locations or returning to old favourites. We are also looking to move on with show & tell events or spots. I had no takers for the recipe for the disinfectant/weed killer I presented at our last meeting, but I am sure members do have items which could be the subject of a show & tell spot.

I look forward to seeing you at our September 2023 meeting.

Duncan Leys



Events to look forward to

When	What	How Much?
Thursday, 12:00 noon 14 th September	Garden Ramble after our regular meeting	Free to members
Thursday, 12:00 noon 12 th October	Garden Ramble after our regular meeting	Free to members
Friday, 8:00 am 27 th October, 2023	Parramatta Historical Tour	Fully booked
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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. Few spots left.
Thursday, 12:00 noon 14 th December, 2023	End of Year Lunch, Palais Royale, Katoomba	\$70.00 per person.

Today's Speaker is Bryn Hutchinson from Firdaus Gardens.



Bryn has been practising horticulture professionally since 2009 working in the public, private and community sectors including as Senior Horticulturalist at Blue Mountains Botanic Garden, Mount Tomah. He has a passion for horticultural science with a particular interest in ecological garden approaches and the sustainable management of soils.

He is also active in the field of social and therapeutic horticulture with a focus on community development through gardens, and he has served on the committees of several community gardens and therapeutic horticulture organisations. Bryn currently runs *Firdaus Gardens*, a Blue Mountains horticultural consultancy, garden design, and garden care service.

Today's talk is about Trial Gardens. Trial Gardens are research gardens that road-test plants for their garden worthiness and help develop important cultural knowledge in areas such as pest and disease resistance, and the preferred growing conditions for particular plants. A familiar form of garden in other countries, the trial garden as a form is not so well appreciated in Australia despite it playing a role in bringing new cultivars to the general public. Bryn previously managed the Royal Botanic Garden Sydney Trial Garden, a public facing research garden that runs trials of several hundred species each year that includes ornamentals, edibles, natives, and exotic plants. He will discuss the exciting experimental space of the Trial Garden as we search for plants that will flourish for the home gardener, in local conditions, with minimal inputs.



Silent Auction

There will be a Silent Auction of excess Library items at the October meeting. **Next Month.** 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 this 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.

October General Meeting **12th October 2023**

Guest speakers: Margaret Jackson from the Maple Springs Nursery and Garden will tell us about Japanese maples and the Gory'u Japanese Garden

Hall set-up & pull down:

Sed Mayne
Jenny Cronan

Morning Tea – bring a plate.

Pauline Bartle
Gwen Day
Bette Portch

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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