



*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 letter to garden lovers .....**

I find my new year really starts in February; the period between Christmas & Australia day is a time when not much gets done in the garden. This year it has been especially quiet as even regular tasks like watering have largely been unnecessary as we have regular drops of rain.

Come February I can see that many of my camellias & azaleas need pruning as they have become a little too leggy. The planting of photinia on my laneway has got away & needs a measured pruning before the BMCC gets it into their mind to do it for me. My desire is to develop a leafy lane way in conflict with the garbage truck driver's wish for unfettered access.

WFGC matters are unresolved from 2023 and are starting to become more urgent. I am talking about our need to fill critical roles on the Wentworth Falls Garden Club Committee. Our Club cannot operate without a treasurer, speaker's organizer & communications people to look after the website & newsletter. We need members to step up & fill these roles.

Another matter I want to raise with members is our library of garden books & videos. We have a great range covering all things gardening, from plant culture & care, garden design & show gardens. Our library is underutilized given the vast resource that it is. I was thinking that Google had replaced the need for books, but I am not sure this is the case. It may be that our members have overlooked the library when they are indulging in our great morning tea & socialising with other members. There still is a demand for gardening books & I know this because I was given 12 books on roses & I placed them in the street library on Station Street. I was a bit sheepish thinking that I might have swamped the street library but when I looked in the following week, I was surprised to find that every book had gone. So, some people still read gardening books.

Looking forward to seeing you at our meeting on Thursday.

**Duncan Leys**

**The Wentworth Falls Garden Club, your club, needs your help.**

This July we will be electing a new committee. As it is every year, all committee positions become vacant and any member can nominate for a position on the committee. This year, we have several committee members stepping away from their positions on the committee.

We need members to join the committee and engage in the following activities:

- Treasurer (and Public Officer),
- Speaker coordinator,
- Events coordinator,
- Website Manager
- Newsletter writer.



These activities are vital to the existence of the club. **If we don't have a treasurer the club must close.** This year, we invite you to step up and volunteer to assist in the management and operation of the club.

**Speak to any committee member for more information.**

# Today's Speakers are Kippy and Jesse from Bush Tucker Babies



Kippy and Jesse of Bushtucker Babies began their journey when they noticed that despite increasing awareness for the imminent need to "re-green" the planet, the knowledge for the general population on how to do so while supporting existing ecosystems could be quite hard to access.

Australian food plants have been largely ignored by contemporary society and although there is a recent boom in the promotion of our Australian natives, this has resulted in Bushfoods being viewed as almost exotic - with the price tag to match! We believe that this risks increasing the gap between the general Australian Public and Bushfoods even more.

We are here to show Australia that native and local food plants have a place in every Australian garden and on every Australian table!

\* Bushtucker Babies offer: Education sessions for schools, corporate and garden clubs  
Garden installations  
Online retail for plants, herbs and freeze-dried fruits.

[contact@bushtuckerbabies.com.au](mailto:contact@bushtuckerbabies.com.au) for information on how to start your bushfood garden.



Red Flowering Gum  
at Echo Point



Wollemi Pine seed collection  
at Mt. Tomah



Scan the QR code with the camera on your phone to visit the Mt. Tomah website to find out about the Wollemi.



To see Caroline's Sunflowers and the rest of her pics full size, visit [the Gallery](#).

## Events to look forward to

When	What	How Much?
April 2024	The Gardens of Rookwood	TBA
Thursday, 12:00 20 <sup>th</sup> June 2024	Lunch at the Conservation Hut	\$30.00 per person.

### March 2024 General Meeting 14<sup>th</sup> March 2024

**Guest speakers:** Linda and Steve McCulloch from Lithgow Valley Mushrooms – Growing Oyster and Lion's Mane Mushrooms – their uses and health benefits.

Linda and Steve will start their talk at 9:45am

**Hall set-up & pull down:**

Peter Shoemark  
Kevin Craze

**Morning Tea – bring a plate.**

Carol Conway  
Dorothy Davis  
Chris Jensen

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 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.

Ensure your **name** is included with your remittance.

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