



Wentworth Falls Garden Club Inc
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From the President.....

Do you feed the birds that visit your garden? I didn't realize feeding the birds was such a controversial subject until Marilyn, Gai and I went to a talk by Professor Darryl Jones of Griffith University in Queensland. He has researched the issues and published his findings in his latest book "The Birds at my Table – Why we feed wild birds and why it matters". He asks if the birds need feeding and what might be the unintentional consequences of providing wild birds with additional food. There is a copy of the book in our library if you wish to find out more and it makes fascinating reading.

Without giving away his conclusions, Professor Jones appeals to bird feeders to clean the table with vinegar every day to avoid cross infection in the bird population. You can also be a bird feeder by having a variety of plants in the garden to tempt the different species of birds. At the moment my ivy is in flower and buzzing with bees. In the winter the berries will be feeding my magpies. Are they my magpies or am I their human? Yes. Apparently magpies live in their own territory for up to 20+ years and know their people. Great to think we coexist with the same bird families.

What a terrific day we had on Thursday last week when Blayney Garden Club came to visit Wentworth Falls. Thank you Susan and Kevin Hummel for opening your garden for morning tea and a ramble and Dorothy and Lyle Davis for being second on the list. Bronwyn and Ian Hay and Bev and Bernie Turner opened their gardens in the afternoon. Thank you for all the hard work you put into readying your gardens for the visitors and to Gai for liaising with the club and setting up the visit. Blayney is experiencing drought conditions so no one minded not seeing autumn colours. They wanted green and flowers and that is what they got. What a delightful group of visitors. It was a pleasure to host them and a good time was had by all.

Carol

*Guest Speaker is Mirva Crinnon, Fothergill's Seeds; her topic is
"Bulbs and seeds to plant in Autumn".*

Mirva is the Marketing Manager of Mr Fothergill's Seeds and Bulbs, where she has worked now for over 7 years. She was born in Finland and lived in the UK for a few years before moving to Australia 12 years ago. Mirva is a self-taught garden enthusiast rather than a trained horticulturalist, but works closely with the qualified horticulturalists of Mr Fothergill's on all their products and communications. She heads a team of 5 people which works on new product development, point of sale materials, advertising, PR, e-Commerce, community involvements and much more. Mirva is a passionate gardener and has learned a lot over the years through practice, as well as through research done as a part of new product development.

Corrie Kennedy will answer questions in today's session of
"What is Happening in my Garden"

Club Tours and Functions

Thursday 12 th April	Garden Ramble after meeting. Maps are available from Henry.
Thursday 26 th April	Venue – Ross Conifers, near Oberon. Morning tea and workshop followed by lunch at Tarana Pub. Travel by car and carpool. Please add your name to the list as either a driver, stating how many car seats you have available or as a passenger. See Carol or Anne for further details.
Thursday 10 th May	Garden Ramble after meeting.
Thursday 24 th May	Late Autumn Lunch. Wentworth Falls Hospitality TAFE students provide a 3 course meal in a training environment. The lunch is at Elevation 867 in TAFE's main building (lift and stairs). Cost \$25. Maximum of 30 people. The meal is an alternative drop of two different dishes. Not licensed. Use your own transport, parking in the grounds. The station is approx. 10 min walk. Henry will collect names and money today.
Early September	Going Native. This is advance notice. Names will be taken of those interested. Selling of places will happen in June. There will be a guided tour of a secluded native haven along a winding bush track after a BYO morning tea, a café lunch and a nursery. Costing TBA.
Tuesday 16 th October	Mahratta House revisited, spring garden tour, morning tea, Lisgar Garden and lunch at Hornsby RSL. Costing TBA.
13 th December	Christmas Lunch at Leura Golf Club.

📖 **Silent Auction** 📖

We have lots of lovely books for sale at today's meeting.
See Marilyn in the Library to obtain a number and register your bid(s).

All Executive and Committee positions are open for nomination. Enquiries and nomination forms from Carol or Gai.

Publicity Officer Role

- Gazette Notice of meetings (sent via email)
- Prepare draft and final Newsletter ready for proof and printing
- Prepare Garden Ramble Maps
- Welcome Desk sign on and entrance fee.
- Publicity as required e.g. notice in The Echo (via email)

Next Meeting

10 May 2018

Guest speaker:

Tanya Mein, BMCC.
"Sustainable Gardens"

Hall set-up:

Sed Mayne and Bill Avery

Pull-down:

Sed Mayne and Bill Avery

Morning tea

Chris Caton and Fran Munroe

Bring a plate:

Irma Mahling
Ronah Tuite

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, tours and functions. To take part in club functions and tours 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. Meetings commence at 9.45am and finish around noon. The Library and Plant Stall are open before the meeting and at morning tea. \$5 entry fee.

Joining fee is \$30. Thereafter annual subscription is \$20.

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