



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

Gai and I attended the GCA Blue Mountains Zone quarterly meeting on July 14 held at the Lodge in the Campbell Rhododendron Gardens at Blackheath. The meeting was well attended with several groups returning after a long absence. It is an excellent forum for sharing information about successful speakers and other club activities. Zone Coordinator, John Parsonage, reported on visits he has made to clubs this year. The President of Central Blue Mountains Garden Club shared information regarding her request to clarify the circumstances in which Public Liability in the GCA Insurance Scheme would operate. All members are insured, as are visitors who have paid a fee. Morning tea was exceptional as always.

I visited Mount Tomah Botanic Garden in July and there was plenty of colour, even though it was mid-winter. Daffodils, jonquils and narcissi were just starting to bloom and the meadow should be in full flower by the time you read this. Wattle and banksias were flowering prolifically, much to the delight of the birds.

It was a balmy 6C on Leura Station platform last Thursday morning as I headed for town. A pleasant 20C greeted me as I paid another visit to the Royal Botanic Garden in Sydney; an opportunity not to be missed before my concert in the afternoon at the Opera House. There are so many activities at the Garden in which you can take part. The website is full of information and how to book. Go to rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au.

If you have not visited the Pollination display in the Garden at the Calyx you only have a few more days to do so. It will close on August 14. The Green Wall is a living artwork, which stands 6m high, stretches across 50m and took 18,090 plants to fill. The planter boxes change with the seasons and are a mass of colour. Different birds and insects prefer different coloured flowers and the displays reflect this. I was told by a volunteer that the new exhibition will be about 'Plants with Bite'; so come to our November meeting and get the heads up from Greg Bourke (Curator/Manager of Blue Mountains Botanic Garden) who is an expert on carnivorous plants.

Carol

Guest Speaker today is Tony Matson.

Tony is the General Manager of CutAbove Tools and he will be talking on "Ten Practical Pruning Tool Tips"

Membership renewal of \$20 is due. New badges will be issued upon payment.

(If you joined after January 1 2018, you are not required to pay renewal until July 2019.)

- 1) Please pay in **cash**, OR
- 2) Remit electronically to our bank account:

BSB: 062 559

Account No: 2800 3852

If paying electronically, please ensure your name is included with your remittance.



Brrrrr! Frost!

We have had a couple of frosty mornings in the last few weeks and some of our plants have suffered.

There is some excellent advice from The Australian Plant Society Victoria, on gardening with frost, on this page- <https://apsvic.org.au/protect-your-plants-from-frost-damage/>. It is based on an article by the legendary Rodger Elliot and is well worth a read.

With thanks to [Gardening With Angus](#).

Club Tours and Functions

Club tours and functions are available only to members and must be booked and paid for at a club meeting.

Friday 7 September	<i>Going Native.</i> There will be a guided tour of a secluded native garden and a native plant specialist in the South West Sydney area. Bring your own morning tea (e.g. fruit, water etc.) A café lunch is included. Cost is \$35. Departure time is 8.20am from the Wentworth Falls School of Arts car park. Sold out however, check waiting list for availability.
Tuesday 16 October	<i>Mahratta House and Much More:</i> Guided tour of one of the finest Georgian/Art Deco houses in Sydney, plus morning tea & the Paul Sorensen spring garden ramble. Lunch, at own expense at Hornsby RSL, then a leisurely stroll through Lisgar Gardens. Departure 8.20am, \$45 . Sold out however, check waiting list for availability.
13 December	<i>Christmas Lunch</i> at Leura Golf Club.

Next Meeting **13 September 2018**

Guest speakers:

Julia Hanley and Deb Wells,
Members of the Blue Mountains
Rhododendron Society "What volunteers
can achieve – A history of the Campbell
Rhododendron Gardens, Blackheath."

Hall set-up and Pull down:

Sed Mayne and Ken Bernoth

Morning tea

Patricia Pamment

Bring a plate

Joanne Burgess and Bronwyn Hay

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 due in July each year. Payments can be direct debited to Wentworth Falls Garden Club Account. BSB: 062-559 Acct: 28003852. Ensure your name is included with your remittance.

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