



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

The GCA Blue Mountains Zone held its most recent meeting in the Lodge at The Campbell Rhododendron Gardens in Blackheath on Saturday 3rd March. I attended the meeting with Gai Horrocks and Marilyn Shields. Other clubs are represented and it is a useful forum in which to exchange information about our excursions and speakers. General business included discussion on insurance for excursions, associate membership, privacy issues and possible activities at Zone level for Gardening Week in October this year. It is also a good way to get to know members of other clubs and learn how they run meetings and activities. Congratulations to our club member Susanne Rix for her organization of the Edible Garden Festival and Trail this weekend. The weather was perfect and Gai, Marilyn and I visited most of the open gardens in Blackheath in the afternoon. The Community Farm in Thirroul Ave is abundant with fruit, veggies and herbs and the innovative measures that have been taken to keep the wildlife from eating the crop have proved successful. Blackheath Public School is a Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden School. This means that the students can work in the garden to learn where food comes from. Children in Years 3 to 6 also cook with the produce. We were met at Mary Moody's gate by a scarecrow bearing the features of one of our Cabinet Ministers. He didn't scare us though and we were able to see how much progress Mary has made in establishing her garden in just two years. The chooks really do have a palace and the raised beds are growing a wide variety of very healthy edible produce. I left with runner bean envy as she has had more success this season than I have. Today I visited a wonderful garden in Lawson with a wild meadow-like verge out the front, full of foraging bees from the hives on the property. They also had the run of a netted orchard, the rest of the herb and veggie garden and the native plants in the bush across the road. I am now enjoying a jar of their beautiful honey. Despite the difficulties we face in growing our own food it is encouraging to see the enthusiasm of these gardeners in creating their well-being and that of their families. The spirit of community derived from this common interest is another plus. Good luck with your own herb, vegetable and fruit growing endeavours.

Carol

*Guest Speaker today is Judy Horton; her topic is
"Great Gardens of the World".*

We are very pleased to have Judy Horton as our guest speaker today. She is a keen gardener and is currently horticultural editor for the Garden Clubs of Australia's magazine Our Gardens. Judy is a garden adviser who has had experience in retail nurseries, bush regeneration, radio talkback (Talking Lifestyle and the ABC) and garden writing. For 22 years she was Yates Communications Manager, and has been responsible for six updates of Yates Garden Guide, Australia's best-selling gardening book. Since her retirement from Yates Judy has taken on a new role with Botanica World Discoveries. She travels with Botanica as a horticultural guide and promotes Botanica at garden shows and other gardening-related events. In today's talk Judy will share with us many of the beautiful gardens she has visited. Judy has been the recipient of the Golden Wattle Award, the highest award presented by the Australian Institute of Horticulture, and the Allan Seale award given by the Nursery Industry of NSW for outstanding contribution to the gardening media. This year Judy has been awarded the Order of Australia Medal (OAM) for her work in horticulture and promotion of Gardening. Well deserved Judy and congratulations from us all at WFGC!

Club Tours and Functions

Friday 9 th March	Bathurst in Retro: Morning tea in a Retro Café then Begonia House and Fernery followed by Miss Traill's House for lunch, garden and house tour. Cost \$45. Sold out.	School of Arts 8.30am
Thursday 12 th April	Possible Garden Ramble after meeting.	
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. \$25. Maximum of 30 people. The meal is an alternative drop of two different dishes. Not licensed. Use your own transport. The station is approx. 10 min walk.	
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.	



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Next Meeting 12 April 2018

Guest speaker:

Mirva Crinnon, Fothergill's Seeds.
"Bulbs and Seeds to Plant in Autumn"

Hall set-up:

Janice Light and Barbara Fox

Pull-down:

Barbara Fox and Bernie Turner

Morning tea

Judi Maitland-Parr and Di Jones

Bring a plate:

Bev Turner and Dale Kelley

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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