



Wentworth Falls Garden Club Inc
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From the President ...

Thank you to everyone for endorsing all of the nominations for the new committee that was elected last month.

If you haven't filled out your green form so that we can update our database, please do it today. Not only did it show a number of mistakes, some of you had also moved house!

Plenty of bulbs have come out and a few very special *Galanthus* ... true snowdrops. Makes it all worthwhile!

Celeste

Think Spring ... Think Leura

Pre-Festival Tours for Garden Clubs

26-30 September 2016

The Leura Gardens Festival is a feature on the calendar for many garden clubs but this year the pre-festival tours, in particular, should hold great appeal for both clubs and plant collectors alike.

This year's pre-festival tours will feature a choice of eight beautiful gardens, five of which are only available during this pre-festival period, and of these, four are new to the festival. These are specialist and rare plant gardens not generally open to the public and one has never before been available to view. Some gardens also have plants for sale and one of them has books illustrated by the garden owner.

Groups of 10 – 40 people can enjoy a private, escorted tour of four gardens for the cost of only \$20 per person.

Pre-festival tours must be booked in advance by contacting the festival:

phone: 0431 095 279 or email – leuragardensfestival@fastmail.com

These tours will be available from Monday, September 26 to Friday, September 30.

For more festival information, please see the website: leuragardensfestival.com.au

Our Speaker for today is Tony Curry

Anthony "Tony" Curry is married with two sons and lives in Springwood. He holds a Diploma and Graduate Diploma in Applied Science (Agriculture) from Hawkesbury Agricultural College, Richmond NSW, as well as a Graduate Diploma in Technical Education from the University of Technology, Sydney. He is a Director (Australia) of the International Camellia Society and a member of the NSW Camellia Research Society; Camellia Ark and International Dendrology Society. Tony is a retired technical horticulture teacher and his subject areas included botany, plant identification and culture, soil science, plant growing media, plant nutrition, as well as plant protection. Prior to his teaching career he was a plant propagator, nursery manager and glasshouse foreman at the Royal Botanic Gardens, Sydney. From 1984–1986 he was Supervisor, Royal Botanic Gardens (Living Collections) and from 1986–1992 Supervisor, Mount Tomah Botanic Garden. From 2006–2013 Tony worked as a Visiting Scientist and, more recently, as an Honorary Research Associate at the NSW National Herbarium, Sydney on the botany and taxonomy of the *Camellia* and the plant family Theaceae. For the last 16 years he has travelled to China and Vietnam with his colleague Dr George Orel, with whom he has co-authored and published a book on the 32 new species of *Camellia* they have collected and published, titled *In Pursuit of Hidden Camellias*.

Club Tours and Functions

Friday 26 August	Going Native. Native Garden trip including tour and lunch at Picnic Point. Payment of \$35 today please.	8.30 am departure
Thursday 1 December	Christmas Party Please note: not our usual meeting day.	12 noon

2016–17 Elected Committee Members

Executive

President	Celeste Shadie
Vice President and Library	Carol Conway
Treasurer and Public Officer	Henry Nelson
Secretary	Gai Horrocks

Committee

Publicity	Narelle Nolan
Tours and Functions	Sharon Phillips
Membership	Barry Butler
Catering Coordinator	Jane Blackshaw
Editing, Printing	Merilyn Shields
Audio Visual	Vic Tuite
General Meeting Coordinator	Karen Handicott

Next Meeting

8 September

Guest speaker:

Klaus Eckhardt, Green E Roses, Galston

Hall set-up and pull-down:

Henry Nelson and Les Handicott

Morning tea:

Ronah Tuite

Bring a plate:

Ronah Tuite and Janka Orelova

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.

For Club Welfare matters, please contact Lea Nelson: Ph 4784 1101.

Reminder: Subscriptions for 2016–17 are due now: \$20. Methods of payment – Cash, Cheque or electronically. To remit electronically: BSB: 062 559; Account No: 2800 3852. **Please ensure your name is included with the remittance.**

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