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From the President.....

I am focusing on edible gardening this month and wish Susanne Rix and all her colleagues a successful Edible Gardens Festival on March 3rd and 4th. Tickets are for sale at the meeting today and at the Food Coop at Katoomba. The ‘Browse Categories’ on the website – bmfoodcoop.org.au - provide an interesting collection of practical and informative ways to enhance the way we grow our food and how to enrich our soil. I was not aware that our green waste goes to a processing centre at Blayney. The nutrients from this which our own poor soils need are not coming back so get composting to help your own soil and come to our May meeting where we will learn more about composting.

I was once talked into buying a rather expensive pair of linen pants because, “The CPW (cost per wear) is well worth the outlay.” The jury is still out on that purchase but as an update on my strawberry plants, they could have been heading for Blayney by now but luckily the CPS has been a positive one and I have been enjoying a good crop. The CPR (cost per raspberry) however has been significantly negative so I am hoping for better results next year.

Have you ever grown or used Lovage? This herb resembles very tall flat leaf parsley but with a distinctive almost-celery like flavour. I have tried to grow it for the last two seasons and this year I have succeeded. For those of you who went on our trip to Glenmore House and Garden in November 2015 you will remember Mickey Robinson provided us with lunch, starting with a cold soup: Pea and Lovage. The recipe is in our library copy of her beautiful book (pg 221) and is quite a lot of work but well worth the effort. My rhubarb has also produced well and Mickey’s recipe for Rhubarb Cake (pg 220) is absolutely delicious. The rewards for growing fruit and vegetables are as many and varied as the meals we can make and share.

Carol

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.	School of Arts 8.30am
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. Further details next month.	
Tuesday 16 th October	Mahratta House revisited, spring garden tour, morning tea, Lisgar Garden and lunch at Hornsby RSL. Costing TBA.	
Thursday 13 th December	Christmas Lunch (on our normal Thursday meeting day) at Leura Golf Club.	
	<u>Please note: We will not be organizing a trip to the Clarendon Plant Fair this year.</u>	

*Guest Speaker today is Peta Frulani; her topic is
"Garden Design and Plantings".*

Peta began her horticulture career 13 years ago here in the Blue Mountains. Since then she has won 1st place 2 years running at the Sydney Royal Easter Show Landscape Challenge, Top Landscape Design student of the year, Horticulturist of the year, Student of the year in Built and Natural Environments and the 2016 Institute Medallist for TAFE NSW.

Peta is currently running her own Landscape Design and Horticulture business. Her family's 30-year involvement with the RFS has inspired her to develop an understanding of landscaping for bushfire prevention. Peta was a guest speaker at last year's Springwood Bushfire Building Expo.

Members and visitors can contact the Club by clicking on the Email symbol, found at the top right hand corner of every page on the Club website. Though quite small, the envelope opens a blank email addressed to the Club email, which is checked regularly. An Enquiry can also be made using the heading of "more..." on the drop down menu.

If you miss a meeting you can read the Newsletter online and keep up to date with what is happening.



Next Meeting
8 March 2018

Guest speaker:

Judy Horton, Registered Horticulturist,
media personality and tour guide
specializing in Botanical tours.
"Great Gardens of the World"

Hall set-up and pull-down:
Les Allen and Kevin Craze

Morning tea

Fran Craze & Julie Allen

Bring a plate:

Julie O'Keefe & Margaret Kennedy

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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