



Wentworth Falls Garden Club Inc.
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We acknowledge and respect the traditional custodians of this land: the Darug and Gundungurra people.

From the President.....

Last year was a busy one for the Club with both committee and membership working together to make it a successful one. Many members participate in the running of the club, setting up the hall and library, welcoming people to the meetings, providing and serving morning teas, covering welfare matters, hosting garden rambles and selling donated plants from members at the plant stall. Thank you everyone!

Merilyn organized two silent auctions, raising \$215, which helped purchase 5 DVDs and 7 books for the library. Plant stall sales raised over \$600, \$146 of which was at the November meeting. Sylvia kindly donated a watercolour painting and has offered another one for our 30th anniversary year.

Members ordered 350 10kg bags of Merino Magic, valued at \$2100, with all the proceeds going to an orphanage in Bangladesh. The supplier from Bathurst donates the packing and driving. We have also made donations to the local SES and RFS groups.

We are very lucky with our committee members. Tours and functions are organised by Sharon while Lynton drives the community bus. Gai is a most efficient secretary and keeps the wheels of the Club moving. Morning teas get better and better due to Rhona and her team providing and serving up a very important part of our monthly meetings.

Barry keeps membership stats up to date. We currently have 127 financial members. Total attendances in 2017 were 738 and 868 this year. In both years we have had June meetings. Between us, Anne and I hope we have found subjects to interest most members and we welcome suggestions for future speakers and topics. Henry keeps tabs on our finances and with Sed monitors and adds to the website. Sed efficiently produces our newsletter which Susan edits and has printed. Vic keeps all things technical going relatively smoothly but it is difficult sometimes as it is old technology. We are investigating an upgrade.

The Club is a very important source of friendship and gardening information for all our members. Come to the February meeting to find out more about how to access and use our website as well as learn about native plants.

Carol

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 15 Feb	Hillandale for the Summer Borders. Meet at 9:50am, cost \$45, which includes a country-style lunch, entry, a guided tour by the superb Sarah and transport.
Saturday 6 Apr	Collectors Plant Fair. Details TBA.

Summer is here! Give your garden a boost with Merino Magic (sheep poo). \$6 per bag (approx. 10kg), to be picked up from Leura. Place orders and pay Lea at the meeting today.

Our Guest Speaker today is Jackie Anstis

Jackie is a member of the Blue Mountains and Nepean Herb Group. She is being assisted today by the group's president, Marilyn Pride, and David Clarke, who has brought most of the plants.

The Herb Group is a not-for-profit group and like us, a member of Garden Clubs of Australia. While the AGM is held in Faulconbridge Community Hall, meetings with guest speakers are held on Monday nights in member's homes with outings on Saturdays. The group was formed in 1987 by a small number of herb lovers who wanted to expand their knowledge and hopefully introduce new people to the delights of herb growing and use.

After Jackie's talk, David will have plants for sale and will also answer any questions you may have about his herbs. Thank you to Marilyn for making up two special baskets of herbs for our raffle prizes. If you wish to learn more about the group you can visit their Facebook page:

www.facebook.com/bluemountainsandnepeanherbgroup

Calling Edible Gardeners

The inaugural garden trail was held in March 2018. 38 gardeners participated from Lapstone to Hartley. Visitors and gardeners were thrilled with the event so we are planning to do it again on Saturday 2nd and Sunday 3rd March 2019.

The event is supported by the Blue Mountains Food Co-op and funds raised go towards school and community gardens in the mountains. If you are interested in including your garden, please call Susanne Rix on 47574231 or email ediblegardenfestival@gmail.com

Have your contact details changed?

If your contact details have changed, please fill in the green form available at the welcome desk.

Barry can then update our records.

Visitors are welcome to attend three meetings before deciding to join the Club.

Next Meeting

14 February 2019

Guest speakers:

Volunteers from the Katoomba Native Plant Nursery and Plant Rescue Service – "Native Plants for our Local Environment"

Hall set-up and Pull down:

Sed Mayne and Warren Sharpe

Morning tea

Lea Nelson and Dorothy Davis

Bring a plate

Lea Nelson and Chris Sharpe

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. Check-in at 9.30am 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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