



# *Wentworth Falls Garden Club Inc*

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## *From the President . . .*

Firstly, I send my apologies for not being there today but Peter and I are away – some business, but lots of holiday time at the beginning of our trip.

Today is the start of a new club year with a wonderful committee being voted in, some new faces amongst them. I know that I leave after three years as President with a fantastic committee in place and a happy and supportive group of members. There are wonderful guest speakers lined up with something for all interests for the coming year. The trips will keep rolling along and the member input of Q & A and “What I have been doing in my Garden” seems to be very popular and well-subscribed with volunteers. I have always suspected the garden rambles after our meetings were a huge drawcard and in the last 12 months we have seen large numbers going along, often more than 50% of that day’s meeting’s attendees.

I look forward now to mingling and enjoying the meetings and putting my hand up to help if it’s needed. In the meantime, keep warm, plan the spring garden and a sincere thanks to all of you for my happy three years.

*Celeste xxx*

## *Club Tours and Functions*

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Tuesday, 29 August	Tour Mahratta House, lunch (at own expense) Hornsby RSL. Also visit Lisgar Gardens on the way home. Mahratta is one of the finest Art Deco mansions in Sydney and one of the few remaining gardens designed by Paul Sorensen in the Sydney area. <b>Note: 3 spots still available.</b>	Departure 9.30 am
Friday, 15 September	Train trip to visit Wendy Whiteley’s Secret Garden, Lavender Bay. Café style lunch will be at own expense at Kirribilli Club, Milsons Point. Map and information available from Sharon. Tour finishes after lunch at Kirribilli Club.	See Sharon
Friday, 27 October	Visit Peta Trahar’s garden, “Woodgreen”, at Bilpin. Lunch at Windy Ridge, Mt Wilson.	Dep TBA
Thursday, 7 December	Christmas Party at Wentworth Falls Country Club. <i>Please note this is not our usual Thursday meeting date.</i>	12 noon

## *Today's Guest Speaker is Sue Carney*

Sue is a passionate backyard beekeeper. She currently has two hives of honeybees in her garden just 1.5 kilometres from the gardening club's HQ at the Wentworth Falls School of Arts. Sue is editor of the Amateur Beekeeping Association's journal, *The Amateur Beekeeper*, and recently launched *Keeper and Hive*, an online and events store for all things that celebrate bees, including equipment, books, art, stationery and homewares. Sue became intrigued with bees as a child growing up in the UK but they remained just a mild fascination while she was working as a journalist and then as an editor-in-chief of lifestyle, health and general interest magazines across Australia, New Zealand and Asia. It was only when Sue found herself retrenched and with time on her hands several years ago that she became determined "to put words into action". She took a refresher beekeeping course, set up her first hive, joined a local beekeeping group and quickly learned everything she could about bees. Soon one hive had become two and then three, she was writing and editing on bee topics, setting up a niche new business, replanting her garden, and extracting and bottling honey in her spare time.

Sue will be talking about her adventures with live bees, how to create a bee-friendly garden and why honey bees and native bees belong in our backyards. Sue and her family have lived in Wentworth Falls since 2000 and in the Blue Mountains since 1987. She runs [keeperandhive.com](http://keeperandhive.com) with her business partner, Sheila Stokes.

**The Leura Pre-Festival Group Tour for our club is being held on Tuesday, 26 September. Cost \$30. Payment in August. Members only please. See Sharon for details.**

### **Garden Clubs of Australia Annual Photo Competition 2017**

Prizes total \$1,200 from GCA and gardening sponsors! No entry fee. Entries close 6 October 2017. Entry form and details on [www.gardenclubs.org.au](http://www.gardenclubs.org.au).

### **The Annual General Meeting is being held today.**

**Membership renewal of \$20 is now due. New badges will be issued upon payment. (NB: If you joined after 1 January 2017, you are not required to pay renewal until July 2018.)**

(1) Please pay in **cash** today, 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 the remittance.**

### **Next Meeting**

**10 August 2017**

#### **Guest speaker:**

**Wyn Jones**, Local scientist, musician and photographer extraordinaire and a great advocate for nature conservation: *Climate Change and its Effects on Our Gardens*.

#### **Hall set-up and pull-down:**

Karen and Les Handicott

#### **Morning tea:**

Marlene and Martin Vaughan

#### **Bring a plate:**

Kerrie Lee and Susan Hummel

### **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:  
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