



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

Welcome to our many new members this Garden Club year. You will need to see Barry for your 2018-2019 badges but you will not have to pay a renewal fee. For the rest of the membership, Barry has the badges if you have \$20.00. We are looking forward to another Club year of gardening and friendship.

It has been wonderful to get back into the garden in the sunshine after the combination of about four weeks of travelling and unpleasant weather. Goodbye at last to raking leaves although they are a great benefit to the plants as they cushion them for the winter temperatures. I have been getting on with some pruning, planting bulbs and moving shrubs while they are dormant as well as sewing carrot, radish and coriander seeds. Despite the cold I have had a very good germination rate.

This year, in addition to experimenting successfully with growing and using lovage, I have discovered the common nasturtium. It is usually grown for its attractive flowers but it is actually a really versatile herb. Its flowers are edible as are the young leaves, having a distinctive peppery taste. They can be mixed into salads or used as a garnish with all types of dishes. I planted some seeds to try out the claim that nasturtiums help control aphids on companion plants and it worked to some extent around the nearby roses. Nasturtiums produce seeds prolifically and I am experimenting with a recipe for using the green seeds as an equivalent to capers.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank so many of our members who have volunteered to go on the Welcome Desk, set up/pull down tables in the hall, provide and serve morning teas, assist in the library, on the plant stall and cover Welfare issues. We could not run the club successfully without you. Thank you also to this year's committee for their attendance at monthly planning meetings and their dedication in working to make the club experience an interesting one for all our members. I must mention Narelle who has served as Publicity Officer for the last six years. Thank you for all you have done and now you are out of a job on the committee, you can concentrate on your garden!

Carol

The Annual General Meeting will be held today. The Minutes and Reports from the 2017 AGM are available.

Membership renewal of \$20 is due from today. New badges will be issued upon payment. (If you joined after 1st January 2018, you are not required to pay renewal until July 2019.)

- 1) Please pay in **cash**, 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.

Guest Speaker today is Brett Sowerby.

Brett is a member of the Lower Blue Mountains Garden Club, not as a gardener but as a garden lover's labourer, He is good at digging, lifting and carrying and well qualified in carting and spreading compost, mulch, and many other forms of rotting vegetation, all under the guidance of his garden loving partner, Jackie.

Brett has lived in Springwood and Valley Heights since 1971. He is an industrial chemist by training and became a prominent wax technologist, running his own technology consulting company from 1987. Despite retiring officially in 2014 he still cannot quite bid the working world farewell but is working on it. Outside interests include athletics (still competing at Masters level), music, books, travelling, collecting model cars and hifi gear, and working with timber.

Today's talk has absolutely nothing to do with any of the above!

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 7th September	<i>Going Native.</i> There will be a guided tour of a secluded native garden and a native plant specialist in the South West Sydney area. Bring your own morning tea (e.g. fruit, water etc.) A café lunch is included. Cost is \$35. Departure time is 8.30am from the School of Arts car park. Sold out however, check waiting list for availability.
Tuesday 16 th October	<i>Mahratta House and Much More:</i> Guided tour of one of the finest Georgian/Art Deco Houses in Sydney, plus morning tea & the Paul Sorensen spring garden ramble. Lunch, at own expense at Hornsby RSL, then a leisurely stroll through Lisgar Gardens. Departure 8.30am, \$45.
13 th December	<i>Christmas Lunch</i> at Leura Golf Club.

Next Meeting

9 August 2018

Guest speaker:

Tony Matson, General Manager,
CutAbove Tools "Ten Practical Pruning
Tool Tips."

Hall set-up and Pull down:

Martin Vaughan and Bernie Turner

Morning tea

Dorothy Davis & Maureen Lawson-
Hanscombe

Bring a plate

Susan Hummel and Carol Conway

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 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.

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