

Wentworth Falls Garden Club Inc

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From the President ...

Oh it's been a bit chilly out there in the garden this month! Such short days but always plenty to do.

First, would you all please fill out the green form that the ladies at the front desk distributed today. Narelle has kindly brought along a box for the completed forms and this will be in front of Merylyn and me on the desk during the meeting. Please fill it out even if you are sure that your details haven't changed as we have had some problems with phone numbers and email addresses on our database – probably just typos, but we thought that this was a good time to get it sorted.

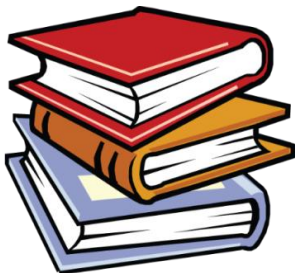
AGM today! A necessary part of the club and its structure but hopefully it will be dealt with quickly and we can get back to the normal club business of enjoying ourselves. Our sincere thanks to **Martin Vaughan** for agreeing to facilitate this essential part of our club. He is involved with a number of organisations up here in the mountains and of course he and Marlene took on the morning tea co-ordination role for many years, so I felt a bit guilty asking him to yet again help out – but the guilt didn't stop me asking – so a very big "Thank-You" Martin!

We have had our club finances/books once again audited by the extremely able and willing **Peter Shoemark**. Peter is an expert in his field and a great bonus for us, so again many thanks Peter.

Yet another big thank-you is due to **Daniel Conway**. Daniel is a graphic designer working for one of the top companies in this field in Sydney. He has for the past two years formatted our membership badges, and this is why they have that professional look to them. Why would this young man help us out for a bottle of wine and a pat on the back – because he is Carol Conway's son.

Celeste

Lucky Door Prizes



Do you know where all of the lovely books for our lucky door prizes come from? Janine Shoemark sources them from a fantastic bookshop called "Florilegium". The owner is Gil Teague and he has been running this business since 1989. He has over 5000 different titles across all aspects of gardening, including design, individual plants, environmental issues, botany, plant hunting, and growing food.

Not all of the books Janine buys on our behalf are brand new and this is because Gil sources out-of-print items as well as new.

The bookshop is based in Glebe but Gil goes to large plant fairs with a good selection. You may have seen him at The Rare Plant Fair this year. He also has a fantastic website so that you can have books sent to you without a trip to Sydney.

Thanks Janine for doing this for us!

Our Speaker for today is David Fripp

David Fripp grew up and worked for his parents on a stone fruit orchard in Peats Ridge, NSW. As a teenager he worked for his aunt, Elaine Slade, in her fern nursery, furthering his passion for plants. After leaving school early he set about becoming self-employed as a flower grower. Moving his skills to Sydney, he then began his own garden maintenance business in the eastern suburbs, where he lived until 1994. "Screen Trees Australia" began later that year and continues to supply landscapers and the general public with a range of hedging trees and, more recently, rarer and unusual plants, under the name "Living Edge Nursery". With his partner, David also presents and sells some of the more obscure plants at garden shows and clubs across the east coast and outer Sydney, according to climate, water availability and soil conditions. David has extensive knowledge on a wide variety of subjects and is quite happy to engage and answer any questions from garden club members.

Club Tours and Functions

Friday 26 August	Going Native. Native Garden trip including tour and lunch to Picnic Point. Payment of \$35 in August please.	8.30 am departure
Thursday 1 December	Save this date for the Christmas Party.	

Please note:

Annual membership subscription of \$20 for 2015-16 is due NOW.

- 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.

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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Next Meeting

11 August

Guest speaker:

Tony Curry, National Director, International Camellia Society. Tony's topic is: "Camellias as you have never seen them before".

Hall set-up and pull-down:

Ronah Tuite and Bill Avery

Morning tea:

Margaret Peoples and Bev Turner

Bring a plate:

Marjorie Gunasekara and Bronwyn Hay