



*Wentworth Falls Garden Club Inc*  
Affiliated with The Garden Clubs of Australia Inc

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*From the President.....*

It's difficult to work out which season we are in at the moment. The calendar says it is winter but my roses are still flowering as if it's late summer and the galanthus (English snowdrops) seem to think it is spring. They are flowering at least a month earlier than they were last year. Autumn has been beautiful and it was a treat to revisit Marion's garden (which we first saw in spring) after the May meeting, to see it in its autumn colours. Thank you, Marion, for inviting us, and thank you to all the other members who have shared their gardens with us this last year. We start a new Club year next month and I am sure Sharon would like to hear from you if you would like to open your garden for a ramble in the coming months.

Many thanks to Sharon for organizing the Club lunch at TAFE last month. It was a delicious three-course meal prepared and served by the students and an excellent occasion for members to socialize. Thanks too to Susan Hummel for taking on the Welfare role in Lea's absence. Please let Susan know of any members who should receive a card. Contact details are in the newsletter. Do visit our website and make your way through the new format. Thanks to Sed, who has spent a great deal of time on making the site much easier to navigate. While you are there, check out the Gallery section and see some wonderful photos of plants and gardens taken by members.

How good to have this welcome rain. I have recently been in South Australia and Tasmania and they are very green compared to our dry state. Their winter rains have come early. I recommend a visit to Carrick Hill House and Garden if you are ever in Adelaide. Both are most impressive and match many special gardens overseas. Having said that, I am enjoying the DVD from our Library, Monty Don's 'Italian Gardens'. They are glorious and historical and completely over the top. Monty's commentary is as enthusiastic and insightful as it has been in the current series of 'Paradise Gardens' where he has visited Islamic gardens from Spain to India. The winter months are a good time to do some armchair travel with the many excellent DVDs in our collection so get borrowing!

*Carol*

***All Executive and Committee positions are open for nomination.  
Enquiries and nomination forms from Carol or Gai.***

The Annual General Meeting will be held on 12 July. The minutes and Reports from the 2017 AGM can be read on the website. There will be a hard copy to view on the day.

**Membership renewal of \$20 due in July. New badges issued upon payment. (If you joined after 1<sup>st</sup> January 2017, you are not required to pay renewal until July 2018.)**

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 Chris Cuddy.*

Chris Cuddy, B.Hort.Sc (Hons) (Syd) is the owner of Perenniale Nursery at Canowindra which specialises in drought tolerant and frost hardy plants. Chris will be speaking about selecting plants for a drying climate and will have a selection of plants for sale at the meeting.

*Club Tours and Functions*

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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.
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> October	<i>Mahratta House revisited.</i> This includes spring garden tour, morning tea, Lisgar Garden and lunch at Hornsby RSL. Costing TBA.
13 <sup>th</sup> December	<i>Christmas Lunch</i> at Leura Golf Club.

**The Garden Clubs of Australia 2019 National Convention.**

The Garden Clubs of Australia will hold its 2019 National Convention on Norfolk Island. The Norfolk Island Gardening Club will host the event and partner with Norfolk Island Travel Centre to develop holiday packages to suit, for those travelling to the Convention. They encourage you to attend and to explore their beautiful island with a theme of "Convicts, Community and Coral". Tailor made packages at reasonable rates will be prepared for Convention members and available for sale around 12 months prior to the Convention date. Further details will be forthcoming.

**Next Meeting**  
**12 July 2018**

**Guest speaker:**

**Brett Sowerby**, The Enlightenment's Natural Historian. Illustrator and collaborator with Sir Joseph Banks on the plants of "New Holland."

**Hall set-up:**

Duncan Leys and Beryl Black

**Pull down:**

Duncan Leys and Janice Light

**Morning tea and Bring a plate**

Margaret Peoples and Barbara Fox

**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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