



Wentworth Falls Garden Club Inc
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From the President ...

Our committee meetings aren't usually as intense as this month's was but the year is flying by and it was time for each of the committee members to assess whether they were able to be nominated to a committee position for another year. Two of our hard-working crew have decided it is time to step down and, as I have mentioned before, I will also not be standing for a position at the AGM in July.

A few years ago we identified specific roles for each of the eleven positions. From my own perspective, this approach works better than not being assigned to a particular task each month. I am sure that you will agree it is necessary to use our skills in ways we are capable of, and comfortable with.

There are three roles we need to fill this year:

1. Catering co-ordinator;
2. Guest speaker co-ordinator;
3. Proofreader and roster co-ordinator. (It is essential to be computer-literate for this one.)

Each of these roles can be done by anyone but all of our communication is done via email so it would be disadvantageous to not have this at your fingertips. I have already had interest from one of our members for the catering 'job' but we will definitely need another two willing people to consider the other two positions above please.

So many of you have held positions in the past so unless you really want to ... you have done your bit and we are very grateful to you. If you are newish to the mountains then it's a great way to get to know this great bunch of people. Talk to me at any time or chat to any of the committee for more info. Thanks heaps for giving this some serious thought!

... Celeste

Club Tours and Functions

Today after meeting	Garden Ramble at Bev and Bernie Turner's garden, 2-4 Angel Place, Wentworth Falls. Map available from Sharon.	After meeting until 1.30pm
Saturday, 8 April	Collectors' Plant Fair at Hawkesbury Race Club, Clarendon. Cost \$42 includes entry and lunch at Norman Lindsay Gallery on the way home.	Departure 7.30am
Friday, 9 June	Wivenhoe Historic House, Camden. Tour and buffet lunch. Further details TBA. A Nursery visit may be included.	TBA

*Our Speaker for today is Greg Bourke
Curator/Manager, Blue Mountains Botanic Garden*

We are very privileged that Greg has been able to take the time out of his busy schedule to come to talk to us again. Greg grew up with the Royal National Park at his doorstep and with frequent family holidays to Jervis Bay. He developed an interest in both the sea and native Australian flora, particularly carnivorous plants. The interest in carnivorous plants grew into a passion and in his early 30s Greg became President and founding member of the Australasian Carnivorous Plant Society.

In 2011 Greg joined the Royal Botanic Gardens and Domain Trust working at the Blue Mountains Botanic Garden, Mount Tomah, managing the infrastructure at the site. In 2014 he was appointed to his current role of Curator/Manager of the site. Last year he was awarded a scholarship funded by the Foundation and Friends of the Botanic Gardens, a not-for-profit membership-based organisation supporting horticulture, conservation, scientific research and education programs. This trip took him to the UK. As well, the International Union for the Conservation of Nature (IUCN) funded his presence at a workshop at Kew Gardens as part of the Carnivorous Plants Specialist Group, under the umbrella of the IUCN Species Survival Commission, the patron of which is Sir David Attenborough. Today's presentation will be based on this study tour.

Next Meeting

13 April 2017

Guest speaker:

Bill Grattan, Bay Tree Nursery, Mt Vic. His topic is "Growing Alpines".

Hall set-up:

Les Handicott
Daniel Murphy

Hall pull-down:

Les Handicott
Ellison Jones

Morning tea:

Diana Jones

Bring a plate:

Adrienne Brown
Rosemarie Leathwood

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
(Ph 4784 1101).

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Please Note!

GCA BM Zone **Friendship Day** is being held on 13 May. Cost is \$35. Please RSVP by 22 April.

Payment to be made to:
Blue Mountains Zone Garden Club
BSB 032828; A/C 122493
Or Cheque to Barry Lawson,
13 Beaufort St, Lithgow 2890