



## Wentworth Falls Garden Club Inc

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### *From the President ...*

This is a final reminder that there is no meeting in June due to a prior Council commitment.

At the July meeting your Club renewals of \$20 will become due. Your new badge will be available to be picked up and we are asking all of you to fill out a half-page green form with your contact details so that we can update our files. Please be assured that we do not, under any circumstances, give your details out to anyone apart from committee members.

It's still unseasonably warm but I am in the middle of all of my autumn chores. You might see me in random streets gathering bags of fallen leaves – fantastic to add to the compost heap or just leave in bags with a few holes in, to rot down for a year or so before adding to the garden. The other thing that I have done, for the second year in a row, is to order some bare-rooted fruit trees from Tasmania. It has been a very stressful chore as there are far more people wanting to order than there are plants available. This particular supplier gives you a few weeks' notice as to when their website will be open for ordering, and then a time on the day that you can start purchasing. It reminded me of sitting on the computer waiting for Rugby League Grand Final tickets to be released! Who knew that gardening and watching sport could be so stressful?

Have a happy couple of months and see you in July at the AGM. It is always a slick and painless meeting and then we have a great speaker for you to enjoy as usual.

*Celeste*



### **Look after our Bees!**

At our last meeting Helen Caughey spoke in our Q & A session about our dwindling bee population and the importance of using Dipel and/or Eco Oil rather than Confidor. This is what she said and recommends:

*The bees collect the nectar and pollen from the flowers of plants and they feed on pollen and honey (bee processed nectar) at different times of the year. Confidor is systemic and goes right through the plants' system ending up in stems, fruit, flowers, pollen and all parts of a plant with a residual that no-one, as yet, knows exactly if it dissipates over time or accumulates. Confidor's active ingredient has been proven to knock out a bee's guidance system – GPS if you like – which gives them a "beeline" back to home. Therefore, they get lost and die as they can't find their hive. Some gardeners like to use White Oil. However, White Oil is petroleum-based whereas Eco Oil is plant-based and preferable. Dipel is also absolutely safe for bees.*

**Please note:  
Subscription renewal  
\$20 due in July**

## *Our speaker for today is Erin Hall*

Erin is the Team Leader of the Bushcare Team, Blue Mountains City Council. She has extensive experience in bush regeneration. Her experience extends to weed identification and management. Erin will discuss the Council's weed management strategy and the Council's approach to various issues associated with bushland conservation and weed management in the Blue Mountains.

### *Club Tours and Functions*

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Friday 20 May	<b>Bonny Day Out.</b> Includes lunch with various choices of gourmet sandwiches, cake of the day and tea and coffee. This is an easy access, short day trip to a nursery, café and lifestyle centre.	10am departure
Friday 26 August	<b>Going Native.</b> Native garden trip including tour and lunch to Picnic Point. Details still to be advised and payment in August please.	TBA

### **Next Meeting**

**14 July**

**Guest speaker:**

**David Fripp**, Plantsman from Screen Trees Australia. David's topic is "Screening with Bamboos and other Unusual Plants".

**Hall set-up:**

Kevin Craze and Les Allen

**Morning tea:**

Fran Craze and Julie Allen

**Bring a plate:**

Marjorie Gunasekara  
and Ronah Tuite

### **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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