



## *Wentworth Falls Garden Club Inc*

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### *From the President ...*

I have missed all of you and it's great to be back on deck today. A huge thanks to Carol for taking over while I have been missing in action. It was such a relief to know that she was so willing and able, especially while I was down with the flu!

Spring is here but the weather has been a bit frustrating. The gardens that I have seen over the last two weeks have been spectacular though. A huge majority of you will have been involved somehow during the Leura Gardens Festival. This year our own Janine Shoemark somehow found herself on the Festival Committee. In past years she and Peter have been constant helpers, but this year Janine has taken over the pre-festival tours and it has been a huge success. As 23 of our members can attest, the possibility of visiting a special garden as part of a small group, and with the garden owners available, is a real privilege. A number of our members acted as guides for these tours, and many of them have also been "sitting on" garden gates during the past week. Janine offered three gardens that were not actually in Leura, two of them belonging to Wentworth Falls Garden Club members. Both of them are very special gardens.



"Trevlyn", Dorothy and Lyle Davis's garden, is known and well-loved by our members and the picture here of them under the weeping cherry during one of the tours was one that I thought you would all like to see.

The second garden, "Glenochie", is a garden that many of you may not have visited but today have the chance to do so. Bronwyn Hay has kindly offered to host today's ramble so whatever you do, don't miss this fabulous garden.

Enjoy the spring gardening – it is quite a miracle to see the gardens come to life again after the winter.

*Celeste*

## **Growing Tomatoes**

- Choose a spot where tomatoes have not been grown for at least five years. Do not plant tomatoes into soil too rich in nitrogen from the addition of blood and bone or animal manures as the plants will produce masses of leaves at the expense of flowers and fruit.
- Once the plant grows and lots of thick lush foliage appears, remove some of the thick foliage. Start with the lower leaves to reveal a main stem, but keep the top growth to provide sun protection for future fruit. Use a soluble fertiliser formulated for flowers and fruit and apply it at the rate stated on the pack. Start feeding once every three weeks.
- Tomatoes need a steady supply of water over summer, so don't let the plants go thirsty for even a few days. This will affect or even harm the quality of fruit.

## *Our Speaker today is Liz Benson*

Liz Benson was a founding member of the Central Blue Mountains Garden Club and involved with all their activities. After having worked as a High School Science teacher for thirty years, for the last decade Liz has been employed by the National Parks Service and the Royal Botanic Gardens at Sydney, Mt Annan and at Mt Tomah as an education officer and outdoor guide. She is a keen bushwalker and lover of nature.

Liz will be talking about "Gardening for Birds" and will be concentrating on the joy of having birds around and suggesting ideas to encourage more of those we want and fewer of those we don't.

### *Club Tours and Functions*

Thursday 13 October	<b>Garden Ramble</b> after General Meeting until 1.30 pm	Map available
Thursday 1 December <i>NB: Not our usual meeting Thursday</i>	<b>Christmas Party:</b> \$40 Buffet. Members may bring one guest: \$45. Money being collected.	12 noon

Annual subscriptions to the Wentworth Falls Garden Club now fall due in July each year. Cost for current members: \$20; new members: \$30. Please pay by the October meeting, after which our Constitution allows for transfer to a non-active member list. Payments may be made by cash, cheque or electronically. To remit electronically, BSB: 062 559; Account No: 2800 3852. **Please ensure your name is included with the remittance.**

### *Don't miss out on the Silent Auction today in the Library*

#### **Next Meeting 10 November**

#### **Guest speakers:**

**Shannon Decker and Stephen Vella,**  
Now & Zen Landscapes: "All about Ponds: Their Construction, Maintenance and Plantings".

#### **Hall set-up and pull-down:**

Ian and Anne Peebles

#### **Morning tea:**

Lea Nelson

#### **Bring a plate:**

Lea Nelson and 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.

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