



*Wentworth Falls Garden Club Inc*  
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*From the President.....*

The bees are buzzing and so is Leura, with all our visitors for the Garden Festival. I accompanied a small group of members as guide on our Pre Festival Tour of four very different but beautiful gardens. It could be very disheartening to see such wonderful results but the trick is to choose to be inspired instead of being overwhelmed. We took away some ideas of what we could do in our own patch as well as some plants from our last garden.

GCA has asked us to participate in activities this week to promote gardening.

A number of our members worked for the Garden Festival in many different capacities and I met several "on duty" at Pre Festival tours, at gates and plant sales. The aim is to raise funds for the hospital but another outcome is the connection we make with others who volunteer...a "win, win" situation.

Several members are helping out at Campbell Gardens at Blackheath during the six weeks of the Rhododendron Festival. The gardens rely on fundraising for all they do so I commend the Festival to you. It is open every day during October and you can enjoy refreshments after your garden stroll as well as purchase merchandise or plants. You could even try out the brand new toilets!

Don't miss the exhibition at The Calyx in the Botanic Gardens. There are raised garden beds full of flowers and a wall of plants, all celebrating pollination. It will lift your spirits so put a visit in your diary as it's there for the summer.

The blue skies and sunshine seem relentless so if you can manage a rain dance in the privacy of your own garden that would be much appreciated.

*Carol*

*Club Tours and Functions*

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Today	Garden Ramble after meeting. See Sharon for details and maps.	
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> October	A visit to "Beautiful Bilpin and Mt Wilson Wonderland" BYO picnic lunch. Cost \$40.	9am
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas lunch is to be held at Leura Golf Club, 1 Sublime Pt Rd, Leura. \$35 per head includes sit down meal of roast meats & veggie platters, dessert, the first welcome drink plus now famous lucky door prizes. Members may invite one person at \$40 per head. <i>Please note this is not our usual Thursday meeting date.</i>	12noon Club not open till noon.

*Membership renewal of \$20 due.*

*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.

Please pay by the **October** meeting, after which our Constitution allows for transfer to a non-active member list.

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 Peta Trahar – Town and Country Gardens*

Peta Trahar was raised in Tasmania, lived in Mosman in Sydney and now calls Woodgreen Angus Stud, at Bilpin, home. Peta is a graduate of Ryde School of Horticulture. Her experience includes working as a landscape lecturer, writer, garden judge and selector for Australia's Open Garden Scheme, now closed.

Peta's career as a landscape designer has given focus to the development of her nursery, Town and Country Gardens. Time is now spent propagating and selling her interesting plants. Her garden is a wide collection of unusual plants displayed with an eye to colour and texture.

Peta was the co-founder of the highly successful Collectors' Plant Fair. In 2005, together with Beth Stokes, Peta was awarded NSW Horticulturist of the Year and the National Award of Excellence "for promoting horticulture, particularly the use and conservation of rare and unusual plants through the organisation of the Collectors' Plant Fair." Peta is currently a member of the committee of the Kurrajong Heights Garden Club.

Woodgreen, the 2 acre garden within a larger property was established in the 1960's by Justice Philip Woodward. Peta and Peter Trahar bought Woodgreen in 1986. Since then the garden has been developed and intensively planted. It is a product of Peta's collecting since establishing a first garden in the 1970's. It is now the source of the plants in the nursery. The range offered includes perennials, shrubs and bulbs among others. Many are rare. We look forward to our visit later this month.

### **November Silent Auction**

Thank you to all those who purchased books at our silent auction last month.

There will be another lot of books for sale again in November. Have your cash ready and see Merilyn in the Library to obtain a number and register your bid(s).

**Local businesses may offer a discount on presentation of your membership card at their discretion;**

Longview Nursery, Wentworth Falls  
Birches of Leura

Tunks Landscape & Building Supplies  
The Bay Tree Nursery, Mt Victoria  
Weber's Nursery, Mt Boyce.

**A sticker listing the correct businesses offering discounts is available at the Welcome Desk. Please place it on the reverse of your badge.**

Please Note:

**Blue Mist Café, Wentworth Falls**, is no longer on the list.

### **Next Meeting**

**9 November 2017**

**Guest speaker:**

**Lorraine McMiles**, Secretary (now folded) Blue Mountains Floral Art Group Inc: Leura Home Garden Club (2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President)

***"Decorative Arrangements for Christmas"***

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

Bernie Turner and Martin Vaughan

**Morning tea**

Bronwyn Hay

**Bring a plate:**

Gai Horrocks

### ***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 or email [leanelson@ozemail.com.au](mailto:leanelson@ozemail.com.au).

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