



Wentworth Falls Garden Club Inc.
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From the Vice-President.....

Firstly, I have to advise you that our President, Carol, was called away last week to Adelaide where her sister had suddenly fallen ill. Last Friday, with considerable sadness, we heard that Kate had passed away and that Carol would be staying on there for a little while longer to attend to necessary arrangements. Our thoughts and prayers are with her and the family, and the Club has passed on condolences on your behalf.

We are now officially in Spring and, at the time of writing, we have had a few days of very welcome rain after the long period of drought. Maybe some of us were fortunate enough to get our gardens prepared by digging in compost, manure etc. before the rain started. If so, we can probably look forward to seeing the benefits of this in the next month or so as our gardens take off!

On that note, from today we are again taking orders for the legendary “Merino Magic”, which so many of our members used for the first time in their gardens last year and found so successful in developing “gardens to be proud of”.

A number of our members went “Native” last Friday on another of the regular bus trips organised by Sharon & Lynton. Their best-kept secret destination turned out to be Sylvan Grove Native Garden run by Bankstown Council at Picnic Point, followed by an excellent lunch at a nearby cafe and, of course, the obligatory call at the local nursery! Thanks to Sharon and Blue for all the effort that they put into the preparation of these outings beforehand and on the day.

Finally, a quote from our Newsletter of September 2011 which is still applicable today:
 “Your Committee has also been aware of the need to keep the “community” spirit amongst our own members and we ask you to please let one of us know if there is anyone who is sick or infirm for any reason, so that we can maintain contact, even when they are unable to come to our meetings.”

Good gardening,

Henry

Club Tours and Functions

Club tours and functions are available only to members and must be booked and paid for at a club meeting.

Tuesday 16 October	<i>Mahratta House and Much More:</i> Guided tour of one of the finest Georgian/Art Deco houses in Sydney, plus morning tea & the Paul Sorensen Spring garden ramble. Lunch, at own expense at Hornsby RSL, then a leisurely stroll through Lisgar Gardens. Departure 8.20am, cost \$45 . Sold out; however, check waiting list for availability.
13 December	Thursday 13 December 12 noon: Christmas Lunch will be held at the Leura Golf Club, 1 Sublime Point Road, Leura. Cost is \$35 per head which includes a sit down meal of Christmas roast meats & vegetables plus dessert and a free welcome drink plus our now famous lucky door prizes. Members may invite a guest at \$40 per head.

Spring is here! Give your garden a boost with Merino Magic (sheep poo). \$6 per bag (approx 10kg), to be picked up from Leura. Place orders and pay Lea at the meeting.

Guest Speakers today are Julia Hanley and Deb Wells

Julia and Deb are members of the Blue Mountains Rhododendron Society. They will be telling us about, "What volunteers can achieve – A history of the Campbell Rhododendron Gardens, Blackheath."

Deb moved from Sydney to Blackheath in 2010 and joined BMRS a year later. Much of her working life was spent in musical theatre with short stints in pharmacy between shows. After retiring from the stage Deb taught singing and with a theatre colleague taught presentation skills in the corporate world. She now runs a busy Airbnb and spends as much time as possible developing her own garden. When she joined the BMRS committee Deb was asked to run the kitchen and, using her business skills, set up workable systems for Open Days. At the start of this year she took over the job of Marketing Officer and again her business skills are invaluable.

Julia has been a gardener since she was a child. She studied Physiotherapy and Adult Education (Training) and spent 40 years working in these fields as a leader of various allied health teams. The skills and experience gained in these years have helped her in her recent role as President of the Blue Mountains Rhododendron Society. In 2004 she moved to live in Blackheath and helped her husband develop an extensive garden. She continues her love of gardening by being a Monday volunteer at the Rhodo Gardens.

Membership renewal of \$20 is due. New badges will be issued upon payment.

(If you joined after January 1 2018, you are not required to pay renewal until July 2019.)

- 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 your remittance.

Next Meeting

11 October 2018

Guest speakers:

Barbara Levy, President of the NSW Iris Society, "Growing Irises and Iris Types"

Hall set-up and Pull down:

Barbara Fox and Duncan Leys

Morning tea

Margaret Peoples and Annabelle Fraser

Bring a plate

Margaret Peoples and Annabelle Fraser

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 with your remittance.

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