

PRESIDENT'S REPORT.

Presented to the Annual General Meeting of the Wentworth Falls Garden Club Inc
on Thursday 9th May 2013.

Wentworth Falls Garden Club continues to be one of the most active in the Blue Mountains Zone, which extends from the Macquarie Towns through to Oberon, and will remain so as long as we have an interested and revitalised lot of gardeners amongst our membership. One way that your committee aims to achieve this is through the choice of varied and informative speakers to pass on their knowledge at our regular monthly meetings. We hope that we have managed to achieve this in the past 12 months.

Unfortunately, we were unable to gain a Government Grant for the purchase of projection equipment during 2012. Realising the need for the best speakers to be obtained and for a more professional presentation, the committee purchased a computer and data projector in early 2013 and these are already proving their worth.

As a result, from May 2013 we are introducing a charge of \$5 per meeting which will include:

- *morning tea, and a Lucky Door prize,*
- *hire of the hall,*
- *travel expenses of the speaker, and*
- *administration costs.*

Current charges for morning tea and raffle will be discontinued. Annual fees of \$20 for membership (and a \$10 one-off joining fee) will remain unchanged.

From May a new badge system has been introduced, which will serve as both a name badge and receipt of payment for annual fees. I would like to say thanks to Barry Butler, who has headed up a small team to design and purchase these so that they are available for the 2013/14 membership year.

During 2012 I was unexpectedly away on several occasions, and it is a reflection of the strength of our club that others can so capably step in, especially Jane and Celeste who chaired the meetings, and Janice who always works so hard in the background getting things set up. But there are lots of people needed to make our club what it is, and I would like to thank everyone who has taken an active role during the year. We all enjoy the activities of our club but don't always appreciate how much hard work has been put into making it happen.

Our website, www.wentworthfallsgardenclub.com, is now well and truly up and running and I urge members to check it regularly. Our monthly newsletter is usually there soon after our monthly meeting and so you can read this even if you are unable to attend.

We are a Community Club and so I would urge everyone to inform the committee of members who are not able to attend, so that we can be in touch, either by sending a card or by assisting in some way where we can.

Thanks again to those who have actively contributed to the club in 2012/13 and for your support in making a great club even better.

Henry Nelson
President 2012/13