



Wentworth Falls Garden Club Inc
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From the President ...

Earlier in the year 19 or so of our members had an overnight trip to see some beautiful gardens around the Orange district. Sharon and Lynton suss out all sorts of garden treasures for these trips, but this time they also enlisted the members of the Orange Garden Club to make some suggestions. They opened one of their gardens and hosted a fabulous morning tea for us (I ate too much as usual but hey ... I was on holidays!) so Sharon graciously offered to reciprocate if they wanted to venture up the Mountains. Last Saturday Dorothy and Lyle Davis, Janine Shoemark and Geraldine Sternberg all opened their gardens for this group of 40 gardeners. We set up morning tea at the Davis's thanks to Jane, who carted all of the club supplies over there. She and four other committee members whipped up some yummy offerings to accompany the cuppa. They were a happy and interested group and we all enjoyed renewing acquaintances made. They very generously gave a well-thought-out gift to each of the garden owners, plus one to Sharon to share with all of you. So today's lucky door prizes are from our good friends in Orange.



It's been a full Garden Club year once again with wonderful gardens to hear about and visit, but like every year we have had some challenges to face in our private lives so, on behalf of our happy and hard-working committee, I want to wish all of our wonderful members and their families a very Merry Christmas, good health, safe holidays and sincere good wishes for the year ahead. I feel we are a family of 130 like-minded people and feel blessed that I am part of it.

... Celeste

General Meeting Dates for 2017

Month	General Meeting
January	12 January
February	9 February
March	9 March
April	13 April
May	11 May
June	NO GM
July	13 July
August	10 August
September	14 September
October	12 October
November	9 November
December	THURS 7 DECEMBER



Lambs' Ears (*Stachys byzantina*) Silver Carpet is an excellent ground cover. It can also be planted as edging and mowed over. It is drought tolerant and hardy. Lambs' Ears is not invasive and can be removed very easily. Propagation is by division. Dig out a clump with a sharp shovel and divide. The Lambs' Ears plants in the photo above are in my back garden.

Narelle Nolan

*Our Speakers for today are Shannon Decker
and Stephen Vella*

Shannon Decker is the Director of *Now & Zen Landscapes*. Shannon has extensive landscape experience and knowledge and leads a team of dedicated people who provide expertise from concept to completion. Stephen Vella, who joined the team this year, is one of the leading horticultural designers in the Blue Mountains. He has 25 years' experience, having worked in both Sydney and The Blue Mountains Botanic Garden, Mt Tomah.

Today Shannon and Stephen will discuss ponds, their construction, maintenance and plantings.

Club Tours and Functions

Thursday 1 December <i>Please note: not our usual meeting Thursday</i>	Christmas Party Buffet Lunch at Wentworth Falls Country Club. Members \$40; Guests \$45 (1 guest per member). Last chance to pay today.	12 noon
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Annual subscriptions to the Wentworth Falls Garden Club now fall due in July each year. The fees for current members are \$20; new members: \$30. Those who have not paid have been transferred to the non-active member list. To reactivate your membership, please see Barry Butler. 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.**

**Next Meeting
12 January**

Guest speaker:

John Keir: *John Keir Landscapes and Gardens*. John will be speaking about Jenny Priestley's garden.

Hall set-up and pull-down:

Henry and Lea Nelson (set-up);
Bernie Turner and Daniel Murphy (pull-down).

Morning tea: TBA

Bring a plate: TBA

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
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