

LEURA HOME GARDEN CLUB

PRESIDENT'S REPORT 2016

Well another year has passed and I am pleased to say that our Club is still attracting new members. Our variety of events has been well attended and we continue to enjoy some great speakers.

Speakers

We started off the year with a DVD on the Chelsea Flower Show, February was member Joan Brown on Tulips, March was Barbara Cooper on Fuschia's, April was Anne Elliott talking about Slow Foods, May was Stuart Read on the history of Paul Sorensen gardens, June was Lyle Clinton about bees and Woodford Honey, July saw us celebrating our Harvest Festival, Ingrid Nemetz joined us in August talking about Hellebores, September Murray Clark on the history of Tulips, October was Rob Stanton showing us some wonderful photos on where we had been on our trips, and November was David Thurston on Carnivorous Plants.

Social and Touring

This year our wonderful trips began in February with a visit to some local gardens, in March we visited Wendy Whitely's garden in Lavender Bay, April was Wild Meadows garden in Little Hartley and Gairloch garden in Oberon, May was to the Bonsai Nursery in Dural, June was our lunch at Zest, July was Eryldene garden and house in Gordon, August was a Magical Mystery tour, in September we visited the Nan Tien Buddhist Temple and Botanical Gardens in Wollongong, nothing in October due to the Leura Garden Festival, November was a Millthorpe garden ramble finishing the year in December enjoying our Christmas lunch at Everglades.

Garden Rambles

On our rambles this year we visited the lovely gardens of Beryl Price, the Railway garden, Noel Roscoe's, Don's garden "Cherrydell" together with Trish Fewer's, Marilyn and Richard Landon's finishing at Robyn Stone's. My thanks to everyone for inviting us to look at such wonderful gardens.

Community Involvement includes

- Leura Station Garden
- Rotary Garden at Katoomba Hospital
- Leura Garden Festival
- Donation to the Rural Fire Service.

Once again my grateful thanks to:

- Our hard working Committee, Nick de Brett, Terry Goulden, Lorraine McMiles, Caroline Stanton, Joan Brown, Richard Landon, Liz Cunningham, John Greenway and Beryl Price. We could not function without them.
- And our many wonderful volunteers-
 - Joan Brown and Helen Benezon and their many willing helpers in the kitchen
 - Margaret, Jean and Merle on the Trading Table
 - Roz, Irma, Marlene and Neil plus others in the Railway Garden
 - Di Jones, our greeter at the front desk
 - Trish & Bill Fewer, for our excellent Library
 - Noel Roscoe, for sharing his gardening knowledge every month
 - John Greenway, our Newsletter editor and raffle ticket salesman
 - Terry Goulden, who not only looks after our finances but our website
 - Lorraine McMiles, who rescues us when Noel is unavailable
 - Rob Stanton, our driver
 - Marilyn Hawkett who does a great deal helping Richard with our tours; and
 - Caroline Stanton for arranging our raffle prizes.

And importantly, the members for coming to the meetings and participating in so many activities. You all contribute to a happy and friendly Club which I hope will continue for many years to come.

Thank you

Ann Norman
President