

PRESIDENT'S REPORT 2015

Again I am pleased to say that our Club continues to prosper with new members joining regularly. We have been able to participate in a variety of events, which were all well attended and enjoyed some great speakers.

Speakers

Starting off the year was our own Lorraine McMiles with flower arranging, followed by Liz Benson on Gum Trees, Dick Turner from the Australian Plant Society, Bill Grattan on his nursery's new plants. Linda Thomas on weeds, Helen Caughey about Bugs, Slugs and Thugs, our own Caroline Stanton on vegetables, Terry Goulden on the Club's 60 year history, Luke from Cut Above Tools, Karen Silver on Lilacs and Murray Clark on Carnivorous Plants.

Social and Touring

Again we have been very lucky with some wonderful trips beginning with a visit to Nutcote, then Orange, the Collectors Plant fair, Wildwood Garden, Megalong Tearooms, EG Waterhouse Camellia Gardens, a Mystery Tour, gardens in Mittagong, the Bathurst Spring Spectacular, open gardens in Mount Wilson, finishing the year with our delightful and delicious Christmas lunch at Everglades.

Garden Rambles

We did manage to visit and enjoy some gardens despite the weather, which included Chris Wilcox's, Caroline Stanton's, Lorraine McMiles, Cherydell, Easter Street, Di Cox's and Murray Bailey's.

Library

Trish Fewer continues to care for our Library keeping it up to date with new books and DVDs.

Community Involvement

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

Once again grateful and many thanks to:

- Our hard working Secretary and Committee, Nick de Brett, Terry Goulden, Lorraine McMiles, Caroline Stanton, Joan Brown, Richard Landon, Liz Cunningham and John Greenway. We could not function without them.
- And our many wonderful volunteers-
 - Jon Brown and Helen Benezon and their many willing helpers in the kitchen
 - Margaret, Jean and Merle on the Trading Table plus others in the Railway Garden
 - Di Jones, our greeter at the front desk
 - Trish Fewer, for our excellent Library
 - Noel Roscoe, for his wealth of gardening knowledge every month
 - John Greenway, our Newsletter editor and raffle ticket salesman
 - Terry Goulden, who looks after our finances and 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.
- Maureen Bailey for stepping in when required to look after the Library
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And of course all members for turning up at meetings and participating in so many activities. You all keep our Club operating in what I hope will remain a happy and friendly way.

Thank you
Ann Norman
President