



**LEURA GARDEN CLUB INC**  
 friendship through gardens since 1955  
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<p>Meetings are held on the third Tuesday of each month at St Alban's Hall, Megalong St, Leura from 9.45am.</p>		

**PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE** We have just passed the winter solstice, the shortest day of the year, and we will gradually have longer daylight hours to prepare our gardens for Spring time. Noel reminded us to get outside and get weeding, feeding, pruning, planting bulbs and spring flowers as the weather permits.

Our passionate speaker for June, Neville Burns, issued a timely reminder to take care while gardening, keep an eye out for reptiles, keep your distance, leave them alone and update your skills in first aid. Neville kindly donated a DVD, *Snakes in the Blue Mountains*, and brought along a feisty death adder that was striking the box as we came close to look at it.

The walk along Honour Avenue with friends followed by lunch at the historic Lawson Hotel was a very pleasant experience. Greg Carty invited members to his garden at 2pm, following the ramble and lunch, to observe his worm farm being revamped ready for fertilizing his garden. Please consider joining our varied social activities each month after our hall meeting.

The practical running of audio and visuals at meetings is now operational thanks to Duncan Leys. The projector and note book are a priority for our speakers to use. Thank you to Christine Morsby who has offered to set up the equipment each month.

Home gardens are not perfect but they do offer an opportunity to share problems and advice. We would love to visit your garden following a meeting so please contact me.

...Lorraine

JULY GUEST SPEAKER	JULY RAMBLE
<p><b>Peter Green (retired geoscientist) – biochar.</b> Biochar is being promoted for its potential to improve soil properties, fertility and carbon sequestration in soil. Pyrolysis is the most common technology employed to produce biochar through the heating of biomass in the absence of oxygen. Come and learn more about this garden / environment friendly initiative.</p>	<p>Fairmont Resort and Spa. These beautiful gardens are part of the 2022 Leura Garden Festival. Following the ramble, lunch will be at Katoomba RSL as the Leura Golf Club Café and Embers Restaurant at the Fairmont are both closed on Tuesdays.</p>
HELPER NEEDED	WELFARE
<p><b>An assistant secretary who will take on the position of Secretary next year. Let Lorraine know if you are able to assist.</b></p>	<p>If you know of someone who needs a card contact Kerrie Lee 4757 3176</p>
LIBRARY	RAFFLE WINNERS
<p><b>Liz Fox</b> has added that book on <i>Hydrangeas</i>, a beloved flower in Blue Mountains gardens. Check it out.</p>	<p>Cacti – Merle Hansard          Mushroom dibbler – Joe Krueger (visitor)</p>
ADVANCE NOTICE FOR THE AUGUST MORNING TEA AND BRING AND BUY TABLE	
<p>Now is the time to start bottling your produce, making jam and chutney and potting plants etc.          Fresh vegetables and fruit also welcome.</p>	