



LEURA GARDEN CLUB INC

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Meetings are held on the third Tuesday of each month at St Alban's Hall, Megalong St, Leura from 9.45am

PRESIDENT'S REPORT 'Summertime' has quietly come upon us, not that I am complaining about getting into the garden on a sunny day for a good workout.

Our November Meeting welcomed **Lyndal Compton** who spoke about Cliff View Community Farm and the work they are doing to conserve the formerly neglected Shipley Heritage Apples which are now being grafted onto new stock.

HOSPITAL GARDEN With the news that Rotary has now taken on the task **Merle Hansard** and **Margaret Brown** handed over the trowel after 12 years. A Certificate of Appreciation and small gift were given to say 'thank you'.

A garden Ramble at **Greg Carty's** garden was followed by lunch at Katoomba RSL.

ARCHIVING has been completed. **Tony Burbidge**, **Marian Haire** and I met with **Fiona Burn** at the Historical Society, to hand over the 'Deed of Gift', 8 boxes of records dating from 1955 to 2021. Club archivist **Tony Burbidge** will keep our records in order and every five years they will be taken to the Historical Society. A big thank you to everyone involved in the retrieval of scattered records, sorting them and organizing for their safe storage.



CHRISTMAS LUNCH at the Grandview Hotel Wentworth Falls was attended by 24 members. We were treated to beautifully decorated tables by **Kerrie Lee**, a

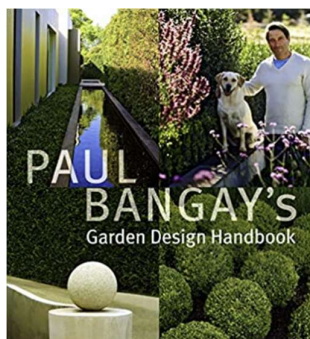


delicious modern two course meal and the hotel staff went out of their way to make it an enjoyable day....I wish you all **happy gardening in 2023**, Lorraine



Editor note: At the luncheon Lorraine thoughtfully individually thanked everyone who had contributed to the successful running of the Club in 2022. Her thanks were much appreciated.

JANUARY GUEST SPEAKER	JANUARY GARDEN RAMBLE
Sharon Baldwin Local author / publisher / kids' permaculture Lawson School / charity work.	Joyce Raised Garden Beds and Water tanks at Lawson followed by lunch at the Lawson Pub.
RAFFLE WINNERS	WELFARE
Lucky door prizes – Sonya Werner (2 champagne flutes), Gynia Favot (wine), Shan Jones (chocolates), Lorraine McMiles (panatone). Raffle – Robyn Stone (\$50 Bunnings voucher).	If you know of someone who needs a card please contact Kerrie Lee 4757 3176



Paul Bangay is a renowned Australian gardener. In this book he shares his secrets for successful garden design and construction.

Learn how to analyse a site and its needs, how to visualise a garden and use space, and how to decide on and achieve the hard and soft landscaping best suited to a particular style. Paul uses diagrams, step-by-step instructions, plant lists and lustrous colour photography of his designs, to talk about every aspect of garden building from developing a ground plan, constructing a retaining wall and fitting in a swimming pool, to finding a lawn substitute and drought-tolerant plants.

This book has been added to the Club library, let Paul Bangay inspire you in 2023.

NSW IRIS SOCIETY IRIS SHOW, Everglades Gallery, 29-30 October 2022. Show Judge – Di Cox

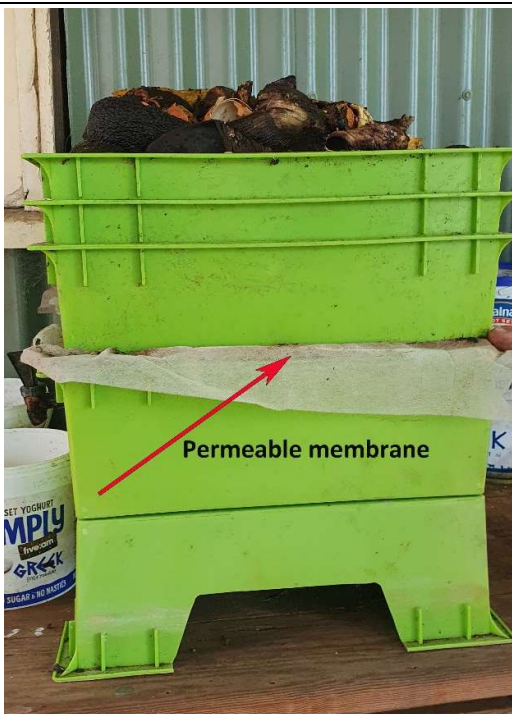
Liz Fox and **Kath Bayliss** were successful entries. **Lorraine McMiles** entered the Floral Art Section, and received the Championship Medal, along with 1st, 2nd, and 3rd awards.



From left: Di Cox, Liz Fox, Lorraine McMiles, Kath Bayliss



Display of floral art entries by Lorraine McMiles



Greg Carty's top tips

Worm farm - Add a permeable barrier between the bottom layer and the next layer of your worm farm. This will stop worms drowning in the worm juice collection bucket.

Compost bin - To stop vermin infestation, bury the base of your compost bin in the ground so that mice, rats etc cannot dig their way into the bin and add a tunnel to aerate the compost. Greg said a bit of rolled up fencing wire is perfect because it is inexpensive, easy to install and allows good air movement. Bury the base of the rolled-up wire the same depth as the base of the bin and make sure the wire tunnel extends to the top of the bin.