

Wentworth Falls Garden Club – Minutes - General Meeting – 9.5.19
30th Anniversary Meeting - 9:45am
Wentworth Falls School of Arts Hall

President – Carol Conway

- Welcomed 5 visitors
- Welcomed Special Guests:
 - o President, Garden Clubs Australia: George Hoad
 - o Founder Members: Lyle and Dorothy Davis.
 - o Former presidents: Pamela Davies, Barbara Bailey, Warwick Wilson.
 - (Henry Nelson noted as former president and present treasurer.)
 - o Past members and committee members.
 - o BMCC: Karen Ives.
- Read Apologies:
 - o WFGC past president Celeste Shadie, founder member Florence Baker, committee members and members: Margaret Ball, Maunie Kwok, Russell and Enid Mann, Kathy Manning, Elaine Wilson and Jane Blackshaw.
 - o GCA BM Zone Coordinator John Parsonage.
 - o BMCC Judith Jones.
- Special Thanks:

Sylvia Beresford was thanked for the donation of her watercolour painting,
Heritage Rose and *Windflower* cards, for our Anniversary Raffle.
- AGM

Members advised the AGM will be held 11 July. Three committee positions are available. Called for nominations.
- June General Meeting. There will be a meeting 13 June, 2019.
 - Modified Meeting. Advised this 9 May meeting would be modified to allow for 30th Anniversary celebrations.

Secretary – Gai Horrocks

Advised Members:

- Garden Ramble by Lyle and Dorothy Davis. Sheet with details on desk.

- Leura Garden Festival PreFestival Tour. Monday 30 Sept. Bookings July.

- Community details may be placed near Noticeboard. No announcements.

Directed Members' attention to Noticeboard:

- 50th Annual NSW Camellia Research Show, Ravenswood School, Gordon 14 July.

- Harvest Festival Panania Public School Sun 26 May.

- Autumn opening. Nooroo Mt Wilson.

- Spring events: Leura Garden Festival, Crookwell and Bathurst Open Gardens.

- GCA National Convention, Norfolk Island, October.

Financial Report – Henry Nelson.

Members advised modified report only. Hard copy available if required.

As per Statement of Accounts 1 April – 30 April 2019.

Total Funds: \$4,747.74. Income: \$585.68. Expenditure: \$814.55

Available Funds: \$4,518.87

Move acceptance of Report: Henry Nelson. **Seconded:** Robbert Van Leeuwen.

Welfare – Lea Nelson

Advised cards sent:

Maggie Weir - Get Well and Thinking of You cards.

Barry Butler – Get Well

Patricia Miskovic – Get Well

Membership – Carol on advice from Barry Butler.

- Membership figures have fluctuated from 120 members in 2014 to 137

members in 2019.

- General Meeting attendances vary between 52 to 79 per Meeting.

- One meeting had 100+ members. The Guest Speaker was Judy Horton.

Reminiscences by Special Guests.

- **Founder Members - Lyle and Dorothy Davis. Dorothy spoke.**

Dorothy spoke of the purchase of their heritage property in 1984. WFGC Ramble in the garden after the meeting. Dorothy recalled in 1989 the natural progression from Wentworth Falls Autumn Garden Festival to the founding of WFGC. The aim of the many members and friends was to share their wonderful love of gardening with likeminded people.

- **Pamela Davies – President 2002 – 2005.**

The first thing and one of the best things Pamela did on arrival in Wentworth Fall was to join WFGC. She enjoyed being the WFGC Tea Lady in the “Gum Nut café” and was proud of being WFGC first woman President.

- **Barbara Bailey – Secretary 1998 – 2005, President 2005 – 2008.**

Barbara also felt the best thing she did was join the WFGC. She spoke very fondly of the WFGC bus outings. Wonderful memories. She enjoyed her time on the committee being Secretary and then President.

- **Warwick Wilson – President 2008 – 2011.**

Warwick followed Barbara Bailey as President. A wonderful team with Maunie Kwok as Secretary. Compliments to Lynton and Sharon Phillips. Great trips. Great memories. Digital times arrived and current logo and WFGC website were created with the help of Henry Nelson and BM Grammar students.

Cutting of 30th Anniversary Cake.

Founder Member, Dorothy Davis and GCA President, George Hoad.

Photo Gallery - AV – Sed Mayne.

The Photo Gallery, comprising 64 photos received from members, will replace the original sunflower stock photos on the WFGC web headers. Sed welcomed more photos from members.

Morning Tea

Raffle Winners

Heritage Rose water colour painting by member, Sylvia Beresford - Les Allen.

Windflowers cards water colour paintings by member, Sylvia Beresford – Val Casey.

Annual subscriptions to GCA magazine - Lesley Walters and Val Casey.

GCA President George Hoad

Presentations: *The Garden Clubs of Australia; Past, Present and Future* and *Inspirational Gardens*

Presentation by George Hoad to WFGC President Carol Conway of GCA 30th Anniversary Certificate

Meeting closed: 12:00.

Next GM: 13 June 2019