

Wentworth Falls Garden Club Inc
Minutes – General Meeting, Thursday 10 August 2017

President – Carol Conway

- Addresses members and introduces committee members: **Ronah Tuite** (catering); **Anne Peebles** (guest speakers), **Sed Mayne** (newsletter, rosters), **Vic Tuite** (electronics), **Sharon Phillips** (tours and functions), **Gai Horrocks** (secretary), **Henry Nelson** (treasurer), **Narelle Nolan** (publicity), **Barry Butler** (membership), **Merilyn Shields** (library).
- Welcomes new members: Gregory Carty, Sheena Simpson and Brenda Heffernan.
- Welcomes visitors.
- Notifies members that new membership cards are now available for those who have paid their annual subscription. For those who haven't, reminder that subscription is now due. Thanks to **Barry** for his work on this.
- Q&A book to be passed round – **Bill Avery** to answer members' questions later.
- Roster for hall set-up/pull-down to be passed round for gaps to be filled in.
- GCA zone meeting report: Blue Mountains zone differs from most in that members meet together rather than co-ordinator going out to member groups. This means there is a more collegiate atmosphere and a helpful exchange of ideas amongst members. Election of new zone co-ordinator due in November, although may not occur until March. A member of the zone has volunteered to take over if and when required. Rhododendron Festival group would welcome more volunteers to help at festival time with morning teas etc.

Secretary – Merilyn Shields on behalf of Gai Horrocks

- GCA photo competition – keen photographers asked to submit entries by 6 October: details on noticeboard.
- Notice of opening of "Clover Hill" garden in Katoomba, 19-20 August.
- Crookwell Garden Festival, 11-12 November.
- Merino poo – order today from Lea Nelson.
- Lots of brochures re spring festivals etc. Members to please check the noticeboard for details.
- Today's Lucky Door prize donated by Lizzy Bell – signed copy of Wendy Whiteley's Secret Garden book.

Finance Report – Henry Nelson

As per Statement of Accounts: 1 July – 31 July 2017;

Total Funds: \$4,424.36; Total Income: \$1,635.56; Expenditure: \$1,567.28;

Available Funds: \$4,492.64.

Move acceptance of Financial Report: Fran Craze; seconded: Janice Light.

Welfare Report – Lea Nelson

- Message via Celeste from Janine Shoemark thanking members for their good wishes.

- Get-well card sent to Geraldine Sternberg.
- Sympathy card sent to Barry Butler.

Library – Marilyn Shields

- Paid tribute to all the work Carol put into the library during her three years as club librarian: building up the collection, particularly DVDs, weeding out books that have reached their use-by date, introducing silent auctions and making the collection more accessible to members via the labelling of various categories.
- 11 books have been accessioned from some very generous donations and include books on water gardens, propagation, attracting wildlife to your garden, practical ideas for small gardens, a beautiful book on native plants with great photos and a book on garden borders. Last month's guest speaker, Sue Carney, also donated a very comprehensive book on native bees.
- Silent auction to be held at next month's meeting.
- Janine Shoemark has donated some magazines which will be available free to members from the plant stall table at morning tea.
- Members to please let Marilyn know if there are any particular books or subject areas they think would be helpful additions to our Library.

Membership – Barry Butler

- Suggestion from Fran Craze that members use their old cards on the reverse of their new cards so that their names will always be visible.

Tours and Functions – Sharon Phillips

- Mahratta House: departure 9.20 am, 29 August – sold out.
- Wendy Whiteley's Secret Garden: 15 September – see Sharon to register for lunch. Suggestion that members wear some lavender since they will be visiting Lavender Bay.
- Leura Pre-Festival Tour: 26 September – \$30 to be paid at today's meeting. Meet 9.40 am at Fitzroy St, Leura.
- "Beautiful Bilpin and Mt Wilson Wonderland": 27th October – includes visit to Peta Trahar's garden as well as Windyridge and Nooroo at Mt Wilson. Members to bring their own lunch; cost \$40.
- There will be a daffodil ramble after the September meeting.
- Christmas Party: 7th December.

Q & A: Facilitator **Bill Avery:** answered questions on Jerusalem artichokes; the purpose of using sheep poo; where to procure Artemisia (wormwood); flammability of brushwood fences; possum remedies; pruning of natives, etc.

Morning tea

Guest speaker: Wyn Jones, Local scientist, musician and a great advocate for nature conservation. "Climate Change and its Effects on Our Gardens".

Meeting closed: 11.52 am

Next meeting: Thursday 14 September.