

**Minutes – General Meeting of Wentworth Falls Garden Club**  
**Thursday 10 September 2015 at Wentworth Falls School of Arts Hall**

**President – Celeste Shadie**

- Welcomed three visitors.
- Welcomed new members:
  - Janette Rush
  - Judith Bramham.
- Addressed the membership.
  - Advised members that today is last chance to renew membership – those renewing to see Barry at Morning Tea.
  - Advised members of the roles for the two new Committee members, Vic Tuite and Karen Handicott – Karen to take over as guest speaker co-ordinator and to help with “meet-and-greet” at front desk; Vic providing invaluable help setting up speakers, microphones, screen etc for our general meetings.
- Passed around Q&A red book.
- Thanked Marilyn for standing in for Gai as Secretary.

**Secretary – Marilyn Shields standing in for Gai Horrocks**

Advised members:

- GCA 2016 Calendars available for collection – in Library at Morning Tea.
- Advised members that the garden of Lynn’s Rare Plants in Northcote St, Leura, is to be open 24 and 25 October, and that details are available on Lynn’s website.
- Directed members’ attention to Noticeboard for posters regarding Spring garden festival at Mt Wilson and Mt Irvine, 10-11 October; Sculptures in the Garden, Mudgee, 10-11 October; tours to Chelsea Flower Show 2016; free poultry manure in Bullaburra, plus many other notices previously announced at our meetings.

**Financial Report – Henry Nelson**

As per Statement of Accounts: 1 August - 31 August 2015.

Total funds: \$3,677.01; Total income: \$2,002.53; Expenditure: \$1,196.45;

Available funds: \$4,483.09.

Moved acceptance of Financial Report: Fran Craze; Seconded: Margaret Peoples.

**Welfare – Lea Nelson**

- Cards sent to:
  - John Waldron
  - Karen Handicott

- Barbara Bailey
- Katalin Gulyas
- Thank you cards received from:
  - Ellison and Dianne Jones
  - Adrienne Brown
  - Bronwyn Hay
  - Michael Cooper – provided his email address for any members who would like to be in touch
- Lea read to members a card received from Ailsa and Colin Flick thanking the club for their many years of enjoyment as members, but sadly having to resign their memberships due to health issues.

### **Membership – Barry Butler**

- Barry will be available at Morning Tea to renew memberships.
- Letters will be sent to those who have not renewed.

### **Tours and Functions – Sharon Phillips**

- Christmas lunch at the Country Club has been organised: \$35 for members; \$40 for guests.
- Garden ramble organised for October.
- Plant Fair has been taken over by Better Homes and Gardens, but hopefully will stay the same.
- Reminded members that although upcoming tours are booked out it is always advisable to put your name on the waiting list as people do withdraw and places then become available.
- Asked for show of hands of those who may be interested in tour next year to Sydney's Botanic Gardens.
- Invited members to submit their ideas for future tours.

### **Garden Clinic – Introduced by Celeste Shadie**

- Q&A. Facilitated by Marjorie Gunasekara.
  - Questions on how to avoid wind damage, growing magnolias – including fertilisation and preventing snail damage to flowers.
- Members were treated to Henry's presentation on the screen of scenes and commentary about Monet's Garden in Giverny, France.

### **Morning Tea**

### **Guest Speaker – Robyn Bible. Geraniums and Pelargoniums.**

**Meeting closed:** 12 noon.

**Next meeting:** Thursday 8 October 2015.