

**Wentworth Falls Garden Club Inc**  
**Minutes – General Meeting, Thursday 11 August 2016**

**Acting President Carol Conway (standing in for Celeste Shadie).**

- Addresses the membership.
- Welcomes new members:
  - Sed Mayne
  - Yvonne Mayne
  - Sylvia Partridge
- Green members' details forms – reminder for members to fill these out if they have not already done so; great success so far and database has been updated.
- Introduces Ray Wiles to speak about volunteers for Leura Garden Festival.
  - Thanks members for their past participation as volunteers.
  - Informs members that the proceeds of the 2015 festival amounted to \$283,000 which enabled valuable upgrades in the cardiac unit of the hospital.
  - Invites members to volunteer for 13 gardens to be included in this year's festival, either for gate duties or providing morning teas and lunches where required.
- Introduces Janine Shoemark re tours of gardens during pre-Leura Garden Festival.
  - Draws attention to notice in newsletter and brochure available in regard to 8 gardens to be open for inspection for groups of minimum number of 10 people for a charge of \$20 per person.
  - Advises that a tour has been reserved for members of WFGC on 27 September: names and money to be taken at Morning Tea.

**Acting Secretary Marilyn Shields (standing in for Gai Horrocks).**

- GCA 2016 Calendar: Please place order and pay Marilyn in Library at morning tea: \$10, \$4 for WFGC. Closing date for orders is today.
- Notices re opening of "Clover Hill" garden in Katoomba from 27 August; "Nooroo" at Mt Wilson from 13 August; Plant Lovers' Fair on Central Coast 24-25 September; open gardens in Galston in October; and Gardenalia garden in Robertson.
- Lots of brochures re spring festivals etc. Members should please check the noticeboard.

**Financial Report – Henry Nelson.**

- As per Statement of Accounts: 30 June – 31 July 2016.
- Total Funds: \$1,694.79; Total Income: \$1,790.66; Expenditure: \$278.60; Available Funds: \$3,206.85.

- Moved acceptance of Financial Report: Henry Nelson; seconded: Martin Vaughan.

**Welfare – Lea Nelson.**

- Condolence cards sent to families of John Waldron and Ian Powell.
- Get-well cards sent to Karen Handicott and Celeste Shadie.

**Library – Carol Conway.**

- New DVDs now available for Highgrove (replacement); Family Gardening; How to Grow Fruit; How to Propagate; and RHS Wisley through the Seasons.
- There will be a silent auction next month for surplus books.

**Tours and Functions.**

- “Going Native”: to be rescheduled.

**Q & A.**

- Prior to Q&A Janine Shoemark reminded members of the need for volunteers for the 5-minute segment, “What I’m doing in my garden”. If volunteers do not come forward, segment will fold at the end of the year.
- Q&A facilitated by Marjorie Gunasekara:
  - Questions on weeds, cliveas under Pine trees; problems with magnolias; the use of dolomite; pruning Chinese lantern trees; eggshells in compost; pruning of waratahs; problems with rhododendrons.

**Morning Tea.**

**Guest speaker:** Tony Curry, National Director, International Camellia Society: “Camellias as you have never seen them before”. Tony’s talk was in regard to his many visits to Vietnam in his quest to find new species of camellias.

**Meeting closed:** 11.55 am.

**Next meeting:** Thursday 8 September.