

**Minutes – General Meeting of Wentworth Falls Garden Club**  
**Thursday – 14 April 2016, Wentworth Falls School of Arts Hall**

**President - Celeste Shadie**

- Welcomed visitors.
- Welcomed new members:
  - Joy McNamara
  - Kevin Hummel
  - Helen Caughey
- Passed Q&A book.
- Advised members that to facilitate the hall set-up roster, Karen Handicott will contact those concerned to remind them prior to the meeting.
- Invited any members interested in nominating for committee positions at the AGM in July that forms are available and descriptions of the various responsibilities are on the noticeboard.
- Advised that we have had good feedback in regard to use of Telecoil/Tswitch in the hall.
- Advised that the Blue Mist Café, Wentworth Falls is to be removed from the list of those offering discounts on the back of 2016/17 member badges.

**Secretary – Merilyn Shields (standing in for Gai Horrocks)**

- Reminded members that State Library NSW is requesting printed gardening materials such as brochures, booklets, catalogues, flyers etc – further information on the noticeboard.
- Directed members' attention to noticeboard in regard to:
  - Presentation on native plants and gardening for NSW Seniors Festival at Springwood Hub on 19 April at 10.30am.
  - Mt Wilson Autumn Festival on 16 April. Ten open gardens, village market, Devonshire teas and sandwiches.
  - Seminar Day at Campbell Rhododendron Gardens, Blackheath on 14 May. Theme is "Changes".
  - Workshops being held by Stephen Vella of Wild Meadows Garden, Little Hartley, on 21 May, 4 and 18 June. Sharon suggests that anyone signing up for any of these workshops should mention that they heard about them through WFGC.
  - Secret Garden in Richmond is having their Autumn Fair on 7 May – worth supporting as they employ people with disabilities.
  - Numerous other flyers. Please take a look.

### **Financial Report – Celeste Shadie (standing in for Henry Nelson)**

As per Statement of Accounts: 1 March – 31 March 2016

Total Funds: \$2,553.25; Total Income: \$1,033.42; Expenditure: \$698.50

Available Funds: \$2,888.17

Moved acceptance of Financial Report: Celeste Shadie; Seconded: Frances Craze

### **Welfare – Celeste Shadie (standing in for Lea Nelson)**

- Get-well card sent to Lizzie Bell.

### **Publicity – Narelle Nolan**

- WFGC notice appeared in Gazette two weeks ago.
- Informed members that future newsletters will include articles featuring profiles of well-known gardeners.
- Invited members to submit articles, perhaps on overseas trips featuring gardens and, if possible, including some photos.

### **Library – Carol Conway**

- Advised members that:
  - New DVD purchased: Wisley Garden (Royal Horticultural Society Garden).
  - Two new books purchased: *The Jewel Garden* by Sarah and Monty Don and new edition of book on salvias.
  - Book on dahlias ordered from author.
  - March book sale produced \$11.
  - Surplus books still available and on sale today for gold coin.
  - Wendy Whiteley speaking at Sydney Writers' Festival.

### **Membership - Barry Butler**

- Advised members that new membership fees due in July and new badges will be available then.

### **Tours and Functions – Lynton Phillips**

- Report on Plant Collectors' Fair, 9 April: a good day but some shortfalls with new organisation in regard to availability of signage and maps ... and coffee!
- Advised that 24 members attended the ramble in the garden of Karen and Les Handicott after the February meeting.
- Advised that the excursion on 20 May is booked out.

- Advised that for those booked to go on the 50 Shades of Orange overnight trip on 22-23 April, \$70 payment is due today.
- Introduced Corrie Kennedy, today's Garden Ramble host and advised that maps are available. Corrie gave an overview of her garden.
- Mentioned that he and Sharon had visited Condobolin for their garden festival and found both the gardens and gardeners inspirational in such a dry area and that perhaps it would make a good tour in the future.

#### **Q&A – Marjorie Gunasekara**

- Questions on what vegetables should be planted at this time of year; the use of cow manure; other fertilisers; caterpillars; citrus, etc.
- Helen Caughey provided details of the Leura Harvest Festival on 1 May and its educational role in regard to sustainability, recycling etc.

Celeste reminded members that there is no meeting in June.

#### **Morning Tea**

**Guest Speaker:** Deryl Mason, Friends of the Royal Botanic Gardens: "A History of the Sydney Royal Botanic Gardens".

**Meeting Closed:** 12:00 pm.

**Next Meeting:** Thursday 12 May 2016