

Wentworth Falls Garden Club Inc.

Minutes – General Meeting – Thursday 9 November 2017

Wentworth Falls School of Arts Hall

President – Carol Conway

- Welcomed new members: Sandi Robertson, Susanne Rix.
- Welcomed seven visitors. Reminded members that visitors wear visitor sticker.
- Advised numerous apologies.
- Passed round 2018 Morning Tea rosters.
- Advised updated WFGC Privacy Statement will be published on website. Hard copies available if required.
- Requested volunteers for 2018 Jan, April and May “My Garden/Not My garden” segments.
- Drew attention to Newsletter: Edible Garden Festival and Trail 3- 4 March 2018. Contact details for Susanne Rix, Festival Co-ordinator and new WFGC member.
- Gave feedback from members who volunteered to assist at Blackheath Rhododendron Festival.
- Advised Andrea Guthrie presenting Designing Award Winning Gardens at SH Ervin Gallery 10am 10 Nov.

Secretary – Gai Horrocks

Advised members:

- GCA calendars available.
- Gai will be attending GCA BM Zone meeting Sat 18 Nov.

Directed members attention to Noticeboard.

- Dates for 2018 GMs.
- GCA 2018 photo competition.
- Upcoming open gardens: Foggy Dew 18 Nov and Clover Hill 25 Nov

Financial Report. – Barry Butler on behalf of Henry Nelson.

As per Statement of Accounts: 1 Oct – 31 Oct 2018

Total Funds: \$5,795.75. Total Income: \$1,295.46. Expenditure: \$1,053.00

Available Funds: \$6,038.21

Move acceptance of Financial Report: Barry Butler. Seconded: Lynton Phillips.

Welfare – Carol Conway on behalf of Lea Nelson

- Card to Lizzie Bell.

Membership – Barry Butler

- Email to non-financial members. One reply. Unpaid members deleted.
- Membership as at Nov 2018. 123 members.

Library – Merilyn Shields

- Silent Auction today. Ticket system for bidding explained.
- Advised books borrowed today to be kept until Jan GM.

Tours and Functions – Lynton and Sharon Phillips

Lynton – Local Overview.

- Tour to Bilpin and Mt Wilson. Three superb gardens visited.
- Christmas function Leura Golf Club 7 Dec. 43 booked. \$35 members. \$40 Guest.
- Garden Ramble today. Marion Conquest- Roses.

Sharon – GCA AGM Conference Ulladulla

- GCA covers 50 zones with 58 000+ membership.
- 2018 AGM hosted by Ulladulla Garden Club.
- Huge, costly and highly successful undertaking. Outstanding work by Ulladulla.
- Complexity of using Council facilities with council staff, security requirements and bussing members to venues and gardens added significant cost.
- AGM Executive positions were retained and all Committee positions were filled.
- Ten GCA Awards were given out.
- GCA new website upcoming.
- GCA Insurance has been extended to members up to age 100.
- 2018. GCA AGM will be held in Sydney 9 Oct.
- 2019. GCA AGM Conference will be held on Norfolk Island.

Garden Ramble – Marion Conquest

- Marion described her rose garden and the trials of sharing with possums, rosellas and cockatoos.

Lynton – Willinga Park Overview.

- Terry Snow, owner of Willinga Park, spoke to GCA members.
- Snow's philosophy of landscaping = architecture is reflected in his world standard equestrian park. The park combines leading horse breeding and training facilities with spectacular architecture, stunning sculpture and botanic gardens.

My Garden – Helen Gracer

Club member, Helen Gracer, gave an AV overview of her Blackheath property displaying the play of Blackheath's four pronounced seasons.

Morning Tea

Guest Speaker – Lorraine McMiles – Decorative Arrangements for Christmas.

Meeting closed: 12.00.

Next GM: 11 Jan 2018