

**Wentworth Falls Garden Club – Minutes – General Meeting – 9.45am 10 August 2023
Wentworth Falls School of Arts Hall**

President - Duncan Leys

- Address Membership
- Welcome visitors – Robert Harris, Bill Frewer
- Welcome new members: Harold and Elaine Johnston, Sonya Werner
- Hall Set Up and Morning Tea Rosters were sent round
- Apologies: 7
- Duncan thanked Ronah Tuite for her many years of service to the Club on the committee.
- Duncan introduced the concept of Show and Tell as part of some meetings.

Acting Secretary – Carol Conway

Advise members:

- GCA 2024 Calendars can be ordered. See Ronah. \$10 per calendar.
- GCA BMZ meeting Saturday 26 August at The Lodge, Campbell Rhododendron Gardens, Blackheath. Duncan Leys, Janice Light and Carol Conway to attend.
- GCA National Convention and AGM - 10-15 September, hosted by Toronto and Districts Garden Clubs. Janice Light will be our representative.

Carol directed members attention to the noticeboard

Morning Tea – Barbara Fox

Barbara asked for volunteers to run morning tea now and then for the half hour, so she and Jocelyn can go to the Library, Plant Stall, meet members etc. from time to time.

Financial Report – Henry Nelson

As per Statement of Account: 1 – 31 July 2023

Total Funds: \$5,645.76

Total Income: \$1,573.00

Expenditure: \$1,936.61

Available Funds: \$2,965.76

Move acceptance of Financial Report: Henry Seconded: Geraldine Sternberg

Welfare Report – Lea Nelson

This month Lea sent cards to Carlene Martin and Christine Jensen.

She advised Merino Magic orders could be taken today, \$7 per 10kg bag.

Membership – Kevin Hummel

55 members were in attendance, there were 7 apologies and 2 visitors.

Library – Carole Arratoon on behalf of Belinda Coates

Carole announced she would be taking in returns but only putting out a few books as she was on Library on her own today.

Events and Rambles – Susan Hummel

- Susan gave information about upcoming Trips to Parramatta and Mt Annan Botanic Gardens, details of which are on the Newsletter.
- Today's Ramble – Stroll through the Daffodils – Duncan Leys gave the address of his garden for after the meeting.

Speakers – Carol Conway

Carol thanked Susan and Geraldine for filling in for her at last month's meeting. She reminded members to see her with suggestions for possible speakers. The July and August speakers were both approached after suggestions from members.

Show and Tell – Duncan Leys

Duncan spoke about a recipe for weedkiller which he found in a 1919 gardening book. The mixture would have been very effective! He also showed an old tool which he bought for cutting tree suckers but it doesn't work, and the use for the tool is still a mystery.

Morning Tea

Guest Speaker – Paul Dipuglia - Neutrog Customer Relationship Manager SA and NSW
Paul gave an interesting talk on the setting up of Neutrog and its development of products over the years. The primary ingredient of all products is chicken manure. Neutrog provided free samples of two products for members attending – Seamungus, which is a pelletised winter feed and also good for pre-planting, and Gogo Juice, a liquid probiotic for plants.

Lucky Door Prize

Meeting closed: 11.55am

Next GM: 14 September 2023