

Wentworth Falls Garden Club Inc. General Meeting – Minutes.

Thursday 10 March 2022. 9.45am Wentworth Falls School of Arts Hall.

Covid19: WFGC is no longer required to display our Covid Safe Check-in QR code for General Meetings at BMCC School of Art hall. Masks are worn at the discretion of the individual.

President – Janice Light:

- Welcomed members and visitor, Jenny Tsewang.
- Passed Red Q&A Book. Noted that Guest Speaker, Lachlan Hart, Birches of Leura will answer members' questions.
- Plant Stall. Noted the new location at entrance of theatre and very positive response at February General Meeting. Donated cuttings cultivated by members over Summer made for an excellent taking.
- Hall Set Up roster. The need for set up volunteers noted. Roster now completed until April.
- Morning Tea. New Morning Tea ladies, Barbara Fox and Jocelyn Dorrrough, doing a great job. Each month two members will be asked to volunteer a one off helping hand. An opportunity for interaction. Immediate response to request for two helpers.

Secretary – Gai Horrocks:

Advised members and drew attention to Noticeboard.

Noted GCA quarterly Bulletin:

- GCA Photo Competition. Invitation to participate. Examples of previous winners on display. Details available. Gardenclub.org.au
- Offer to all GCA affiliates by Tresselaar.net.au for a one off free postage on order. Offer expires 6 May 2022. Code FRPOG.
- GCA subscriptions. Ref to GCA web or take a printed form available near Noticeboard.

Financial Report – Henry Nelson:

As per Statement of Accounts: 1 Feb – 28 Feb 2022

Cash Book Balance as at 1st Feb 2022. Income: \$337.95. Expenditure: \$110.40

Cash Book Balance as at 28 Feb 2022. \$4,222.76. Available Funds \$1,712.76

Move acceptance: Henry Nelson.

Seconded: Geraldine Sternberg.

Welfare – Lea Nelson.

Henry advised on behalf of Lea that there are no Welfare notices this month.

Please contact Lea by email leanelson@ozemail.com.au or phone 47841101

if a member requires Welfare contact.

Membership – Kevin Hummel:

- 51 attended February meeting. Three apologies.
- A new badge is issued in June with the new subscription year. If a name change is required members asked to advise Kevin.

Library – Marilyn Shields:

- A big welcome to the new Library helpers, Belinda Coates and Carole Arratoon.
- Two more books accessioned to WFGC from the Janine Shoemark Collection.

Guest Speaker – Carol Conway:

- Car Trip to Peta Trahar's garden "*Woodgreen*" Bilpin Thurs. 7 April. Arrive 10.15 for 10.30 morning tea and welcome by Peta. Peta is Guest Speaker 14 April General Meeting. Driver and passengers' names were given to Carol at GM. A good response. Cost \$15: Entry \$10, Morning Tea \$5.
- **Guest Speakers April - June 2022**
 - 14 April Peta Trahar - "Moth" The Lost David Austin Rose.
 - 12 May Sue Carney - Bees: Local and Global Issues.
 - 9 June Judi Horton - Great Gardens of Australia and The World – an overview.
- **Guest Speakers July – November.** Members asked to speak to Carol to request a topic or speaker.

Q&A – Lachlan Hart. Birches of Leura.

Lachlan answered questioned posed by members.

Events and Rambles – Janice Light:

- Wednesday 20 April 2022. *Everglades* – Guided Tour and Lunch. National Trust member \$25. Non NT member \$35.
- June TAFE Lunch. Register expression of interest at meeting. (\$30). Date to be announced.
- Wednesday 14 September 2022. Mayfield Garden Bus Trip. Register expression of interest at meeting. (Approx \$30)
- Wednesday 5 October 2022. Mystery Garden Ramble. Register expression of interest at meeting. (\$18)

Morning Tea

Thank you to Judi Maitland-Parr and Carlene Martin for your MT help.

Birches of Leura is a family owned nursery. Bruce Hart introduced himself and son, Lachlan, Operations Manager, to WFGC members.

Guest Speaker - Lachlan Hart, Birches of Leura.

Sustainability in Gardening.

Lachlan has many years of experience in the Horticulture Industry having started his career in the Retail Nursery sector. He also spent many years in the Landscape Industry and more recently in the Ecological Restoration Industry where he project-managed large-scale Restoration and Revegetation Projects. He is passionate about sustainable living and has studied and practiced Permaculture Design.

Recommended reading:

www.sgaonline.org.AU How Sustainable is your Garden?

This is an audit designed to enable you to conduct an assessment of the sustainability of your garden. Simply tick a box if it is something you are doing in your garden and add up your total at the end.

You can continue making your garden more sustainable by aiming for more ticks in 6 and 12 months time.

Meeting closed: 11.50

Next GM: 14 April 2022