

Minutes – General Meeting – Thursday 11 Feb 2021

Wentworth Falls Garden Club Inc. Wentworth Falls School of Arts hall.

Historic Note: This is the first General Meeting since Covid19 pandemic Lockdown in March 2020.

President – Janice Light

- Janice introduced herself as the new President and welcomed members to our first General Meeting since March 2020
- Congratulated the WFGC committee and thanked them for their work and support during 2020
- Welcomed new members: Warwick and Pauline Bartle.
- Drew attention to the COVIDSafe plan for this first General Meeting since March 2020. (WFGC Covid Plan attached separately)
- Explained Q&A book would not be passed. (COVIDSafe) Gardening questions will be taken, repeated with the mic and answered by Guest Speaker, Peta Trahar.

Secretary – Gai Horrocks

Advised members:

- GCA BM Zone meeting Nov 2020. Janice, Carol and Gai attended. Brief report.
- Campbell Rhododendron Gardens Blackheath. Overview of work following fire and rain damage 2020. Noted volunteer group, Mon Vols (Monday Volunteers).

Drew attention to Noticeboard:

- Central Tablelands Garden Trail. 6th and 7th March. Flyers on Noticeboard: Highfields, Hillandale, Wild Meadows, Hartvale and Gory'u Japanese Garden.
- GCA First 70 Years 1950 – 2020 booklet on display.

Financial Report – Henry Nelson

Henry reports life very busy as Treasurer during 2020. WFGC members made excellent use of Direct Debit to renew membership, pay for TAFE lunch, Mountain Heritage Christmas lunch and purchase of Merino Magic.

As per Statement of Accounts: 1 Jan – 31 Jan 2021

Cash Book Balance 1st Jan 2021: \$3,935.70. Income: \$220.71.

Expenditure: \$187.60

Cash Book Balance 31st Jan 2021: \$3,968.81. Available Funds: \$1,418.81.

Move acceptance: Henry Nelson

Seconded: Janice Light

Welfare – Lea Nelson

Lea thanked members for details she received of members' welfare.

During 2020 Lea sent out 21 cards:

Thinking of You: 11.

Get Well: 5

Congratulations: 5

- Thinking of You card to Bev Turner.

Barry Butler: Janice advised a Morning Tea was held by the committee to thank Barry Butler, previous Membership Officer, for his great contribution to WFGC over a period of 12 years. A poem, written by President Janice Light, outlining Barry's many contributions was read to members.

Membership – Kevin Hummel.

- Overview of membership:
 - 86% of members renewed. This noted as a very pleasing renewal number.
 - Direct Debit payment.
 - 18 people did not renew.
 - Two new members. (Pauline & Warwick Bartle,)
- 2020-21 WFGC badges distributed. Welcome Desk assisted.

Library – Merilyn Shields

- Peter Shoemark thanked for the donation of many of Janine's gardening books to WFGC library. These are being accessioned and will be in our Library.
- The Library Return Box located in the foyer was overflowing. Thank You.

Guest Speakers – Carol Conway

Carol requests if members have a topic/speaker they would like at our meetings to please speak to her.

- March – Liz Benson. Wally Wollemi pine

Functions and Rambles – Janice

- The previous Tours and Functions will henceforth be Functions and Rambles. Further information at next meetings.
- Request for gardens for Rambles.

Q&A – Peta Trahar.

Members gardening questions answered by Guest Speaker, Peta Trahar.

Morning Tea. Proceeded using COVIDSafe requirements.

Founder Members: Lea advised members of the passing of Tony Atwood and Judith Clarke. Tony was President of the Steering Committee 20/03/1989.

Guest Speaker – Peta Trahar - Hydrangeas.

Peta's Garden, Woodgreen, together with the nursery, is open by appointment.

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Meeting closed: 12.00

Next GM: Thursday 11 March 2021