Wentworth Falls Garden Club – Minutes – General Meeting. 11 May 2023 9.45am. Wentworth Falls School of Arts Hall.

President Janice Light:

- Welcomed members.
- Passed Hall Set Up Roster.
- Welcomed back VP Duncan Leys.
- Thanked Vic Tuite and Grant Clarke for AV set up on behalf of Duncan Leys.
- AGM

Vacancies on Committee. The Club needs a person or people to organise incidental activities ie. Rambles, My Garden/ Not My Garden.

Secretary – Gai Horrocks

Advised members:

- Visit by Derek Moore BMCC (Community Buildings Liaison Officer, Property and Commercial Services) Following WFGC's request for replacement of foldaway tables with lighter tables Derek Moore came before our May meeting to assess our needs and helped set up. Thank You to Derek for his attention to this.
- A Big Thank You to Lynton Phillips for going over and beyond to ensure we had Hall Set Up people for the meeting. A Big Thank You to Peter Shoemark who stepped up and filled in as he so often does.

Financial Report – Martin Vaughan on behalf of Henry Nelson A Big Thank You to Martin who will stand in for Henry during May and June.

Cash Book Balance as at 1st April 2023: \$6,719.09 Income: \$431.98. Expenditure: \$308.97 Cash Book Balance as at 30th April 2023: \$6,842.10

Available Funds: \$3,072.10

Move: Martin. **Second**: Fran Craze.

Welfare – Susan Hummel on behalf of Lea Nelson.

Susan advised she "is standing in" for Trish Fewer who "is standing in" for Lea who is overseas.

- A Thinking of You card sent to Duncan Leys. (Who is now back with us!)
- The passing of a long time WFGC member was noted. Nancy Pollock was an active member 1999 2019.

Membership – Kevin Hummel

• May GM: 50 members attended. 7 apologies. 0 visitors.

Events and Rambles: Gai Horrocks, Susan Hummel WFGC Bus Trips:

- Gai gave overview of 15 April Collectors Plant Fair at Hawkesbury Race Course.
 Our first Collectors Fair trip since Covid. Bigger and better with great organisation for bus arrival and departure.
- Susan gave overview of a very successful 4 May trip to Nooroo, Mt Wilson and Wildwood, Bilpin. Both hosts, The Barretts, Nooroo and Tappings, Wildwood were most generous. Tony Barrett gave our members an extensive tour of Nooroo. Wayne and Sue welcomed us to Wildwood with delicious sandwiches and a very special Apple Pie treat! Salvias, from Wildwood, were purchased by many who attended.

Library – Merilyn

- Merilyn invited members to the WFGC Library. It was noted WFGC probably has one of the largest garden libraries in the Blue Mountains.
- Two books of note mentioned: *Proteas* and *Penny Hobhouse on Gardening*.

Guest Speakers - Carol Conway

- Thanked Geraldine Sternberg and Maggie Weir for their Guest Speaker suggestions noting it is a great help when members give recommendations.
- Advised June Speaker Tony Matson CutAbove Tools. Essential Pruning Tips.
- Introduced Geraldine Sternberg who introduced members to a great garden help. The Twin Chamber Measuring Bottle 1L, a bottle designed to accurately measure concentrates and minimising the risk of spillage.

Available for order: Arbor Green 1300 760 642 , 14 Rennie St Weatherill Park NSW 2164

Not My Garden - Marjorie Gunasekara.

Marjorie gave a super AV overview of her trip to Japan. Thank You for sharing with us, Marjorie.

Morning Tea

Guest Speaker – Lis Bastian

Lis Bastian, Senior Lead for Blue Mountains City Council's Planetary Health Initiative. Today Lis gave an overview of the possibilities from the Planetary Health Precinct Draft Plan for the old Katoomba Golf Course. Some possibilities are inspirational!

Meeting closed: 11.55 Next GM: 8 June 2023