

Minutes – General Meeting – 9.45am Thursday 13 May 2021

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

Covid 2021: Members continue to sign in using Service NSW Covid app. No limit on number of members attending meeting. Morning Tea is prepackaged.

President - Janice Light

- Welcomed members and four visitors.
- Passed Q&A book. Guest Speaker, Mary Moody, to answer questions.
- Passed Hall Set Up roster.
- Advised WFGC AGM will be held at July GM.
 - 2020 AGM Mins, President and Treasurer Reports on club website.
 - Called for Morning Tea volunteer. Handout out at Welcome Desk described role.

Secretary – Gai Horrocks

Advised members:

- June General Meeting is definitely on. No clash of dates for hall this year.
- The plant stall raised \$67 at April GM. Thank You to Daniel and Kerrie, Plant Stall volunteers, and to members who brought in plants for sale.
- GCA April Bulletin on Noticeboard:
 - George Hoad, previous GCA President, 'appointed National Gardening Week Ambassador representing GCA, promoting NGW to industry and government and assisting in raising the profile of the GCA nationally.' NGW 10-16 Oct this year.
 - GCA Photo Competition. No entry fee. Closing date 1 Oct. Junior section up to 16 years. Entry details on GCA website www.GardenClubs.org.au

Finance Report – Henry Nelson

As per Statement of Accounts: 1st April - 30th April 2021

Cash Book Balance 1st April \$3,587.18 Income: \$878.16 Expenditure \$1,138.85

Cash Book Balance 30th April \$3,326.49 Available Funds \$301.49

Move acceptance: Henry Nelson

Seconded: Fran Craze

Welfare – Lea Nelson

Card of condolence to Dorothy and the Davis family.

Lea Nelson read a moving tribute to Lyle. This tribute is published on our WFGC website. Lyle and Dorothy were WFGC Founder Members of WFGC in 1989. His great contribution to WFGC has been continual and generous.

Library – Marilyn Shields

Marilyn displayed three new books to WFGC library:

- Two from the Janine Shoemark collection donated by Peter Shoemark.
- New purchase. *The Well-Tempered Garden* by Christopher Lloyd.

Events and Rambles – Janice Light

Advised:

- Everglades Gardens. Wed 19 May 10.30am. Prepaid members to meet at entrance.
- Mystery Tour Wed 6 Oct.
- GCA BM Zone bus trip to Robertson Garden Festival 9-10 Oct. \$155 (excluding meals.)
- WFGC Christmas Lunch will be held. Date to be set.
- TAFE Lunch Thursday 17 June. **FULL.**
- Leura Gardens Pre-Festival Tours. **Cancelled.**

The President invited Celeste Shadie, WFGC member and Leura Gardens Festival committee member, to speak.

- Celeste advised that Leura Garden Festival will be held this year. Due to the short preparation time the Festival will be modified.
- No Pre-Festival Tours. No plant sales and minimum music in gardens.
- The Festival will be held in October for six days over two long week-ends: 2nd – 4th Oct and 6th – 10th Oct.

Celeste invited WFGC members interested in volunteering for Leura Gardens Festival to submit an expression of interest form found on Festival web page.

www.leuragardensfestival.com.au

Guest Speakers – Carol Conway

- June – Jane Stockel. Horticultural colour and trend consultant. Trends from previous Chelsea Flower Shows. Classic table linens.
- WFGC Guest Speaker Schedule June – November 2021 to be available at June GM.

My Garden – Janice Light

Janice shared her gardening poem. Members invited to a Ramble in Janice's garden after the General Meeting. Map with directions was given out by Welcome Desk.

Q&A – Carol Conway.

Mary Moody answered gardening questions from members.

Membership – Kevin Hummel

Advised:

- Membership renewal with new badge insert will occur in July. Any member who requires a preferred name other than given name please speak to Kevin.
- Any person who joins WFGC before year end automatically carries over free into new year.

Morning Tea

Guest Speaker – Mary Moody.

Mary is a journalist and author, television presenter and tour guide. She specialised in the field of gardening. Conducts tours to France, Morocco, Mongolia and the Himalayas. Mary spoke of her Botanical tour to Mongolia.

Meeting closed: 11.55am.

Next GM: 10 June 2021