

Wentworth Falls Garden Club Inc
Minutes – General Meeting, Thursday 14 April 2022

President – Janice Light

- Welcomed all members and two new members, Robert Hamilton and Laurel Acton, as well as one visitor;
- Asked and received two volunteers to help with serving morning tea;
- Reported on GCA Zone meeting, mentioning that GCA has over 700 affiliates throughout Australia. Referred members to her President's Message in the April newsletter.

Secretary – Marilyn Shields on behalf of Gai Horrocks

- Referred members to noticeboard, particularly for details of:
 - questionnaire on garden sustainability formulated by Sustainable Gardens Australia who also have much useful and interesting information on their website, including gardening tips and articles: sgaonline.org.au;
 - Spring open gardens in Milthorpe and Bathurst.

Financial Report – Henry Nelson

Cash book balance as at 1 March 2022: \$4,222.76;

Total income: \$951.20; Expenditure: \$550.86;

Cash book balance as at 31 March 2022: \$4,623.10; Available funds: \$1,523.10.

Finance Report accepted: Henry Nelson; seconded Geraldine Sternberg.

Welfare Report – Lea Nelson

- Lea thanked those who had sent her a card during her recent hospitalisation;
- No other cards sent out this month.

Library – Marilyn Shields

Due to the subject of today's talk, the library's collection of books and DVDs on roses has been displayed at the front of the hall to encourage members to borrow them. Three donated books are added to the library today:

- Two on the subject of roses:
 - Valerie Swane's *Rose Book*; and
 - Susan Irvine's *Rose Gardens of Australia*;
- *Earth User's Guide to Permaculture* by Rosemary Morrow.

Membership – Kevin Hummel

- Reported that 40 members have attended today's meeting and their email addresses have been checked;
- Requested that members inform him if their contact details change;

- Suggested that members let him know if they wish to change details of their name on their club badge.

Guest Speakers – Carol Conway

- Informed members that today's scheduled speaker, Peta Trahar, was unable to attend due to being ill with Covid. In addition, the planned visit to her garden in Bilpin in May has been cancelled, though it is hoped that it will be reinstated in Spring;
- Informed meeting that Susan Hummel has stepped into the breach today and will talk about "All Things Roses", particularly David Austin, his garden and roses;
- Mentioned that Janine Shoemark's recipe for planting and fertilising roses is available as a print-out for anyone interested;
- Asked for suggestions for future speakers.

Events and Rambles – Janice Light

- 27 members have booked to go to Everglades on 20 April and they have been sent relevant information relating to that excursion;
- TAFE luncheon looking unlikely due to complications caused by Covid;
- Possible Yulefest luncheon to be arranged for July;
- Planned excursion to Mayfield Garden in September will definitely go ahead;
- Mystery Garden planned for October will also definitely go ahead.

In my Garden

Duncan Leys gave an entertaining insight into what he described as the "slavery" and "bondage" involved in keeping his Autumn garden in order – the never-ending collection and disposal of all those beautifully coloured leaves. Lovely photos and amusing captions illustrated both the joys and sorrows of Autumn in Duncan's garden.

Morning Tea

Guest Speaker

Susan Hummel: "All Things Roses" – a delightful talk on roses, their history, hybridisation and propagation, with particular reference to David Austin roses, illustrated with beautiful photos from both David Austin's garden in Allbrighton and Susan's own garden in Wentworth Falls.

Meeting closed: 11.50 am

Next meeting: 12 May 2022