

Wentworth Falls Garden Club – Minutes – General Meeting

9.45am – 8 April 2021 – Wentworth Falls School of Arts Hall

President – Janice Light

- Welcomed members
- Welcomed one visitor
- Advised members of AGM in July and that there are vacancies for a Catering Co-ordinator and a Rambles Organiser. Janice read an entertaining poem she had written which was intended to cajole members into volunteering.
- Asked for expressions of interest in the Leura Garden Festival Pre-Festival Tours during the week 27 September – 3 October: a show of hands demonstrated that there is considerable interest.
- Advised of upcoming events: Everglades guided tour with morning tea on 19 May; TAFE lunch on 17 June; Mystery garden ramble supporting Blue Mountains East Timorese Sisters on 6 October.

Secretary – Merilyn Shields standing in for Gai Horrocks

Advised members:

- Antonia's Irises to be at Blackheath Farmers' Market on Sunday, 11 April. Bare-rooted bearded iris rhizomes will be available for medium and tall irises.
- Bright Blades, who sharpen gardening tools, also have a stall at Blackheath Farmers' Market. Flyers available at front of stage near noticeboard.
- Plant Collectors' Fair also on this weekend at Hawkesbury Racecourse.

Financial Report – Henry Nelson

Financial Report for 1 March – 31 March 2021

- Cash Book Balance as at 1 March: \$3,848.90; Income: \$301.12; Expenditure: \$562.84;
- Cash Book Balance as at 31 March: \$3,587.18. Available Funds: \$1,037.18
- Acceptance moved: Henry Nelson; seconded: Merilyn Shields.

Welfare – Lea Nelson

- Lea reported the sad news of the passing of Lyle Davis, a much-loved founding member and contributor to the club. He will be very much missed. A condolence card will be sent to the family.
- A condolence card sent to Janice Light on the passing of her brother.

Library – Merilyn Shields

Three new additions to the Library: one DVD – *Costa's Garden Odyssey*; two books from the Shoemark collection – *Classic Camellias for Australian Gardens* and *Perennials, the Gardener's Reference*.

Guest Speakers – Carol Conway

- Members invited to submit suggestions in regard to speakers.
- Mary Moody to speak at the May meeting on some of her botanical trekking tours; Jane Stockel to speak in June about the Bowral Tulip Festival as well as garden design. She will also have linen items to sell.
- Speakers for September and November to be advised.

Not My Garden – Carol Conway

Crathes Castle, which is near Aberdeen in Scotland, was visited by Carol in 2016. It is now run by the National Trust but was family-owned for 350 years and some of the yew trees in the castle grounds are as old as the castle itself. The castle features a walled garden which was designed by Sir James Burnett and his wife, Sybil. Carol showed photos of the gardens which feature beautiful borders, glasshouses and topiary.

Morning Tea

Guest Speaker – Lloyd Sharp – “Growing Heritage Produce in your Mountains Garden”

An absorbing talk covering topics such as what constitutes an heirloom variety and the way in which the environment, animals and human intervention can all help produce different varieties; seed-saving and why it is becoming increasingly important; and local biological factors which are also significant.

Raffle draw

Meeting closed: 12 midday

Next GM: 13 May 2021