

Wentworth Falls Garden Club Inc.

Minutes – General Meeting, Thursday 8 August 2019 at Wentworth Falls School of Arts Hall

President Carol Conway

- Addressed the membership and welcomed new member, Felicity Houston, and six visitors.
- Q&A book passed round – Mary Moody to answer questions later.
- Roster for hall set-up/pull-down passed round for gaps to be filled in.
- Morning tea roster passed round – volunteers needed to man the urn at September, October and November meetings.
- Tours and functions role still unfilled – suggested to members that the role could be split if that was a preferable option for someone to take on functions.
- Thanked all members who help out at each meeting – approximately 35 people contribute each month to the running of our meetings.
- Reminded members that new membership cards are now available on payment of annual subscription, which is now due. Thanked Barry for all his hard work on this.
- Reported on GCA Zone meeting and mentioned that the Rhododendron gardens in Blackheath are seeking volunteers for the festival, which runs for six weeks in October/November. Several club members already volunteer and would be able to provide any information needed.

Secretary – Merilyn Shields on behalf of Gai Horrocks

- Merino Magic – Lea Nelson will be taking orders today: \$6 per bag and the proceeds are sent to a children's charity.
- Notice of two events in Blackheath – the Flower & Craft Show on 21 and 22 September and the Iris Show on 19 and 20 October.
- Notice of Bilpin Flower Show and Spring Fair on 12 and 13 October.
- Mayfield Garden has introduced a Winter Garden Roast, which can be included in the cost of a ticket during Winter.
- Lots of brochures re spring festivals etc. available on the noticeboard.

Finance Report – Henry Nelson

As per Statement of Accounts: 1 July – 31 July 2019

Total Funds: \$2,497.20; Total Income: \$1,811.05; Expenditure: \$887.18

Available Funds: \$3,421.07.

Move acceptance of Finance Report: Henry Seconded: Fran Craze.

As an aside, Henry mentioned that Janine Shoemark's recipe for fertilising roses is available for those who are interested

Welfare Report – Lea Nelson

- Get-well cards were sent to Margaret Kennedy and Yvonne Mayne
- Thinking-of-you card sent to Barbara Fox.

Library – Marilyn Shields

Two new DVDs purchased:

- *Monty Don's Japanese Gardens.*
- *Bloom*, Series 2.

Membership – Barry Butler

Current membership stands at 143.

Tours and Functions – Carol

- Leura Pre-Festival Tour: 30 September – \$30; 10 places still remaining. Suggested that members meet at Fitzroy St and then car pool.
- Two gardens will be available for rambles after September meeting.
- Ramble also organised for October, but not November so any member willing to open their garden for that month would be appreciated.
- Christmas Party: 12 December: bookings will be taken as of September meeting. Cost will be \$45 for members, \$55 for guests. 60 spots have been booked.

Q & A: **Mary Moody** answered questions relating to camellias, watering in winter, stunted roses, alkaline soil, borers, etc.

Duncan Leys and Susan Streeter were introduced as new committee members and Susan invited club members to submit any ideas they may have for future speakers. There is no flyer for the second half of the year but remaining speakers are listed in the newsletter.

Morning tea.

Guest speaker: Mary Moody, journalist, author, television presenter and tour guide who lives in Blackheath, entertained us with tales of her various gardens and times as a presenter on *Gardening Australia*.

Meeting closed: 12.10 pm.

Next meeting: Thursday 12 September.