

Wentworth Falls Garden Club – Minutes – General Meeting, 8 June 2023

9.45am. Wentworth Falls School of Arts Hall.

President Janice Light:

- Welcomed members.
- Welcomed visitors.
- Welcomed Leura Garden Festival President David White and Volunteer Coordinator Peter McGrath.
 - President David White gave 2022-2023 LGF overview:
 - In 2022 LGF recommenced after two Covid cancellations. “Soft” entry with four-day festival. The 2022 new ticketing system gave excellent stats. Cleared \$100,000.
 - 4 days 20,000 attendance.
 - The Braes Garden 7,000 visitors one day.
 - Seasons Garden 4,000 over four days. 1,700 one day.
 - 2023 SitRep. Ongoing problems.
 - Gardens and Volunteers. Shortage.
 - 2023 LGF has seven gardens:
 - Three returns.
 - One return after extended break.
 - Two new gardens.
 - One new garden located in Wentworth Falls.
 - Funds raised to:
 - Blue Mountains District ANZAC Memorial Hospital.
 - BMCC Trust Scholarship. Health related studies.
 - Registered charities in the Blue Mountains.
 - Peter McGrath LGF Volunteer Coordinator gave overview of Volunteers:
 - Rosters are being drawn up and information will be sent to past volunteers in June/July.
 - Details - Hard copies will be sent in August.
 - Potential volunteers please use LGF website and link Volunteers.
- President David White advised:
 - Festival dates 29 September- 3 October 2023. A special treat on Friday, 29 September. Cherrydell Garden’s massed tulips will be open, free for locals.

President Janice Light thanked President David White and Peter McGrath. Janice resumed GM and advised:

- WFGC AGM at July GM.
- July will be Janice’s last meeting as WFGC President. She thanked members for their ongoing support.
- The AGM Agenda will be presented on AV screen.

- 2022 Minutes and Reports are available on WFGC website.
- Request for nomination for Rambles, My Garden/Not My Garden coordinator. Morning Tea Coordinator Barbara Fox checked MT volunteers.

Daniel Murphy drew WFGC website to members' attention. Recommended a browse, especially the Gallery.

Secretary Gai Horrocks

Advised great news from BMCC.

- BMCC will replace folding tables with lightweight tables.
 - 10 x 6 ft. Weight 11.1kg. 7 x 4 ft. Weight 8.2kg
 - A very big Thank You to BMCC and BMCC, Derek Moore.
- Please note BMCC aware of safety aspect of stairwell in hallway near toilets.

Financial Report – Martin Vaughan on behalf of Henry Nelson.

Cash Book Balance as at 1st May 2023: \$6,842.10

Income: \$400.26. Expenditure: \$1,439.48

Cash Book Balance as at 31st May 2023: \$5,802.88

Available Funds: \$2,032.88

Move: Martin Vaughan

Second: Janice Light

Annual Membership subscriptions: Due at July GM or DD payment after July GM.

Welfare – Trish Fewer on behalf of Lea Nelson

Trish advised members June is a happy month with no request for welfare cards.

Happy Birthday wishes to those born in June.

Membership – Kevin Hummel

- 48 members attended
- 9 apologies.
- Advised updated membership form available at July GM and online.
- As part of WFGC Duty of Care, membership form has been updated requesting members' Emergency Contact Details.

Library – Marilyn Shields

- **Recommendations from library:**
 - *Classic Roses for Australian Gardens* – James Young Gardening.
 - *No Dig Gardens* – Allen Gilbert.
 - *Succession Planting for Adventurous Gardeners* – Christopher Lloyd.
- Marilyn advised as of today she officially hands over to Belinda Coates.

President Janice Light thanked both Marilyn for her work as WFGC Librarian and Belinda for accepting the new position.

Events and Rambles:

Vice President Duncan Leys – PowerPoint Presentation proposed trip to Parramatta.

- Visit historic Hambleton Cottage, Experiment Farm and Elizabeth Farm.
- August or September. Date to be advised.
- Bus will transport group from place to place.
- Tour will have a gardening perspective with a former National Trust Director and a landscape architect guiding the group.
- Lunch will be provided by Five Loaves Café.
- Approximate costing is \$80
- Expression of interest to Ronah Tuite during Morning Tea.

Guest Speaker – Carol Conway

- July – Gary Kimball. *What happens to the stuff in your Green Bin.*
- August – Neutrog Biological Fertilisers.
- Speaker Schedule will be available at July GM.
- Request for a member to stand in for Carol at July GM and take on the task of purchasing door prize, Raffle, ticket basket. Expenditure will be reimbursed by Treasurer Henry Nelson.

Morning Tea

Guest Speaker

Tony Matson CutAbove Tools. *Essential Pruning Tips and Information.*

Tony complimented WFGC on the great garden club facilities: foyer entrance, meeting hall, supper room and library. Parking/Guest Speaker, parking space. Noted his last visit was August 2018.

CutAbove has 23 pairs of Secateurs in their range including anvil, bypass and snip styles.

Pointers when selecting a Secateur. Check:

- The size – touch and feel.
- The weight. Range from 130 – 250g.
- Spare parts readily available.
- Warranty. (CutAbove 2 year warranty)

Tony's Overview included:

- Sharpening.
- Clean blades. 70% metho, 30% water or WD40. Brass brush.
- Oil. Use WD40 or Singer Sewing Machine oil.
- Sharpeners. Two types.

GM closed: 12.00

Next GM/AGM: 13 July 2023