Wentworth Falls Garden Club. Minutes – General Meeting. Thurs 9 February 2023 9.45am. Wentworth Falls School of Arts Hall.

President Janice Light

- Welcomed members and four visitors. Welcomed new member: Coral Jones.
- Passed Hall Set Up roster.
- Advised AGM 13 July:
 - President's term of office complete. Standing down from committee.
 - Invited expression of interest for President or Audio Visual positions.
 Description of roles available. Nomination forms from Gai or Henry.
- Thanked the many members who volunteer/assist with WFGC GM.
- Invited Morning Tea Coordinator, Barbara Fox, to speak. Morning Tea Coordinator, Barbara Fox:
 - Passed Morning Tea roster. Advised phone numbers for reminder calls.
 - Advised disposable cups sourced from local community supplier.
 - Suggested members bring own cup for MT. Responsible for cup.
 - Asked for MT helpers.
 - Thanked members for assisting with clearing of MT.
- Invited Vice President, Duncan Leys, to speak.

Duncan outlined initiative to raise extras dollars for club:

- Members invited to bring books for "Gold coin" book sale.
- Books will be displayed on separate table next to Events table.
- This initiative will not replace the Library Silent Auctions.

Secretary – Gai Horrocks

Drew attention to Noticeboard and advised members:

- OWN. Older Women's Network. Meeting Saturday 11 February in School of Arts hall. Guest speakers and displays by available community groups.
- Belong Blue Mountains. Additional brochures detailing services available.
- Hartley Valley Garden Festival. Sat 4th and Sun 5th March 2023. Flyer.
- Plant Collectors Fair. Sat 15th and Sun 16th April 2023.

Financial Report – Henry Nelson

Cash Book Balance as at 1st January 2023: \$6,590.67 Income: \$308.75 Expenditure: 904.79 Cash Book Balance as at 31st January 2023: \$5,994.63 Available Funds: \$3,144.63

Move to accept: Henry Nelson

Second: Lynton Phillips

Treasurer Henry Nelson advised:

- WFGC will donate \$500 to RFB and SES.
- \$360 payment for two year subscription to Weebly web hosting service company. Previously a free service.

Welfare – Lea Nelson

- Thank You from Kay Murray and family for WFGC Card of Condolence.
- Birthday wishes to those born in December and January.
- Merino Magic available for order. \$7 for 10 kg.

Membership – Kevin Hummel

- Feb GM: 57 attended. 3 apologies. 4 visitors.
- 99 financial members.
- Of the 99 members, 77 individuals have attended over this financial year.

Library – Merilyn Shields

- Following Fuchsia Guest Speakers in February, a recently published book on Fuchsias purchased.
- Members invited to come into the library to browse and borrow. And please return any previous borrowing.

Events and Rambles – Gai Horrocks

Members advised WFGC aiming to reestablish regular outings, in particular bus trips. President Janice Light was thanked for her organisations of events during the daunting situation of the past three years.

Aiming is to announce one, if not two, trips at the March General Meeting.

Guest Speakers – Carol Conway

Carol advised the Guest Speaker Schedule Jan – June 2023 is available online. May General Meeting speaker is being confirmed.

Not My Garden – Carol Conway

Carol visited Stonefields in 2022. Members delighted in Carol's photographic overview and description of the spectacle of prominent garden designer, Paul Bangay. Thank You, Carol.

Morning Tea

Guest Speaker – John Parsonage China. Not What You Think.

John is Garden Club Australia BM Zone Coordinator. Having lived and worked in China, John today shared his insight and experiences.

GM closed: 12.00

Next GM: 9 March 2023