## Wentworth Falls Garden Club Inc. Minutes – General Meeting. Thursday 9 June 2022 9.45am. Wentworth Falls School of Arts Hall.

#### President – Janice Light

- Welcomed members and two visitors: Tracy Westall and Denise Borland.
- Apologies received: Henry and Lea Nelson.
- Passed Q&A book. Guest Speaker, Judy Horton, to answer questions.
- Advised a special Welcome Back Morning Tea catered by Committee to be held at WFGC AGM 14 July.
- Advised WFGC will revert to preCovid Morning Tea procedures at August GM. MT clipboard to be passed at July GM for members to bring plate.
- Asked and received two volunteers to help with Morning Tea.
- Passed Set-up clipboard with strong plea for helpers.
- Vice President, Duncan Leys outlined proposed School of Arts Hall upgrade.
  - WestInvest Grant Program. Overview by BMCC, Paul Brinkman.
  - Attended by President Janice Light and Vice President Duncan Leys.
  - Proposed \$405000 grant to upgrade hall.
  - Upgrade to include:
    - New LED lighting for hall and stage.
    - Significant upgrade to audiovisual equipment.
    - Push button tiered seating
    - Replacement of curtains.

Members advised committee assessed this proposal as a positive. A letter of support forwarded to Paul Brinkman BMCC on behalf of WFGC.

### Secretary – Gai Horrocks

### Advised members and drew attention to Noticeboard:

- GCA May Bulletin
- GCA calendar 2022. Available to order. \$10.
- Janine Shoemark's Rose Tips and Feeding Mix. Available on web and plant stall.

# Financial Report – Apologies – Henry Nelson. Janice on behalf of Henry.

Cash Book Balance as at 1<sup>st</sup> May 2022: \$4,259.25. Income: \$1,037.46 Expenditure: \$823.53

Cash Book Balance as at 31<sup>st</sup> May 2022: \$4,473.18 Available Funds: \$1,083.18 Move acceptance: Janice Seconded: Gai

# Welfare – Susan Hummel on behalf of Lea.

• Thinking of You card – Anne Peebles

### Membership – Kevin Hummel

- 53 members in attendance at June GM. Increase of 11 since May GM. 2 visitors.
  8 apologies received.
- End of financial year. Subscriptions due next month. Direct Debit facilities available. Details on web and Newsletter.
- New members since Jan, 2022, advised they do not pay new sub. Their membership carries over to next year.

### Library – Merilyn Shields

- Thanked the two helpers and Marjorie who assisted with setting up.
- Advised two books purchased. One being The Climbing Garden by today's Guest Speaker, Judy Horton. Judy to sign her book.
- Advised a Silent Auction to be held at Sept GM. Members welcome to donate books for the Silent Auction.

#### Events and Rambles – Janice Light, Ronah Tuite.

- Final payment due for Yulefest 30 June.
- Mayfield. 14 Sept. Limit of 20. Costing to be advised and due July- August GMs.
- Mystery Garden Oct. Sessions: 10am, 11am. Benefit East Timorese Sisters.

#### **Guest Speakers – Carol Conway**

- Advised members it is important to speak to people and advertise our events and speakers. Previously notices published in Gazette but our notices have not been showing.
- Guest Speakers:
  - July: Dr John Porter. "Flora and Fauna of Lord Howe Island Cloud Forests." Sen Scientist, Office of Environment, Research Fellow, Centre for EcosystemTour Science, UNSW.
  - August: Peter Hay. "Symbiotic Relations Plants and Fungi." Specialist Hybridist and Rare Plant Breeder.

### Q&A – Members' gardening questions answered by Guest Speaker, Judy Horton.

#### Morning Tea

**Guest Speaker – Judy Horton.** Horticulturist, Media Personality, *Our Gardens* GCA Magazine Editor and Botanical Tour Guide.

GM closed: 11.55am.