

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

Vice President – Duncan Leys:

Duncan presented apologies on behalf of President Janice Light.

- Welcomed members and 2 visitors.
- Welcomed new members:
Jenny Cronan. Margaret McCarthy. John Exner
- Passed Q&A book. Advised Geraldine Sternberg will answer garden questions.
- Passed Hall Set Up roster.
- **AGM.**
 - Reminded members that WFGC AGM is to be held at 13 July GM.
 - Invited expressions of interest for any position on the WFGC Committee.
 - Advised President and AV positions will be vacant.
 - Asked members to consider the need for change on a committee. New members provide such stimulus.
- Reminded members of the “Gold Coin Book Stall.” Donated fiction/non fiction books on table next to Events & Rambles table.
- Introduced Barbara Fox, Morning Tea Coordinator.
 - Barbara Fox – Morning Tea Coordinator:
 - Thanked members. Bring a Plate roster filled up to November.
 - Noted Newsletter advises following month’s volunteers.
 - Advised Barbara will give a reminder phone call.

Secretary – Gai Horrocks

Advised members:

- Thank You to Vic Tuite who last month made a timely suggestion. “Replace heavy, folding tables with lightweight tables.” The request has been passed to our very supportive BMCC and is under consideration.
- Welcome to New Members. It’s so easy to feel lost in a new group. Three of our members have agreed to keep “an eye out” for new members and help to make them feel welcome. Many thanks to Trish Fewer, Liz McCowage and Gwen Day.

Financial Report – Henry Nelson

Cash Book Balance as at 1st Feb 2023: \$5,994.63

Income: \$460.08 Expenditure: \$1,138.00

Cash Book Balance as at 28th Feb 2023: \$5,316.71

Available Funds: \$2,646.71

Move to accept: Henry **Second:** Kevin Hummel

Advised members WFGC annual donations of \$250 made to both SES and RFS.

Welfare – Lea Nelson

- Lea gave a warm welcome back to Kay Murray who has not been able to be with us for quite some time. Welcome back, Kay.
- Warm Welcome Back to Christine Newland. Wishing you improved health.
- Birthday wishes to those born in March.

Membership – Kevin Hummel

- March GM: 50 members attended. 1 apology. 3 visitors.
- As noted by VP Duncan Leys three new members welcomed today.
- One application for membership submitted today.

Library – Belinda Coates with apologies from Librarian, Merylyn Shields.

Belinda advised:

- 250 books and DVDs out and displayed for perusal and borrowing.
- Unlimited borrowing. No set number. Usually for a month.
- Magazines are on display and any chosen may be kept.
- Belinda's recommendation from library. "*Entangled Life*" – Merlin Sheldrake.
- Newly accessioned Fuchsias by John Nicholass presented.

Events and Rambles – Gai Horrocks

- Committee sub-group are working to reinvigorate events program.
- Note: Emergency Contact details will be requested when signing on.
- Two bus trips have been organised. Details in March Newsletter.
- Payment at GM or DD payment.
- Bus Trips:
 - 15 April. Collectors Plant Fair. Hawkesbury Race Course Clarendon.
 - 4 May. Nooroo Mt Wilson and Wildwood Bilpin.

Guest Speakers – Carol Conway

- April Guest Speaker. A timely visit by Bianca Boman, Product Manager, Mr Fothergill's Seeds – Bulbs and Seeds to Plant in Autumn.

Q&A – Geraldine Sternberg.

Morning Tea

Guest Speaker Deb Wells, Vice President, Blue Mountains Rhododendron Society.

Disaster Recovery after Bushfire impact on Campbell Rhododendron Gardens.

In-depth AV overview of the extensive recovery program showing range of destruction, removal of large damaged trees, reclaimed and revitalised areas, replacement of 300+ rhododendrons, grants received.

Invitation to join the MonVols (Monday Volunteers) and assist ongoing program.

GM closed: 11.55am.

Next GM: 13 April 2023