

Wentworth Falls Garden Club Inc. – Minutes – General Meeting – 9.45am 9 November 2023

Wentworth Falls School of Arts Hall

- Barbara Fox, Morning Tea Coordinator, thanked members who brought in additional Morning Tea and took names of those offering to assist.

President Duncan Leys:

- Addressed Membership.
- Welcomed members. Noted two apologies.
- Welcomed new members: Wendy Cayless, Julie Nolan, Stephen Ingram, Adrian Howie.
- Welcomed three visitors.
- Thanked those who help make new members and visitors welcome.
 - Welcome Desk in foyer. Apologies from Susan Hummel. Di Jones and stand in Dorothy Davis doing a great job. Thank You for making members and visitors welcome.
 - Welcome Team. Thank You to Trish Fewer, Liz McCowage and Gwen Day doing a great job welcoming visitors and new members.
- Parramatta trip a sell-out event. (See Member Review in Events.)
- Inner City (Sydney) Verge Gardens. AV presentation by Duncan. Noted the important benefit of Verge Gardening is the building of “Community.” Positive connections are made with the opportunity to meet and interact with neighbours and folk passing by.

Secretary – Gai Horrocks

Advised members and drew attention to Noticeboard:

- 2024
 - First General Meeting of 2024 - Thursday 11 January.
 - Dates of 2024 General Meetings and Committee Meetings posted on Noticeboard.
- Leura Garden Festival. Thank You to all Volunteers including our WFGC members.
 - Attendance 21,793 (does not include children under 16)
 - Gross Income \$185,000
 - Proceeds to Katoomba Hospital and nominated Upper Blue Mountains health related charities.
- Two Giant Fuchsia Sales. 11-12 November. Lawson and Hazelbrook. Ref Noticeboard.

Treasurer – Henry Nelson

Cash Book Balance @ 1st October 2023: \$10,058.66

Income: \$1,724.17 Expenditure: \$2,844.05

Cash Book Balance @ 31st October 2023: \$8,938.78

Available Funds: \$6,248.78

Move acceptance: Henry Nelson

Seconded: Lynton Phillips

Welfare – Lea Nelson

This month Lea sent cards to Anne and Ian Peebles, Liz McCowage and Sandie Cleaver. She advised some Merino Magic still available.

Membership – Apologies from Kevin Hummel.

- 59 attendees.
- Three visitors.

Library – Carole Arratoon with apologies from Belinda.

- Library books displayed:
 - *Growing Orchids in Australia* – Terry Cooks.
 - Collins Practical Gardener - *Clematis and Climbers* – John Feltwell.
- Reminded members multiple library borrowing for December – January period.

Events – Gai Horrocks

- Review by club member. Not read at GM. “Parramatta trip a sell out with very successful visits to Experiment Farm Cottage and Hambledon Cottage. The knowledgeable volunteers brought to life the history of the buildings and gardens and their occupants. No volunteer at Elizabeth Farm so rather less satisfying. Excellent catering at Five Loaves Café and Hambledon Cottage. Thanks to Duncan for his organisation.”
- Mt Annan Botanical Gardens. Plant Bank Tour. 8.30am. Thursday 16 November.
- End of Year Function. Thursday 14 December. Final numbers and payment 10 November.
 - Palais Royale. Drinks in Foyer 11.45 – 12.15. Seated 12.15

Guest Speakers – Carol Conway

- Advised Jan- June 2024 Guest Speaker Schedule will be distributed at End of Year function.
- Noted UK Wilding program with resulting increase of insects.
- Carol will attend GCA BM Zone meeting Saturday 11 November.
- Garden Ramble. Sandie Cleaver. Address slips distributed.

Morning Tea

Guest Speaker

Joyce Stone from Blue Mountains and Penrith Orchid Society.

Joyce presented an extensive and informative AV overview of cool growing Orchids suitable for our upper Blue Mountains climate. Numerous Orchids presented showing country of origin and suitability for our climate.

Joyce and Malcolm grow a selection of hardy Orchids in their Springwood garden and more than 600 in their unheated shade houses. A number of their Orchids have been awarded by the Australian Orchid Council and Orchid Society of NSW.

Lucky Door Prize

Meeting closed: 11.55

Next GM: Thursday 11 January 2024