

## **Minutes – General Meeting – Thursday 9 January 2020**

**Wentworth Falls Garden Club Inc. Wentworth Falls School of Arts Hall**

### **President- Carol Conway**

- Welcomed 5 visitors.
- New Year greeting to members. Noted horror start to year.
- Advised members of changes to General Meeting and Web.
  - Guest Speaker, Peta Trahar, cancelled. Bushfires impacted property. *Woodgreen* homestead and Angus stock saved.
  - Jackie Anstis, Herb Society, to step in as Guest Speaker.
  - Garden Ramble and Picnic cancelled due to drought conditions.
  - Web Home page - Calendar will detail any change of speakers. The Guest Speaker Schedule will not show speaker changes.
- GCA Special meeting, Monday 3 Feb, to upgrade the constitution. The President will attend as WFGC delegate.

### **Secretary – Gai Horrocks**

#### **Shared New Year Greetings from GCA President, George Hoad.**

Advised members:

- No news from other garden clubs or My Open Garden.com.au
- Dorothy Davis offered plants from her garden to members.

Directed Attention to Noticeboard:

- GCA Bulletin.
- Tours. Jerry Coleby-Williams. New Zealand North and Timor Leste.

### **Financial Report – Henry Nelson**

As per Statement of Accounts 1 November to 31 December 2019.

Total Funds: \$5,614.93    Total Income: \$1,161.63    Expenditure: \$3,409.29

Available Funds: \$3,367.27

**Move acceptance:** Henry Nelson.

**Seconded:** Geraldine Sternberg

Henry advised:

- Compliments to Janice Light, Daniel Murphy and Kerrie Lee for excellent fund raising on Plant stall.
- Hall rental extended to 12.30pm at small additional cost. Outgoings will now use all \$5 entrance takings.
- WFGC subsidised approximately \$11.40 per member for the 2019 Christmas function. Subsidy will probably not be available this year.
- Garden Tip sheets available.

## **Welfare – Lea Nelson**

- Thinking of You – Corrie Kennedy.
- Thinking of You to former members and committee members:
  - Lynnie Eccleston **and** Pam Poland
  - No Merino Magic orders this month.

## **Library – Merilyn Shields**

- Purchased 13 books and seven DVDs since July 2019.
- Books displayed: The Wollemi Pine, How to Garden and In Search of Paradise: Great Gardens of the World. Penelope Hobhouse.
- Library now has Bloom Series 1 DVD as well as Series 2.
- Silent Auction of donated books in March or April.

## **Membership – Carol Conway**

Barry Butler is Membership Officer. Martin Vaughan has backup files.

The committee is looking for a backup person with view to Barry standing down. Excel program is used.

## **Tours and Functions – Carol Conway**

- No Tours and Functions coordinator. No Tours and Functions.
- Request for volunteer to coordinate one function eg May TAFE lunch.
- Garden Rambles on hold due to extreme weather conditions.

## **Guest Speakers – Carol Conway**

- Jan – June Guest Speaker Schedule 2020 published by Carol and Gai.
- July – Nov Guest Speaker Schedule 2020 is under way.
- Carol will stand down as President in July. May continue on committee as Guest Speaker Coordinator.

Carol asked members to share ideas as to how they are managing to water their gardens under Level 2 restrictions. Member asked how the club is going to address the current situation of Drought and Bushfires. President noted the question. Members gave examples of best use of water. The suggestions will be published on WFGC web and in Feb Newsletter.

## **Morning Tea**

**Guest Speaker:** Jackie Anstis. Herb Society. Tea Kettle First Aid – Medicinal Herbs you can grow.

**Meeting closed:** 11.55

**Next GM:** Thursday 13 Feb 2020