**Minutes – General Meeting of Wentworth Falls Garden Club**

**Thursday 12th March 2015 – Wentworth Falls School of Arts Hall**

**President – Celeste Shadie**

* Welcomed visitors: Kerrie Lee, Daniel Murphy, Irma Mahling and Wilma Campion.
* Wilma Campion late application and payment for membership.
* Welcomed Janka Orelova who received her membership badge.
* Addressed members:
* Reminded members to update contact details especially email.
* Referred members to WFGC website. All club details.
* Complimented our many helpers: Hall set up, Morning Tea – food and duty, Library and Welcome desk. Rosters will soon be online.
* Advised we will continue with the reformatted Garden clinic. Bill Avery will be this month's speaker. Topic – mulching and fertilising and garden tips. Bill will answer members’ questions in Q&A book.
* Passed red Q&A book for members’ gardening questions.

**Secretary- Gai Horrocks**

Advised members

* Audio Loop. We are still working on this.
* Lithgow District Garden Club 15th Anniversary 18th February attended by Gai Horrocks, Secretary and Narelle Nolan, Publicity officer.

Directed members’ attention to Noticeboard.

* Open Gardens Australia. Final date June 2015. Flyer with website for information regarding future open gardens and events. [www.myopengarden.com.au](http://www.myopengarden.com.au)
* Website and details for subscription to GCA magazines.
* Grand Designs Seminar to be held at Campbell Rhododendron Gardens Blackheath 28th March.

**Financial Report – Henry Nelson**

As per Statement of Accounts 1st February- 28th February 2015

Total Funds: $1,903.36. Total Income: $2,136.02. Expenditure: $1,397.00

Available Funds: $2,642.38

Move acceptance of Financial Report: Henry Nelson. Seconded: Kevin Craze.

**Welfare – presented by Henry Nelson on behalf of Lea Nelson.**

Advised:

* Ric Kells receiving ongoing treatment. Ric and Barb are in our thoughts.
* Condolences sent to family of former WFGC member, Margaret Dale.
* Adrienne Brown. Recently recovered from Shingles. Welcome back.

**Publicity – Narelle Nolan**

* Newsletter – March Gardening Tips, Flowering and planting in March.
* Positive feedback from members on monthly gardening tips. Some overlapping of tips each month.
* Gazette 4th March; notice published
* Feature article – Growing Fuchsias
* Garden Ramble. Karen and Les Handicott. Map.

**Library – Carol Conway**

Purchases

* 3 DVDs.
* Book- Sprinter and Sprummer – Tim Entwisle
* Lithgow DGC 15th Anniversary members’ book - Wombats don't eat Pot Plants.

Donation

* TuberTalk - Dahlia Society of Australia. Donated by February Guest Speaker, John Menzel of Winkie Dahlias, South Australia.

**Tours and Functions – Lynton Phillips**

* Behind the Walls, Darling Point
	+ For catering purposes please wear WFGC badge
* Plant Fair. Bus trip 11th April. Peta Trahar is the Convenor of the Plant Collectors Fair and our today’s Guest Speaker.
* Garden Ramble. Karen and Les Handicott. Map. For Insurance purposes please wear your WFGC badge and remember to sign in.

**Garden Clinic – introduced by Celeste Shadie.**

* 5 Minute Speaker – Bill Avery – Gardening Tips.
* Plant tulips 4x their depth and you won't have to pull up and store.
* Plant shrubs, trees in January/February when BM receives rain.
* Tip prune Fuchsias.
* Pinch out extra buds on Camellias.
* A Teaspoon of sugar for tree fern.
* Fertilise and mulch simultaneously.
* Q&A
	+ Refer to WFGC website.

**Morning Tea**

**Guest Speaker – Peta Trahar, MAIH, MAILDM**

 **– introduced by Celeste Shadie**

Peta Trahar, horticulturist, landscape lecturer and designer. Peta and her husband, Peter, own Woodgreen, Bilpin. Her garden contains hundreds of rare and unusual plants.

Along with Dr Beth Stokes, Peta and her husband, Peter, run the highly regarded Collectors’ Plant Fair. The Fair, now in its tenth year, has been described as Australia’s Treasured Gardening Event. In 2005 Peta and Beth were awarded NSW Horticulturists of the Year for ‘promoting the use and conservation of rare and unusual plants’.

Peta’s overview of the Collectors Plant Fair including the three speakers has left members in keen anticipation of our upcoming bus trip to the event.

Her presentation “Garden Inspiration from France and Italy” was thoroughly enjoyed by members of WFGC.

**Meeting closed:** 12.00

**Next meeting: Thursday 9th April 2015.**