

Wentworth Falls Garden Club – Committee Meeting – Minutes. 31 May 2022

Venue: 3 Cook Road Wentworth Falls. 10am.

Historic Note: No Covid restrictions in place.

Attendance: Janice Light, Duncan Leys, Sed Mayne, Carol Conway, Kevin Hummel, Susan Hummel, Marilyn Shields, Ronah Tuite, Barbara Fox, Gai Horrocks.

Apologies: Henry Nelson

Acceptance of previous Minutes 3 May 2022. Move: Gai Horrocks. Second: Janice Light

Business arising from previous Minutes:

- 3 May GM Feedback
 - John Siccardi.
 - Proposed Tool Workshop, 18 May, postponed. Workshop held 31 May.
 - Welcome Desk
 - Thank You to Ronah for standing in May GM for Susan.
 - School of Arts lights and audio settings.
 - No major problem at present with other groups changing settings.
- AGM
 - Nominations completed. All committee standing. Henry absent. **Action: Carol.**
 - AGM handout. Double sided: Committee nominations. AGM agenda.
 - Chair Martin Vaughan. Confirm. The Chair will name each executive for individual voting. The remaining committee members will be named as one group and one vote taken. Roles will not be noted. **Action: Gai.**
 - Auditor Peter Shoemark. Confirm. **Action: Gai**
 - June Newsletter. Members to be advised 2021 AGM President and Financial Reports and Minutes on WFGC website.
 - One copy only of 2021 AGM President and Financial Reports and Minutes to be available at 2022 14 July AGM/GM meeting.

Correspondence In:

- WestInvest Grant Program. Invitation to overview proposed School of Arts upgrade.
 - Overview for Stakeholders by BMCC, Paul Brinkman. 26 May 3pm.
 - Attended by WFGC President Janice Light and Vice President Duncan Leys.
 - Report by Duncan Leys.
 - Proposed \$405000 grant to upgrade hall will include: push-button tiered seating, new lighting and significant upgrade to audio/visual equipment.
 - Assessed as a positive. Support of BMCC application recommended.
 - Draft recommendation letter presented by President Janice Light. Committee gave support and contributed further details.
 - Letter of support to be finalised and forwarded to BMCC Paul Brinkman. **Action: Janice Light, Duncan Leys.**
 - Noted BMCC has advised no increase in hall fees with upgrade.
 - Recommended that WFGC retain their audio visual equipment on site.
- GCA.
 - May 2022 Bulletin. To be noted and displayed at June GM. **Action: Gai**
 - Awards for individuals. Criteria for selection noted as most restrictive.

- Trident Certificate of Placement. Proof of insurance. Copy required with annual booking of School of Arts hall. **Action: Gai**
- Central Tablelands Garden Trail. 29/30 October.

Correspondence Out:

- Tracy Westall. WFGC web enquiry.

Financial Report – Apologies from Henry Nelson. Janice presented Financial Report.

Cash Book Balance as at 1 May 2022. \$4,259.25 Income: \$1,037.46

Expenditure: \$823.53

Cash Book Balance as at 31 May 2022: \$4,473.18 Available Funds: \$1,083.18

As noted with numerous Financial Reports by Treasurer Henry Nelson, WFGC is not breaking even.

Members are attending General Meetings but numbers are still significantly down since Covid19 and present 2022 flu season. Noted both age and health-wise our membership is a vulnerable group of the community.

We need to up revenue.

A Special event! Super Morning Tea for 14 July AGM Meeting.

Refreshments to be supplied by the committee.

Members to be advised in June Newsletter.

Welfare – Apologies from Henry. No Welfare Report.

- Thinking of You card to Anne Peebles. **Action: Carol.**

Membership – Kevin Hummel.

- Thank You to Ronah Tuite for May GM member attendance records.
- Database 18 May GM. 42 members attended. 16 apologies. No visitors.
- 88 unique individuals have attended WFGC event.
- 107 members.
- 2022/23 Badges:
 - 107 badges proposed.
 - 20 blanks.
 - Maroon colour
 - Reverse side. Discounts for WFGC: Birches, Tunks, Webber's, Bay Tree.

Guest Speakers – Carol Conway

- June - Judy Horton. "Gardens of Australia and the World"
- July – Dr John Porter. "The Flora and Fauna of Lord Howe Island cloud forests"
- August – Peter Hay

Library – Marilyn Shields

- Two additional books from Wentworth Falls Book shop close-down. One by June Guest Speaker, Judy Horton.
- Silent Auction – September. Set up in the morning tea room.

Events and Rambles – Janice Light, Ronah Tuite.

- TAFE Lunch. 14 June. 22 paid.
- Yulefest. 30 June. 13 on list.
- Mayfield Garden Bus Trip. 14 September. 17 on list. Payment July Meeting.

Communications – Sed Mayne

- 3D bees prepared by Sed. Keep for July AGM Meeting.
- Janine Shoemark's Rose formula updated. (Costing.) WFGC web.
- Noted that WFGC GM notices are submitted but not appearing in the Gazette newspaper. This is a problem as potential visitors are not seeing meeting and Guest Speaker details.

General Business:

- Plant Stall
Kerrie Lea reports little activity on May Plant Stall. Extreme weather conditions are having a negative impact on contributions. Suggested Plant Stall be suspended June, July and August (Winter.) Committee not in agreement. June stall will proceed. Possible talk by Kerrie in August. **Action: Carol, Kerrie.**
- Printing of Newsletter. 50 copies are now being printed by Bennett's. Copies still left over. Some members are reading theirs online. Review in July/August for possible web only publication. Ten copies would need to be kept for those who are not online.

Meeting closed: 11.58am

Next CM: 5 July 2022