

## **Wentworth Falls Garden Club – Committee Meeting – Minutes – 1 August 2023**

**Venue: 3 Cook Rd, Wentworth Falls. 10am.**

**Attendees:** Duncan Leys, Sed Mayne, Carol Conway, Barbara Fox, Henry Nelson, Kevin Hummel, Susan Hummel and welcome to Grant Clark

**Apologies:** Gai Horrocks, Belinda Coates

**Noted:** There is one vacant position on the Committee

### **Business arising from previous Minutes**

#### **AGM Feedback**

The General Meeting should finish and the chair for the AGM should then invite the Retiring President and Treasurer to give their reports before the election takes place.

#### **ABN**

The number is required to apply for Council grants. Henry is the Public Officer and is willing for his address to be provided on the application form. Duncan to complete and send form.

#### **GCA BM Zone.**

- Rescheduled meeting on 26<sup>th</sup> August. Duncan, Carol and Janice to attend.

Suggestions for the meeting:

- Compile contact list from clubs in order to publicise vacancies on club excursions
- Update speaker list each year

### **Morning Tea**

Barbara will do all the purchasing and preparation required before the meeting. At the August General Meeting she will ask for volunteers to carry out the work on alternate months so she and Jocelyn can participate in meeting activities.

### **Correspondence In**

- **BMCC Bindy Begg.** Phone call re table placed at top of stairwell. Sed will test all fire exits at the August General Meeting to see if they are open and report back at the next Committee meeting, before responding to Council.
- **Bartel Calendars** Cost to members will remain at \$10 despite the increase of our purchase cost to \$9.50 per **calendar**.
- **Lynton Phillips** has reactivated his BMCC Access Bus details so is now available to drive for our excursions.
- **Apologies** for August general meeting – Marjorie Gunasekara

### **Correspondence Out**

- **GCA Form 4.** Updated WFGC Executive details.
- **BMCC Community Access Bus** Bookings for trips to Parramatta 27 October and Mt Annan 16 November confirmed.
- **Thank you letter** to Kevin Craze for chairing the AGM.

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

- **Membership payment** from Harold and Elaine Johnston.
- **Payment of Guest Speakers** – Committee agreed that if a speaker is part of a business le Pty Ltd, or a government employee, we should not pay the \$100 fee. A decision for payment of other speakers should be made on a monthly basis.

## **Available Funds**

**Income** - \$1573.00

**Expenditure** - \$1936.61

Cashbook Balance at 31<sup>st</sup> July \$5,645.76

Less Credit Balance / BMCC Hall Hire/ July 2023 approx \$180

Contingency Fund for Equipment \$2,500

Available Funds \$2,965.76

Proposed the report be accepted – Henry Nelson, Seconded – Sed Mayne

## **Welfare – Henry, on behalf of Lea**

Cards sent to Maureen January and Carlene Martin

## **Membership – Kevin Hummel**

- Harold and Elaine Johnston's applications approved
- Sonya Werner's application accepted subject to payment of fees.
- Bernie and Bev Turner are not renewing membership due to health reasons.

40 email membership applications have been received.

The membership form has been revised to include an **Emergency Contact phone number**.

This should also be provided on application for trips.

Duncan proposed having a member's gardening skills/interests included on the application form. This was included on the previous iteration of the form. The current form will be used at the August General Meeting and Kevin will modify the form for consideration at the September Committee Meeting.

## **Speakers – Carol Conway**

Discussion re a **Show and Tell** segment at General Meetings in the time slot before Morning Tea, to rotate with Q&A and My Garden/Not my Garden. This would cover topics/items related to gardening. Duncan to introduce this at the August General Meeting, illustrated by a weedkiller recipe from a book published in 1919 and also show a useless garden tool.

Discussion of how to **show demonstrations** on the screen ie John Siccardi refurbishing secateurs/repairing tools. Sed to investigate buying a camera which can record the demonstration and simultaneously show it on the screen.

Neutrog products will be the topic of the August General Meeting. Prior to the meeting, Belinda Coates suggested we approach the speaker, Paul Dipuglia, about the possibility of a **discounted order of Neutrog** products for the members. Carol/Duncan will speak to Paul.

Lea Nelson will purchase the Lucky Door Prizes for the September meeting.

## **Events and Rambles**

### **Events**

**Parramatta, 27<sup>th</sup> October Trip.** Duncan to provide Ronah with the paper handout slip for the August General Meeting. Costing for 15 members of \$80 for bus, entries, guide fee, morning tea and lunch. Duncan will provide slides at the August meeting to publicise the trip.

**Mt Annan Botanic Gardens, 16<sup>th</sup> November Trip.** Cost is \$30. Lunch at own expense at the café or take own picnic lunch. Susan to provide slips for Ronah.

**Christmas Lunch – Palais Royale – Katoomba - 14<sup>th</sup> December**

Announce the lunch at the September General meeting. Duncan to provide paper handout slip for Ronah. Cost \$70pp for a two-course meal. Advertise the event as an end of year lunch as the menu is not a traditional Christmas lunch. Provide members with the menu.

**Rambles**

**August – Duncan Leys**– Stroll through the Daffodils

**September – Barbara Fox** – Pre-Garden Festival visit. Barbara and Nick to present in the My Garden segment of the meeting, followed by the ramble after the meeting.

**October – Sandie Cleaver** offered her garden in Hazelbrook. Carol to discuss with Sandie if she will present in the October My Garden segment of the meeting.

**Library – Susan – Apologies from Belinda**

**Carole Arratoon** will be the sole Library helper at the August meeting. She will take returns and only put out a limited number of books.

**Communications – Sed Mayne**

**Sed** announced he would be standing down from the committee next year. He will help a new person to set up in this role to start in July 2024. Sed formats the Newsletter and adds to the website. These roles are related but the same person does not necessarily have to do both.

**Newsletter - Henry** will contact the **Merino Magic** supplier to see if he has stock. If so, Sed will advertise that in the email accompanying the newsletter.

**General Business**

**Arrangements for August GM – Duncan** will open the hall at 8.30am. **Grant** will also be there then. Hall set up plan to be given to **Daniel M** plus the Guest Speaker parking sign.

