

Wentworth Falls Garden Club – Committee Meeting – Minutes – 3 October 2023

Venue: 3 Cook Road Wentworth Falls. 10am.

Attendance: Duncan Leys, Carol Conway, Sed Mayne, Kevin Hummel, Susan Hummel, Barbara Fox, Belinda Coates, Grant Clarke, Gai Horrocks

Apologies: Henry Nelson.

Acceptance of previous Minutes: **Move:** Gai.

Seconded: Belinda.

Business arising from previous Minutes:

- Vacant positions.
 - One position. 2024: Guest Speakers, Communications Officer.
 - Member, Maggie Weir, offered assistance with Guest Speakers.
- WFGC 35th Anniversary.
 - May GM 2024.
 - Special Speaker: Judy Horton History of the Australian Backyard. **Action: Carol.**
 - Invitations to past members and to GCA BM Zone garden clubs.
 - Cake. Unique Patisserie. **Action: Carol.**
- Risk Assessment. School of Arts Hall.
 - Thank you to Kevin Hummel for Risk Assessment.
 - Assessment 14 September by Sed, Susan and Kevin. Photos by Susan.
 - All exits noted as accessible and able to be opened.
 - Steep stairwell exit in hallway between kitchen and main hall a concern.
 - BMCC Amanda Rogers to meet with President Duncan Leys and Secretary Gai Horrocks at SoA Hall 12.15 after this CM to discuss stairwell exit.
- GCA AGM Report by Janice Light.
 - Member Janice Light represented WFGC at GCA AGM.
 - Overview of Report presented by Duncan.
 - Expressed concern that not enough information is getting to Zone Coordinators to assist Coordinators to do their jobs.
 - The main focus of interest in GCA appears to be Insurance cover.
 - Visitors may join local clubs' events/trips and are covered by GCA Insurance. Sign in as Honorary Members and record details.
 - Members would have first preference if numbers limited.
- WFGC Constitution.
 - Decision that WFGC Constitution needs update.
 - Subgroup to present proposed changes 31st October CM.
 - Group ask that Treasurer Henry Nelson consider joining subgroup.
 - Proposed group: Sed, Carol, Susan and Henry.

Correspondence In:

- BMCC Amanda Rogers. SoA stairwell.

Correspondence Out:

- BMCC Andrew Broderick – lightweight folding tables.

Morning Tea – Barbara Fox

- Phone calls made to rostered MT members. Changes noted.
- Continue to ask for MT helpers at GM.

Financial Report – Apologies from Henry Nelson.

No Financial Report for CM. Treasurer has sent report to committee members by separate email. Thank you, Henry.

- Janice Light. Advised \$75 cost to attend GCA AGM. **Action: Henry.**
- Laptop.
 - Committee voted to purchase laptop. **Action: Sed, Henry.**
 - Windows 11 Dell \$690 and Microsoft license \$66. **Action: Sed, Henry.**
 - Total first year \$765. **Action: Sed, Henry.**
- Second Black Box
 - Committee decision to purchase second Black Box for backup storage.
 - Copy original Black Box onto second Box. Continue storage. **Action: Sed.**
 - Future CM Mins to be on web but not available on public menu. **Action: Sed.**

Welfare – Apologies from Henry on behalf of Lea.

Membership – Kevin Hummel

- Application for Membership carried:
 - Christopher Dowell.
 - Sue Ebzery
 - Peter Sternberg.
- Kevin noted paperwork and money catch up to be finalised. **Action: Kevin, Henry.**
- Non-financial. Final date. WFGC GM 12 October. Enlarged Newsletter notice.

Library – Belinda Coates

- WFGC Notice on Social Media Facebook pages: Blue Mountains Garden Club Groupies and Wentworth Falls Neighbours Facebook pages. Monthly update. **Action: Belinda.**
- October GM. Book Auction. Library closed. Float required. **Action: Belinda, Henry.**

Communications – Sed Mayne

- Newsletter. Update as required. Membership notice, Library Silent Auction, Guest Speaker Margaret Jackson Maple Springs Nursery Bio. **Action: Sed.**
- Purchase Black Box, Window 11 computer, Microsoft license. **Action: Sed.**

Guest Speakers – Carol Conway

- Speakers 2023.
 - October - Margaret Jackson Maple Springs Nursery and Garden, Little Hartley.
 - November - Joyce Stone BM and Penrith District Orchid Society.
- Speakers 2024. Schedule being developed. Thank You to Belinda for contact details for Bush Tucker Babies.
- Rambles.

- October Geraldine Sternberg: My Garden, Q&A. Ramble.
- November. Sandie Cleaver.
- Show and Tell to continue.

Events and Rambles

Thank You to Barbara and Nick Fox for invitation to Ramble in their beautiful Tusculum.

- 2024 Bus trip. Cutoff date for WFGC members. Offer to other club members.
- 2023
 - Rambles: Sign on sheets Sternberg's, Sandi Cleaver. **Action: Gai**
 - Parramatta - Duncan
 - Sign on sheet. Duncan.
 - Thank you, Kevin for compiling member details.
 - BMCC Driver. Mike Lane. **Action: Gai.**
 - Mt Annan - Susan
 - Sign on sheet. Susan
 - Three spaces.
 - Nil dietary. Own lunches.
 - Driver Patrick Leonard. **Action: Gai.**
 - Christmas Lunch
 - Quiz. **Action: Duncan.**
 - Neutrog. Prizes. \$150. **Action. Carol and Belinda.**
 - Table decorations. Janice's role? **Action. Duncan to confirm.**
- 2024 Events.
 - Ideal number 5-6 events. Two in Autumn. Two in Spring. Christmas.
 - Rookwood and Chinese Garden of Friendship to be considered.
 - Thank you to Grant Clarke for Rookwood Tours website.
 - TAFE noted as difficult to organise.

General Business:

- Acknowledgement of Country. Noted at top of WFGC newsletter. As of January 2024, GM the Acknowledgement will be presented on the AV screen.
- Wentworth Falls Librarian is keen to invite WFGC into public library to present overview of garden reference books. Also show process for submission of requests for library purchases.
- Belinda advised Sue Collins local walking tours available. Can be combined with lunch.

Meeting closed: 12.00 Noon.

Next CM: 31 October 2023. LAST CM 2023