

Wentworth Falls Garden Club Inc. – Committee Meeting – Minutes – 4 January 2024

Venue: 3 Cooks Road Wentworth Falls. 10am.

Attendance: Duncan Leys, Henry Nelson, Sed Mayne, Carol Conway, Grant Clark, Belinda Coates, Kevin Hummel, Susan Hummel, Barbara Fox, Gai Horrocks.

Business arising from previous Minutes:

- Committee and General Meeting dates 2024. Copy sent to committee members.
- EOY function 2023. A great success. Rebook for December 2024. **Action: Duncan.**
- GCA BM Zone Report. 23 Nov 2023. Carol Conway.
 - BM GCA Zone Clubs shared Speakers and venues. “Great pointers.”
 - Central BM Club holding Australia Day Picnic. Zone Clubs invited.
- Constitution. Subgroup to continue to discuss proposed changes to Constitution.
- AGM - 11 July 2024.
 - Chair and Auditor. Approach Martin Vaughan, Peter Shoemark. **Action: Gai.**
 - 2024 Vacant positions:
 - Treasurer, Communications, Guest Speakers.
 - Guest Speaker Coordinator to relinquish position but stay on Committee.
 - One unfilled position. Eleven positions on Committee. Ten filled.
 - Notice for expressions of interest in Newsletters January - June. **Action: Sed.**
- 35th Anniversary. GM 9 May 2024.
 - Low key event. Cake.
 - Guest Speaker Judy Horton.
- WFGC Archival Details.
 - GM + CM Minutes 1989 – Nov 2019. WFGC archive box Springwood Library.
 - GM Mins – published on WFGC web. Open to WFGC members. **Action: Sed.**
 - CM Mins – Stored on WFGC web. **NOT OPEN TO MEMBERS. Action: Sed**
 - Black Box containing CM Mins superseded by new BB. **Action: Henry.**

Correspondence In:

- BMCC. D/D Payment. Check BMCC permanent a/c number. **Action: Henry, Gai.**
- GCA November 2023 Bulletin. Forwarded to WFGC Committee 24 November 2023.

Correspondence Out:

- Palais Royale. Wonderful EOY venue. Thank You letter by President Duncan Leys.
- Sylvia Beresford. Raffle prize Red Spanish Onion. Thank You letter by Secretary.

SoA Update. SitRep:

Visit to BMCC and BM Cultural Centre re applications WestInvest Grant.

Money granted. Ten bodies including SoA. Tender process commencing.

BM Culture Centre Comms Dept will advise WFGC as required.

Aim is to avoid disruptions to SoA hirers. Another venue will be organised if conflict.

Morning Tea – Barbara Fox.

- Barbara absent March GM. Ronah to be asked to stand in. **Action: Barbara.**
- Decision to continue to ask for MT helpers at GM. **Action: Barbara.**

Financial Report – Henry Nelson

Cash Book Balance @ 1st November 2023: \$8938.78

Income: \$2,176.45. Expenditure: \$4,812.81

Cash Book Balance as @ 31st October 2023: \$6,302.42

Available Funds: \$3,802.42

Moved: Henry Nelson. Second: Duncan Leys.

Treasurer noted:

- Preference for a smaller Available Cash Fund. For future discussion.
- Paid annual donations to BM SES and Wentworth Falls RFB.

Welfare – Henry on behalf of Lea.

- Card to Les Allen.
- Noted Barbara Wakefield recuperating after fall.

Membership – Kevin Hummel

- November 2023 new member forms passed to Kevin.
- Cleared non-financial list to remain as is including Foundation Member.

Library – Belinda Coates.

- Liaise with Wentworth Falls Librarian re possible “Ramble” in library after GM. Possibly March GM. **Action: Belinda.**

Communications – Sed Mayne

- January Newsletter: **Action: Sed.**
 - Photos by new member, Stephen Ingram and Sandi Cleaver.
 - Call for expressions of interest for Committee positions July AGM
- Hall Roster. Updates. **Action: Susan.**

Guest Speakers – Carol Conway

NB March GM. Change to accommodate Guest Speaker.

9.45am

President’s Welcome to members and Visitors.

Guest Speakers - Lithgow Valley Mushrooms

MT 10.45am – 11.15am

11.15am

Secretary

Treasurer

Welfare

Membership

Library

Events

Guest Speakers

My Garden/Not My Garden. Show&Tell. Q&A

Library “Ramble?” For further discussion. **Action:Belinda.**

GM 11 January:

- Show and Tell. Green Hoppers. Duncan Leys.
- Q&A Corrie Kennedy.
- Guest Speaker Fiona Hasselman Fifi's Bees. Professional Beekeeper.

Proposed Ramble. A Wild Garden. To be checked. **Action: Carol.**

Proposed Events 2024

- Autumn
 - Wild Meadow/Hartvale/Maple Springs. **Action: Belinda.**
 - Rookwood Cemetery. **Action: Duncan.**
- Winter
 - June-July. No outdoor event.
- Spring
 - Chinese Garden of Friendship. **Action: Duncan.**
 - Millthorpe (a Saturday event)
OR
 - Mt Wilson Bath House/Autumn colours and Mt Tomah – Brunet Meadow.
100.000 daffodil bulbs.
Further discussion re preference for member: Millthorpe or Mt Wilson.
- EOY function. Rebook Palais Royale. **Action: Duncan.**

General Business:

All required areas discussed above.

GM closed. 12.05

Next GM: 8 February 2024