

Wentworth Falls Garden Club Inc. – Committee Meeting – Minutes 30 Jan 2024

Venue: 3 Cooks Road Wentworth Falls. 10am

Apologies: Grant Clarke.

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

Acceptance of previous Minutes: Gai Horrocks **Seconded:** Kevin Hummel

Meeting commenced with David Attenborough video How Flowers talk to Bees.
Video to be shown at Feb GM. **Action: Sed, Grant.**

Business arising from previous Minutes:

- AGM
 - No response to call for committee nominations. Possibilities discussed.
 - Communications. Clarified - two positions: Newsletter, Web.
 - Confirmed: Chair – Martin Vaughan. Auditor – Peter Shoemark.
- 35th Anniversary
 - Update contact sheet. **Action: Henry.**
- Archives. CM Mins storage on Black Box and in closed section of WFGC web. Link to all committee members. **Action: Sed.**
- January Meetings. Excellent response Jan 2024 meeting. Continue to hold.
- Donation of Art. (Limited edition print. Not original.)
 - Sylvia Beresford. *Flowers in a Vase*. “This artwork was created specifically to celebrate the thirty-fifth (35th) year of the Wentworth Falls Garden Club and its many Members – past and present, who shared their landscape environments, species of interest and their passion for plants.”
 - *Flowers in a Vase* donated as raffle prize for 35th Anniversary celebration.
 - Tickets. \$5 single. 3 for \$10. Commence Feb GM. **Action: Gai, Ronah.**
 - Raffle details in Newsletter. **Action: Sed.**
- Events:

Overview of 2024 Events. Investigation and planning progress:
Announce Rookwood and Conservation Hut lunch at Feb GM.

 - Christmas Lunch. 13 Dec 2024. Palais Royale quote. **Action: Duncan.**
 - Autumn
 - Rookwood. Thursday 18 April. Announce Feb GM. **Action: Duncan.**
 - Wild Meadow/Hartvale/Maple Springs. Early May. **Action: Belinda, Carol.**
 - Winter Lunch.
 - Conservation Hut Wentworth Falls. Thurs 30 June. **Action: Susan.**
 - Announce Feb GM.
 - \$30 flat rate. WFGC will pay refundable deposit.

Correspondence In:

- GCA
 - My Garden magazine.
 - Form 2. Membership numbers for insurance. Completed and returned.
- The Fork. Used for online restaurant booking. No longer operating in Australia.

Correspondence Out:

- Thank You letters:
 - President Duncan Leys - Palais Royale. 2023 EOY function.
 - Gai Horrocks - Sylvia Beresford. Donation of Red Spanish Onion drawings. Raffle prize. EOY function December 2023. Winner Celeste Shadie.
- BMCC
 - GM 11 Jan. SoA hall. No free-standing chairs set out.
 - Thank You BMCC staff who were onsite and set out chairs.
 - GCA certificate of Currency Insurance resent to BMCC.

Morning Tea – Barbara Fox

- Barbara absent March GM. Ronah Tuite will stand in.
- At GM Morning Tea helpers invited to proceed to MT first. **Action: Duncan.**

Financial Report – Henry Nelson

Cash Book Balance as @ 1st Jan 2024: \$6,302.42

Income: \$516.09 Expenditure: \$519.88

Cash Book Balance as @ 31st Jan 2024: \$6,298.63

Available Funds: \$3,798.63

Moved: **Henry Nelson**

Seconded: **Gai Horrocks**

Excess Funds discussed.

Decisions:

- 2024 membership renewal will reduce from \$25 to \$20.
- New members will not pay additional joining fee above base \$20.
- Annual donations to SES and RFB will be increased from \$250 to \$400.

Henry to prepare budget showing effect of proposed changes.

Welfare – Henry on behalf of Lea

Thinking of You cards sent to Barbara Wakefield and Stephen Kennedy.

Membership – Kevin Hummel

Acceptance of new members: Lynette Hilton, Sonja Forza, Sue MacDonald.

Kevin will record members who participate in events ie Rambles, bus trips.

Library – Belinda Coates:

- Investigate possibility. Will invite Wentworth Falls Librarian to WFGC GM 14 March. 11:40am.
The Librarian to speak to members advising resources available and inviting interested members to join her in the adjacent Library. **Action: Belinda.**
- Contact *Gazette* for publication of upcoming Speakers at WFGC GMs.
Action: Belinda.

Communications – Sed Mayne

- WFGC web. Link for CM Mins in closed section. **Action: Sed.**
- Newsletter. **Action: Sed.**
 - Sylvia Beresford. Donation of *Flowers in a Vase*. Details of donated watercolour print 1/5. Raffle details. Ticket \$5. Three for \$10.
 - Altered timing GM 14 March. 9:45 – 10:45am Lithgow Valley Mushrooms. Morning Tea 10:45 – 11:15am.
 - Upcoming Events: Rookwood Cemetery 18 April, Conservation Hut lunch 20 June.

Guest Speakers – Carol Conway

- Speakers Schedule published. Jan – June 2024.
- May and June Guest Speakers, Judy Horton, Peta Trahar, will do Q&A.
- Possible July Speaker Robyn Bible.
- Carol advised she will no longer organise:
 - My Garden/Not My Garden
 - Show and Tell
 - Q&A (NB. May and June Q&A organised)

General Business – No further business.

GM closed: 12:00

Next CM: 5 March 2024