

Meeting held on: Thursday 4 July 2024

at: Soldiers Memorial Hall, Bundanoon

commencing: 10 am

Welcome

The President, Penny Baker opened the Meeting at 10am acknowledging the Gundungurra people and paying respects to the elders.

Penny welcomed five new members to the club

Apologies - none

Minutes of the last meeting

Minutes of the meeting on 6 June 2024 were accepted.

Proposed: Jan Seconded: Maria

Correspondence:

- 9 members sent in 21 photos of their sheds
- 1 member sent in suggestion for a future speaker at the general meetings and 1 member sent in suggestion for inclusion in newsletter (thank you both)
- emails to/from booked and potential BGC meeting speakers
- emails firming up organisation of Club's 2024 Christmas party
- GCA May bulletin
- New reporting requirements from ATO
- Mittagong Garden Centre - notification of Hydrangea Care and pruning workshop (note - members were informed via a club's *What's Happening* email)
- Email received from Rod Broadman regarding flag flying in the remembrance garden
- Bundanoon Hall convenor was emailed the Club's insurance certificate and also informed about a leak in the hall
- request from BCA requesting BGC to email members about proposed changes by Wingecarribee council to its Cenotaphs and Memorials Policy and for club members to email the council with suggested wording changes.

Treasurer's Report

Balance end of May	\$17,834
Income	\$ 505
Expenditure	<u>\$ 271</u>
Balance end of June	<u>\$18,068</u>

President's Report

- Penny discussed the evacuation procedure for the Bundanoon Solders Hall and asked that members review the plan which is on the wall of the hall. Penny stated that people in the hall are to meet at the Old Goods Shed where Faye and Ron will check off names on the Meeting Attendance sheets
- thank you to all Working Bee attendees at the Garden of Memories (Uniting Church) There will be no Working Bee next month in its place will be a planning session. Any member who is interested, please sign up
- There will be a coach trip to Crookwell in Spring - date to be confirmed
- Penny asked for a show of hands of who is interested in attending the Winter Dinner - many members raised their hands. The winter dinner is now a SPRING dinner and most likely in the 2nd week of September

Bundanoon Garden Ramble Stall - Jane Smith

- Calculated that if every member potted up 4 pots, there would be plenty to sell
- Please label pots and if have any unusual plants please include a write-up of the place for use by the volunteers on the stall
- A roster for people to help on the stall will be drawn up. Please think about signing up.
- Penny also reminded the members that pots are not to be too large as many buyers and buses had challenges with fitting in larger pots to take home (or carry around)

Q&A

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Asked - what is this fruit

- osage orange
- Asked - do you dig up azaleas every year
 - every 4 years
- Asked - how to prune roses
 - suggested by Penny that workshop would be good, will look into organising
 - also - the working Bees help to build knowledge - for example in the Garden of Memories there are Bush Roses which will be pruned very soon
- Asked - When to prune Hydrangea - Oakleaf
 - do not prune
- Asked - what common plants fail in Bundanoon
 - Gardenias - however Radicons & Cupid varieties will work here
 - Tropical and fleshy plants - eg succulents
 - does depend on where you live in Bundanoon (microclimates)

- Asked - Suggestions on how to deal with bunnies
 - Wire fencing
 - fox terriers/greyhounds
 - blood and bone
- Asked - Do you hard prune clematis
 - there are 3 types/categories of clematis. Do not have specific names but you need to know which category of your clematis in in order to do correct pruning
 - if in doubt, cut down to the ground
- Asked - when to prune climbing roses
 - August
- Asked - cost to have a landscape design
 - answered by Nick which is next month's speaker
 - \$175 to commission a visit which will include a discussion on what you wish to achieve and a high level design
 - \$approx 6500 for a master plan for about 1 acre garden. Includes detailed design, full sketching, is about 50 hours work and takes 6 weeks

SHEDS

As the meeting broke for morning tea a wonderful series of shed photos was displayed

Morning Tea

Guest Speaker

Penny introduced the Guest Speaker - Zeke (Ezekiel Ezra) owner of Penjing Nursery in Robertson - to discuss the art of Penjing

A few key points:

- Penjing and Bonsai are both of Chinese origin. The Japanese took Bonsai to the rest of the world
- can be difficult to distinguish between the 2 art forms, however, usually Penjing plants on wood or rock and includes small figures whereas purist Bonsai is 1 tree in a pot
- As with all plants - care for the plants is key to survival
 - keep the plant outdoors if it is an outdoor plant
 - be careful not to over/under water
 - fertilise regularly - spring (for flowers) and Autumn (for roots)
 - root prune when needed
 - repot when needed
 - understand the nuances of the plant
- Proportion is important between the plants and the 'container'
- Zeke recommends that his 2 hour Penjing Beginner session will set you up very well to start creating Penjing
- Good plants for Penjing
 - Chinese elm
 - conifers
 - box - Chinese or English
- Zeke is offering 10% discount at his nursery during July and August for Bundanoon Club members

Conclusion

Penny mentioned that the club may have a self-drive outing to Zeke's Penjing nursery + Native Grace + conifer garden + Zeke's and Dean's gardens during October - TBD

Winter-in-a-jar competition was won by Maria Marks

Raffle drawn

Meeting closed at 11:45 am

Next meeting: Thursday 1 August, Soldiers Memorial Hall - 9:30am for 10am start