

Meeting held on: Thursday 6 March 2024
at: Soldiers Memorial Hall, Bundanoon
Commencing: 10 am

Welcome

The President, Ted Ayers, opened the meeting at 10.00 am acknowledging the Gundungurra people and paying respects to their elders.

Apologies

Ray and Bronwyn Stanton, Di Curtis, Wendy Norris, Annette Benham

Minutes of the last meeting

Minutes of the last meeting held on 1 February, 2023 were accepted.

Proposed: Jan Longton

Seconded: Maria Marks

Correspondence

- Moss Vale Uniting Church Council - Thank you card - caring for the Garden of Memories
- Southern Highlands Carriage Club – appreciation for decorating Arena for opening- \$200 contribution to the BGC
- Sue Davison -contact offering to mow the NKP – to be followed up re Insurance
- GCA – Bulletin and 100th issue of Our Garden Magazine
- Annesley – invitation to free health classes for Seniors week (Rita Gilroy advised phone not answering)
- Member email requesting advice on apple tree disease/pest – great response – BGC has a wonderful knowledge bank
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Treasurers Report

Alison Trotter advised that reporting has changed to show the full month. BGC finances are looking healthy. Income during February with subscriptions coming in, expenditure of \$358
Balance at end of February 16,922.

Alison's last report as Treasurer, Ted Ayers thanked Alison. *(Round of applause)*

Presidents Report

Ted Ayers showed slides of his garden in his final report as President. In a nod to the speaker, images highlighted insects. Cyclamen, roses, penstemons, begonia, plectranthus and purple salvia.

Ted reminded members to sign in, important for insurance and that memberships are now due – 128 non-financial members. Thanked Nerida, Ros, Penny Baker, David Baker, Lyn York, Tessa Spencer for providing flowers, foliage and creating displays for the Carriage Club Multi-purpose arena opening.

Thank you to Susan Crase for the suggestion to have Alexander Evans as a speaker. Thanks to Noel Blomfield and Gary Dillon for offers to mow NKP.

Ted responded to a member suggestion that more things be held mid-week, member likely referring to friendship gardens which always held on a Saturday.

Image provided by Di Curtis, members encouraged to share photos of their garden.

Life Membership

Life memberships have not been awarded for some years due to Covid and lack of clear guidelines. Committee delighted to accept the nominations and award Life Memberships to two worthy recipients who have made a significant and ongoing contribution to the Club.

Robin Coombes – member since 2004, committee member for many years and a past president,

David Humphrey – member since 2013, committee member since 2018, Newsletter Editor and organises Friendship Gardens

Ted Ayers presented the new Life Members with a Life Member's badge, Certificate and a maple tree. Members congratulated the recipients with loud rounds of applause.

*The March Meeting was suspended while the **2024 AGM** was held.*

Friendship Gardens

David Humphrey invited members to the Friendship Gardens on Saturday morning. A 65 acre property in Exeter, weather permitting it should be a great morning. Morning Tea provided. David asked members to think about gardens that would show autumn colour for May.

David inundated with all of two articles for March newsletter, even some photos would be welcomed.

Morning tea

Guest Speakers

Murray Fletcher, Director of the [Australian Entomological Society](#) and a former Principal Research Scientist with the NSW Dept of Primary Industries. Murray gave a fascinating talk on the good guys and bad guys in the insect world.

Conclusion

Raffle drawn.

Meeting closed at: 12:00 pm

Next Meeting: Thursday April 3, Soldiers Memorial Hall. 9:30 for 10am