

Meeting held on: Thursday 6 August 2026

at: Soldiers Memorial Hall, Bundanoon

commencing: 10:00 am

Minutes

Welcome

The President, opened the Meeting at 10:02am acknowledging the Gundungurra people and paying respects to the elders

The President welcomed four new members, one renewal

Apologies

None received

Minutes of the last meeting

Minutes of the previous meeting on 2 July 2026 were accepted.

Proposed: Jan Longton Seconded: Maria Marks

Correspondence

In & Out:

- Uniting Church - heaters left on
- To/from members - re overdue library books

In:

- Member suggestion for movie screening to be organised by club
- Neutrog Order summary
- Invoice for 3 months hall & kitchen hire
- Council -
 - notice of school holiday event for 12-24 year olds @ Wingello
 - notice of drop-in sessions re financial stability of council
- Hartley Valley Garden Festival and Plant Fair - same weekend as Garden Ramble
- Southern Highland Community Foundation - notice of grants open
- confirmation of Exeter Hall booking for Xmas party
- Various from NSW & ACT Dahlia society
- GCA - notice of AGM
- Flower Thinking - notice of Floral Symposium
- Notice of Bathurst Spring Spectacular
- invoice for Exeter Hall Hire
- Notice of renewal for NSW & ACT Dahlia Society
- Tulip Tops - confirmation of group booking for 21 Sept

Out:

- Acceptance of Marulan Coaches quote for Tulip Tops trip
- Acceptance of quote from CWA for Xmas party catering
- Followup to council on status of mulch for NKP
- Zone coordinator - registering BGC interest in Zone coordinator speaking at a meeting next year
- Club newsletter to members

Treasurer's Report

- Starting Balance \$ 16,255

• Income	\$ 296
• Expenses	\$ 455
• Petty Cash	\$ 195
• Balance at end June	\$ 16,290

President's (Penny) Report

- ✿ Photos from Penny's garden - golden sedum, olearia, and the bluebells on their way
- ✿ Thank you to the Working Bee attendees from last month - no working bee this month
- ✿ Morning Tea roster - we have some gaps - please review sign up sheet.
- ✿ Ramble stall - please keep propagating for the stall; will need helpers for the 2 x days of the ramble - in the hall
- ✿ Bus Trip - sign up online or at meeting, closing date is next meeting Sept 3rd, cost \$30; 44 seats available
- ✿ Trade table - our team is retiring at the end of the year. Looking for volunteers to take over - do not need to have great plant knowledge as there will always be someone attending who can answer questions where need
- ✿ Committee:
 - ✿ Penny, Ron, Lorraine are retiring
 - ✿ welcomed Amanda Snelling to the committee
 - ✿ please consider joining the committee - especially next year
- ✿ Condolences to Kay Devers - whose husband died last week

Ramble (Tessa) Report

- ✿ Early bird tickets on sale now = \$25
- ✿ volunteers who sit on gates receive a free ticket
- ✿ thank you to members who have their gardens open - Ron Keir, Tim & Glynis Charles; Tina Pollard
- ✿ some of the money raised will be donated to the Southern Highlands Wildlife Sanctuary - for direct support of John Creighton's wombat mange efforts

Q&A

Morning Tea + slide show of members' landscaping in their gardens

John Hines - member and long-time landscaper

- ✿ Hines family has been in the area since 1824
- ✿ John has been gardening since pre-teen age
- ✿ has landscaped gardens all over the area
- ✿ SQS (southern quarry supplies)
 - ✿ mulch - length x depth
 - ✿ mulch = feed mix = 50/50 euci/mushroom compost
 - ✿ premium natural garden blend is made on site
- ✿ all mulches go grey eventually
- ✿ turf underlay vs top dress
 - ✿ turf underlay is for turf only and has less nutrients
 - ✿ used because it is cheaper - but is not the vest
- ✿ sand
 - ✿ yellow is used for mortar
 - ✿ white is used for concrete
 - ✿ based coarse - good for pots
 - ✿ playground sand - is sand which has been washed more

- ✦ materials for paths
 - ✦ think about who is walking on the paths
 - ✦ pebbles, crushed granite, sandstone
- ✦ rocks
 - ✦ blue metal - harder to shape vs sandstone
 - ✦ lay into soil - looks more natural then just placed on top
 - ✦ sandstone has 3 grades (A, B, C); different sizes; fast to build retaining walls; helps keep plant roots cool

Winter in a Jar

- ✦ Maria Marks awarded

Raffle

- ✦ Drawn by John

Next meeting:

Thursday 3 September 2026 Soldier's Memorial Hall 9:30 for 10am start

This meeting closed 11:50am