

Meeting held on: Thursday 3 October 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

## Apologies

None

## Minutes of the last meeting

Minutes of the meeting on 5 September 2024 were accepted.

Proposed: Jan      Seconded: Maria

## Correspondence:

### In:

- PicRights - 2nd notice of breach of copyright by using 2 photos in newsletters posted on our website
- GCA - sent forms to ensure we have current forms
- Various emails regarding Coach trip:
  - to/from Markdale station
  - to/from Kennedy Coaches
- Various email re PALM event
- emails in/out on Meryla Flora Walk

### Out:

- Highland Dahlias - confirming speaker and meeting structure
- Loretta Carr (CWA) on write-up for newsletter
- Nick Pembroke - request for quote on NKP bed edging

## Treasurer's Report

Balance end of August	\$19,093
Income	\$ 479
Expenditure	<u>\$ 1,010</u>
Balance end of Sept	<u>\$18,747</u>

## President's Report

- Penny commented that the committee is looking to how to use the club's surplus dollars for benefit of the club and community
- Penny showed photos from the Meryla Flora walk, PALM event and Cicadas
- Life memberships now open - forms on the website and the associated policy <https://www.bundanoongardenclub.com.au/copy-of-code-of-conduct>
- last Working Bee scheduled for Nancy Kingsbury Park was cancelled due to bad weather. Next Working Bee (31 October) is at Nancy Kingsbury park at 9:30am where pruning will be the focus
- Neutrog have offered a discount for member purchases. There are conditions attached including any member ordering will need to subscribe to the Neutron newsletter, the total order from members must be pallet load and will be delivered to one address. Penny asked for a show of hands of members interested and seemed that there is enough interest. The committee will clarify the proposal but it is clear that numbers of members are required to make this happen
- David Humphrey discussed Friendship garden for Saturday which are 3 large gardens (approx the same size) in Ashgrove place; Reminder that we need gate sitters to record visitors as mandated by insurance; please wear your club badge and visitors are welcome
- Thank you for all your newsletter contribution and please note that you don't need to write vary much and lots of photos are great
- Penny thanked Pam and Tessa for photos from the Meryla Flora walk; and thanked flower arrangers for the PALM event. Penny noted that the club also donated 15 passes for the Garden Ramble
- Aussie Bird Count is running from 14 - 20 October. Head to <https://birdlife.org.au/> for more information and to register for the bird count
- Small group of members enjoyed the Spring Dinner with good food and lots of chat
- Robertson self-drive is 15 October - all details can be found in the newsletter
- Crookwell coach trip - the buss is full. Details for the day be coming. Self drive to be confirmed. Thanks to Tessa and Lyn for their work organising
- Morning Tea - please recycle, recycle, recycle

## Bundanoon Garden Ramble Stall - Tina Pollard

- Plant Donations to be dropped off at:
  - 23 GRICE DRIVE – near garage via RUMSEY PLACE (side street)
- ON:
  - Monday 21st October between 9am & 11am
  - Tuesday 22nd October between 3pm & 5pm
- If neither of these times are possible, please advise one of the Stall Committee members and pick up will be arranged.
- Please label clearly and include as much information about the plant as possible, especially flower colour, and # of plants donated
- Donation of paper bags and small boxes most welcome
- Plant stall volunteers needed - especially for Sunday

## Q&A

- How to get rid of Downy Mildew on Photnias
  - no response from floor
- What don't bunnies eat
  - azalea; lambs ear; columbines; hydrangea; hellebore
- How to treat leaf curl on nectarine
  - spray copper sulphate when bug swirl is active
- When is frost no longer a risk
  - 22 October
  - after Melbourne cup day
- what is demolishing my goddess and arum lilies
  - snails
- Management of Crown Imperial (Fritillary Imperialis)
  - can get from Lambley nursery, Garden Express
  - very fragile
  - good drainage and full sun required
  - not as good when planted in pots
- How to deter Blackbirds
  - Whoflungdung
- Photo from Hillary Firth's visit to Monet's garden looking for identification ?
  - no definitive response from floor

***Morning Tea - accompanied by more photos from members of favourite garden spots***

## Guest Speaker

Penny let the members know that Gerald from Highland Dahlias was unwell and unable to attend today

Luckily our replacement Guest Speaker was Ron Keir - BGC membership secretary and committee member

A few key points:

- Ron immigrated at age 8 to Sydney
- he is an architect and worked in Sydney
- at age 50 he and his partner started looking at the next phase of their life
- they were very familiar with Southern Highlands having rented a cottage at Retford Park where they would spend weekends, until the property was handed to the National Trust
- he wanted a '*clearing in a wood*' with a connection to nature
- acknowledged that he had never built a garden before
- Panorama Rd came up for sale - 3,300 sq m and was woodland and open meadow + pond and wetland
- The larger property was originally settled in 1862 by George Osborn
- 2005-2007, 6 plots were subdivided from old house - one of which is now Ron's
- Pond covers 1/4 to 1/3 of site depending of volume of water
- Ron was keen to have light and air in house and to have the northern sun with a strong connection between house and garden
- The house was built on October 2009 - factory manufactured in 4 weeks and comprised 4 modules. It was then built in 1 day (excluding garage module)
- They moved in December 2009 and 2010 started on the garden
- 2011 Crown lifted trees
- 2014 Jetty in pond was rebuilt
- 2015 built Arbour with heritage wood from Bond store at Sydney Rocks
- 2017 installed water vessels reflecting the canopy and providing water for insects and birds
- 2018 built grass terrace for managing the steep slope
- 2019 Boulders were installed
- 2019 Steps were build on the south side
- Ron's garden will be open for Friendship Garden on 9 November

## Conclusion

Michelle Waters was the pick from the Spring-in-a-Jar displays

Raffle drawn

Meeting closed at 11:55 am

Next meeting: Thursday 7 November, Soldiers Memorial Hall - 9:30am for 10am start