

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

Welcome

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

Apologies

David and Gwenneth Humphery

Guest Speaker

Pat Hall, NSW Parks and Wildlife

Pat gave a fascinating insight into a project at Shoalhaven Heads where the needs of people walking their dogs conflicted with managing the nesting sites of birds migrating from the Northern Hemisphere. Pat worked with the community to develop a solution and a range of innovative signage using an airport metaphor.

Pat also talked about the new Meryla Flora Reserve and the ongoing work to repair trails in the Morton National Park.

Morning tea

Minutes of the last meeting

Minutes of the last meeting held on 2 May, 2024 were accepted.

Proposed: Maria Marks

Seconded: Kay Millwood

Correspondence

In:

- Winter issue of Our Gardens Magazine
- Garden Clubs of Australia Bulletin
- AGHS - Winter Solstice Seminar - Sunday 23 June
- Enquiry re Maple Trees at the entry to Bundanoon
- Garden Ramble - Stall Booking

Out:

- Thank you to Uniting Church for Working Bee Lunch
- Penjing Robertson - speaker for July

Treasurer's Report

Lorraine Dillon reported that the Club opened the month of May with \$17,963.32 and closed with \$17,834.23. The main expense was upgrading of the laptop.

President's Report

Penny Baker welcomed two new members to a round of applause.

The May Working Bee was at the Garden of Memories where the Uniting Church congregation kindly provided a "thank you" lunch for the "workers". The lunch included Geoff who mows and trims hedges at the Garden of Memories where his wife is interred. Penny reflected that the Garden of Memories is a lovely restful place. The next Working Bee will be on 27 June at the Garden of Memories to undertake some weeding and mulching.

Penny has been talking to all the stakeholders involved in the Nancy Kingsbury Park and has found information on the original plantings and plan for the gardens. She found out that Nancy Kingsbury's daughter is alive and well in New Zealand. Recently, Penny was delighted to see a group enjoying a post 50th egg and bacon roll in the park.

Reminder to members to take back any of their unsold plants on the Trade table at the end of the meeting.

Ramble Stall

Jenny Grace-Smith reminded everyone to continue propagating plants for the Club's plant stall at the Ramble. She requested that no hydrangeas or succulents be propagated. Question can be directed to Jenny, Tina Pollard and Jane Smith.

Upcoming Events

- Pam Tippet's Exhibition Something old, Something new... at 15 Royston St. Paddington from '18 June -7 July.
- Renewable Energy Talk in Exeter, details in the Newsletter.
- Tour of Steve's garden in Balmoral Village, planting of fire resistant trees after the fires. Sign up sheet circulating.
- Plans underway for a Coach trip – details to come

Q&A

Best thing to do with unruly Salvia?

Some have new shoots coming up from the base and can be pruned hard.

Otherwise trim to the last node. Layer of sugar cane mulch if frost tender.

Best variety of grass for Bundanoon?

If seeding RTF, put down in winter so it establishes before hot weather .

Canberra mix widely used but is water hungry.

Conclusion

Penny thanked the Morning Tea Team – Maria Marks, Jan Longton and Kay Millwood. Our fab new Membership Secretary – Ron Kier and the Welcome Desk Team – Faye Dillon and Dale Hancock.

Raffle drawn by the new Raffle Co-ordinator Stella Reuter.

Meeting closed at: 11:30 pm

Next Meeting: Thursday 4 July, Soldiers Memorial Hall. 9:30 for 10am