

Meeting held on: Thursday 2 February 2023
at: Soldier's Memorial Hall
Commencing: 10 am

Welcome

The President, Ted Ayers, opened the meeting at 10.00 am with an acknowledgement of country and welcomed 9 new members, and guests.

Apologies

Carolyn Hale, Trish Duncombe

Minutes of the last meeting

Away Day – Harpers Mansion

Correspondence

In:

Highlands Garden Society – Rose Show – March 17, 18

BCA – Soldier's Memorial Hall Roof Replacement – may impact meeting location

Treasurers Report

Alison Trotter advised that the club had healthy reserves of \$14k. Details of income and expenditure on the Notice Board.

TA invited suggestions from members on spending of funds in 2023. Approximately \$9k needed a buffer for ongoing expenses eg. Insurance, Hall hire, asset replacement.

Presidents Report

TA shared photos of plants flowering in his garden – last of lilies, Dahlias and TA experimenting with growing vegetables for their flowers eg. Carrots.

Next meeting is the AGM, nominations for a position on the committee welcomed. 2023 will be TA's last year as President but will support the new President. TA thanked the volunteers who man the Trade Table, Library and Welcome Desk. People make the club and speakers have let him know that it is the best garden club they have visited.

Several workshops are being planned for the year including Shaping Mature Trees, Building a Bulb Lasagne and another Bonsai workshop.

Trips to Riversdale in Goulburn also Breenhold Gardens and Nooroo in Mt Wilson with a stop at the Rhododendron and Azalea gardens in Blackheath.

March Meeting will be a special event with Rachel from the Diggers Club with Founder, Clive and CEO, Tim joining the meeting through Zoom. Diggers focusses on chemical free gardening and heritage seeds.

Finally the next Working Bee is at the memorial gardens commencing 9;30.

Friendship Gardens

David Humphries has organised three lovely gardens to be open from 10-1, details in the Newsletter.

Morning tea

Guest Speaker

Ray "the snake man" McGibbon from Southern Highlands Snake Catchers.

The meeting concluded with a Raffle draw.

Meeting closed at: 12:00.

Next Meeting: 2 March, Soldiers Memorial Hall 9:30am for 10am start.