

Meeting held on: Thursday 1 June 2023
at: Exeter Hall, Exeter
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

Dale Hancock, Virginia Fitzgerald

Minutes of the last meeting

The Minutes of the last Meeting held on May 4, 2023 were accepted.

Proposed: Carlie Gould

Seconded: Maria Marks

Correspondence

In:

GCA – May Bulletin

GCA – 2023-24 Public Liability Insurance Certificate

Out:

Seeking quotes for the Coach Trip

National Gardening Week 15-20 October

Treasurers Report

Alison Trotter advised that the club held funds of \$17,000. Income from membership renewal, Trade Table and the Raffle. Lots of outgoings this month with Workshops, Insurance premium but Club is financially sound. The Treasurer's Report is available to members on the Notice Board and Alison is available to answer questions.

Presidents Report

Although the run up to winter has been bleak and cold there is still lots of beauty to find in the Southern Highlands. Slide show of the entries from the Autumn photo competition capturing the beauty of our surroundings. Great to see so many members entering. Highlighting images from Pam Tippet, Michelle Waters, Maggie New, Erica Spinks and Bruce Marshall.

Club will be subsidising the cost of the coach for the outing in September. Last year our Christmas Parry was subsidised by \$4k. The funds come from propagating and selling plants at the Trade Table and the Garden Ramble Stall. Ted asked members to propagate as much as they can.

Photo Competition Winners

Michelle Waters and Sue McCarney were presented with vouchers from Mt. Murray

Autumn in a Jar displayed at the front of the stage.

Workshops

Penny Baker spoke about the recent Propagating Workshop which had been a great success and thanked Richard Paddle, Ted and Alison Ayers, Carlie Gould and Pam Tippet who donated plants.

Ted Ayers agreed the Workshop had been a great success, the next day a small visit to Alderwood had reinforced the techniques demonstrated at the workshop.

Penny requested members who had skills to share to perhaps offer to share their knowledge and a mini workshop. Flower arranging, wreath making for example. Contact Penny via email or at the meeting.

Faye Dillon asked for 10" pots for propagating – could be dropped off at her home.

Autumn Dinner

Members attending the Autumn Dinner at the Bundanoon Club had a lovely evening. Room decorated with white tablecloths and autumn foliage. Michelle Wters was the winner of the silk scarf in the Raffle.

A highlight had been David Humphrey's rendition of "My Old Man's a Dustman"

Maria Marks thanked everyone who brought a plate for Morning Tea including a Gluten Free option. Maria now has enough volunteers till the end of the year.

Morning tea

Guest Speaker

Glennis Clark, Coordinator, Heritage Roses spoke about the Heritage Roses found on the graves and in the long garden and the establishment of the Rumsey Rose Garden in Parramtata.

Conclusion

Ted Ayers presented some jokes in Laurel's absence.

Raffle drawn.

Meeting closed at: 12:00 pm

Next Meeting: 6 July, Soldier's Memorial Hall 9:30am for 10am start.