

Meeting held on: Thursday 4 June 2026

at: Soldiers Memorial Hall, Bundanoon

commencing: 10:00 am

Minutes

Welcome

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

One new member

Apologies

Deb & John Everard, Jane Smith

Minutes of the last meeting

Minutes of the previous meeting on 7 May 2026 were accepted.

Proposed: Jan Longton

Seconded: Maria Marks

Correspondence

In & Out:

- NSW and ACT Dahlia society
- Neutrog ordering - to members who have not ordered if they wish to have an account
- Church thank you lunch for Garden of Memories BGC working bee volunteers
- lanyard quote and ordering info

In:

- History group - Invoice for sponsorship of arboretum plaque
- Insurance certificate from GCA

Out:

- to Garden Ramble Stall organiser - agreement for 2 days of stall hire
- Club newsletter
- What's Happening

Treasurer's Report

• Starting Balance	\$ 16,757
• Income	\$ 578
• Expenses	\$ 610
• Petty Cash	\$ 195
• Balance at end April	\$ 16,920

President's (Penny) Report

- ❖ Welcome to new member
- ❖ Penny's garden rich with Agapanthus and Lorepetalum in flower

- ✦ Working Bee in NK park - have mulched. Camellias are looking lovely. Asked about one-off mulch day - to finish mulching all beds - approximately 1.5 hours. Show of hands indicated that weekend perhaps the best. More info to follow
- ✦ Morning Tea roster - 6 people now needed. August is scone morning
- ✦ Bus trip - Tulip Tops - show of hands - was enough to fill bus. More info to come
- ✦ Cancer council morning tea at mens shed on the following Saturday of this meeting
- ✦ showed video of Autumn Crocus from Jenny Hamill - who started with 30-40 bulbs about 4 years ago
- ✦ slide show of members' photos followed
- ✦ recommend attending Tea & Tech on 4th Thursday of the month - can help with sending photos

Q&A

- ✦ see newsletters for details

Morning Tea

Nola Bloor - BirdLife southern Highlands (branch of BirdLife Australia) BIRDLIFE.ORG.AU

- ✦ Bird Book - available in Good Year with proceeds going to Black Glossy Cockatoos
- ✦ 260 species of birds in area
- ✦ Local
 - ✦ Grey butcherbird
 - ✦ Yellow faced honey eater (hear call in Auguym)
 - ✦ Rockwarbler
- ✦ Cockatoos
 - ✦ glossy black - threatened species due to habitat loss; only eats specific seeds (she oaks)
 - ✦ Yellow tailed black - largest of cockatoos
 - ✦ gang gang - listed as vulnerable
- ✦ Hollows in trees
 - ✦ very important as cockatoos, parrots, kookaburras, rosellas nest in them
 - ✦ for glossy black it takes 200-300 years to form the hollows large enough
- ✦ Bully Birds
 - ✦ noisy minor - solution to reduce number is to plant them out - 5 m deep of low/mid storey local native plants
 - ✦ sulphur crested cockatoos
- ✦ Feeding birds
 - ✦ if you do feed, sunflower seeds are the worst
 - ✦ meat to magpies - results in young birds getting fragile bone disease
 - ✦ make sure to clean feeding trays regularly
- ✦ Rodenticides
 - ✦ 2nd generation taken off market as poison builds up in liver and kills birds which eat poisoned animals (lizards, rats, etc)
- ✦ Blue plastic
 - ✦ don't put our blue plastics for bowerbirds
 - ✦ milk bottle lids are harmful to the birds
- ✦ Cats
 - ✦ keep in home safe
 - ✦ 80% of roaming pet cats kill 3 wildlife / week
 - ✦ 8% of cats which go missing are returned to owners
- ✦ Birding
 - ✦ good for local economies
 - ✦ promotes life long learning - emerging research is exploring the why of this
 - ✦ feel good activity

Raffle

- ✿ Drawn by Nola

Committee

- ✿ Feeling like you would enjoy being a member of the Committee?
- ✿ please speak to one of the current committee members for more info

Next meeting:

Thursday 2 July 2026 Soldier's Memorial Hall 9:30 for 10am start

This meeting closed noon