

Meeting held on: Thursday 1 September 2022
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 members, and guests.

Apologies

Presidents Report

On the first day of Spring, Ted Ayers outlined the range of activities the Club has coming up including Spring Dinner with a performance by the MPT, trip to tulip Top, Workshops and a Photography Competition. Funds raised at the Spring Dinner will go towards subsidising the Christmas Party.

Working Bees are also restarting from 15 September. The Uniting Church has agreed to a small sign acknowledging that the garden Club cares for the gardens.

Following great feedback after David Humphries' talk on Veggie gardening, he will hold a Workshop.

Ted announced that his perseverance had paid off with Bunnings Mittagong advising that the store has now been classified as 'metro' and eligible for a PP5 Recycling point.

The meeting applauded the news that additional Crab-apple trees have been planted on Railway Ave due to Carlie Gould's petition to Council

Photography Competition

David Humphries provided details of the competition which was inspired by John Swainston's well received talk on garden photography with a mobile phone. Prizes of \$50 Mt Murray Voucher in categories of Garden Photograph and Flower photograph. Closes 12 November. David Humphrey, formerly a professional photographer, is judging.

David also advised that Friendship gardens for September had been cancelled due to the weather.

Minutes of the last meeting

Minutes of the meeting on 4 August 2022 accepted.

Proposed: Carlie Gould

Seconded: Maria Marks

Correspondence

In:

Email from Bunnings Mittagong advising they have been accepted as a Metro store for the purpose of a PP5 Recycling point

Out:

Exeter Hall Bookings - Booking Request for Christmas Party, December 1
Liquor and Gaming NSW – Liquor License Exemption for Christmas Party
WSC – Hall Booking Request, Risk Assessment, COVID Safety Plan

Treasurers Report

Alison Trotter advised that financial report is on the Notice Board, and to contact her if members have any questions. The club currently has \$15669.63.

Potting Shed

Ted Ayers interviewed Justin Hartley an organic vegetable farmer who runs Duckfoot Farm Justin had investigated 'no tilling' methods and had set up veggie beds using cardboard topped with 30cm mulch and focussed on better land management through soil diversity and no chemicals. His farms are based on land share arrangements in the area.

Morning tea

Guest Speaker

Dr. Holly Parsons from BirdLife Australia, spoke about Southern Highlands birds and how we can help them with what we do in and around our garden.

The meeting concluded with a Raffle draw..

Meeting closed at: 12;10.

Next Meeting: 6 October 2022, Soldier's Memorial Hall commencing at 10am