

Meeting held on: Thursday 6 February 2025

at: Soldiers Memorial Hall, Bundanoon

commencing: 10 am

Welcome

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

First meeting of 2025.

Apologies

Susy South, Dale Hancock, Annette Benham, Robyn Sperrin

Minutes of the last meeting

Minutes of the meeting on 11 November 2024 were accepted.

Proposed: Jan Seconded: Maria Marks

Correspondence:

In:

- Various from Dahlia Society of NSW & ACT
- Notice of Hartley Valley Garden Festival in March 25
- Thank you from Rows for Xmas party
- Info on membership numbers required by GCA
- Suggestion for speaker from Lyn Morehen.
- Notice of Bathurst Gardens' Spring Spectacular in Oct 25 (same date as Ramble)

Out:

- What's Happening
- Club newsletter

Treasurer's Report

December:

- No Meeting
- opening balance \$19,422
- expenses \$1,766
 - usual monthly charges for newsagents, phone
 - reimbursements to committee members for Xmas part purchases (food drink, door prizes)
 - quarterly hall hire charge
 - Website annual fee - 2 years

January:

- No Meeting
- opening balance \$17,801
- one member paid their fees - thank you
- expenses \$1,842
 - usual monthly charges for newsagents, phone
 - membership renewal fee for Garden Club Australia
 - purchase of laptop for Membership Secretary (previously personal laptops were used)
- closing balance \$15,983

President's Report

- Photos of Pineapple Lily in Penny's garden
- Reminded members to send in photos of planted raffle prizes they have won (good or bad results)
- Penny welcomed 3 new members and a visitor from Wales
- AGM is next month (March meeting) and there a couple of committee positions coming available. Speak to a committee member if interested
- Memberships are now due
- Review of where the club spent funds over the last 12 months and any ideas for spending by members is welcomed by the committee
- New sign-in process is being introduced and it is important for members to wear badges to facilitate
- Working bee held in the Nancy Kingsbury Park and the Garden of Memories
- Error in newsletter - Arthritis NSW is guest at June meeting (not Arthritis Aust)
- Arthritis NSW meeting
 - RSVP will be required
 - extendedx meeting - 10am - 1pm
 - focus will be Arthritis and Gardening

Maria Marks & Morning Tea

- Thank you everyone for last year's contributions
- April - the Club is providing an easter themed morning tea
- June - Arthritis NSW will be providing morning tea
- Volunteers to bring morning tea REQUIRED for MARCH and MAY meetings

Kay - fundraiser for primary school

- fundraiser Tessellar bulbs - 40% of money received goes back to school
- aim is provide free lunches to school kids
- Timing - TBD - will let the club know

David - Friendship Gardens

- Offers of gardens to visit have dried up
- Feb
 - Red Cow Farm
 - the Club is paying entrance fee
 - visitors with members will need to pay \$10 (cash please)
 - remember to wear badge
 - members of public will also be visiting
- Need offers of friendship gardens please

David - Newsletter

- bit shorter this month

Morning Tea

Guest Speaker

Penny introduced Ross Rowe - Carnivorous Plants

A few key points:

- Plants grow outside
 - full sun
 - wet feet.
 - NOT indoors (even if Bunnings says)
 - peat based potting mix
- 750 species worldwide (except Antarctica), 187 species in Australia
- What makes carnivorous plant ?
 - catches
 - kills
 - digests
- must understand natural habitat of your carnivorous plant
- types
 - Pitfall trap
 - sticky trap
 - trigger trap
- no type to catch mozzies, which are attracted to CO₂ (carbon dioxide)

Conclusion

Raffle drawn.

Meeting closed at Noon

Next meeting: Thursday 6 March 2025 , Soldiers Memorial Hall - 9:30am for 10am start