

Meeting held on: Thursday 4 August 2023
at: Soldier's Memorial Hall, Bundanoon
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

Tessa Spencer

## Minutes of the last meeting

The Minutes of the last Meeting held on 6 July, 2023 were accepted.

Proposed: Maria Marks

Seconded: Jan Langton

## Correspondence

In:

Confirmation of visit to Annesley, Bowral  
Kennedy's – Confirmation of Coach Booking

## Treasurers Report

Alison Trotter advised that the club held funds of approx \$17,000 which is a very good bottom line. Noting however, the cost of the bus trip is still to be deducted

## Presidents Report

TA shared slides of what is going on his and Alison's garden. Remarked that the rain the previous day was very welcome and like "vaseline on a camera's lens". TA noted that he found aphids on hellebores - this is the first time in 5 years and unsure as to why. Sue at Mt Murray has also let TA know that leaf curl can be treated with sulphur, lime and copper.

## Penny Baker (Committee)

Tina and Jane are helping on the club's plant sale stand for Garden Ramble and additional volunteers are needed and more propagated plants are needed

Should any participants in the bus trip to Nowra have specific dietary requirements- please fill in form at the membership desk

## Faye Dillon (Committee)

Ramble volunteers (total of 64) needed for garden gates. Hours on either Saturday or Sunday are morning 9:30-1 or afternoon 1-4:30. Morning/afternoon tea is provided and free entry to all open gardens. Volunteers do not need to bring anything but a smile!

Ramble is run by the BCA. See Faye for more details

### Trish (Community Garden)

Trish gave us a update on the Community Garden progress. The garden started at Quest for Life 10 years ago and has moved to Exeter and Tallong in the intervening years. The council has now allocated 1/2 acre within Burgess Park.

The Burgess Park garden started in Feb 2023 and is now at lockable statue with beds filled and water available.

Plans going forward include a shed, poly-tunnels; wheelchair accessible facilities, kitchen.

For community garden members there are 6 raised and 3 wicking beds. For the public there will be sensory, and herb gardens.

Membership is approx 12 people currently and it will be opened up for Expression of Interest for new members. Non-gardening members are also required who can assist in other activities, for example Grant writing, fund raising.

### Michelle (WinZero)

Michelle gave an overview of the WinZero initiative - which is an community group aimed at reducing carbon emissions. "Fossil Off" aims to move people away from fossil fuel. Refer website for further info and also to request a gate sign indicating your commitment to zero emissions by 2030

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### Ted (President)

Ted raised the club's need for new committee members as many of the current committee are retiring.

Members can join anytime before the AGM and come to Committee meetings to see how the club runs. The committee meetings are held on the last Thursday of each month at 2pm at the Bundanoon Club (excluding December).

### *Morning tea*

### Guest Speaker

Olaf Von Sperl gave an overview of his history in the landscaping industry. Olaf moved from Germany to Australia with his wife and young daughter in 1986. He specialised in studio design/buidling (She Shed) before moving into residential garden design and organic weed control.

His design approach is to always prepare a list of 3 categories: 1) what you like; 2) what your don't like and 3) your wish list. Olaf now resides in Bundanoon and provides full garden service - design; construction; planting; maintenance.

### Conclusion

Laurel's Laughs.

Raffle drawn.

Meeting closed at: 12:00 pm

Next Meeting: 7 September, Soldier's Memorial Hall 9:30am for 10am start.