

Meeting held on: Thursday 1 February 2024
at: Soldiers 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

Ray and Bronwyn Stanton

## Minutes of the last meeting

Minutes of the last meeting held on 5 October, 2023 were accepted.

Proposed: Jan Longton

Seconded: Jo le Cheminant

## Correspondence

- Brigadoon – agreed to sponsor the Ladies Kilted Dash again
- Rythdale Cottage Picton Open Day – Discount for members – April 6 and 7
- Hartley Gardens Open Day – March 9 and 10
- History Group – Opening of Garden History Exhibit – Thursday Feb 15,RSVP required
- BCA – agree to 3 monthly invoicing

## Treasurers Report

Alison Trotter advised that the Club's books have been audited. Auditor recommended that accounts are reported as at month's end.

Currently hold \$16, 122.58.

## Presidents Report

Ted invited members to add Suggestions for Club events etc to the Suggestion Book on the Welcome Table. He pointed out that the images of plants from his garden had been outshone by the glorious Summer in a Jar blooms at the front of the stage.

Plectranthus is flowering early in Ted's garden while roses, fuschias together with Hibiscus, Begonias and Hydrangeas.and of course Dahlias are in flower. Particularly stunning is his Flamingo Lily.

## Friendship Gardens

David Humphrey invited members to the Friendship Gardens on Saturday morning. Sitters were needed, people enjoy welcoming members to the gardens, Jane Smith is co-ordinating.

David emphasised that more gardens were needed, perhaps members could 'Dob in a Garden'.

## Newsletter

David Humphrey has researched and edited the Newsletter for 4 years with very little input from members. He asked members to take picture, write a few words and send stuff!

## Working Bee

Ted Ayers invited everyone to join in the Working bee at Nancy Kingsbury Park, on Thursday 15 February from 9:30. A member advised the grass had just been mown after being left for some weeks. Discussion of whether the club should mow NKP as Council seemed to have limited resources. Graham Wilson had mown NKP but had resigned a couple of years previously, however, should the Club be paying to mow a Council property.

Ted advised members that fees were due as of the AGM in March, easiest to pay via bank transfer, don't forget to include the name of the member renewing. Otherwise, see Alison Ayers at the Membership Desk

Nominations were open for the Committee, see Faye at the Welcome Desk or visit the Membership Desk for a form.

## Carriage Club Opening

Danita Phelan shared the excitement of the Carriage Club over the opening of the new Multi-Disciplinary Arena. The Arena had been funded by a grant received due to the tenacious work of one of their members. The Arena is a spectacular and capable of hosting International Standard Events, enquiries being received from various Equestrian organisations.

BGC members invited to the opening on Saturday February 17 from 11am. Refreshments available. Pipe Band playing.

BGC will be providing Floral arrangements for the official opening area and the Arena Posts. Flowers and greenery to be delivered to the Carriage Club from 4-5pm on Friday 16, Sara Marshall is co-ordinating the floral arrangements.

## *Morning tea*

## Guest Speakers

Alexander Evans, Hanakuma-Ikebana in Goulburn held the audience spell bound as he demonstrated 5 arrangements. Ted Ayers used his mobile phone to project the process on the screen.

Despite not presenting to an audience the size of our club before, Alexander provided an excellent demonstration.

Thanks to Susan Crase for the suggestion

Visit to Wynlen House, Nerrim St on Tuesday October 17.

## Conclusion

Laurel's Laughs.

Raffle drawn.

Meeting closed at: 12:00 pm

Next Meeting: AGM. Thursday March 6, Soldiers Memorial Hall. 9:30 for 10am