

Meeting held on: Thursday 2 May 2024

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

Apologies

Minutes of the last meeting

Minutes of the meeting on 4 April 2024 were accepted.

Proposed: Maria Marks Seconded: Carol

Correspondence:

- 9 members sent in 27 photos of Autumn
- 2 members sent in Q&A
- emails to/from booked and potential BGC meeting speakers
- members requests/notification of specific activities - Hellebores available, pots & plants for sale, world Naked gardening day
- emails for changing BGC contact details in Jordan Crossing Gazette
- confirmation that BGC sponsorship of Brigadoon will be carried over to new date of 3 August
- quote for upgrade & health check of of BGC's laptop
- thank you to Sue McCarney for preparing and laying BGC ANZAC wreath
- thank you to Wingacarribee Council for Speaker I(Alyssa)ast month and for meeting with Katrina Luck about BGC park maintenance
- receipt from Garden Club of Australia for BGC's insurance premium payment

Treasurer's Report

Balance end of March	\$17,862
Income	\$ 926
Expenditure	<u>\$ 825</u>
Balance end of April	<u>\$17,963</u>

President's Report

- displayed all the photos of Autumn sent in by club members
- thank you to all Working Bee attendees at the Remembrance Garden (ANZAC memorial) & Garden of Memories (Uniting Church)
- **NOTE** - FUTURE WORKING BEES TO BE HELD ON 4TH THURSDAY OF THE MONTH

Q&A

- **Asked** - how to get rid of woolly aphids
 - spray with Neem oil - but it may not penetrate
 - spray with metho
- **Asked** - whether to remove black spot in autumn on roses - as advised not to
 - the leaves will drop during winter
- **Asked** - how stop the caterpillars which are denuding lipstick maples
 - put a barrier around base of tree to prevent climbing
 - vaseline on tree
- **Asked** - fuchsia grown from cutting is very healthy but not flowering
 - too health
 - needs more sunlight
 - lack of potassium
 - patience - someone's took 3 years to flower
- **Asked** - what book to buy for planting in Southern Highlands
 - Gardening in Southern Highlands by Deidre Hall - available in Bowral bookshop

Trade Table (Tim)

CHANGE TO PROCESS: please collect any items donated by yourself and take home with you. If appropriate, then bring to the next meeting.

Garden Ramble Stall (Tina)

- Keen to build on success of last year's staff
- 4 x club members organising 2024 stall
- PLEASE START PROPAGATING NOW. The more mature the plants are for sale, the more attractive
- medium size pots
- Hydrangeas and succulents are sold by other stalls
- People are keen to buy what they have seen in the gardens - typical Bundanoon garden - eg hosta, penstemon

Friendship Gardens

Due to weather it was agreed by general consensus to cancel the planned Friendship Garden. Next Friendship Gardens to be held in September.

Morning Tea

Guest Speaker

Penny introduced the Guest Speaker Ruth Bailey who is Chair of the Australian Garden History Society Southern Highlands Branch (AGHS-SH), whose talk, "The Southern Highlands is our Landscape" links in with the Bundanoon History Group's current display in the Goods Shed. -

Penny also noted that the BGC sponsored the developed on the Video of the Bundanoon Nursery currently being shown in the Old Goods Shed - and that the Shed would be open after the meeting for members to visit.

A few key points:

- AGHS-SH are advocates for the historic houses/gardens & landscapes. The group documents gardens, people and public places They also organise coach tours, seminars and exhibitions (eg the current exhibition at the Berrima Museum)
- Ruth discussed the Berrima Bridge Nursery started by Claude and Elisabeth Crowe
 - developed 3 trees - "Berrima bridge" maple; a poplar and "berrima gold" calocedrus decurrens (very rare)
 - never put cuttings into their own individual pot - always cluster as chemicals from each cutting are in the soil and will be shared across the cuttings
- AGHS-SH are attempting to document trees which are significant in our public places, aim to be completed over the next 2 years
- books written by AGHS-SH are available in the Bowral library

Conclusion

Raffle drawn with a note that Stella Reuter will be taking over the raffle

Penny thanked Glynis and Tim for managing the Trade Table; Keith for opening up the Goods Shed post meeting and Tessa for organising our speaker today and manning the technology.

Meeting closed at 11:45 am

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