

Meeting held on: Thursday 6 November 2025

at: Soldiers Memorial Hall, Bundanoon

commencing: 10:00 am

Minutes

Welcome

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

No new members at the meeting

Apologies

Wendy & Derek Leaper; Jane Smith

Minutes of the last meeting

Minutes of the previous meeting on 4 September 2025 were accepted.

Proposed: Jan Longton Seconded: Maria Marks

Correspondence

In & Out:

- With members re Orchid Workshop
- various re Dahlia Society

In:

- Notice of Marilyn Steiner death
- Uniting Church - notice of dead trees and request to replace
- GCA - various forms + notice of award winners at Annual Conference
- Southern Highlands Community Foundation - notice of grant recipients
- Neutrog - list of orders being prepared for delivery
- Juliet Robert Bundanoon Croquet Club - request to place ad in our newsletter for new members.
- Stephen Utick - speaker for Camillia Ark
- Invoice for hall hire
- Steve Press Bundanoon History Group - requesting donation for Federation Tree planting commemoration
- Diane McParland - notice of free judging seminar day - need to register

Out:

- Club newsletter
- What's Happening

Treasurer's Report

- Starting Balance \$ 13,615
- Income \$ 3,297

- Expenses \$ 970
- Petty Cash \$ 186
- Balance at end July \$16,129

President's (Penny) Report:

- No new members this month
- Congrats to the BCA Ramble committee and \$2,400 raised by the BGC ramble stall
- Thank you to David for organising the Orchid Workshop with special note that David has organised all 3 workshops for 2025
- Friendship Gardens - 2 lovely gardens in Larkin Place with special thank you to Pam and Rayan who are opening their garden despite moving to Canberra in the very near future
- Newsletter- thank you to Tessa for finishing the newsletter this month (As David was away)
- Christmas Party - will be Penrose Hall, please RSVP & pay at the desk or online, details are in the newsletter. We need 4 helpers, 2 on day and 2 to help with food prep - see Penny at morning tea if can help
- Photo competition - 2 photos from your own garden can be submitted for Spring into Summer theme; due date 24 November 2025
- Job Vacancies - Maria thanked all members who had contributed to morning tea over the past 4+ years. If you are thinking about volunteering, don't feel overwhelmed - there is the opportunity to split the work - eg organise catering separate from set-up.
- Job Vacancy - Library
- Nominations for Life Membership - please forward to committee any nominations; criteria is on the website; by end of year please
- Gardenoon - if you are new to the area; redesigning your garden, have some problems in your garden; 1.5 hours and we will send a few questions to you for answering to help us identify 3-4 people who can visit based on your needs. Let us know.

Q & A

What to do with tulips now

dig up

dry in bags somewhere cool and dark (eg pantry)

Bulb strappy leaves?

leaves should be left to photosynthesise

Can ties in knots or cut off - may not get flowers next year

plant bulbs in pot within a larger pot - leave until leaves die then can take internal pot out

Morning Tea

Guest Speaker - Dr Stephen Ulrick

Saving Australia's rare camellias

Types:

Japonica

Sasanqua (hardiest and used for hedging)

Reticulata

Saluenensis

Blooms:

Single (7 petals or less)

semi double regular

semi double irregular

anemone or elegans

peony form for informal double

rose form double

formal double

Can't import any more camellias into Australia - if we loose a type - it's gone.

Annual released of rare camellias to Camellia Ark members

Raffle

Drawn by Stephen

Next meeting:

Thursday 5 February Soldier's Memorial Hall 9:30 for 10am start

This meeting closed 11:50am