

Meeting held on: Thursday 1 April
at: Soldier's Memorial Hall
Commencing: 10 am

Welcome

The President, Ted Ayers, opened the meeting at 10.00 am with an acknowledgement of country and welcomed members, new members and guests.

Ted Ayers outlined a new format for Club meetings including slides, guest interview and encouraging participation in sharing hints and tips. Feedback welcome.

Apologies

Kendal Tichon, David and Jo David le Cheminant

Minutes of the last meeting

Minutes of the meeting on 4 March 2021 accepted. Proposed: Cat Ayers. Seconded: Robin Coombes.

Correspondence

Wingicarrabee Council – Exemption from applying for Tree Removal Order for GofM
 New sign for a Nancy Kingsbury Park dispatched
 Thank you email from Sunnataram Monastery
 Garden Clubs of Australia advised of new committee

Treasurers Report

Trish Badami noted that though expenses exceeded income in the last month the club has a current balance of \$16,925. Thank you to those members who donated their ticket refund back to the club. Nine refunds due and account to be closed.

Cash Flow Summary for March 2021

Opening Balance:	\$16,445.91
Income:	\$ 871.00
Expenditure:	\$ 1381.20
Closing Balance:	\$ 15,945.49
50th Anniversary Account	\$ 800.00
Petty Cash	\$135.00
Float for Trade Table	\$45.00
Total Funds held as at 21/1/2021	\$16,925.49

Ted Ayers encouraged members to email him with ideas for spending excess funds. Criteria are spending should benefit all members or raise the standing of the club in the community.

Presidents Report

The President reflected that the pandemic had brought time to garden and reflect on what's important. Meetings were returning to normal with the return of the Trade Table and Library. Help needed with Audio Visual equipment.

Best wishes for the future to Ian and Alan with the closing of The Bloomery.

Future guest speakers to include preparing a show garden, painting, flower arranging. Ted Ayers will encourage integration with other clubs where relevant.

Library and Trade Table

Both now back. Robin Coombes asked for a volunteer librarian.

Town Gardens

Steve Press asked members to join working bee to help prepare gardens for opening of the Heritage Trail.

Meeting applauded new hand painted sign in Nancy Kingsbury Park which keeps character of the former one. Dead tress removed from Garden of Memories to be replaced. Trish Jessop donated Iris plants now planted by Ted and Cat Ayers. Men's Shed repaired GofM pickets fence.

Thanks to Amy Press the 50th Anniversary plants doing well. However, two swamp gums vandalised.

Friendship Gardens

David Humphrey advised there were no Friendship Gardens for April due to Easter. May would be last friendship gardens before winter with Pam Tippett, John Hines and the Southern Highlands Flower Gardens.

Guest Speakers

Community Gardens

Ted Ayers interviewed Hannah from the Community gardens group which gathers on Tuesdays at Exeter or Tallong. [More information on the group's Facebook page.](#)

Southern Highlands Botanic Gardens Autumn Fair

Chris Webb and Lyn Collingridge spoke about the Botanic Gardens and upcoming Autumn Fair.

Meeting closed at 11:30.

Next Meeting: 6 May, Soldier's Memorial Hall commencing at 10am