

Meeting held on: Thursday 2 April 2026

at: Soldiers Memorial Hall, Bundanoon

commencing: 10:00 am

Minutes

Welcome

The President, Penny Baker opened the Meeting at 10:15am acknowledging the Gundungurra people and paying respects to the elders

One new member

Apologies

Ron Keir

Minutes of the last meeting

Minutes of the previous meeting on 5 March 2026 were accepted.

Proposed: Maria Marks Seconded: Jan Longton

Correspondence

In & Out:

- ✦ Local garden clubs re joint committee meeting
- ✦ NSW and ACT Dahlia society

In:

- ✦ Thank you from Bundanoon Feat for flowers and arrangement provided by members
- ✦ GCA Bulletin

Out:

- ✦ Response to Mosman Garden club re visiting gardens
- ✦ Club newsletter
- ✦ What's Happening

Treasurer's Report

• Starting Balance	\$ 15,970
• Income	\$ 1,814
• Expenses	\$ 714
• Petty Cash	\$ 195
• Balance at end July	\$ 17,266

President's (Penny) Report

- ✦ Welcome to new members & visitors
- ✦ membership badges are available once membership if paid
- ✦ MV Show - BGC members were awarded:
 - 1 for compost
 - 2nd for hers
 - prizes for jam

- ✿ Photos of what inspires us to garden
- ✿ photos of Bundanoon Feast arrangements (provided by members)
- ✿ Speaker for this meeting - there were 2 organised (independently) but both were unavailable due to gaining employment

Guest Speakers - none this month

Friendship Gardens (David Humphrey)

- ✿ None for Easter (as per usual)
- ✿ looking for May - last before winter and cessation of garden visits
- ✿ looking for offers going forward
- ✿ Anyone whom is going to Botanic Gardens weekend - would they take photos and provide a short write-up for David (before the last week of April)

Garden Ramble (Tessa Spencer)

- ✿ 8 gardens are required for the ramble
- ✿ 5 have been identified to date
- ✿ Any suggested for Ramble gardens let the Ramble committee know

Garden Ramble Stall

- ✿ tart propagating for ramble (last weekend in Oct)
- ✿ Faye needs pots (17cm 7-8 inches)

Morning Tea

- ✿ Roster process is working well
- ✿ sign-up to provide a plate now needed for meetings towards the end of the year

Trade Table

- ✿ is stocked with donations from members
- ✿ it is not a shop
- ✿ depends on what members bring in
- ✿ members who bring in plants for donation - just a reminder to take home any that have not sold

Library

- ✿ Great range of books available for borrowing
- ✿ let us know of any particular topics where new books are desired

Next Month

- ✿ Dennis Fletcher will talk about tools and tool maintenance
- ✿ please bring in your favourite tool + explanation of why
- ✿ Tool 2nd hand trade table
 - attach name, contact details
 - please take home if not sold
 - any \$ received are a donation for the club

Working Bees

- ✿ really do need more people to come along please
- ✿ has moved to Tuesday between the committee meeting (last Thursday of month) and this meeting (general meeting first Thursday of the month)

Bulb Fundraiser for Bundanoon Public School

- ✦ \$2k raised big thank you
- ✦ less than last year
- ✦ feedback welcome on the process, etc

Cancer treatment availability in highlands petition

- ✦ QR code to sign up - see back desk
- ✦ also a paper sign up - see back desk

Gardenoos

- ✦ purpose is to discuss a specific problem in your garden; help identify plants in your garden; assist if you are new to gardening (new to Bundanoon)
- ✦ we will match up 3-4 members who come along
- ✦ it is not a session for garden design or weeding (😊)
- ✦ let us know if you are interested

Thank you

- ✦ Tessa for IT assistance
- ✦ members for committee coverage

Morning Tea

Video

- ✦ Southern Highlands Shale Woodlands
- ✦ for more information and to rewatch the video - see

<https://www.wsc.nsw.gov.au/Environment/Environmental-Projects/Southern-Highlands-Shale-Woodlands>

Dahlias (Tathra Fletcher)

- ✦ attended Bega Dahlia Show
- ✦ annual Dahlia society conference is in June in Coffs Harbour
- ✦ attends zoom meetings
- ✦ Dahlias - see write-up in next newsletter on what we should be doing
- ✦ questions from members specific to Dahlias:
 - ✦ tall growing dahlia gets huge - can I lie it down to grow ? A = pinch out
 - ✦ desires a display of 6 or 7 but suffer from being water logged. A = needs free draining soil; dig/compost/dynamic lifter; give bed time to settle then plant out dahlias; needs to be a sunny patch
 - ✦ how to prepare flowers for vase? A = Tathra does not add anything to water - lasts up to 1 week
 - ✦ what to plant between dahlias ? A = plants anything just keep away from the tubers eg wallflowers
 - ✦ places to source dahlias ? A = Brickworks, Flower Farm in Penrose; Highland Dahlias in Mittagong
 - ✦ Tall Dahlias - what to use as stake ? A = tomato cages/frames or 3 tomato stakes
 - ✦ Best time to plant new dahlias ? A = October

Q&A

- ✦ I have a new garden - how can I make it bunny proof ?
 - ✦ plant leeks, garlic, shallots, hellbores, some salvias, banksias, azaleas, lavender
 - ✦ put something pungent in the garden
 - ✦ cages / baskets around plants (eg chest freezer drawers)

- ✿ when to cut back native grasses and can I divide?
 - ✿ in a recent episode of Garden Australia (17 April)
 - ✿ spring (end Sept)
 - ✿ can cut back to ground
- ✿ what is the red leaf tree near Milk & Daisy cafe
 - ✿ Liquid amber (too big for a maple)
- ✿ why is my buxom turning yellow and dying slowly
 - ✿ can be blight - will need be replaced
 - ✿ look online
 - ✿ nursery north of Mittagong will know to to do
- ✿ should / when to prune 3 year old crepe myrtle (white natchez)
 - ✿ when it's lost all its leaves
 - ✿ end of winter
 - ✿ hard pure to get lots of flowers
- ✿ what has caused brown blotches on beans
 - ✿ most likely heat
 - ✿ short season this year and has been strange
- ✿ best way to grow garlic
 - ✿ good article in a recent Gardening Australia
 - ✿ talk to Wynlen House
 - ✿ don't mulch in our climate
- ✿ where to buy dwarf wattle and how to look after
 - ✿ Wariapendi Native Nursery (Colo Vale)
 - ✿ Native Grace Nursery (Robertson) - also run workshops for beginners
 - ✿ Tim's @ Campbelltown - gets in wattles from WA
 - ✿ Habitat Gardens (local charity propagating natives)

Raffle

- ✿ Drawn by Stella Reuter

Next meeting:

Thursday 7 May 2026 Soldier's Memorial Hall 9:30 for 10am start

This meeting closed 12:00pm