

Meeting held on: Thursday 4 May 2023
at: Soldier's 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

Susan Gray, Margaret Chapman, Dale Hancock, Laurel Hones

Minutes of the last meeting

The Minutes of the last Meeting held on April 6, 2023 were accepted.

Proposed: Maria Marks

Seconded: Jan Longton

Correspondence

In:

BCA – Update on Re-roofing of Soldier's Memorial Hall
Annesley, Bowral – September 13 with M.Tea – more information to come
Sunnatram Monastery invitation to movie day – Countryman
Brigadoon – Appreciation Certificate

The Meeting is holding a Pebble Poll at the back of the Hall so members can vote on a coach trip – South Coast, Canberra, Goulburn or Not Interested.

Treasurers Report

Alison Trotter advised that the club held funds of \$17,498. The Treasurer's Report is made available to members on the Notice Board and Alison is available to answer questions.

Presidents Report

Ted presented images of autumn camellias, the last of the Dahlias, wattle in Morton National Park. Sue Beasley had also provided some lovely photos from her garden.

Autumn in a Jar displayed at the front of the stage.

Welby Garden Centre have shared information on a Fruit Tree Pruning Class to be held in June.

Autumn Dinner on May 25, Bookings essential see membership Desk or Email. Ted Ayers has offered one of his Silk Scares for a Raffle drawn at the Dinner.

Propagation Master Class on May 18. Bookings required, see Penny Baker.

Memberships are now due.

Plant Rescue

Faye Dillon spoke about a new initiative – Plant Rescue. Rescue plants that ill have life but otherwise would end up in compost or the bin. Rescued plants would go to the Trade Table or the Ramble Stall.

Friendship Gardens

David Humphrey advised of the Friendship Garden on May 6. Susie Dowsett has kindly opened her beautiful 2 acre garden to members for the morning. Suzie is a horticulturist with a wealth of knowledge. Last Friendship Gardens till Spring.

David reminded members of the Autumn Photo Competition and strongly requested more input to the Newsletter.

Maria Marks asked for more volunteers to provide a plate for Morning Tea

Morning tea

Guest Speaker

Michael Bligh last spoke to the Club 22 years ago and several members had been present at that meeting. Michael gave a very interesting talk on Garden Design with particular focus on country gardens. The talk ended with some stunning footage of snow leopards Michael had seen in the Himalayas.

Conclusion

Ted Ayers presented some jokes in Laurel's absence.

Raffle drawn.

Meeting closed at: 12:00 pm

Next Meeting: 1 June, Exeter Hall 9:30am for 10am start.