

BRAIDWOOD GARDEN CLUB
Minutes of meeting held on 24th June 2020
Held at Braidwood Servicemens Club

Meeting Commenced: 10:10am

Present: John Tuckwell, Fran Woods, Jane Moore, Jennie Marston, Margy Gardner, Amanda Scott, Charmian Thomas, Leonie Jolley, Chris James, Rosemary De Martin, Bronwyn Johnson

Apologies: Nil

Previous Minutes: The minutes were adopted.

Moved: Jennie Marston Seconded: Fran Woods

1. **Business Arising:** Nothing not on the agenda
2. **Correspondence:**

In:

Garden Clubs of Australia - (i)GCA calendar, no hard copy this year; (ii) Newsletter;– via snail mail –nil Emails – (i) Catherine Watson re alternative date to June (ii) 3 complements on Mays newsletter; (iii) Joy van Zomeran re Barbara Gilby's membership; (iv) Chris James re July meeting.

Out: Emails – (i) John to Catherine Watson re alternative date for her talk; (ii) Margy to John and Amanda re Barbara Gilby; (iii) Margy to Joy van Zomeran; (iv) John to Chris re July meeting.

3. **Treasurer's Report:**

The current balance \$4048.10. There has been no activity in the last month. Currently we have 102 members.

4. **Newsletter:**

The newsletter is on track for this month.

5. **Publicity:**

Jennie has been contributing articles to Changing Times. The article written by Bronwyn about gardening after bushfires has also been contributed, but Paul Cockram would like to put it in Bwd magazine. Bronwyn is not comfortable about this, and the committee agreed that John would ring Paul to withdraw the article. Jennie is also finding it a lot of work to contribute fortnightly. The committee agreed to reduce this to monthly, along with the promotion of our monthly meetings. These should also go to Braidwood Bugle. A thank you also to Rosemary for maintaining the instagram account.

6. **Bushfires:**

Jane has Cannas to donate, and other members should have cuttings ready by the spring. The committee agreed to aim for an October distribution of the plants.

7. **Past Activities:**

Nil

8. **Future Activities:**

a. *9 July 2020 – Workshop on Insect Hotels. – Chris*

There are only 25 kits available, but after discussion with the club, the auditorium can hold 50 with physical distancing, so if others want to come and watch we would not have to have 2 sessions. The committee to arrive at 10am to set up the auditorium for a 10:30 start. Rosemary suggested we could add a packet of seeds to attract bees to the insect house; she will investigate this. The committee will bring 3 staple guns and screwdrivers. Members will be asked to bring gloves, secateurs and their lunch. The catering officer will organise morning tea. The cost will be \$20 or \$25 if we provide seeds.

b. *13 August 2020 – AGM +40th birthday party.*

Mona has their own chef now and would be able to provide lunch at \$35 a head. John is unsure if this includes the \$10 a head for the venue. John moved that the club should pay for the venue, seconded by Fran and all were in favour. John will continue liaising with Mona. We are trying to find previous office holders to speak at the AGM.

c. *10th September 2020 –*

Possible bus trip to the coast. Bronwyn will check with Batemans Bay garden club and Amanda will check with Merribee and the Yellow House.

d. *8th October 2020 – Majors Creek gardens - Chris*

Chris has spoken with Julia Hibbard who is happy for us to visit Long Flat. We will also visit Chris and Frans' gardens.

e. *12th November 2020 – Mongarlowe gardens – Charmian*

f. *10th December 2020 – Christmas Party*

There was a discussion on which caterer to use; Amanda to see if Alison Stutchbury can do it; if not Vanessa Bunn, but with a different menu. John will contact Sue Tuisk about having the party at Palerang.

g. *11th February 2021 – Catherine Watson – John*

h. *Future ideas.*

John suggested a talk on making compost by Landtasia, and Jennie suggested a visit to the Mulloon institute. Both these could be done on the same day.

10. **Any other business:**

a. *Office bearers job description - Jane*

Job descriptions and event action list have now been seen by all the committee and some changes made. Jane will apply the changes and recirculate the revised documents.

. b. *Website for the future - Fran*

Nothing new.

c. *Cards.*

Nothing new on the cards. A discussion was had on whether we should make a calendar this year; Fran feels because of the lack of activity this year there is not much material to put in a calendar.

- d. Discussion on whether we should accept the offer of an article from Emma Croft; and the decision was no.
- e. *Keeping it cool – Vegetation and Heat Adaptation Strategy Project – John*

John is on the committee of this project, although the guidelines are still to be made, Mary Appleby has checked the registry of significant trees for this area and there was only one tree mentioned. She was wondering if the Garden Club would be able to help in identifying other significant trees in the area.

- f. *Committee after the AGM.*

All current committee members are happy to remain on the committee.

- g. *Welcome to country*

Amanda has proposed that there should be a welcome to country statement at every open meeting; seconded by Jennie and adopted unanimously.

- h. The information about buying the GCA calendars to be added to the newsletter.

Next meeting 22nd July 2020 at Braidwood Servicemens Club.

Meeting closed 12:22pm

- 11. **Date of next meeting** – We are hoping to meet at the club 24th June 2020, subject to club being open again. Jane will contact Michelle in June.

Meeting closed: 11am.