

BRAIDWOOD GARDEN CLUB
Minutes of meeting held on 24th March 2020
Ryrie Park

Meeting Commenced: 10:08 a.m.

Present: John Tuckwell, Fran Woods, Rosemary De Martin, Chris James, Bronwyn Johnson (via phone), Jane Moore, Jennie Marston (via phone).

Apologies: Charmian Thomas, Margy Gardner, Leonie Jolley, Amanda Scott.

Previous Minutes: The minutes were adopted with a change at the end of item 5; it should read John and Bronwyn will follow up with Laurie Ffrench.

Moved: Fran Woods Seconded: Jennie Marston

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

2. **Correspondence:**

In:

Garden Clubs of Australia - (i) Zone change. – via snail mail – Nil Emails – (i) Chris Malmberg re boxes of plants; (ii) Bendigo bank offering financial help; (iii) Kay Hamer re bushfire recovery; (iv) Nick Fuller introducing himself as the new editor of the Braidwood Times; (v) Yass re visit;

Out: Emails – (i) Reply to GCA re zone change; (ii) reply to Bendigo bank; (iii) Yass re planned visit and thank you letter; (iv) Kay Hamer.

3. **Treasurer's Report:**

Today we have \$4,225.30 in our account, our income was \$1219.00 and our expenditure was \$1354.60. We now have 102 members.

4. **Newsletter:**

Rosemary will write about the friendship day in Goulburn; Bronwyn will write about gardening in bush fire prone areas; Fran to provide a link to photos of our visits over the last year; and John to write about the bus trip to Yass and Covid 19. All the committee members will submit articles for the following months.

5. **Bushfires:**

Bronwyn is still working with Gabby Frizzell, although Covid 19 is delaying the process. Jennie suggested a native nursery in Goulburn which has on line ordering. Jennie will send the link to Jane. Information on roses for Cathy and Laurie Ffrench is a work in progress. Kay Hamer has give permission for the email she sent about recovery in her garden to be used it newsletter. Dave and Gail Nelson and Hugh and Marina Tindale-Biscoe have also been identified as being fire affected, but we can't do much until the emergency with Covid 19 is over. Flemings nursery, through Bunyip Jungle, have offered trees for fire effected gardens, and GCA are offering packets of seed. Members are to be asked, via the newsletter, to take cuttings of their plants, which can then be taken to the villages as gifts. Chris mentioned Peter Marshall may have cutting of railway poplars, which were planted beside railway lines in the days of steam as they act as a fire retardant.

6. **Past Activities:**

a) *12 March 2020* – Bus trip to Bowning and Yass – 34 members attended a truly

excellent day hosted by Yass and District Garden Club. A thank you letter has been sent to them.

- b) *22nd March 2020 Working Bee.* Successful day to plant Waratahs' donated by us and bulbs from Floriade and Ryrie Park.

7. **Future Activities:**

- a. The government restrictions on group gatherings, because of Covid 19, means that all activities are suspended until further notice. To enable the committee to keep in touch a WhatsApp group will be set up by Jane.
- b. *9 April 2020 – Gardens and Mountain Pepper farm, Mongarlowe - Charmian*
- c. *14 May 2020 – Araluen garden visits – Jennie*
- d. *11 June 2020 – Presentation by Catherine Watson - John*
- e. *9 July 2020 – Workshop on Insect Hotels. - Chris*
- f. *13 August 2020 – AGM*
- g. *10th September 2020 – 40th anniversary*
- h. *Future Ideas:*

10. **Any other business:**

a. *GCA Zone*

We are currently in the Canberra and district zone, and GCA are suggesting we change to the Southern Highland zone. The committee are happy to comply with whatever they decide.

b. *Office bearers job description - Jane*

Nothing new to add.

c. *Assistant website manager - Fran*

Christine Dimmer and Lynette Barlow are now both assistant web page managers. Fran is suggesting we change to a purchased website, because of the limitations of our current free one. She has investigated Blue Host, which would be \$151.92 for 3 years; the domain is free for the first year then \$14 per year. John proposed we should try and get the name braidwoodgardenclub.org.au. This was seconded by Rosemary and the rest of the committee agreed.

d. *GCA Facebook page - Jennie*

Jennie has put an article on the GCA Facebook page about our activities, and has had some good feedback.

e. *Cards.*

Fran saw some other ideas for cards at the Goulburn friendship day, and she feels she could do something similar. A subcommittee of Fran, Rosemary and Bronwyn will look into this. .

f. *Goulburn Friendship Day*

This was a lovely day, and was very well attended with guests coming from a wide area.

g. *Other*

Nick Fry from Bendigo Bank has emailed the garden club with an offer of financial assistance. The committee feel that this isn't necessary and the money would be better offered to a more deserving cause. John to reply to Nick, and to add his name to our newsletter email list.

11. **Date of next meeting** – To be advised when social distancing rules are relaxed

Meeting closed: 11:31am.