

Minutes of the General Meeting of The Gap Garden Club held at Rivercity Church on Tuesday 23 March 2021

Meeting: Our President, Judy Dittman opened the meeting at 11.00 am following completion of the Annual General Meeting. Judy welcomed 64 members to our meeting today. Judy welcomed our Bench Judge Shirley Took and Trish McMorrine as a Guest today. Judy presented Claire Lunney with her 20 year Longevity Certificate.

Apologies: As per the apology listing detailed in the Annual General Meeting 23 March 2021.

Minutes: The Minutes of the February General Meeting were tabled by the Minutes Secretary who moved that the Minutes be accepted as a true record of proceedings. Seconded: Robyn Carmichael.

Correspondence: The Minutes Secretary tabled the correspondence on behalf of the Correspondence Secretary and moved that the incoming correspondence be received and the outgoing endorsed. Seconded: Karolyn Byrnes.

Treasurer's Report: The Treasurer, Karen Curtis presented the financial report for the Club's working account for the month of February 2021. The working account for the month of February 2021 shows a closing balance of \$9,716.96. Income for the month of February 2021 was \$2,055.00. Expenditure for the month of February 2020 amounted to \$435.15. Karen gave details of the Number 2 account showing a closing balance of \$49.08. The Treasurer moved that the financial reports be accepted and the accounts passed for payment. Seconded: Rene Homan.

Field Trip: The first monthly Field Trip for 2021 was held on Tuesday 9 March 2021 and departed Rivercity Church at 8.30am. There were 44 members on board and 41 had a very enjoyable lunch at the Shearer's Inn Tavern at Ormeau. The first stop was Bamboo Downunder Garden Centre, Wongawallen for morning tea, followed by a visit to Spectrum Wholesale Nursery Wongawallen. Following lunch members visited the garden of Jill Dokter (Riverwalk Gardens) at Yatala. There were many propagated plants for sale and the bus was filled with the many treasures purchased on the day.

The April Field Trip will be held on Tuesday 13 April 2021 with proposed visits to Rosevale Homestead, Samsonvale (Leonie Kearney) and the Plant Shack at Deception Bay. Morning Tea will be in the park at Samford and lunch at the cafes in Redcliffe overlooking the water. Cost is to be \$35 which includes a \$5 entry fee to Rosevale Homestead. The usual \$2 parking fee will apply. Members are requested to arrive at RiverCity Church by 8.15am to ensure departure for the day by 8.30am. Please bring a drink or Thermos etc for Morning Tea and packaged biscuits will be provided. Return time to RiverCity Church is planned to be approx. 4.30pm.

Clinic Report: The first Clinic for 2021 was held on Tuesday 2 March at the home of Julie Ledden at 7 Macs Road, Highvale. Members enjoyed Julie's cottage style garden and it was a wonderful day for the 35 members who attended. A big thank you to Julie for hosting a great day. The next Clinic will be held on Tuesday 6 April 2021 commencing at 10am at the home of Bernadette Murray at 14 Bonros Place, The Gap. There are currently no COVID restrictions on numbers that would affect this outing.

QCGC Report: Tom Hayes our QCGC Delegate gave a short report on the upcoming events being organised by QCGC including the President's Morning Tea on Wednesday 31 March 2021 and the Garden A-Fair which has now been postponed until 18/19 June 2021. Tom is now the Vice-President of QCGC. Judy asked members to join her in congratulating Tom on his appointment.

Bench: Leonie Christie gave the Bench results. Our Judge Shirley Took congratulated members on the effort taken to present items for the Bench today as the recent wet weather had damaged many floral items. Shirley congratulated those who had displayed vegies on their choice of vegies in the wet weather.

General Business:

- **Subscriptions 2021:** Reminder that all membership fees for 2021 need to be paid to our Treasurer Karen by our April meeting – EFT payments preferred.

Raffle: Jan Stevenson drew the raffle with several potted plants as prizes. Judith Hyde will purchase the raffle prizes for the April 2021 meeting.

The next planned meeting will be on Tuesday 27 April 2021 commencing at 9.30am. Our Guest Speaker will be Shirley Dance speaking on the Topic of Roses.

Judy thanked all who had assisted in the running of today's meeting. In particular those members assisting with the raffle, morning tea, our hostesses, our trade table assistants, Pat and her assistants, Annette, Karen and Janelle, and our Judge Shirley Took

There being no further business the President closed the meeting at 12 noon.