

GENERAL MEETING

9.30 am Monday 25 September 2017, Baptist Church, Matron Porter Drive, Narrawallee

MINUTES

1	Meeting opened at 9.30 am	
2	Members Present 91 members and 6 visitors	
	Housekeeping - The Morning Tea manager, Robyn has asked that all members remember to place their foam coffee/tea cups in the rubbish bin at the end of the meeting	
3	Apologies:	Sue McMahon
	Lindy Bonser	
4	Welcome to Visitors	Sue McMahon
	Welcome to Phil Trickett today's guest speaker and Catriona Trickett as well as Rose Kovacs, Judy Hamilton, Brian Borsell, Robyn Collier	
5	President's Message	Sue McMahon
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There are beautiful Garden Clubs of Australia Calendars for sale at \$10. Numbers are limited so it is advisable to buy your copy early. No more will be ordered once they are all sold. • Preserves leftover from last week's street stall are also for sale. The stall raised over \$700. Thanks were expressed to all those who contribute to the street stall. • Transition to the new venue is going well. There will be small changes to improve arrangements for each meeting. • Thanks were extended to Peter Hudson and Simon Barton who welcomed us to their beautiful garden, Mirrambeena on 10 September. • Welcome extended to Deb Kendall who has been unwell for the last few weeks. • The Bunnings barbecue is on Friday 29 September. Rose is unable to manage the barbecue on this date. We are unable to run the barbecue unless more people can help. Members were asked to talk to Sue if they can help out. • The countryside is very dry. There is nothing much to do about it except grow succulents 	
6	Presentation of badges to New Members	Sue McMahon
	Rhonda Daly, Tony Reissner and Jann Dean. Welcome back to Patricia Bambury	
7	Health and Welfare Report	Sue McMahon
	Annette Crabtree is now out and about after 8 weeks recovery from a heart surgery. The Club expressed its best wishes to Kathy Humphries who is currently caring for her mother and experiencing a few difficulties.	
8	Member in Focus	
	<p>Scott Jones – For the last 25 years Scott has been involved in education and training for large organisations in Australia and Asia. Born in Milton Hospital when Milton was just a country town and Milton and Ulladulla quiet and not widely known. Scott spent lots of time on a farm with large garden that featured annual displays, goats, sheep, ducks and geese. Most of his time was spent on 5 acres between Milton and Ulladulla. Scott has lived in Brisbane, Sydney and Melbourne and is enjoying reconnecting with the farm.</p> <p>As a young person, it seemed natural to him to pursue a career in landscape architecture and gardening but deferred study to take up a job in banking and eventually took up</p>	

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	Next meeting : Romantic Roses	
18	Trading Table	Janet Baxter
	\$124	
19	Today's Winners	Sue McMahon
	Lucky Morning Tea ticket – Val Hemphery Raffle – Yvonne Steynes, Maree O'Connell, Elke Smith Hill, etc Lucky Door - Phil Chapman	
	MEETING CLOSED 12.00 pm Next Meeting: 30 October 2017	

Incoming Correspondence – August/September 2017

Date	From	Concerning	Action
31-Aug-17	Office National	August invoice	Treasurer
31-Aug-17	Shoalhaven Garden Club	September Newsletter	Newsletter editor/Library
1-Sep-17	Australian Business Register	Request to confirm current details	Secretary
1-Sep-17	Community Transport Aid Ulladulla -Milton and District Inc	Thankyou for donation and function on 9 July.	Filed
1-Sep-17	June Rowe	Rego plus \$2230 cheque	Convention convenor
1-Sep-17	Marilyn Carle	Rego for 4 , direct deposit	Convention Convenor
1-Sep-17	Robyn Rawlinson, Iris Sturgiss	Rego X2 plus \$150 cheque	Convention Convenor
1-Sep-17	Paula Harris	rego plus \$65 cheque	Convention Convenor
1-Sep-17	Ann French	regoplus \$250 cheque	Convention Convenor
1-Sep-17	Penny Hegarty, Elizabeth Caithness	Rego X2 plus \$550 cheque	Convention Convenor
1-Sep-17	Felicity King -Leeder	rego plus \$295 cheque	Convention Convenor
1-Sep-17	Elaine and Edwin Weatherstone	regoX2 plus \$130 cheque	Convention Convenor
1-Sep-17	Libby Ratten	rego plus \$230 direct deposit	Convention Convenor
3-Sep-17	Sue Powell	rego plus \$115 direct deposit	Convention Convenor
5-Sep-17	Jen Sheridan, Bendigo Bank	Notification of donation to the Club	
5-Sep-17	Camellias Shoalhaven	September Newsletter	Newsletter Editor/Librarian
6-Sep-17	Susan Flux	Rego and deposit confirmation (in mail)	Convention Convenor
7-Sep-17	Commonwealth Bank	3 month statement for Convention	Treasurer

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		account	
7-Sep-17	Bloomers and Buds	Rego for Maree and Ray Barnes, Maureen and Peter Donders plus \$240 cheque	Convention convenor
7-Sep-17	Christine Okoniowski	regio	Convention convenor
7/09/2017	Sandra Holmes	regio plus \$295 cheque	Convention convenor
8-Sep	Berry and District Garden Club	September Newsletter	Newsletter Editor/Librarian
8-Sep-17	Commonwealth bank	Statement Convention Student Account	Filing
8-Sep	Alaine Fletcher	Rego plus deposit confirmation of \$100	Convention Convenor
8-Sep-17	George Hoad	Rego plus \$360 cheque	Convention Convenor
8-Sep-17	Margaret Street	Rego plus \$115 cheque	Convention Convenor
8-Sep-17	Carolyn Dawes	Rego for Carolyn and Daniel Dawes plus \$680 cheque	Convention Convenor
11-Sep-17	Darlene Glyde, Coastal Waters	Invitation to members to barbecue with Graham Ross	Email to members on 16 Sept 2017
14-Sep-17	Flowers on Wason	Invoice for flowers	Treasurer
14-Sep	Jennifer Swan	regio and \$105 cheque	Convention Convenor
14-Sep-17	Rosalie Pollock	Rego plus \$245 cheque	Convention Convenor
14-Sep-17	Elaine Schmidt	Rego plus \$245 cheque	Convention Convenor
14-Sep-17	Susan Flux	Rego plus confirmation of \$165 direct deposit.	Convention Convenor
14-Sep-17	Celia Nicol	Rego plus notification of \$50 direct deposit	Convention Convenor
14-Sep-17	Rewa Jarman	Rego plus notification of \$225 direct deposit	Convention Convenor
14-Sep-17	Cherie and Eric Berry	Rego plus \$180 direct deposit	Convention Convenor

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15-Sep	Culburra Beach and District Garden Club	Sept/Oct Newsletter	Librarian/ Newsletter Editor
15-Sep-17	Raymond Bradley	Southern Highlands Regional Rose Society notification of Rose Show on 18,19 November	Newsletter Editor
21-Sep-17	Michael and Margaret Shannon	Rego plus \$310 cheque	Convention Convenor
21-Sep-17	Jean Ellis and John Tobin	Rego plus \$330 cheque	Convention Convenor
21-Sep-17	Batemans Bay and District Horticultural Society	September Newsletter	Newsletter Editor/Librarian

Outgoing Correspondence – August/September 2017

Date	To	Concerning
9-Sep-17	Carolyn Dawes, Secretary GCA	Letter requesting financial support for Convention A-V assistance
14-Sep	Carolyn Dawes, Secretary GCA	Agenda of Convention Org Committee for distribution to GCA members
16-Sep-17	Carmen Champion	Response to letter dated 27 August
18-Sep-17	Bartel Calendars	Order for 40 GCA calendars

Grafting Natives

Phil and partner Catriona moved from Canberra 7 years ago specifically to grow natives. It is difficult to find natives in Australian nurseries. In Britain sale and cultivation of native plants is a huge industry. It could be the same in Australia.

Some native plants are endangered. This is especially so in Western Australia where some native plants are limited to small areas that meet their specific growth needs and are vulnerable. This is occurring because:

- plants are limited in supply
- garden space is decreasing
- plants difficult to grow
- 65 per cent of WA has been cleared

The most desirable plants are found in WA and cannot be grown here because:

- rainfall is at the wrong time
- soil conditions quite different ie sandy vs heavier
- susceptible to phytophthora whereas eastern species are more tolerant.

The solution is the grafting of desirable natives on to sturdy eastern rootstock. Tough vigorous rootstocks will result in tough vigorous plants.

Hitherto to this method required growing of rootstocks on which the desired plants can be grafted. Success is variable as the rootstock must be compatible and the resulting plant is expensive which reduces demand and discourages nurseries from producing more plants.

Phil has been developing a method of grafting that is quicker and more successful. This method involves:

- identify a stock plant and take a cutting including one leaf;
- taking the stock plant cuttings, wedge graft the desired plant cutting
- treat the cutting as usual

Criteria for choosing a good rootstock:

- hardy in a range of conditions
- compatible with the scion in the long term
- must strike roots readily, within 3 months

Some good rootstocks are:

1. Grevillias Good rootstocks for the South Coast are:– Carrington Cross (*acanthifolia rivularis*), Burgundy Blazecaley *“Bronze Rambler”*, Bronze Rambler
2. Banksia good stocks – *B. integrifolia*, *B. cunningham*, *B. serrata* (don't use hormones on banksias)
3. Eremophila good stocks –*Myoporum acuminatum*, *Myoporum insulare*, *Myoporum montanum*
4. Hakeagood stocks – *H. salicifolia*, *H. Burrendong Beauty*
5. Isopogon good stocks – *I. anethifolius*, *I. anemonifolius*, *I. mnoraifolius* (withstands frost)

6. Pimelias – P. ligustrina, P. ferruginea

We need to:

- promote open discussion and teaching of methods
- generate more information sharing
- ensure documentation of method and results
- encourage professionals to use this method and produce grafted natives at a reasonable price

AND do it ourselves and show off our results.

Questions:

Q What do you use to secure the graft?

A Nescofilm medical tape – it stretches and eventually breaks down.

Q Is it possible to visit your garden?

A YES

Q What growing medium do you use?

A 4 parts perlite: 1 part coco peat.

Q How big is your garden?

A 6.5 acres. Half the property is rainforest and the other half had been used for grazing.