

GENERAL MEETING

9.30 am Monday 26 March 2018, Baptist Church, Matron Porter Drive, Narrawallee

MINUTES

1	Meeting opened at 9.35 am	
2	Members Present 132	
3	Apologies:	
	NIL	
4	Welcome to Visitors	
5	President's Message	Gillian Boyd
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Today we welcome our new secretary, Rhonda Farr and committee member Kerrie Henderson to the 2018 committee. They will make a valuable contribution to our club • We have a big year ahead of us as always. The committee has planned lots of interesting activities for the coming year. However, without a convention to organise, we have spare energy and time to explore new opportunities and plans for 2018. We would like to know what new opportunities you would like us to consider for the future so during today's meeting we have put aside some time for you to complete the short questionnaire you were given when you arrived. Members on our email list will receive an email copy. • We welcome your ideas for making the Ulladulla and District Garden Club even better. • If you are an early bird to our meetings you will notice that the doors will not be opened until 8.45. We need to consider the safety of our volunteers and members at meetings, especially those who are not quite as agile as they used to be. We have been finding it difficult to negotiate the movement of chairs and tables around members arriving early or members bringing in plants for the trading table, Garden Gems and competitions. So for the safety of all, we have reluctantly decided that we need to set up before we allow members to enter the Church building. I hope you understand that this is to protect everyone's safety. • Happily, Kerrie Henderson and Rose Blaha have volunteered to manage Morning Tea. They will do a great job but they will need your help. A sign-up sheet will be circulated at today inviting you to sign up to help with Morning Tea/coffee over the next 6 months. • Just to remind you -If you have not renewed your membership this year, you need to by 31 March. It would be awful if you missed out on a trip because you had not paid your membership. • Finally I would like to congratulate all our members who entered the Milton Show. It was a very successful show and especially for our members. Many of us won prizes and I congratulate you all. It was lots of fun and I encourage you all to give it a go next year. <p style="margin-left: 40px;">Congratulations to Jim Howe who was awarded Championship Vegetable Gardener at Milton Show amongst other awards.</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">Birthday – V Clay celebrated a milestone birthday. Happy 90th Birthday from your Garden Club friends.</p>	
6	Guest Speaker	
	Ian Austen – Farmer and Apiarist	
	Ian started bee keeping with one hive as a hobby. The hives kept growing from one to seven	

then 14 and 30. He now has 300 hives, In one year the hives produced 30 tonne of honey. Bee keeping has become more difficult due pesticides and disease. Pesticides mean homicide for bees. Chemicals that are banned in the United States are still being used here. One of them belong to the Neonicotinoid class of pesticides. More information can be found at beyondpesticides.org

Canola flowers killed bees because of the chemicals used. One bee keeper lost 200 hives. As a result of these chemicals bees were deformed.

There are 2500 bee keepers in NSW of these 800 or more have 200 or more hives. The remainder are bigger bee keepers.

There has been a decline in the bee population due to the use of chemicals.

Pollination job - this year around Mildura and surrounding areas as there ere not enough bees to pollinate plants due to the use of chemicals the bee population was in decline.

Capilano a major honey seller is now using Australian honey only. A couple of years ago they imported honey from China due to a local shortage. There is now a glut of local honey.

Micro filtration is used to get rid of DDT found in Chinese honey imports. These chemicals are better able to be detected now. There are some issues over quality and trust in relation to honey imported from China.

Scientists are working on alternative methods of controlling pests.

Bee disease (mites) found in Europe are not yet hear, although it is only a matter of time. Bees swarm then land on boats which transport them overseas, Asian bees seen in Cairns. Icing sugar can be used to help identify them. Place the icing sugar and bees in a bag. The black spot on this species can then be seem.

Use natural methods to manage problems in the garden.

Ian said "bees are fascinating insects. There is always something going on in the hive".

This year there has been a problem due to inconsistent flowering.

Q and A session

Q - How safe is imported honey?

A – Issues around ground water contamination in Europe.

Q – Manuka Honey, how special is it?

A – A clever marketing move by New Zealand, all honey has anti bacterial qualities. There are around 200 plants in Australia with the same or more antibacterial properties. Bacteria wont live in honey. Capilano are sourcing honey made from Paperbark Tree. The Australian product is just as good, if not better than the New Zealand one. The ABC program Landline had a story about this.

Q- Native bee keeping

A – Not a viable option commercially.

Q – Keeping hives

A – Permission is needed. National Park sites. It has become a major problem accessing

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	National Park sites for spotted Gum. Drought has affected flowering of them. They bud up then flower two years later.	
7	Presentation of badges to New Members	Gillian Boyd
	John and Debbie Phillips and Robin Collyer were presented with their badges	
8	Health and Welfare Report	Sue McMahon
	Phil Cliff is in St Georges Hospital having heart surgery. Colin Campbell, husband of Shirley has passed away. Shirley and Colin were long time members of the club before they moved to Canberra. A condolence card has been sent on behalf of the club.	
9	Member in Focus	Colleen Ringe
	Colleen who was originally from Sydney, spent many weekends at at Sussex Inlet where she enjoyed the relaxed coastal life style and fishing. Upon retiring Colleen sold up in Sydney and moved to Milton. Colleen showed the group before and after pictures of her garden where an old apple tree was a prominent part of the garden when she first took up residence. Colleen has spent many happy hours transforming the old garden into a place of beauty. Member in Focus for April – Helen Turner	
10	Secretary's Report	
	Minutes of the General Meeting of 27 February 2018 are available on the table and in full view for members to read when they come into the meeting. The minutes are also posted on the website prior to the meeting for you to refer to and read. Motion: That the Minutes of the previous meeting be accepted. Moved: Rhonda Farr Seconded: Gloria Turner Result: Passed Correspondence - Refer Attachment 1 Motion That the incoming correspondence be accepted and the outgoing be endorsed Moved: Rhonda Farr Seconded: Lyn Spiteri Result: Passed	Rhonda Farr
11	Activities Report	Debbie Kendall
	4 April – Coffee Morning 10 am at Robyn and Bill Whitby's garden, 14 North St Ulladulla. 1 May – Day trip to Arboretum, Canberra. Depending on number of people, cost will be approx. \$60 pp. A \$300 deposit required for lunch. Deposit for trip to be \$30 ie 50% of projected cost. October - Garden Week – Tea Party proposed requires further planning and discussion. 20 September -Zone Friendship Day in Nowra- more details to come 25-27 September Blue Mountains where there will be a guided tour of 4 gardens in the week prior to the garden festival. There is a non-refundable deposit of \$100. And accommodation is limited. Bookings are open Late October/November – Visit to Chinoiserie to see peonies	

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12	Librarian Report	Elvina James																								
	<p>The April Wild flower walks have been cancelled. The next walk will take place on the 1st of May.</p> <p>World Eucalyptus Day March 23.</p> <p>Best wishes to all celebrating a birthday or anniversary in March.</p> <p>The books on display today feature carnations, Frogs, propagations and herbs, growing succulents and container plants.</p> <p>Elvina encouraged members to make use of the library.</p>																									
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13	Treasurer's Report	Sue Hobson																								
	<p>Sue addressed the attendees and presented the members present an update of the clubs' finances.</p> <p>The Financial report in full is available for perusal at the Treasurer's table.</p> <p>Motion: That the Treasurer's Report be accepted Moved: Sue Hobson Seconded: Gillian Boyd Result: Passed</p>																									
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15	Q & A	Lindy Bonser
	<p>Discussion centred around how to control Curl Grubs – Baythroid poison was mentioned. Another option was to feed them to the chooks.</p> <p>Ant infestation in potted plants – use double sided magic tape around pots to deter ants, Ant sand is another solution, also Borax.</p>	
16	Competition Results	Janey George
	<p>Heavenly Hibiscus</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Katherine Craig 2. Patricia Kilborn 3. Pauline Ovcar <p>Next month's competition – <i>Warm Autumn Colours</i></p>	
17	Trading Table	Janet Baxter
	Takings of \$142	
18	Today's Winners	Lindy Bonser
	<p>Lucky Door – Margie Nyholme</p> <p>Morning Tea ticket – Sue Smith</p> <p>Raffle – Congratulations to our prize winners who included Lindy Bonser, Bev Evans, Rosie Burke and Yvonne Steyne</p>	
	MEETING CLOSED 11.45	

Incoming Correspondence – March 2018

Date	From	Concerning	Action
23/03/18	Commonwealth Bank	Bank Statement	Treasurer
23/03/18	Commonwealth Bank	Cheque book	Treasurer
23/03/18	Fairfax Media	Statement	Treasurer
23/03/18	John & Amanda Price	Cheque book	Treasurer
23/03/18	UA3 Travel	Travel opportunities	President
23/03/18	Batemans Bay & District Horticultural Newsletter	News Editor	Newsletter Editor
March 2018	B&DGC Newsletter	News Editor	Newsletter Editor
March 2018	WBGGC Newsletter	News Editor	Newsletter Editor
March 2018	SGC Newsletter	News Editor	Newsletter Editor
March 2018	Culburra Newsletter	News Editor	Newsletter Editor
March 2018	GCA Insurance Invoice	Insurance	Treasurer
March 2018	Jervis Bay Garden Club Newsletter	News Editor	Newsletter Editor
March 2018	St George Bank	Diana Knowles Membership renewal \$30	Treasurer
March 2018	Pat Dockett	Membership renewal \$30	Treasurer

OUTGOING CORRESPONDENCE –NIL

March 2018	Philip Smith-Hill	EOI –Prospective Committee member	Secretary
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