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NEWSLETTER - February 2021

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Agenda

The February meeting is a meeting (AGM) within a meeting.

- A Big welcome back to all
- President's message
 - Annual General Meeting
 - Presidents Annual Report
 - Treasurer's Annual Report
 - Appointment of Auditor
 - Election of Office Bearers
- Health and welfare
- Activities
- Garden Gems
- Morning Tea
- Open Garden review in photos
- Secretary's report
- Treasurer's report
- Competition Results
- Trading Table Results
- Today's winners

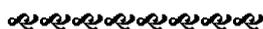
New Members

Please welcome new members when we return to our monthly meetings: **No new members this month.**



Get Well Messages

If you are aware of a member who is not well, or needs cheering up, **please let Sue McMahon know on 4455 2739**



Banking Information

If you would prefer to pay electronically for membership or trips etc. you can - details as follows:

BSB 062-646

Account No 00900912

Please ensure you enter your surname and what the money is for in the description space i.e. Keegan, Fees



Contact Details

If you have recently changed your address, telephone number or email address, please ensure that you let a committee member know. This will ensure that you will receive your newsletter via email if you have requested this. All personal details are kept strictly confidential.



Morning Tea

Please think about bringing your own mug for m/tea – this not only helps with the environment but also keeps our costs to a minimum. A mug with a lid would work best, as this would alleviate spillage and a possible injury. If you do use a disposable cup, please make sure you put it in the bin before you leave. We have had a lot of spills while packing up when cups are left on the floor.



Insurance

Please note that guests, (non-members), are not covered by the Club's Group Personal Accident Policy on coach trips, therefore, these are restricted to financial members only.



Newsletter

Will be distributed to members via email each month. Now that we are back meeting again, those members who had their newsletter posted or hand delivered to them during 2020 will now need to collect their copy from the front desk when they come to the meeting.

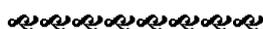


Propagation Group – 4th Thursday of the month

Next meeting Thurs March 25, 1:30pm – venue to be confirmed.



OH&S – Debbie Kendall is our First Aid Officer and is available, if required, at meetings and activities



President's Message

What a strange summer! The relatively cool days and frequent bouts of rain has made life as a gardener a lot easier. The citrus trees are a bit confused and we have just finished eating a summer crop of Washington navels. There is another crop on the tree getting ready for its regular season in late Autumn. The limes and lemons have never stopped producing big juicy fruits.

I am very pleased that we can finally have a meeting on 22 February. This meeting will encompass our Annual General Meeting. It will be a COVID safe meeting so meeting arrangements will be slightly different to normal. You have to register on your Services NSW app or if you don't have a smartphone you will need to record your name and phone number manually on the register supplied. You also will need to register as normal in our own list for insurance purposes and to get your morning tea ticket. Social distancing must be maintained at all times and once you are seated you will need to remain seated. I know it will be tempting to greet your friends with a hug, but this of course is not allowed. We also ask that if you are not feeling well, please stay home. If it helps you feel safer, please wear a mask. There will be absolutely no singing and dancing!

I was sad to hear of the cancellation of the Milton Show. I know many Garden Club members look forward to the Show and competing to produce the best jam and marmalade, pickles and sauces, pumpkins and zucchinis, etc, not to mention the mosaics and knitting and embroidery and so it goes on. But after organising just one COVID safe meeting for our Garden Club on 22 February, I can see how the logistics of organising and delivering a 2-day agricultural show at this time would have been horrendous.

We had a lovely morning at Gill Evans' garden on 11 February in Lake Conjola. I think everyone who explored Gill's garden were impressed with her plant-packed garden which displayed a variety of textures and colours, interspersed with whimsical garden ornaments and features. Gill's beautiful mosaics and the stunning view of the lake shore at the front of the house were an additional delight. Many thanks to Gill for sharing her garden with us.



I think we have all appreciated getting our monthly newsletter. COVID restrictions are a little more relaxed lately so most have been able to get out and about and socialise but during the depths of COVID restrictions last year, the newsletter was an important means of connecting with each other. I sincerely thank every member who took that extra step of writing articles and stories and sending in photos. These extra, personal stories made the 2020 newsletters special. I hope you can continue to send in personal stories and tit bits to make our newsletter really buzz throughout 2021. Extra thanks go to Ann Keegan for producing the newsletter each month and to Debbie Kendall and Ann for hand delivering the newsletter to members who do not have access to email.

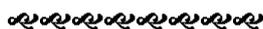
I hope you will have a good think about joining the Garden Club committee at the AGM. It adds a new dimension to your garden club experience.

Happy gardening! Gillian

Keeping everyone COVID safe

At our meeting on 22 February, we must make sure everyone is protected and safe from COVID infection. It is frustrating but essential that we all closely observe the following rules:

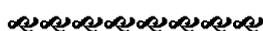
- Please do not come to the meeting if you are feeling unwell.
- Bring your own pen.
- Before entering the venue, register with the Services NSW app using the Church's QR code. If you do not have a smartphone you can manually record your details.
- Committee members will take your contributions for the Garden Gems, Competition and Trading tables and deliver them for you.
- Once you are inside the venue go to the Welcome Table as usual to record your attendance. This is for insurance purposes.
- After recording your attendance, move around the room in a clockwise direction to get your raffle tickets and view the Garden Gems, Competition and Trading table. The library will not be operating.
- Once you are seated, please remain in your seat until Morning Teatime.
- Morning tea will be served individually from the serveries in the kitchen.
- You may prefer to use your own mug otherwise all tea and coffee will be served in polystyrene cups. Biscuits will be served in individually wrapped packets.
- Hand sanitisers will be located at the entry and at strategic points in the meeting area. Please sanitise your hands regularly.
- COVID Monitors will circulate around the room to make sure we all observe social distancing.
- And please, no singing and dancing!



Finance Report for January 2021

Funds held at CBA as at Dec 31, 2020	13778.53
Bendigo Bank Term Deposit	7222.00
Income	435.00
Expenditure	760.80
Cash Book balance as at Jan 31, 2021	13452.73
'Student' account	2676.28

If you have any questions regarding the above, please contact Sue Hobson

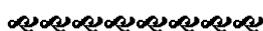


Membership Fees

These are now due for renewal - \$30.00 single or \$55.00 couple.

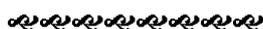
If you can please transfer the funds to our account (details on page 2), it would be appreciated.

If you are unable to transfer funds and will be paying in person at our February meeting, it would be helpful if you could put the correct money into an envelope with your name, current address and contact numbers as well as your email address and hand it to Sue Hobson at the Treasurers table. This will assist with social distancing on the day. Sue will prepare a receipt and get it to you.



Helpers for Meetings 2021

Front Desk	Alison Austin, Lorraine Pryor, Margaret Condie, Robyn Bryce (new members)
Raffles	Enid Kelley, Yvonne Steain
Activities	Debbie Kendall, Maree Nolan, Ann Keegan
Treasurer	Sue Hobson and Colleen Ringe
Library	Pending
Garden Gems	Lorraine Schachter, Rose Richardson
Competition Table	Janey George, Jan Barkwith
Trading Table	Janet Baxter, Rosie Burke, Catherine Craig
Morning Tea	Gill Gibson, Vicki Weir, Rose Blaha and Kerrie Henderson (when available)



The Autumn Kitchen Garden

(By Judy Horton – taken from the GCA Our Gardens Magazine, autumn edition)

Talk to every nursery and seed or plant seller and you'll hear how the COVID lockdown year had almost all of us growing at least some of our own food. Let's keep it up this autumn.

What to plant

- Autumn is an important time for sowing root crops, such as carrots, radishes and beetroot.
- Late autumn is the best time to plant onions in most areas. If you are a beginner, non-bulbing spring onions are the way to go.
- Plant herbs such as thyme, rosemary, bay and sage to get them established before winter
- Plant seedlings of brassicas such as cabbages, broccoli, kale, cauliflower and rocket. Asian greens and Chinese cabbages are best sown direct from seed.

Harvest

- Choose your favourite home-grown tomato and save some of its seed by scooping some of the seed onto paper towel and allowing it to dry. Store in a paper bag or an airtight container.
- Pull out weeds remove seed heads then soak the weed bodies in water for a few weeks. Dilute to the colour of weak tea and use to fertiliser growing vegies.
- Feed and mulch asparagus ferns then leave them to yellow and die before cutting them off at ground level

Home Orchard

- Leave figs on the tree until full ripe before picking.
- Watch out for scale pests on fruit trees and choose a cool day to spray with a pest oil.
- Choose and prepare planting spots for deciduous fruit trees so you will be ready for the arrival of new stock in winter.



Thank you, Faye Fitzsimmons

These hydrangeas have been out in the garden since October last year, they start out blue then turn purple and then turn to a pink/green colour, I have just put them into a vase and will enjoy them for a couple of weeks



About the fauna in my garden – Daryl Bishop

Life is beginning to get back to something like normal in the garden. The little honeyeaters (Eastern Spinebills) are back although some of their favourites have been removed as part of my 'cutting back'. This year, for the first time, they have even worked on the flowers on the deck (even though I was sitting there having breakfast). I love to watch them hover (like the hummingbird) and it is even better when it's as close up as it was this morning.



I've had one visit only from the black satin bower bird. He called in one morning to share breakfast with the lorikeets – at least he is still around! There is still no sign of the cat birds, but the town sparrows are still making their daily visits.

I am totally intrigued by what is happening with the Koel which overwintered here last year. Koel males take no family responsibility at all. Their mating practices are the equivalent of the humans 'one-night stand'! If the female tries to hang around after the mating, she is likely to get beaten up. Therefore, early last December when I saw the same female hanging around day after day, I was surprised. For a couple of weeks, he tried to chase her away, definitely trying to bar her from 'his' tree – it didn't work. It seems as if she was teasing him – sometimes even chasing him. He must have been so embarrassed and confused. After several weeks of chasing and being chased, he seemed to give up and now we are in February of the following year and she is still here. They both use the birdbaths, and both come on to the deck in the mornings for a meal – sometimes together. All the other females seem to have moved north again except for her. My 'wondering' about whether or not he will stay on for another year now refers to her as well. As I write this (late afternoon) she is sitting on the rail of the deck watching me (and probably hoping for a handout), I am still trying to work out if she is a mature female or a very precocious youngster from last year's matings.

Snails and slugs abound. As you know I don't use poisons and I can't bring myself to do the drowning thing, besides which I would be doing it almost forever with the number involved. The birds are great with the insect pests but don't help at all with snails ... and I still don't have any blue tongues! Some of my soft leaf plants, such as impatiens, have been reduced to bare stems.

The resident pair of wattle birds are currently in disarray. About 3 weeks ago, two newcomers appeared. They were obviously younger than the resident male and at first, stayed at the bottom of the garden. The resident male made the occasional casual foray down to chase them away. I soon realised that he wasn't having much success. I still can't decide if they are a young couple looking for new territory or the offspring of the resident pair being driven off as they are now old enough to take the world on their own. One of them moved in closer and the bullying intensified. Every time the 'residents' came onto the deck; the newcomer would try to join them. The intruder made quite a game of it and a lot of the chasing was done on foot, ducking around the legs of the chairs and table, around flowerpots etc with an occasional

sortie to the table for a quick peak at the breakfast or lunch treat. At first it all seemed quite light-hearted but now it seems to be getting more serious – I am quite worried about how it is going to end. Also, mealtimes are no longer peaceful, and I am not getting to do much reading!

One of the butcher birds is back. I know its him because he has a special 5-note call that he uses to let me know he is here and waiting for attention. I love their repertoire of songs – so varied and beautiful. People give butcher birds a bad name. I so often hear it said that they raid the nests of other birds etc, but it seems to be forgotten that every bird of prey does that, including our beloved kookaburras. Talking of which, only one has returned. I think it is one of the younger ones (one of the baby minders). I hope that the rest of the group is safe.

My pair of pee wees visit every day. They walk around every part of the garden as if doing an inspection, then walk (not fly) up the stairs to the deck – and this charms me totally!



I haven't mentioned the lorikeets – they are a 'constant' in my life. This year their young seem more raucous and more precocious than ever, but they are beautiful and seeing a flock of them (brightly coloured as they are) in the gum tree is a sight to behold

Following all the rain we have had this year; the garden is looking very lush and bountiful. I hope this brings more of the creatures back – and soon!



Would you like to be a Member in Focus at one of our meetings when we return to 'normal'?

We would love to hear from any member in our club who can share their journey with us – it doesn't have to be garden related or it can just be some photos that you can share with us – it is up to you.

You could be a new member or a long-standing member whose garden has evolved significantly since they last presented. Don't be shy as we can assist with your presentation.

If you are interested in sharing your knowledge and experiences with the club, please contact Colleen Ringe.



ACTIVITIES - Debbie Kendall

Friday, 26 March: Milton Garden Ramble – from 10.00 to 12noon

We are very lucky to have not one but **four** gardens to visit next month in Milton – all in very close proximity to each other and you can visit each garden in no particular order. Thank you to Catherine Richards, Max Atkins, Vicki Weir and Ann Keegan.

Addresses are:

Catherine Richards	19 Eyrie Bowrie Drive Milton
Ann Keegan	10 Wynella Place Milton
Max Atkins	11 Wynella Place
Vicki Weir	12 Wynella Place

Directions:

If you are travelling from Ulladulla on the Princes Highway, turn right into Gordon Street, Milton (approx. ½ km from the Heritage Bakery); drive to the end of Gordon Street which then veers right and becomes Eyrie Bowrie Drive. Catherine Richards' home is on the left and Wynella Place is just across the road from Catherine's home.

Note that there is a spare block of land on the corner of Wynella and Eyrie Bowrie Drive if parking is needed.

If you are willing to open your garden for a visit, then please contact me on 0412 069 520.

GCA Calendars

We still have plenty of the GCA 2021 Calendars for sale at \$10 each. These include beautiful photos taken by Garden Club members Australia wide. Linda Slinger, one of our members, has had her photo included as the March feature.

Please contact Debbie Kendall, 0412 069 520, if you wish to purchase a calendar. They will also be available to purchase at the February Meeting.



Zone Coordinator: Lindy Bonser

Lindy Bonser has advised the Committee that she has recently resigned from her position as GCA Zone Coordinator. Lindy has held the position of Zone Coordinator for Garden Clubs on the South Coast of NSW, the Far South Coast of NSW and North Illawarra for the past five years.

Lindy has been a stalwart in support of our Garden Club having held numerous positions on the Committee including President for many years and in 2018, in appreciation for her service, was awarded Life Membership.

Lindy says that she is looking forward to spending more time focussing on family, friends and her horticultural ambitions.

We thank Lindy for her support as our Zone Coordinator and wish Lindy and her family all the best and look forward to seeing her soon at upcoming meetings and get-togethers.



Photo Competition for January – and the winners are ...



1st Joy Harris



2nd Patricia Bate

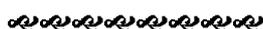


3rd Faye Fitzsimmons

Competition for February 2021 – As we will be ‘back to normal’ for our meeting, the competition for February is **The Edible Garden**. I am sure you all have lots of produce to bring and show off to us all – good luck!

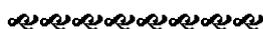
Competitions for 2021

March	Blossoms of Blue	July	Camelias
April	Hibiscus	August	Succulents
May	One perfect bloom	September	Orchids
June	Winter Wonders	October	Roses
		November	Symphony in White



Photos for Newsletter

Do you have a photo you love of your garden or a plant or animal in your garden? We would love to share it with our members through the newsletter so please don't stop sending them in. They are a wonderful addition to our newsletter. Send them to ulladullagardenclub@gmail.com.au or directly to me at annkeegan@bigpond.com

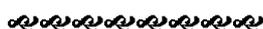


A very interesting contribution from Marg Condie

Adenium obesum is a most unusual plant. It is a tough, drought resistant plant for warm climates and is ideal for pots and bonsai. It can grow to a height of 1.5m. I keep mine in a pot as it is necessary to bring it indoors for the winter as the cold makes its water filled trunks shrivel and die back. The tubular flowers are mostly red to pink, the back is greeny white and the throat is the same. It can be cultivated by seed or stem cuttings. The numerous hybrids are propagated mainly by grafting onto seedling rootstock.

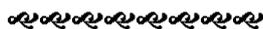


Adenium obesum produces sap in its roots and stems that contain cardiac glycosides. This sap is used as arrow poison for hunting large game throughout much of Africa and as a fish toxin.



Shirley Smith Award 2021

Let's get the 2021 competition underway. I am sure that each of you has a special tip or trick that you have used during the COVID situation that you can share with our members. Please send them to ulladullagardenclub@gmail.com or directly to the editor at annkeegan@bigpond.com. I look forward to receiving lots and lots of tips and tricks this year.

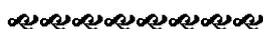


Have your say ...

Is there something that you want to say about the joys or otherwise of home gardening? The newsletter is a place that you can post your views or make comments or even write a story. Don't be shy and don't think that you need to be a great writer to contribute – we can help you if you need it. Members' contributions are what make newsletters interesting. Have your say!

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Telephone 0417 690 620 or 4454 4156



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Tony Karacsonyi, of Narrawallee, is now offering his gardening services to Garden Club members. Tony is already maintaining several gardens in Mollymook and Milton, and is skilled in weeding, planting, pruning, mulching and creating gardens. He has worked as a planter/bush regenerator, for the past 9 years for Shoalhaven City Council and the NPWS. He has Certificates 1, 2 and Part 3 in Horticulture from Ulladulla TAFE, and Chemical Certificate from North Sydney TAFE. Some members will know Tony and his wife Elizabeth, from the Milton/Ulladulla Orchid Society Shows, so if you have orchids that need re-potting, he can do that too.



Call Tony on Tel; 0476 938 415 or AH; 4455 4552



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