

ULLADULLA & DISTRICTS GARDEN CLUB INC

GENERAL MEETING

Baptist Church, Matron Porter Drive, Narrawallee
Monday 24th June 2019

1	Meeting opened at	Gillian Boyd
	9.40am	
2	Members Present	Gillian Boyd
	94 Welcome back to Heather Steadman, Bev Endicott and Joii Harris.	
3	Apologies	Gillian Boyd
	Ann Keegan	
4	Welcome to Visitors	Gillian Boyd
	Fiona Osborne, Yvonne Modra, Jan Dowling and Linda Stewart. David Hill and Ray Lee Clark, previous members, rejoining today.	
5	President's Message	Gillian Boyd
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• When I wrote my message for the Newsletter I nattered on about the warm weather despite the ticking over of the calendar to winter. Since writing we have had rain and cold and even frost at our place. So maybe winter has finally arrived with all its attendant clean up jobs in the garden. No matter what the weather we all want our gardens to be ready for Spring.• This month we said a fond farewell to Bunnings Barbecues. Although we raised around \$500 this month, profits have been steadily falling and the amount of organisational work increasing as less and less members are willing to help. Huge thanks to Merrilyn Ellerton and Helen Turner who have put in a herculean effort over the last 18 months to run the Bunnings barbecue.• Unfortunately we also say farewell to the wildflower reserve. At least for a little while. As Anne describes in her article in the Newsletter, it was burnt rather thoroughly as part of a backburn to fight the Kings Point fire that erupted in late May. The Wildflower reserve will re-emerge however as long as we get rain. Hopefully we have not lost the delicate native orchids that surprise and delight visitors to the reserve.	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Club members enjoyed another enjoyable coach trip to Canberra at the end of May. Highlight of the day was lunch and a wander around the beautifully manicured gardens at Cockington Green. It was the first time that the Club has engaged Kennedy's bus company from Nowra and they proved to be an efficient business to work with. Thanks to Debbie for organising another wonderful day out for members . • Our Propagation Group continues to get together each month to enhance their propagating skills and boost the supplies of plants for their own gardens and for the Trading Table. It is very pleasant working and learning together rather than struggling with trial and error in your sole propagating efforts at home. If you would like to join the Propagation Group, please send an email to ulladullagardenclub@gmail.com. • The Committee continues to explore new Community projects suggested by members. Community projects generally require a bit of research and liaison with other groups and individuals before we can progress and this takes time. We are going on with existing projects and at present we are talking to contacts at the High School and TAFE to identify students who may be eligible to receive the Val Tranter Achievement Award in 2019. • Good news, we now have a volunteer to cover for Mark in the AV booth should he not be able to attend a meeting for any reason. • Today's meeting is our birthday meeting In fact its 44th birthday so I hope you enjoy this special day on the Garden Clubs calendar. 	
6	New Members	Gillian Boyd
	The President presented Helen McFarland with her member's badge.	
7	Health and Welfare Report	Sue McMahon
	It's good to see Heather Steadman, Bev Endicott and Jooi Harris looking well and attending today's meeting. John Steadman thanked everyone for their best wishes and, in particular, those members who visited Heather in hospital during her long 72 day stay and once she returned home too. John also expressed his gratitude to those members who checked in with him whilst Heather was away.	
8	Activities Report	Debbie Kendall
	<p>Full details in June 2019 newsletter.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Good trip to Canberra, everyone enjoyed the day. We're happy with our replacement coach service, Kennedy Coaches and the driver, Ron, who was very knowledgeable and kept us entertained with local history and stories. 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Visit to Robyn Bryce and Graeme Oke's Camelia Garden plus a stop at Enid Kelley's garden in Nowra on the way home - 25th July. Meet at 9.15am at the bus depot in Deering Street as we will be using the old bus service for this trip. The visit will start with morning tea on arrival (coin donation required), if possible, please bring a chair since seating will be limited. Graeme will then take us on a tour of his garden followed by lunch. It will be a relaxed visit since we have plenty of time. • Soup Day fundraiser - 11am 15th August at Lake Conjola Community Centre. Funds raised help with such community projects as the lawn mower service we provide at Jindelara Respite Cottage. There will be an Ikebana demonstration by Aya Shibata, President of Ikenobo Ikebana, Sydney. Music by Sue and Pete Hobson, various stalls selling items made by members eg. quilts, woodwork, etc. There will be the usual raffles and lucky door prize and, of course, a variety of soups made by members of the committee. • Members who need transport on the day or those who can provide transport please let Debbie know. 	
9	Guest Speaker	Gillian Boyd
	<p>A lively talk by Sylvia Southan, a bromeliad enthusiast, who has studied horticulture with a particular interest in growing bromeliads. Sylvia shared her considerable knowledge on their care and propagation and answered members' questions. At the end of her presentation members were keen to buy the plants Sylvia had brought along to demonstrate not only how bromeliads propagate but the many varieties there are.</p>	
10	Librarian's Report	Elvina James
	<p>Full details in June 2019 Newsletter. The Wildflower Reserve has been closed to the public due to the recent backburning event by the RFS but will be open for a scheduled walk on July 1st when Anne Eggins will talk about trees. The Local Express has also published an article about the Wildflower Reserve in its latest issue. Birthday flowers <i>dampiera parvifolia</i> native to WA. A selection of books from the library available to borrow are <i>Growing Begonias</i> by an author from Gerringong, <i>Aromatic Plants</i> and books on herbs.</p>	
11	Presentation of Awards	Gillian Boyd
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The President awarded 20 year badges to Elizabeth Stayt and Phyllis Buckley. • President's Award, Gillian presented Darryl Bishop with her award and read out the words written on the certificate, followed by a speech (refer Attachment 1). Committee 	

	<p>members, Ann, Debbie and Sue H added their own anecdotes about Darryl and told how inspirational she has been to each of them.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Everyone sang happy birthday followed by the ceremonial cutting of the cake by Elizabeth and Phyllis for the Garden Club's 44th birthday. The cake was then taken away to be cut into 96 pieces to be shared at morning tea. 											
12	My garden	Colleen Ringe										
	Colleen Ringe, Annette Cliff and Alison Austen each spoke about what they are currently doing in their gardens, mostly pruning, mulching and planting bulbs ready for Spring.											
13	Secretary's Report	Gill Evans										
	<p>Minutes of the General Meeting of 27 May 2019 are available on the welcome table for members to read when they come into the meeting. The minutes are also posted on the website prior to the meeting for members to refer to and read.</p> <p>Motion: That the Minutes of the previous meeting be accepted. Moved: Gill Evans Seconded: Alison Austen Result: Passed</p> <p>Correspondence Motion: That the incoming correspondence be accepted and the outgoing be endorsed. Moved: Gill Evans Seconded: Olive Stockley Result: Passed</p>											
14	Treasurer's Report	Sue Hobson										
	<p>Funds held as at end April 2019:</p> <table> <tr> <td>Commonwealth Bank:</td> <td>\$17,411.71</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Bendigo Bank:</td> <td>\$ 7,046.74</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Income in April</td> <td>\$ 3,583.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Expenditure in April:</td> <td>\$ 4,561.06</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Cash book balance as at 31 May 2019:</td> <td>\$16,433.65</td> </tr> </table> <p>Interest earned on Bendigo Bank Term Deposit \$158.43 over one year. Commonwealth Bank 'Student' A/c: \$ 3,076.28</p> <p>Financial report is available in full at the Treasurers table.</p> <p>Motion: That the Treasurer's Report be accepted. Moved: Sue Hobson</p>	Commonwealth Bank:	\$17,411.71	Bendigo Bank:	\$ 7,046.74	Income in April	\$ 3,583.00	Expenditure in April:	\$ 4,561.06	Cash book balance as at 31 May 2019:	\$16,433.65	
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	Seconded: Gary McConnell Result: Passed	
16	Q & A	Sue McMahon
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Terrarium ferns going well, advice on how to keep moss alive! Suggested Seasol spray and keep out of the sun. • Native frangipani in Narrawallee has turned pale green does it need fertilizer. Suggested native fertilizer which may be bought at the Milton Country Store. • How to protect oranges from fruit fly, mould and borers. Fruit Fly traps work well, mesh exclusion bags may be bought online from Green Harvest. Check neighbours don't have rotting fruit. Prune wood infected by borers, keep trees healthy by watering and fertilizing. High humidity may cause mould, keep branches from over crowding allowing plenty of air circulation. • Lemon tree not fruiting, try hard pruning, citrus responds to a good cut back. Sulphate of potash to stimulate flowering. 	
17	Competition Results	Janey George
	<p>June: Wonders of Winter 1st Prize: Robert Kilborn 2nd Prize: Gillian Boyd 3rd Prize: Marie O'Connell July: Camellias</p>	
18	Trading Table	Janet Baxter
	\$50	
19	Glove Sales	Julie Leslie
	\$21	
20	Today's Winners	Sue McMahon
	<p>Lucky Morning Tea ticket: Margaret Gibson Luck Door: Diane Broadley Raffle: 1st Prize: Gill Gibson 2nd Prize: Trish Moon 3rd Prize: Linda Stewart (visitor) 10 prizes were drawn Raffle Profit \$127.50</p>	
21	Next Meeting 29 July 2019	
22	Meeting Closed 11.45	

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INCOMING CORRESPONDENCE

Date	From	Content	Action
June	Anne Eggins & Jean Allen	Membership fees and letter	Treasurer & Welfare
June	Wingecarribee Shire Council	Tulip Time Southern Highlands	Newsletter Editor
June	Batemans Bay Horticultural Society	Newsletter	Newsletter Editor
June	ABC	Gardening Australia, July 2019 Issue x 2	Library
June	Ulladulla Storage	Invoice	Treasurer
July	ABC	Organic Gardener, Winter 2019 Issue x 2	Library
July	Patricia Dockett	Membership fees	Treasurer
July	Mollymook View Club	Invitation to 38th Birthday Celebration	Committee
July	Berry District Garden Club	Berry Gardens Festival	Secretary

President's Award 2019

On the Certificate (read out)

Presented to Darryl Bishop in acknowledgement of her willingness to share her immense knowledge of the plants and creatures that bring her garden to life, through her regular entertaining articles and invitations to club members to enjoy her remarkable garden.

Darryl has been a member of the Ulladulla and districts Garden Club for a remarkable 44 years. In the small fraction of that time that I have been a member I have been inspired by Darryl- Darryl the gardener, the writer, the ecologist as well as Darryl the intelligent and forthright woman I talk to at meetings.

Darryl is a great contributor to the vitality of this Club. Darryl contributes regular articles to our monthly newsletter. I enjoy her articles immensely. She writes about the things that I enjoy and value in my own garden but do not take the time to research and observe and then write the story down in a way that is engaging, entertaining and packed with new information.

And I think we have all visited Darryl's garden, either by special invitation or through a Garden Club Morning Tea. I think we all agree that it is a very special garden. It is tiny but in square metres, compared to my garden, but once there the design allows for many different plants and features that expand its dimensions. It is chock full of interesting plants thoughtfully placed and creatively nurtured with water features and resting nooks that encourage contemplation and bestow peace.

The next project in my garden, is a frog pond a la Darryl. Her presentation via Deb at the May meeting has inspired me to create some frog friendly spaces in my garden. I have cut out the article from the June magazine and placed it in a plastic cover and it is carefully placed in my shed waiting for me to put it into action. I wonder how long it will be before I get to it? I have a feeling that Darryl will be adding more interest and features to her garden before I get to my frog pond.

I think I also need drive and energy a la Darryl.

However, although it is called the President's Award, it is really an award decided by the whole committee. Do any other committee members wish to say ?