**ULLADULLA & DISTRICTS GARDEN CLUB INC**

**GENERAL MEETING**

Baptist Church, Matron Porter Drive, Narrawallee

Monday 24th February 2020

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| **1** | **Meeting opened at** | **Gillian Boyd** |
|  | 9.35 am |  |
| **2** | **Members Present** | **Gillian Boyd** |
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| **3** | **Apologies** | **Gillian Boyd** |
|  | Jean Christlo; Noel Azar; Joy and Keith Clapp |  |
| **4** | **Welcome to Visitors** | **Gillian Boyd** |
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| **5** | **President’s Message** | **Gillian Boyd** |
|  | * We have had a lot of rain which has been wonderful but some of us were over endowed and on top of the trauma of the fires some members are now faced with the effects of flooding. I am not sure how many people this has affected but our secretary Gill has had lots of cleaning up to do as the Lake Conjola invaded their garden. It is simply not fair. * As the sunshine returns I guess all of us will now have a lot of weeding to do. * Our propagation group meets this Thursday at Merilyn’s house. We have a lot of propagating to do following the loss of all our fledgling plants to the fire. Fortunately we have plenty of pots. Many thanks to all those who donated pots. I know there are still a few I need to collect. The rain and a trip to Kakadu National Park put that job on hold for awhile * Today’s meeting is actually a meeting within a meeting. We will commence our Annual General Meeting shortly followed by our regular monthly meeting. Today is the first AGM to be held under our new Constitution that was accepted in April 2019. One of the big differences between the old and the new Constitution is the change in arrangements for the election of the committee so it will be a little different to usual in that it is more streamlined. * We will not be having a Guest Speaker today given that we will be conducting our AGM * I will chair the AGM and handover to the A/g Returning Officer, to conduct the election of the 2020 Committee. * We will now conduct our AGM. The Agenda is displayed on the screen for your information. |  |
|  | ***General Meeting adjourned for AGM @ 9.50am & recommenced @ 10.05am*** |  |
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| **6** | **New Members** | **Gillian Boyd** |
|  | Susan Mann and Ruth Fucile |  |
| **7** | **Health and Welfare Report** | **Sue McMahon** |
|  | Noted that Jindelara Cottage Disability Respite House which opened on 24 February 2018 is celebrating its second anniversary today. The cottage offers accommodation for regional people with disabilities allowing families a short break to rest and recharge.  Good to see Marie O’Connell back and Catherine Craig’s foot is mending well. Robyn Bryce is doing well after her operation.  The RSPCA will attend the Ulladulla Civic Centre on 29th February 12.00 - 4.00 with a truck load of goodies for animals from fire affected areas. |  |
| **8** | **Activities Report** | **Debbie Kendall** |
|  | Full details in February 2020 newsletter.   * Deb thanked Maree and Ann for all their help with the scheduled activities throughout the past year with a particular mention to Mark for all his support, advice and heavy lifting for many of the activities. * Deb also thanked all those who attended the coffee morning at her house. * Coffee morning at Yvonne Staine’s townhouse complex at Burrill Lake on 2nd April. Other residents may open their gardens too, if so their gates will be open for members to visit, commences @ 10.00am. * Visit to Horse Island open garden Friday 1st May fully subscribed however, the owner has now agreed to an extra coach. For those who miss out on the extra coach their names will remain on the waiting list until closer to the date should any vacancies arise. * Bowral Garden Club morning tea with members in Gillian Boyd’s garden 27th May. * 4 day/3 night trip to Mayfield, Oberon and surrounds in October. Gardens not affected by the bushfires. |  |
| **9** | **Garden Gems** | **Rhondda Bentley** |
|  | Many entries from Daryl Bishop, Coleus, Medinilla,Globba Winitii, Flowering Gum,Brazilian Cuphea and Indigofera. Phil Steadman, Pilea (Aluminum Plant), Pilea (Friendship Plant), Pineapple Lily, Aglaonema and Snow Queen. Sue Hobson, David Austin Roses. Sheila Gallant, Blue Ginger. Diane Broadley, Basket of Begonias. June Harris, Desert Rose. Patricia Kilborn, Fuschias & Anthurium. Janey George, Plectranthus Ecklonii. |  |
| **10** | **Librarian’s Report** | **Elvina James** |
|  | Full details in February 2020 Newsletter. A good 12” of rain in Ulladulla over the month.   * March 1st the next walk @ 10am in the Wildflower Reserve. * Birthday flowers for March - Native Rhododendron, Exotic Astas. * Books - Orchids in Shoalhaven, View from the Heart written by the local View Club, Best Shade Plants, Herbs and Azaleas & Camelias. * Milton Show 6/7 March. |  |
| **11** | **What I am doing in my garden at present** | **Rowan Brownette** |
|  | * John Steadman read out a message of thanks to everyone on behalf of Marie O’Connell and the late Brian O’Connell. They both joined the garden club in 2004 and, although Brian was not a gardener, he thoroughly enjoyed the club, where he made good friendships, attended parties and had special times. * Rowan Brownette - Two days of 49 degree heat causing leaf drop, black soot from the bushfires which came very close to his property involving 14 days of heavy fire fighting with all the resultant cleaning up. His fruit trees have gone into bloom again although probably won’t produce fruit. His azaleas which were bare sticks are now going green again and his Christmas bush has new shoots. He has now planted a large variety of vegetables. He suggested pouring soapy water over lawns and garden beds to curb curl grubs, it makes them come to the surface where they may be eaten by birds. Gillian suggested he enter this tip for the Shirley Smith award. * Baptist Church Minister at Batemans Bay has asked if GC members would be interested in potting up their favourite plant to donate to fire affected members of his parish. If interested please bring your plant to the next meeting to be placed separately on the Trading Table for pickup. |  |
| **12** | **Secretary’s Report** | **Gill Evans** |
|  | Minutes of the General Meeting of 28 January 2020 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.  Motion: That the Minutes of the previous meeting be accepted.  Moved: Gill Evans  Seconded: Ann Keegan  Result: Passed  The Secretary advised the meeting of two upcoming events both scheduled for 21 March which did not appear in the Newsletter as planned. Details of the events were attached to the email sending the newsletters however, not all members receive newsletters by email.  Correspondence  Motion: That the incoming correspondence be accepted and the outgoing be endorsed.  Moved: Gill Evans  Seconded: Jocelyn Lavering  Result: Passed |  |
| **15** | **Q & A** | **Gillian Boyd** |
|  | * Can a new rose be planted in the same place? It can, provided the soil is replaced with new soil and not fertilized immediately. * Plant leaf shown last month to be identified - it comes from a big tree with blue flowers, name not known. Not suitable for small gardens. * Yvonne provided a couple of leaves with little circles of leaf missing. This is caused by a Leafcutter Bee (native bee) which uses the pieces of leaf for its nest. |  |
| **16** | **Competition Results** | **Janey George** |
|  | February: Edible Garden  1st Prize: Catherine Craig  2nd Prize: Jim Mison  3rd Prize: Debbie Kendall  February: Blossoms of Blue |  |
| **17** | **Trading Table** | **Janet Baxter** |
|  | $215 |  |
| **18** | **Today’s Winners** | **Gillian Boyd** |
|  | Raffle:  1st Prize: Jan Barkwith  2nd Prize: Maree Nolan  3rd Prize: Marilyn Lane  10 prizes were drawn  Profit: $188.30 |  |
| **19** | **Next Meeting** |  |
|  | 30 March 2020 |  |
| **20** | **Meeting Closed** |  |
|  | 11.40 am |  |

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**INCOMING CORRESPONDENCE**

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| **Date** | **From** | **Content** | **Action** |
| Jan | CBA | Statement | Treasurer |
| Jan | CBA | Cheque Book | Treasurer |
| Feb | ABC | Gardening Australia x 2 | Library |
| Feb | GCA | Our Gardens Magazine x 4 | Library |
| Feb | Bundanoon Garden Club | Invitation 50th Anniversary | Publicity |
| Feb | ABC | Organic Gardener x 2 | Library |
| Feb | Australia Post | PO Box Renewal | Treasurer |
| Feb | Batemans Bay Garden Club | Newsletter | Publicity |
| Feb | Ulladulla Storage | Invoice - 17/2/2020 | Treasurer |
| Feb | Bathurst Gardeners Club | Garden Expo Flyer | Publicity |