**ULLADULLA & DISTRICTS GARDEN CLUB INC.**

**GENERAL MEETING**

Baptist Church, Matron Porter Drive, Narrawallee

Monday 25 March 2019

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| 1 | **Meeting opened at**  | Gillian Boyd |
|  | 9.35am |  |
| 2  | **Members present** | Gillian Boyd |
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| 3 | **Apologies:** | Gillian Boyd |
|  | Maree Nolan, Keith & Vena-Joy Clapp |  |
| 4 | **Welcome to Visitors** | Gillian Boyd |
|  | Patricia Pfeil and Jan Sutton |  |
| 5 | **President’s Message** | Gillian Boyd |
|  | * The highlight of the last month for me was the lovely dose of rain last week. My garden looks much fresher and brighter which makes me feel brighter at least.
* Our new committee had its first meeting on 12 March. We welcome Colleen Ringe Julie Leslie and Mark Kendall as the new committee members and Gill Evans the new Secretary. The new committee members have taken on the various roles that are needed to ensure our Garden Club rolls along without too many hitches. We do need your help with a couple of tasks at monthly meetings.
	+ Mark Kendall needs some help in the A-V booth to make sure all goes smoothly with presentations and the sound system. If you like doing this sort of work please talk to Mark.
	+ If you are a regular attender at meetings, we need a First Aid Officer. Debbie Kendall advised the meeting that Catherine Craig has agreed to attend the next First Aid course and Gillian confirmed the club will cover the cost.
	+ We also need people to tell us what they are doing in their gardens at each meeting. By sharing our garden activities we are letting new gardeners and newcomers into the secrets of gardening in this area. Colleen Ringe will be inviting people to be added to the list of people who would like to share their gardening stories later.
* The Garden Club has received a donation of a fine seed collection that is partly catalogued. If you have any information or specialist knowledge about seed collections, please let me know so we can ensure this collection is dealt with properly.
* I would like to congratulate all our members who completed at the Milton Show. Special congratulations go to the people who won prizes. There are many including Ann Keegan, Fay Fitzsimmons, Colleen Ringe, Helen Moody and many others. Rhondda Bentley scored the most points within the pavillion, with Max Atkins and Jim Mison close behind. It is always a fun time at the Milton Show and it’s great that the Garden Club sponsors some of the prizes.
* We are interested to hear any ideas for community project that the Garden Club could undertake. Recently the Garden Club helped the South Pacific Heathland Management Committee restore their Visitor Information area after a bout of thoughtless vandalism. We continue to support Jindelara Respite Care cottage with the upkeep of their grounds but we have the capacity to do more. I look forward to hearing your ideas.
* AND don’t forget that at this meeting we vote on the Special Resolution to accept the new constitution that was circulated 3 weeks ago. The Special Resolution will be presented after morning tea.
* By now you have probably heard that Val Tranter has sold her lovely house at Kings Point and is moving to Shellharbour eventually to be closer to her daughter. Val has been a key member of the Club for a long time. She virtually put the Club on the map. Over the years Val has organised all the Club’s events and always to perfection with teams of members sewing and fabricating decorations to the theme of the festivity and delicious food galore. More recently Val did an extraordinary job organising the hosting of the Garden Clubs of Australia Convention in 2017 in Ulladulla. Her organising and liaison skills are incomparable.
* Val was very welcoming to me when I joined the Club. I think she recognised that I could not say no and it did not take me long to realise that most of us find it very hard to say no to Val. She is the very best person to have selling raffle tickets. She is amazingly energetic, vibrant and generous and I will miss her.
* We will have a proper Garden Club farewell for Val in a month or so to which you will all be invited but in the meantime I would like Val to accept these flowers as a small expression of how much we value her.
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| 6 | **Garden Gems** | Rhondda Bentley |
|  | Great time of year for flowering plants, the gems table displayed flowering gums, Japanese wind flower, tibouchina, coral plant, taro plant, impatiens, dahlia, salvia and Daryl’s mystery plant which still remains a mystery and needs more research in order to name it. |  |
| 7 | **Activities Report** | Debbie Kendall |
|  | Full details in March Newsletter. * Members leaving for bus trip to Melbourne were reminded to hand in their medical forms before boarding the coach.
* Coffee morning at Rose’s home has been reluctantly cancelled due to family circumstances. Sue Smith has kindly offered to host a coffee morning and garden visit at her home in Burrill Lake on Thursday 11th April at 10.00am, directions are detailed in the March newsletter.
* Shoalhaven Council Tip tour is fully subscribed, if interested, members may add their names to a waiting list in case anyone is unable to go. If there is enough interest maybe another trip later in the year could be organised.
* Members to register their interest in attending Val’s farewell at the Golf Club in early May, Golf Club to confirm date. Val, who will have left by then, is happy to return for the morning tea.
* Day trip to Canberra, full details in March newsletter, please register interest at the activities table.
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| 8 | **Health and Welfare Report** | Debbie Kendall |
|  | Gloria, who wasn’t well earlier in the month, is here today and feeling much better. Joy and Keith Clapp’s son passed away on 3rd March. Heather Steadman is back in hospital recovering from an operation and mild heart attack, a “thinking of you” card has been sent to her. |  |
| 9 | **Librarian’s Report** | Elvina James |
|  | Reminder, next Wildflower Reserve walk is Monday April 1st at 10.00am. Birthday flowers for April are native Fuchsias and exotic Gladioli. Selection of books from the library are - Insects in SE Australia, Azaleas, Succulents, Arranging Dried Flowers, Camelias. Further information in the March Newsletter. |  |
| 10 | **Guest Speaker** | Gillian Boyd |
|  | **Sue-Ellen Harris - Milton Rural Landcare****Evelyn May - Atlas of Life - Budawang Coast**Sue-Ellen talked about the nursery and its various projects in conjunction with other organisations.Evelyn gave a presentation on Nature Mapping in the Budawang Coast with instructions on how to contribute to the database of information regarding sightings of rare plants. |  |
| 11 | **What I am doing in my garden at present** | Colleen Ringe |
|  | Short talk by Colleen to encourage members to speak about their gardens at future meetings. Colleen to follow up with members after the bus trip to Melbourne to see if anyone may like to talk about what they’ve seen on that trip at the next meeting. Interested members to send an email or chat to Colleen. |  |
| 12 | **Special Resolution** | Gillian Boyd |
|  | A draft revised copy of the Constitution, reflecting the various ideas put forward and discussed by members over the last six months, was circulated to all members for approval. **Special Resolution**: “That the Constitution presented herein (attached) be approved as the Constitution of the Ulladulla and Districts Garden Club Inc.” **Moved**: Ann Keegan**Seconded**: Denise Bashall**Result**: Passed, 82 for and 1 abstentionA copy of the special resolution will be sent to the Dept of Fair Trading for acceptance. Following confirmation of same from the Dept of Fair Trading the revised Constitution will be adopted. |  |
| 13 | **Secretary’s Report** | Gill Evans |
|  | Minutes of the General Meeting held on 25 February are available on the table at the back 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. Many thanks to Linda Slinger for stepping in at the last minute to do the Minutes in February. She did a great job.**Motion**: That the Minutes of the previous meeting be accepted.**Moved**: Gill Evans**Seconded**: Jocelyn Lavering**Result**: PassedCorrespondence - Refer Attachment 1**Motion**: That the incoming correspondence be accepted and the outgoing be endorsed.**Moved**: Gill Evans**Seconded**: Ann Keegan**Result**: Passed |  |
| 14 | **Treasurer’s Report** | Sue Hobson |
|  | Summary of Financial Position as at February 28th 2019Funds held as at end January 2019Commonwealth Bank: $36,887.12Bendigo Bank: $ 6,888.31Cash Book balance: $36,306.12Income in February: $13,584.10Expenditure February: $ 3,189.93Unpresented cheques: $ 552.39**Total funds: CBA**   **$46,700.29** **Bendigo Bank $ 6,888.31** **Total $53,588.60**Student account at CBA $3,076.28Financial report is available in full at the Treasurers table.**Motion**: That the Treasurer’s Report be accepted.**Moved**: Sue Hobson**Seconded**: Garry McConnell |  |
| 15 | **Q & A** |  |
|  | Clivias - when should they be divided. Ok to divide every year.Gardenias - can they be cut back. May be cut back by ⅓, make sure there are still plenty of leaves remaining. |  |
| 16 | **Competition Results** | Janey George |
|  | Yellow Delights1st Prize: Gillian Boyd2nd Prize: Catherine Craig3rd Prize: June HarrisNext Month: Easter BasketJaney George suggested that the club hold ad hoc open gardens where members may visit a garden within a certain time frame, the focus being on the garden only with no morning tea. Janey has offered to be the first to open her garden on Monday 8 April and hopefully others will be keen to follow her example. Gillian to send an email to members with the relevant details for Janey’s open garden. |  |
| 17  | **Trading Table** | Janet Baxter |
|  | $82 |  |
| 18 | **Today’s Winners** | Gillian Boyd |
|  | Lucky Morning Tea ticket - Sheila TracyLucky Door - Olive StockleyRaffle1st Prize: Jocelyn Lavering2nd Prize: Suzanne Hudson3rd Prize: Rose Lyons9 prizes were drawnRaffle profit $107 |  |
| 19 | **Next Meeting 29 April 2019** |  |
| 20 | **Meeting Closed: 12.00** |  |