**ULLADULLA & DISTRICTS GARDEN CLUB INC**

**GENERAL MEETING**

Baptist Church, Matron Porter Drive, Narrawallee

Monday 27th January 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** |
|  | None |  |
| **4** | **Welcome to Visitors** | **Gillian Boyd** |
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| **5** | **President’s Message** | **Gillian Boyd** |
|  | * Welcome to 2020. It has not been a great start to the year but the consolation is that the rest of year can only get better.
* My thoughts are with those of you who lost your homes to the fires. Many of you have lost your gardens or other important assets such as hay sheds, hay, pasture or crops. The loss must be devastating and it will take time to restore and recover. I wish you well as you recover. It has been an anxious time for all of us and for some us that anxiety will continue for a while. Long after our environment really does get better. I hope coming along to Garden Club activities and spending time in your garden helps to raise your spirits.
* I think just about everyone has a fire story. I find myself telling my fire story over and over; my fire story is not very dramatic but it is my experience of a terrible disaster that befell our community and the beautiful place in which we live. If you would like to share your fire story with Garden Club members please let me know during morning tea . You could tell the story at the meeting or write it down for members to read in our newsletter. We would all love to learn about your fire experience.
* If anyone knows of any members who have suffered loss from the fires or you have yourself, please let me or Sue McMahon know at morning tea break. After the rain and some milder weather, the extent of damage to people’s gardens will be clearer and I hope by then it will also be clearer how the Garden Club can best help to renew and restore these gardens. Members of the propagation group contributed many plants to the trading table today, of particular note were Merilyn’s labels which included pictures of the plants she had propagated. The propagation group needs more pots if members have any to spare. The trading table is also accepting fancy pots or garden ornaments to help people who’ve lost their gardens.
* To get us back on the garden path after the traumatic beginning to 2020 , we will start the year with a Morning Tea and Open Garden at Debbie and Mark Kendall’s garden on 4 February. I hope you can all join us. It would be a good opportunity to share your fire stories in a small group in a relaxed setting.
* After the Morning Tea on 4 February, the planning for the Zone Friendship Day will begin in earnest. Zone Friendship Days are gatherings of members of Garden Clubs that like our club are affiliated with The Garden Clubs of Australia (GCA) and are in our GCA Zone ie the South Coast and Southern Highlands Zone. Zone Friendship Days are held every two years and clubs in the Zone take turns to organise and host the gathering. This year it is Ulladulla and Districts Garden Club’s turn to host Friendship Day. The Friendship Day Planning Group will convene to discuss and decide on the structure of the day and the various activities that will be offered. If you would like help plan the day or have some ideas you would like to contribute please let us know by sending an email to ulladullagardenclub@gmail.com.
* Every year at our February meeting, in accordance with our Constitution, the Ulladulla and Districts Garden Club holds its Annual General Meeting (AGM) as part of the regular February meeting. At this meeting, we will elect a new Committee to manage our Garden Club. If you would like to be part of the management committee please complete the nomination form in the newsletter and hand it to Gill Evans our Secretary or send it to her at our gmail address. You can also find the Nomination Form on our website. If you would like to know more about what being a committee member involves or have other questions you would like to ask about the AGM, please ask a committee member today or send the questions by email to. You can also have a look at the Constitution to find out more about the AGM process and the responsibilities of the committee. The Constitution and the Nomination form are on the homepage of our website: www.ulladullagardenclub.org.au .
* Please have a think about joining our committee in 2020. We are a really good group of people.
* Also don’t forget to renew your membership before the end of March. Details are on the homepage of the website. Renewal is $30 for singles and $55 for couples. You can pay by electronic funds transfer. Account details are in the Newsletter.
* During the Christmas break I had a request from Shirley Wright. St Martins Anglican Church in Ulladulla is looking for help to maintain their garden. If anyone is interested in helping out as part of a volunteer team to mow the lawns and trim the plants, please let me know and I will pass your names onto Shirley.
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| **6** | **New Members** | **Gillian Boyd** |
|  | None |  |
| **7** | **Health and Welfare Report** | **Sue McMahon** |
|  | Joy Clapp attended the meeting and is going well, Elaine Mason has had an operation on her foot, Alison Austin has made an excellent recovery but still has difficulty with lifting, David Hill is now wearing a neck brace and Graeme Oke spoke regarding his partner Robin’s recent angiogram and scheduled open heart surgery. Brian O’Connell passed away and his memorial service was held last Saturday. Cards for all those members who had been directly affected by the bushfires were available for collection at the meeting. |  |
| **8** | **Activities Report** | **Debbie Kendall** |
|  | Full details in January 2020 newsletter. * Morning Tea will be held at Debbie and Mark Kendall’s home at 10 am February 4. The club will be concentrating on local coffee/tea mornings this year.
* Visit to Horse Island open garden Friday 1st May fully subscribed, waiting list open should any vacancies arise.
* 4 day/3 night trip to Mayfield, Oberon and surrounds in October, check regarding status of Mt Wilson gardens, following the bush fires, in a couple of months.
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| **9** | **Garden Gems** | **Rhondda Bentley** |
|  | Many entries from Daryl Bishop, Crepe Myrtle, Clerodendrum Thomsoniae, Hydrangea, Cestrum, Anthurium, Loranthus, Senna. Other entries, Duranta Repens, Chain of Hearts succulent, Frangipani, African Flame Lily, Coleus and Stanhopea orchid from John Steadman. |  |
| **10** | **Librarian’s Report** | **Elvina James** |
|  | Full details in January 2020 Newsletter. Bush fires have massively impacted our area with road closures both North and South.* February 1st the next walk @ 10am in the Wildflower Reserve.
* Birthday flowers for January - Bluebell Creeper (semi climber) Native Violet and Cutleaf Daisy.
* Books - Insects SE Coast of Australia; Cacti, Palms;, Aramatic Native Plants for Rockeries and Herbs & Spices.
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| **11** | **Reflections on the fire in song** | **Sue Hobson** |
|  | Members were treated to a song about the bush fires the lyrics of which were written by Sue to an existing tune played on her banjo. |  |
| **12** | **Members Stories** | **Colleen Ringe** |
|  | * Jim Mison gave details about the upcoming Milton Show which will be going ahead as usual. Some seasoned exhibitors have been affected by the fires leaving an opportunity for new exhibitors.
* Kerrie Henderson delivered an amusing account of her terrifying ordeal during the bushfire which swept through Lake Conjola and the surrounding areas giving members a much needed laugh after what can only be described as an horrific time experienced by many.
* Gill Gibson gave an interesting pictorial presentation of the evolution of her many gardens over the years, greatly enjoyed by the members.
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| **13** | **Secretary’s Report** | **Gill Evans** |
|  | Minutes of the General Meeting of 24 November 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.Motion: That the Minutes of the previous meeting be accepted.Moved: Sue McMahonSeconded: Ann KeeganResult: PassedCorrespondenceMotion: That the incoming correspondence be accepted and the outgoing be endorsed.Moved: Gill EvansSeconded: Maree NolanResult: Passed  |  |
| **14**  | **Treasurer’s Report** | **Sue Hobson** |
|  | Funds held as at end October 2019:Commonwealth Bank: $19,487.84Bendigo Bank: $ 7,046.74Income $ 2,334.25Expenditure $ 1,793.06Cash book balance as at 30 Nov 2019: $20,029.03Commonwealth Bank ‘Student’ A/c: $ 3,076.28**Motion**: That the Treasurer’s Report be accepted.**Moved**: Sue Hobson**Seconded**: Colleen Ringe**Result**: PassedFunds held as at end November 2019:Commonwealth Bank: $20,029.03Bendigo Bank: $ 7,141.76Income $ 819.00Expenditure $ 7,664.81Cash book balance as at 31 Dec 2019: $13,183.22Commonwealth Bank ‘Student’ A/c: $ 3,076.28**Motion**: That the Treasurer’s Report be accepted.**Moved**: Sue Hobson**Seconded**: Gary McConnell**Result**: PassedFinancial reports are available in full at the Treasurers table.Membership renewals are due by the end of March 2020. |  |
| **15** | **Q & A** | **Rhondda Bentley** |
|  | * Rowan Brownette, who was not in attendance due to managing spot fires currently on his property, passed on a message expressing his concern for any other people who’ve suffered during the recent bushfires.
* Plant leaf shown, to be identified - not known, provisionally identified by Riverina Gardeners Facebook Group as Mahonia japonica, to be confirmed when it flowers.) .
* Query regarding a climber - determined to be a parasitic vine, advised to remove immediately.
* Banana palm - bag them or cut flowers off bottom. Commercial companies cut flowers off although it is ok to leave them as they are (Elke).
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| **16** | **Competition Results** | **Janey George** |
|  | January: Green and yellow for Australia Day1st Prize: Sue Hobson2nd Prize: Yvonne Byatt3rd Prize: June HarrisFebruary: Edible Garden |  |
| **17** | **Trading Table** | **Janet Baxter** |
|  | $246 |  |
| **18** | **Today’s Winners** | **Gillian Boyd** |
|  | Raffle:1st Prize: Elke Smith-Hill2nd Prize: Cheryl Fibbins3rd Prize: Jean Christlo10 prizes were drawnProfit: $213 |  |
| **19** | **Next Meeting**  |  |
|  | 24 February 2020 |  |
| **20** | **Meeting Closed**  |  |
|  | 11.44 am |  |

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**INCOMING CORRESPONDENCE**

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| **Date** | **From** | **Content** | **Action** |
| Dec | CBA | Statement | Treasurer |
| Dec | Bendigo Bank | Statement | Treasurer |
| Dec | Ulladulla Storage | Invoice  | Treasurer |
| Dec | ABC | Organic Gardener x 2 | Library |
| Dec | ABC | Gardening Australia x 2 | Library |
| Jan | ABC | Gardening Australia x 2 | Library |
| Jan | Ulladulla Storage | Invoice Jan & Feb | Treasurer |