**ULLADULLA & DISTRICTS GARDEN CLUB INC**

**GENERAL MEETING**

Baptist Church, Matron Porter Drive, Narrawallee

Monday 28th October 2019

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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** |
|  | Keith & Joy Clapp, Linda Stewart |  |
| **4** | **Welcome to Visitors** | **Gillian Boyd** |
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| **5** | **President’s Message** | **Gillian Boyd** |
|  | * Spring has definitely sprung. The weather has been very variable with rain, cold, wind and warm sunshine, in fact typical Spring weather. I hope your garden, like mine, is responding to the overall warmth and moisture. My roses are looking splendid but it is the native frangipani at its most impressive.
* I hope you are all signed up for the Floral Art event on at the end of this week. Today is the final day to register for the workshops, demonstrations, etc. So please send your emails or make your call to the Secretary Ray Bradley before the end of today. Details are in the Newsletter.
* A beautiful book on Floral Art techniques is available for you to view and order if you wish, at the Treasurer’s Table, it is $39.95
* We are conducting a raffle at the Floral Art Event. Tickets are on sale today - $2 each or 6 for $10. We also need help to sell raffle tickets on the two days of the event. A roster for selling raffle tickets is being circulated so please note down when you can help when the roster gets to you.
* Also we are putting together a working group for Zone Friendship Day on 24 September 2020. It is a long way off and anything can happen in 12 months but we do need to get started on the planning. If you would like your ideas for Friendship Day become reality, put your name down on the Sign-up sheet at the Activities table.
* The Propagation group is madly potting up the cuttings they have established over the year, as well as preparing new cuttings. The cuttings that grow too well will be available at the Trading table over the next few months so look out for them.
* Speaking of the Trading Table, we are trialling a new reward system from the November meeting. When you donate plants to the Trading Table, you will receive a reward card. The Trading Table volunteers will stamp your card to validate your donation. Each meeting that you donate to the Trading table you present your card for stamping. When you have received 16 stamps you can redeem your reward card for a bag of Standard Potting Mix at Budget Produce in Ulladulla. Some people like the idea, some people don’t. We will give it a go for 6 months and then review if it is working.
* Also today we have voting for the 2019 Shirley Smith Award. When you arrived you received 3 voting stickers. At Morning Tea place each of these stickers on the hint/advice that you like best. The member who submitted the hint or advice that gets the most stickers wins the Shirley Smith Award. The winner receives a personal prize as well as their name engraved on the perpetual trophy. Hopefully we can present the Award at the Christmas Party.
* Next month we will have Garden Clubs of Australia Calendars at $10 each – a great Christmas present.
* Gardening Gloves also make good Christmas presents $7 each at the Treasurer’s table.
* I am looking forward to hearing our guest Speaker today. The displays of Carnivorous Plants at the Melbourne Garden Show were amazing and I am looking forward to hearing more about these fascinating plants. And Simon will have some for sale at Morning Tea.
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| **6** | **New Members** | **Gillian Boyd** |
|  | None |  |
| **7** | **Health and Welfare Report** | **Sue McMahon** |
|  | Heather Steadman has made a good recovery and all those who recently had knee or hip operations are doing well. Val managed well at the Convention but was very tired by the end and Elaine Mason has had a foot reconstruction. |  |
| **8** | **Activities Report** | **Debbie Kendall** |
|  | Full details in October 2019 newsletter. * Thank you to Kerrie and John Henderson for hosting the coffee morning tea in their immaculate garden, it was a big success.
* Anyone wishing to host an ad hoc garden viewing or coffee morning next year please let Debbie know.
* Xmas lunch at Cupitts at 11.30am table seating at 12.30pm. There will be a lucky ticket prize and raffle prizes, first $120, second and third, garden hampers. Final payment required by the next general meeting.
* Inaugural garden cruise, 8 days and 7 nights stopping in Hobart, contact Janet at the Flight Centre to book.
* NSW Floral Art Association raffle prize will be drawn at 1.00pm Saturday November 2nd.
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| **9** | **Guest Speaker**  | **Gillian Boyd** |
|  | Simon Gilmore - Carnivorous Plants. Simon delivered a very interesting talk on carnivorous plants of which there are a couple of hundred varieties, describing his initial interest, how the plants photosynthesize, growing conditions and soil requirements. He answered questions at the end and brought plants with him for sale, he also has a regular stall at the Berry Markets. |  |
| **10** | **Garden Gems** | **Rhondda Bentley** |
|  | A wide variety of beautiful garden gems, knowledgeably described by Rhondda. |  |
| **11** | **Librarian’s Report** | **Elvina James** |
|  | Full details in October 2019 Newsletter.* November 1st walk @ 10am in Wildflower Reserve, several plants have grown since the fire.
* Birthday flowers for November - Native: Flannel Flower and Wattle.
* Books - Insects SE Coast of Australia; Succulents; Rockery & Seaside Gardening; Herbs.
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| **12** | **My garden** | **Colleen Ringe** |
|  | * Barry Matthews spoke about the collaboration between the Slow Food organisation and Tourism NSW - The edible garden trail. He asked for support for this event to be held over one weekend in March to promote the region during the winter months. A request for volunteers who grow veggies to open their gardens, Community gardens included, to educate people on why we do so.
* Rowan spoke about his garden, he was away for nearly eight weeks during which time his broccoli reached 6ft high and grass had grown in his garden beds. He has now planted beans, peas, tomatoes, lettuce, asparagus, squash, pumpkins and his leeks are doing well.
* Sharon spoke about her garden, her rose garden is doing well. The soil is poor and needs work, she has installed a drip system, has a veggie garden which needs netting and has planted an orange and lime tree, both of which are producing fruit.
* Colleen spoke briefly about her recent visits to the Berry Open Gardens and Bundanoon Garden Ramble.
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| **13** | **Secretary’s Report** | **Gill Evans** |
|  | Minutes of the General Meeting of 30 September 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: Gill EvansSeconded: Colleen RingeResult: PassedCorrespondenceMotion: That the incoming correspondence be accepted and the outgoing be endorsed.Moved: Gill EvansSeconded: Jocelyn LaveringResult: Passed  |  |
| **15** | **Q & A** | **Rhondda Bentley** |
|  | * Dalias appear to have changed colour, should this happen if soil ph is incorrect, answer no.
* Why is my asparagus so skinny? Asparagus is dioecious, which means there are both male and female plants. Female asparagus produces seeds that look like little red berries. Male plants produce thicker, larger spears than females. The flowers on male plants are also larger and longer than those on females. When growing asparagus, do not cut in the first year, second year cut for 1 month only and third year no restrictions.
* How to improve pond at end of easement. Improve floor of pond by removing stones, line with black plastic and return stones.
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| **16** | **Competition Results** | **Janey George** |
|  | September: Scintillating succulents1st Prize: Catherine Craig2nd Prize: Larraine Schachter3rd Prize: Linda SlingerNovember: Roses |  |
| **17** | **Trading Table** | **Janet Baxter** |
|  | $160 - Thanks to Propating Group for contributions |  |
| **18** | **Today’s Winners** | **Gillian Boyd** |
|  | Raffle:1st Prize: Catherine Craig2nd Prize: Rosie Burke3rd Prize: Rose LyonsLucky morning tea ticket - Harry CizerleLucky door prize - Cass Curtis12 prizes were drawnProfit: $137.20 |  |
| **19** | **Next Meeting**  |  |
|  | 25 November 2019 |  |
| **20** | **Meeting Closed**  |  |
|  | 11.50am |  |

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**INCOMING CORRESPONDENCE**

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| **Date** | **From** | **Content** | **Action** |
| Nov | GCA | Our Gardens Summer Issue x 4 | Library |
| Nov | CBA | Statement | Treasurer |
| Nov | Batemans Bay Horticultural Society | Newsletter | Newsletter Editor |
| Nov | Ulladulla Storage | Invoice  | Treasurer |
| Nov | ABC | Organic Gardener, Early Summer Issue x 2 | Library |
| Nov | GCA | GCA Calendar x 20 | President |
| Nov | Milton Ulladulla ExServos  | Local Express | Newsletter Ed  |