**ULLADULLA & DISTRICTS GARDEN CLUB INC**

**GENERAL MEETING**

Baptist Church, Matron Porter Drive, Narrawallee

Monday 30th September 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** |
|  | Darryl Bishop, Marie & Brian O’Connell and Valerie Hemphrey |  |
| **4** | **Welcome to Visitors** | **Gillian Boyd** |
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| **5** | **President’s Message** | **Gillian Boyd** |
|  | * The good sustained rain we had a couple of weeks ago has made a difference to my garden and the surrounding countryside, especially my neighbour’s silage crops. All is looking green again and a bit of warmth and sunshine would make it lush.
* The new Constitution, is now in operation. We have received the approval of the Department of Fair Trading to operate under the new Constitution. The committee will now manage the Garden Club in accordance with this new document. You probably won’t notice any changes until our Annual General Meeting in 2020 when we elect a new committee under the new rules. It is good to finally have our new Constitution in place.
* Ann and I met with the Agriculture teacher at Ulladulla High School a few weeks ago and finalised arrangements for the 2019 Val Tranter Achievement Award. This award is presented to a student in Year 11 or 12 who works hard at their Horticulture or Agriculture subjects and who would benefit from encouragement and a boost in confidence to help them finish Year 12. The Award provides financial support to pay fees, buy books and equipment, go on excursions and supply other educational needs for the student for 12 months. The funding for the Award comes from the Student Fund that was left over from the Student Program that was conducted alongside the Convention Ulladulla and Districts Garden Club hosted in 2017.
* The Committee has also approved a $200 donation to the Milton Show Society. This donation will fund a range of prizes for gardening type classes at next year’s Milton Show. I hope you have all given some thought to entering the Milton Show in 2020. It’s lots of fun and gives you a real incentive to visit this great local event and see the range of talented and clever people who are lurking in our local community. You might even be a winner!
* We have also started our investigation into helping establish a community garden at the Uniting Church in Ulladulla. The Chair of the Church Council is keen to work with us to explore the idea if the Church Council wishes to go ahead. We will let you know what happens.
* I hope you have put our Floral Art event on/in your calendar. On 1 and 2 November Ulladulla Garden Club, together with the NSW Floral Art Association is hosting a Floral Art extravaganza. There will be demonstrations, workshops, exhibits and competitions for children and young adults and adults. The theme of this extravaganza is From Shore to the Rainforest which gives us lots of options our creative endeavours in the Floral Art sphere. The cost is very reasonable at $25 for 2 days and entitles you to participate in all demonstrations and workshops on both days so I hope you can gather a group of friends together and enjoy this special opportunity. If you can help to spread the word about the event, please see Deb to get some leaflets to display or hand out. Alternatively you can send the program you received this week with the newsletter by email to your group.
* Zone Friendship Day will be on 24 September 2020. Zone Friendship Day is held every 2 years On this day garden clubs in a particular zone get together to mingle and participate in activities organised by the host Garden Club which is us in 2020. One of the features of this day is the Trading Table. Rhondda Bentley is co-ordinating our Trading Table with the help of the Propagation Group. Zone Friendship Day is almost a year away but it will take us that long to ensure we have a beautiful stock of healthy plants ready for sale.
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| **6** | **New Members** | **Gillian Boyd** |
|  | Jan Huon, Linda Stewart and Noel Azar |  |
| **7** | **Health and Welfare Report** | **Gillian Boyd** |
|  | Joy Clapp waiting for heart valve operation; Rosie Burke and Julie Lesley both recently suffered bereavement of close relatives. Heather Steadman has recovered well and Val Tranter is back after a very big year. |  |
| **8** | **Activities Report** | **Debbie Kendall** |
|  | Full details in September 2019 newsletter. * Trip to Tilba Tilba was a success.
* Coffee morning 10 Oct, Spring hat theme.
* Floral Art Assoc 1 & 2 Nov, help required for set-up and raffle. Registration required for floral art competition and demonstrations, Deb has brochures.
* Xmas lunch at Cupitts, seasonal menu.
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| **9** | **Guest Speaker**  | **Gillian Boyd** |
|  | Justine Kelso - Florist. Justine had everyone’s attention during her demonstration which was obviously enjoyed by all. Her demo bouquet was kindly donated to be included in the Club’s raffle prizes. |  |
| **10** | **Garden Gems** | **Rhondda Bentley** |
|  | Silverbeet & mignonette lettuce; Pilea (friendship plant), Serissa (type of Bonsai), Succulent and Peperomia, Protea, Clematis, Giant Ageratum, Leucospermum, Iris, Clivia & Hippeastrum, Melaleuca, Billy Buttons and Hellebores. |  |
| **11** | **Librarian’s Report** | **Elvina James** |
|  | Full details in September 2019 Newsletter.* Oct 1st walk @ 10am in Wildflower Reserve, not a lot of flowers but things are growing after the recent good rain.
* Birthday flowers for September - Native: Bottle Brush, Sturts Desert Rose; Exotic Sweet Peas.
* Books - View from the heart (short stories by local people). Herbs, Attracting Birds, Insects Eastern NSW and Growing Roses.
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| **12** | **My garden** | **Colleen Ringe** |
|  | Sue Hobson gave a summary of recent activity in her garden including installation of a wicking bed for her veggies, compost for fruit trees, straw for her strawberries, addition of succulents to the geranium flower bed in her front garden where nothing else will grow, to name just a few of her many activities in her garden.Cheryl Fibbins gave a short update on her garden which included fertilising, installation of sails to protect plants which were decimated in summer, raised garden beds, many citrus trees and a daisy garden. |  |
| **13** | **Secretary’s Report** | **Gill Evans** |
|  | Minutes of the General Meeting of 26 August 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: Alison AustinResult: PassedCorrespondenceMotion: That the incoming correspondence be accepted and the outgoing be endorsed.Moved: Gill EvansSeconded: Barry MatthewsResult: Passed  |  |
| **15** | **Q & A** | **Rhondda Bentley** |
|  | * Clivias - should stems be cut off after flowering? Suggested to leave on for propagation of seeds and beauty of seed pods.
* Hippeastrums - stems may be cut off and plant will often produce again.
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| **16** | **Competition Results** | **Janey George** |
|  | September: Orchids1st Prize: Sheila Gallant2nd Prize: Gill Evans3rd Prize: Christine SharradOctober: Scintillating Succulents |  |
| **17** | **Trading Table** | **Janet Baxter** |
|  | $87 |  |
| **18** | **Today’s Winners** | **Gillian Boyd** |
|  | Raffle:1st Prize: Christine Matthews2nd Prize: Anne Sweeney3rd Prize: Beryl Dove9 prizes were drawnProfit: $149.90 |  |
| **19** | **Next Meeting**  |  |
|  | 28 October 2019 |  |
| **20** | **Meeting Closed**  |  |
|  | 11.55am |  |

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**INCOMING CORRESPONDENCE**

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| **Date** | **From** | **Content** | **Action** |
| August | GCA | Our Gardens Spring Issue x 4 | Library |
| August | Bendigo Bank | Statement | Treasurer |
| Sept | CBA | Statement | Treasurer |
| Sept | Batemans Bay Horticultural Society | Newsletter | Newsletter Editor |
| Sept | Ulladulla Storage x 2 | Invoices 5.9.19 & 19.9.19 | Treasurer |
| Sept | ABC | Organic Gardener, Spring Issue x 2 | Library |
| Sept | ABC | Organic Gardener Calendar x 2 | President |
| Sept | ABC | Gardening Australia Calendar x 2 | President |
| Sept | Val Tranter | Card | Secretary |
| Sept | Milton Ulladulla ExServos  | Local Express | Newsletter Ed  |