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## NEWSLETTER - September 2021

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# September meeting Cancelled

**October Meeting – Mon Oct 25, 2021**

**November Meeting – Mon Nov 29, 2021**

## Spring Plant Sale

Postponed until a date to be advised

## **New Members**

Please welcome new member: **Dell Thompson**



## **Get Well Messages**

If you are aware of a member who is not well, or needs cheering up, **please let Sue McMahon know on 4455 2739**



## **Banking Information – please note new details**

If you would prefer to pay electronically for membership or trips etc. you can - details as follows:

**Westpac Ulladulla Branch**  
**BSB 032701      Account No 269025**

Please ensure you enter your surname and what the money is for in the description space i.e. Keegan, Fees



## **Contact Details**

If you have recently changed your address, telephone number or email address, please ensure that you let a committee member know. This will ensure that you will receive your newsletter via email if you have requested this. All personal details are kept strictly confidential.



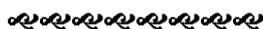
## **Morning Tea**

**Please think about bringing your own mug for m/tea** – this not only helps with the environment but also keeps our costs to a minimum. A mug with a lid would work best, as this would alleviate spillage and a possible injury. If you do use a disposable cup, please make sure you put it in the bin before you leave. We have had a lot of spills while packing up when cups are left on the floor.



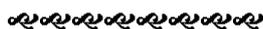
## **Insurance**

Please note that guests, (non-members), are not covered by the Club's Group Personal Accident Policy on coach trips, therefore, these are restricted to financial members only.



## **Newsletter**

Will be distributed to members via email each month. Until we meet in person, those members who do not have email will have their newsletters either posted or delivered.



## **Propagation Group – 3rd Tuesday of the month**

Next meeting – due to Covid, no meeting scheduled for September



## President's Message

Spring is here and nothing shows it more than the weather; it keeps changing all the time. We have had hot, sunny days and cold windy days and cold windy sunny days and some very cold nights. But the garden doesn't seem to mind, and the plants are showing signs of new growth, flowers are emerging, and the vegetable seedlings are appearing through the soil.

I hope you are enjoying the Spring and the new growth and colour it brings in the garden, both yours and the gardens in our local area. There are some magnificent displays of colour and beauty around our towns and villages. In the absence of many of the usual activities that fill up the calendar, we have extra time to wander or drive around and enjoy the display.

Not to be outdone by their cultivated cousins the wildflowers are exceptionally beautiful and prolific this year. I have been revisiting local bush tracks the last few weekends and each week the wildflower display gets more stunning. Roadside verges are also resplendent with wildflowers. My regular cycling route along Woodstock Road and Wheelbarrow Road is quite distracting with its bursts of purple Hardenbergia and the twining dusty coral pea. This week the yellow flowers have bloomed – Hibbertias and Daviesia and other pea-like yellow flowers, that is, the well-loved egg and bacon. And the waratahs reign supreme especially at the Ulladulla Wildflower Reserve and in the Conjola National Park on the Bendalong Road.

If you haven't been to the South Pacific Heathland Reserve lately then this is the right time to visit. Grab your camera or your phone and while you are there, take a few photos of what you see. By 15 October, send one or two of your best photos to [southpacificeathlandreserve@gmail.com](mailto:southpacificeathlandreserve@gmail.com) to enter the Spring Photo Competition. Add to your entry the titles of the photos plus whether you are a casual or experienced photographer and whether your photo is a Macro close-up, a lifeform, or a landscape. There are prizes to be won and glory to attain.

Along with the beauty of Spring, we have the disappointment of Covid and what it means. Our monthly meetings, Propagation Group gatherings and Garden Visits are cancelled for September and possibly October. The Plant Sale we hoped to hold on 9 October will hopefully be held in November. Most disappointing of all is the postponement of the Garden Club's trip to the Tulip Festival in the Southern Highlands and the 4-day trip to Mayfield in Oberon. Our Activities Officer Debbie Kendall has done an amazing job organising these trips and now it all must be unorganised. Part of the process is the refunding all the payments. Many thanks to Debbie and our Treasurer, Sue Hobson, for managing this daunting task over the next month or so.

We still hold out hope for the Garden Visits in November and December, even if special arrangements need to be made. And, like last year, we have our fingers crossed very tightly for the Christmas Party.

Stay well, happy, and safe and enjoy your Spring gardening!

Gillian

## Finance Report for August 2021

Funds held at CBA as at July 31, 2021	\$29075.11
Bendigo Bank Term Deposit	\$7249.24
Income	\$890.00
Expenditure	\$398.30
Cash Book balance as of July 31, 2021	\$29567.00
'Student' account	\$2676.28

## BANK DETAILS HAVE CHANGED

Please note that Ulladulla and Districts Garden Club has changed banks. We are now using Westpac bank.

Please make a note and adjust your internet banking to our new bank details, as follows:

**Westpac**                      **Ulladulla Branch**  
**BSB**                              **032 701**  
**Account Number**        **269025**

**If you have any questions regarding the above, please contact Sue Hobson**



## Would you like to be a Member in Focus at one of our meetings?

We would love to hear from any member in our club who can share their journey with us – it doesn't have to be garden related, or it can just be some photos that you can share with us – it is up to you.

You could be a new member or a long-standing member whose garden has evolved significantly since they last presented. Don't be shy as we can assist with your presentation.

If you are interested in sharing your knowledge and experiences with the club, please contact Colleen Ringe.



## ACTIVITIES - Debbie Kendall

Members booked on the trips to the Bowral Tulip Festival and Mayfield Gardens in October, are now aware that these have been cancelled due to COVID restrictions. I am currently working with Sue, our Treasurer, to organise refunds for any monies paid. We are all very disappointed that we have had to cancel the trips but hopefully we can look forward to these next year. Believe it or not I am now planning (at least in my head) our 2022 Activities calendar. 😊

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### Open Gardens/Events:

**28 September 2021 – POSTPONED:** Please Note that the Open Garden at Judy Hamilton's, Anker Avenue, Mollymook Beach, planned for 28 September 2021 is postponed until Autumn 2022.

**The following Open Gardens will be held subject to COVID Restrictions:**

**15 November 2021:** Elizabeth Stayt and Judy Thurecht, Bannister Head Road, Narrawallee.

**1 December 2021:** Rose Richardson, Seaspray Street, Narrawallee.

### Christmas Lunch:

**Tuesday, 14 December 2021,** Mollymook Golf Club. The Committee is very keen for us to hold a Members' Christmas Lunch, but this will very much depend on COVID restrictions being lifted enough to allow us to hold a function at the Golf Club. At the moment it is very much out of our hands, but we will keep you updated.



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## More about Ladybirds (family coccinellidae) – Daryl Bishop

I wrote about ladybirds (or lady beetles) several years ago, but I felt like doing a recap on those beautiful creatures. There are more than 4000 different families of these insects spread over the world and they are probably the only insects that most people don't mind touching. They have been written about for centuries in what we refer to as nursery rhymes, but which were really satirical political references at the time because they were 'catchy' and easy to remember. They were quickly picked up by the public.

Ladybirds are readily recognised and most of those common to us are spotted but there are also plain colours – black, red, orange, yellow, blue, and green. Some also have bands of colour on a dark background instead of spots. There is approximately 50+ of the ladybird families in Australia. The ones that most of us know have smooth, round, hard, shiny bodies with strong spots but some have paler markings, and some are covered with short hairs which lie flat on their bodies.

As a defence, ladybirds can emit a yellow pungent secretion from the joints of their legs – insect eaters find this repugnant!

The 28 spotted ladybird is a plant eater and not welcome in my garden. Most of the others are gardener's friends. They are carnivorous and feed on aphids and other small garden pests. One ladybird can eat up to 50 aphids on one day. They lay their eggs on plants which are infected with aphids etc – when the eggs hatch, they devour large quantities of the pests. They will stay in that garden until the food supply is used up. In Medieval times, Europeans believed that lady birds were sent by the Virgin Mary to help farmers, thus helping feed the people.

Ladybirds hibernate. They cluster in very large numbers in sheds, cellars, under tree bark etc – in any dark sheltered situation where they can over winter. Collectors have learnt this and harvest large quantities to sell to suppliers and garden shops. Breeding them is now a standard practice. For instance, our Parliament House gardens have an annual order placed for their larvae, plant control being very important (poison free) in the gardens.

Three of the Australian geneses – *RODOLIA*, *CRYPTOLAEMUS* AND *RHYZIOBIUS* have become important bio-chemical agents of Australian scale insects which have become pests in other countries. Examples are the cardinal ladybird which saved the citrus industry in California. The Australian black ladybird was successful in dealing with the scale which was killing off the blue gum plantations in New Zealand, and the mealy bug ladybird has been successfully used to combat other scale pests in Hawaii and other parts of the USA.

Don't feel rejected if you have no ladybirds in your garden – it just means that you haven't any pests to interest them.



## Article by Elvina James

How did you spend Wattle Day? Some people went for a walk and there were a few wattles still in flower. Heard via the radio that on Sunday September 12, people in Mt Morgan (Qld) were celebrating Wattle Day that day. *Acacia podalyiifolia* commonly known as Mt Morgan Wattle or the Queensland silver wattle is very noticeable in the area. If you can get out soon and go for a walk in the reserve, you may also be able to see some waratahs. Telopea, the botanical family name for Waratahs, 'is seen from afar'; when in the bush and the waratahs are in flower you can see them from some distance.

October is the eighth month of the old Roman year. By the Slavs, this is called 'yellow month' from the fading of the leaf; to the Anglo Saxons it was known as 'winter fylleth (fillith)' because at this moon (fylleth) winter was supposed to begin.

### Friendship thought:

'Gems many be precious, but friends are priceless'

### Australian birthday flowers for October:

Gawler bottlebrush (South Australia species, but there may be one here that would be suitable).

Sturts Desert Rose – floral emblem for the Northern Territory, belongs to the hibiscus family.

Sweet Pea/Daisy – plenty of daisies to choose from

Those born in October are sophisticated, delicate, and always composed.

Have you seen any whales lately? They are heading south back to Antarctica waters. On the news (Sep 12), there were pictures of many humpback whales (and they weren't social distancing) feeding on a bait ball off Bermagui.

When you go walking try some of the headland or other vantage points so you may see wildflowers and possibly whales. Unfortunately, if you go for a walk in the Ulladulla Wildflower Reserve, I can't guarantee whales, but there are plenty of wildflowers and maybe birds.

### Important Dates for October

- 1<sup>st</sup> Walk in the Wildflower Reserve
- International Day for the Elderly
- World Vegetarian Day
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Daylight saving commences at 2:00am
- 4<sup>th</sup> World Animal Day
- 8<sup>th</sup> World Egg Day
- 21<sup>st</sup> Universal Children's Day
- 24<sup>th</sup> United Nations Day
- 31<sup>st</sup> Grandparents Day

### Trivia

- Lemons contain more sugar than Strawberries
- Most lipsticks contain fish scales
- A snail can sleep for 3 years

Last month I mentioned my plant that I had grown from a piece given to me years ago. Unfortunately, I had a senior moment and forgot to mention its name. It is commonly called “String of Pearls” and I think its proper name is *Senecio rowleyanus*. This is the first time that I had ever grown this one. The flower is very interesting.

It is great that we can keep on learning about so many things – you never know what you will find out next.

Enjoy your garden - Elvina



### Diary of a thwarted orchid lover - anonymous

Each day as I walk my dog past my neighbour’s house and see her magnificent display of Sydney Rock Orchids by her front gate, I turn puce with disappointment at my inability to grow orchids. My neighbour’s house is rented, and it has been empty for three months. The orchids are forgotten and neglected, one could say abandoned, but still they flourish. The countless orchids I have killed, died before they produced a bud, let alone a spray of blooms to catch the admiring eye of a passing stranger.



But perhaps I have turned a corner, not literally of course but along the road to competence with my orchid growing. A couple of weeks ago as we launched into Spring, I moved the pot from its winter shelter to a sunnier spot. And lo and behold my little orchid has produced a shoot. It is only a little shoot, but it looks strong and determined and I am sure it is the beginning of something longer and more productive.

I will let you know what happens!



Beautiful and interesting photos received from our members this month – thank you

**Janey George**



**Faye Fitzsimmons**



**Maree Nolan**



**Debbie Kendall**





## South Pacific Heathland Spring Photo Competition

Have you visited the South Pacific Heathland Reserve lately?

Many Ulladulla locals have taken advantage of the 'freedom' offered by the Covid restrictions to visit the Heathland Reserve and revel in its springtime splendour. The flannel flowers flank the tracks, and the brilliant red of the waratahs can be spotted in the bush. You may catch sight of a glossy black cockatoo or a sea eagle or glimpse a spinebill or a wren as it darts through the underbrush. You could even see a whale from your vantage point at one of the lookouts.

The Heathland Reserve is Crown Land and is managed by a group of community volunteers with the grandiose title of Land Managers. This year the Land Managers successfully applied for a grant to launch a Spring Photographic Competition. The competition aims to make people more aware of the Reserve and to share its beauty with the community at large.

Entries for the Competition must be taken in the Reserve. You can enter one or two photos. Entries are free and are open until 15 October. Send your entry to [southpacificeathlandreserve@gmail.com](mailto:southpacificeathlandreserve@gmail.com). Include in your email your name, whether you are an experienced or casual photographer and the title(s) of your photograph(s).

It is hoped that the Covid restrictions will ease sufficiently to run two workshops to help participants improve their nature photography skills. Two experienced nature photographers will lead participants on a walk through the Reserve and provide hints and guidance as to getting the best photo possible of the flowers, insects, and birds they encounter along the way.

If you are interested in participating in one of these workshops, please register your interest by contacting [southpacificeathlandreserve@gmail.com](mailto:southpacificeathlandreserve@gmail.com) . Numbers are limited and Covid rules apply so you will need to be quick. You will be advised about dates and times once it is clear that the workshops can be held.

Hopefully we can all see your photos displayed at the public exhibition at the Dunn Lewis Centre in November.



## **At last ... after killing Waratah trees (in attempting to grow them) for 40 years, I have grown one from seed! - Rowan Brownette**

My place is absolutely humming with Wisteria and Azaleas leading off and the freesias, daffodils and sweet peas competing for seconds in the colour competition along with the variously coloured Californian poppies. The citrus tree blossoms are coming second to the Jasmine in the perfume competition while the various shades of Clivias are competing with the last of the Bromeliads for show. Of course, the hot pink and snow-white blossoms on the stone fruit trees easily defeat the avocado's washed out yellow blossom.

But towering above all else is my Waratah Sunburst.

My neighbour Colin Terry provided the seeds which came from a nursery near Mount Victoria in the Blue mountains. This waratah variety is also known as Sunflare and its central globe flower is getting very large as it gets older. Colin grows Waratahs and other natives professionally and is full of great tips on growing these resplendent flowers.

Rivalling the beauty of my garden are the native flowers in the bush. Along our road, the roadside is carpeted with beautiful native flowers. The reds, yellows, the purples and hot pinks are all there in their dazzling display. I guess the fires then the good rains two seasons in a row has really brought them on.

Sadly, there are no Waratahs along our road. Apparently, they were pinched many years ago, not just the flowers but the whole plants! Nearby, two or so kilometres along Cedar Road off the Bendalong Road, the Waratahs are everywhere, along with other lovely natives.

Enjoy a trip north of Milton. It is legal and you will enjoy the experience, the flowers are superb, the best we have seen since we moved here.



## A shared memory – Joii Harris

Like everyone else I'm missing our meetings and the camaraderie of our members.

This morning my FaceBook page reminded me of memories from 2015 when we enjoyed a wonderful day trip. It brought a smile to my dial 😊 What fun we had. I look forward to restrictions easing and we can all gather again.

I'll share 2 of the pics. Beautiful faces that our members know.

Take care and stay safe



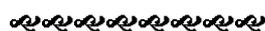
## Shirley Smith Award 2021

No tips received this month



**The Competition for the October meeting is Roses**

**The Competition for the November meeting is Symphony in White**



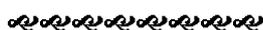
## Garden Clubs of Australia Calendar

The Garden Clubs of Australia Inc. (GCA), in conjunction with Bartel Calendars, are pleased to present the normal full size 2022 annual pictorial Calendar featuring a wonderful variety of Australian gardens taken by affiliate members.

The Calendar includes the Wall Planner to record all important dates. It's a perfect gift for friends and family – especially for those living overseas.

**Bartel are offering the more streamlined ON-LINE ordering service at [bartelcalendarsldc.com.au/gardenclub](http://bartelcalendarsldc.com.au/gardenclub) with an automatic email confirmation of the order (& payment) for each order – regardless of how you pay (credit card or cheque).**

People choosing to pay by credit card will use the secure on-line checkout process. Those choosing to pay by cheque will still use the same on-line process and select 'offline payment' - then post the cheque to Bartel who will easily match the order to the payment.



### Paid Advertisement

Tony Karacsonyi, of Narrawallee, is now offering his gardening services to Garden Club members. Tony is already maintaining several gardens in Mollymook and Milton, and is skilled in weeding, planting, pruning, mulching, and creating gardens. He has worked as a planter/bush regenerator, for the past 9 years for Shoalhaven City Council and the NPWS. He has Certificates 1, 2 and Part 3 in Horticulture from Ulladulla TAFE, and Chemical Certificate from North Sydney TAFE. Some members will know Tony and his wife Elizabeth, from the Milton/Ulladulla Orchid Society Shows, so if you have orchids that need re-potting, he can do that too.



**Call Tony on Tel; 0476 938 415 or AH; 4455 4552**

**Garden events that may be of interest to you** – (not part of UGC planned activities)

**Tulip Time Festival 2021 - Cancelled**

**Roses by the Seaside, 2021 National Rose Championships and Conference, Kiama - Cancelled**

**Bundanoon Garden Ramble 2021 - Cancelled**

**Bathurst Spring Spectacular 2021 (including plant and garden expo) - Cancelled**

**Birchwood (near Benalla) Open Garden – Still on at time of printing**

Sat Oct 30 and Sun Oct 31

[www.birchwoodnearbenalla.com.au](http://www.birchwoodnearbenalla.com.au)



## **From Philip Smith-Hill**

In the past, the Club has sold excellent ballpoint pens. I bought one at each meeting until Heather had none left.

These pens are now running out of ink. It would be wasteful to dispose of them, so you will need a refill.

I have done this for my valuable 'promotion' and 'souvenir' pens. I bought, online, 12 for \$12.45 with free delivery.

The item is a 'Parker' style with a length of 3.8 inches, or 96.52mm. Search for Parker refills.



### **Have your say ...**

Is there something that you want to say about the joys or otherwise of home gardening? The newsletter is a place that you can post your views or make comments or even write a story. Don't be shy and don't think that you need to be a great writer to contribute – we can help you if you need it. Members' contributions are what make newsletters interesting. Have your say!

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## **Photos for Newsletter**

Do you have a photo you love of your garden or a plant or animal in your garden? We would love to share it with our members through the newsletter so please don't stop sending them in. They are a wonderful addition to our newsletter. Send them to [ulladullagardenclub@gmail.com.au](mailto:ulladullagardenclub@gmail.com.au) or directly to me at [annkeegan@bigpond.com](mailto:annkeegan@bigpond.com)

## From the GCA

### **The 2021 Annual Photographic Competition**

The closing date for digital or post card entries is the **1<sup>st</sup> October 2021 - with no entry fee.** The total prize pool is valued at around \$1,300. Remember there is no time limit on when or where in the world the photographs were taken. Entry details are on the GCA website [www.gardenclubs.org.au](http://www.gardenclubs.org.au) or can be requested from the email or address below (or mobile 0401 033 116).

**Consider entering your children/grandchildren up to 16 years old in the Junior Section.**

Entries to be emailed to [photocomp@gardenclubs.org.au](mailto:photocomp@gardenclubs.org.au) or posted to Paul Lucas at 64 Timbertop Drive, Rowville, Vic, 3178

**The GCA 2023 “Beautiful Gardens of Australia” Calendar photograph submissions** Submit your entries to: [photocomp@gardenclubs.org.au](mailto:photocomp@gardenclubs.org.au)

The closing date is the **15<sup>th</sup> February 2022 - with no entry fee.**

The simple conditions for entry are on the GCA website [www.gardenclubs.org.au](http://www.gardenclubs.org.au) or email Paul Lucas [photocomp@gardenclubs.org.au](mailto:photocomp@gardenclubs.org.au) / ph. 0401 033 116.

There is no limit on the number of images you can submit, or when they were taken.

The total prize pool is \$1,300 for the main month images while the “filler” images chosen don’t attract a fee, but members get the satisfaction of having their image published in the Calendar along with their name.

### **Gardeners’ Creativity in Australia-1**

The GCA has produced an A5, 40-page booklet of entries into the 2014-17 Photographic and Calendar competitions, celebrating the beauty and diversity of Australian gardens and the talents of 50 photographers from garden clubs Australia wide.

This booklet will make an ideal thankyou gift or prize for your club, or perhaps as part of a welcome pack for new members. The Gardeners’ Creativity in Australia is priced at only \$10.00 plus \$2.20 postage to anywhere in Australia. A flyer with ordering details has been sent to affiliates with bank deposit numbers and means of paying by card or cheque.

Enquiries email [secretary@gardenclubs.org.au](mailto:secretary@gardenclubs.org.au) or phone 0428335797

