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## NEWSLETTER - October 2021

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## October 25 meeting

# Cancelled

**See Activities report for detail of a different type of  
November 29 member get together**

### Spring Plant Sale

Saturday November 13,

3 Woodalla Way, Narrawallee

10.00 – 12 midday

## **New Members**

Please welcome new member: **no new members this month**



## **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.



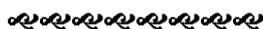
## **Morning Tea**

**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.



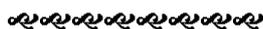
## **Insurance**

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 – Oct 19 Marilyn's house and Nov 16 venue TBA



## President's Message

It is good to see that our lives are opening up again. This week I have enjoyed getting together with people face-to-face after months of Zoom meeting after Zoom meeting. Zoom is great to connect us with people far away and to connect us with new information and ideas and people but there is no comparison with sitting across from a real person and having a good catch-up and discussion. I hope you have had a chance to indulge in a few of our newly bestowed 'freedoms'.

Unfortunately, these new freedoms do not allow us to meet in our traditional way. The capacity of venues is still restricted and must allow for 4 square metres per person to ensure social distancing. The Baptist Church simply cannot hold us all. The committee has decided not to restrict attendance at meetings; when we hold a meeting, we want all members to have the chance to come along and be safe. There will be no October meeting. But we do want to get together so on our regular November meeting day ie 29 November we plan to gather at Lions Park in Burrill Lake where there is fresh air and lots of space as well as all the amenities such as sheltered picnic tables and toilets (please see information in the Activities report). There will be further details about this event in the November newsletter.

The Propagation Group will enjoy its first get together on the usual third Tuesday of the month. The Propagation Group is small and meets outside so we can safely and legally get together and get on with learning about and doing more propagating. The Propagating Group has lots of healthy and beautiful plants established and ready for the Garden Clubs' forthcoming Plant Sale. If you would like to find out more about the Propagation Group come along to one of our gatherings. Email [ulladullagardenclub@gmail.com](mailto:ulladullagardenclub@gmail.com) for details.

The Plant Sale is at our Treasurer Sue's house in Narrawallee from 10am-12 noon on 13 November - please note it in your diaries and calendars. More details will be available closer to the date. The money raised at the sale goes towards our community projects, mainly the lawn mowing contract at Jindelara. If you would like to contribute some plants to the Garden Club Plant Sale, please get started on potting up some plant divisions, sowing seeds in pots for potted colour or seedlings or taking cuttings of your favourite plants. The committee will gratefully receive any plants or other garden stuff for sale.

I hope you are continuing to enjoy the Spring weather. As I write this message one gloomy morning it is getting darker and darker as a storm approaches. It is great to get the rain. When the sun finally shines again, my garden will explode with growth. At the moment, my roses are looking beautiful. The colours seem brighter and the blooms more abundant. I have looked after them more carefully this season, adhering to Max Atkin's sage advice. But I think the weather is the secret ingredient because everyone's roses are looking magnificent. I look forward to seeing and catching up with you in person in November.

Happy gardening. Stay safe and well!

Gillian

## Finance Report for September 2021

Funds held at CBA as at August 31, 2021	\$29566.81
Bendigo Bank Term Deposit	\$7249.24
Income	\$38.00
Expenditure	\$904.99
Cash Book balance as of August 31, 2021	\$28699.82
'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.



## Vale: Sheila Tracey

We received the sad news last week from Diana Tracy that her mother, Sheila Tracy died on 6 October.

Sheila was a long time and active member of the Garden Club, and we all remember the beautiful gems she brought along each month from her bountiful and beautiful garden.

## ACTIVITIES - Debbie Kendall

### Open Garden Events

**Monday, 15 November 2021, 10am – 12 midday:** Open Gardens/Coffee Morning  
Elizabeth Stayt, 15 Bannister Head Road, Narrawallee  
Judy Thurecht, 17 Bannister Head Road, Narrawallee

Leonie Walsh, from Walsh Farm, Woodstock, also has been invited to give a floral demonstration in Elizabeth's garden from 10.45am.

Elizabeth and Judy live side by side on Bannister Head Rd, albeit divided by Hilltop Crescent. Judy's garden is predominantly a street front garden, filled with colourful natives and succulents. You might like to commence with a visit to Judy's garden, then make your way to Elizabeth's to enjoy morning tea in her pretty garden and Leonie's floral demonstration at 10.45am. If the weather is a little inclement Elizabeth has an outdoor room which will be set up for morning tea. **Please bring along a chair, mug, and a small plate of morning tea to share.**

**Please Note: Our Garden Owners have asked that visiting members be double vaccinated for COVID-19.**

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**Wednesday, 1 December:** Open Garden - Rose Richardson, 16 Seaspray Street, Narrawallee. In Rose's own words her delightful garden includes a "hodge podge" collection of conifers, natives, succulents and cottage style plants.

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### Get Together Monday 29 November 2021

As we still expect to have restrictions on indoor meetings for our scheduled meeting day at the end of November, the Committee thought it would be a good idea to provide a time for people to catch up before Christmas, in addition to the Christmas Lunch. This will be a very casual affair so bring along your own morning tea and, while there is some scattered seating and picnic tables available, it would be a good idea to bring your own chair. We are hoping to have one of our local coffee vans turn up on the day - hopefully we can confirm this in the November Newsletter.

#### Details

**When:** Monday, 29 November 2021

**Time:** From 9.30 am

**Where:** Lions Park, Dolphin Point Road, Burrill Lake

**Extra Info:** BYO thermos of tea/coffee, morning tea, chair

We will set up around either of the two BBQ pavilions located in the park (easy to see from the road and location will depend on the day)

## Christmas Lunch

**Tuesday, 14 December 2021**, Mollymook Golf Club – **from midday**.

We are all excited that due to COVID restrictions easing we can now plan our Christmas Lunch.



Our menu will be a 2-course alternate drop consisting of:

### Main

**Duo Roast** – Honey Mustard Glazed Ham & Traditional Turkey Breast, with Baked Vegetables, Steamed Greens, Honey Glazed Baby carrots, Cranberry Jelly & Rich Gravy

### Coconut Crusted Atlantic Salmon

on a Summer Fruits Salsa Salad with Mango Dressing

### Dessert

#### Traditional Christmas Pudding

with Brandy Custard, Whipped Cream & Glazed Cherries

#### Petite Summer Fruits Pavlova

with Vanilla Bean Cream & Drunken Mixed Berries

**Cost:** \$55 pp     Drinks at own expense.

**Don't forget to advise of any special dietary requirements when making your booking.**

We will have our usual Lucky Door, Raffle Prizes and Christmas Trivia.

Please note that the Golf Club will still restrict numbers (like last year) based on COVID requirements. This year the number is restricted to 88 pp and to ensure our members get first opportunity we will need to initially give priority to members only. If the number of members' bookings falls short of this number, then guests can be included. If you would like to bring a guest, let me know when you register, and they will go on a wait list.

**To book your place, and discuss payment options, call me (Debbie) on 0412 069 520 or 4455 2309. Please don't make any payments direct to our bank without calling me first.**



## Reminiscing – Daryl Bishop

I bought the property on which I live in 1993. There was no garden at all – just 13 tree stumps, a eucalyptus tree, a handful of black wattle trees, add loads of weeds and truck loads of rubbish and I had a not too clean palette to work with.

When I designed the garden, I had not only plants in mind but more importantly, that I wanted to attract (among other things) birds, bees and frogs. Ponds were, therefore, a must in order to encourage the frogs. I have been reasonably successful and as time has gone by, I have found that the ponds are used by many creatures – this is, for me, a real bonus.

It took a while to get the balance in the ponds right. I tried fountains, really clear ponds, water plants and so on. Over the years, I have discovered that ponds work best for me if they are allowed to be ‘natural’. Pristine ponds may look great, but they are only pristine because nothing is happening in them. I think one of my most rewarding moments was on a hot day I found a row of about 30 bees, bottoms up clinging to the fine growth at the end of the pond, drinking!

Here are some of the other creatures you may see in local ponds or on them. If they are under water, they are probably the nymphs or larvae of the small flying insects in our gardens. They have come up with some really ingenious adaptations in order to breathe in this element. They employ one of the following methods:

- The breathing tube (the equivalent of our snorkel)
- Gills (generally external)
- The air bubble

**The Caddisfly larvae** – it breathes with gills which are like spiny tufts attached to the upper length of its body. These are continuously fanned through the water thus absorbing oxygen.



**The Damsel Fly Nymph** – breathes very much as a fish does but the gills are external. They are leaf-shaped growing from its abdomen. They are aided by very small tuft-like gills along its side.

**The Malaria Mosquito larvae** – it syphons through breathing tubes which grow flush with its body - it lies horizontally to breathe.

**The Water Scorpion larvae** – has a long double tube attached to the end of its abdomen. This ‘air pipe’ is not retractable. It hangs upside and pokes the pipe through the surface skin of the water to breathe. Cumbersome but it seems to work.

All the above eventually leave the water when they morph into winged insects. When they become adults, many of them will lay their eggs on or in the water, thus providing not only the next generation but also feed for the pond dwellers.

There are some other creatures which live on, rather than in, the water. They walk around without breaking the 'skin' of the water and submerge only occasionally (very often by accident).

**The Pond Skater** – has a small body and very long thin legs. It spends its life on the water surface - mating, sleeping, eating etc. It occasionally breaks through the surface but comes back to the surface using a coating of air bubbles which cling to the hairs on its body.



**The Whirligig beetle** – is equally at home in or on the water. When it is operating under water, it carries its air supply in a large bubble attached to its abdomen. When on the water's surface, it operates very much like the Pond Skater.

Other creatures also use my ponds. Some frogs have taken up permanent residence; others just use the pond for mating. Skinks and lizards drink from them. Birds drink, bathe, and in the case of kookaburras, fish in them. Butterflies drink from them and I expect other insects do to. My ponds are a constant source of interest.



## Wanted

### Bags of used mushroom compost

The man from whom I used to get my supply (Falls Creek) no longer sells this product and has now even taken his sign down. I am desperate. Can anybody help?

Daryl Bishop  
4455 5313



### Gardening Work Wanted

My green thumb is recognised worldwide, and the Botanical gardens are an example of my handiwork. I can work from dusk to dawn on any full moon. Mention my name to any garden gnome and they will be happy to recommend me to you. My work is all the remuneration I need, where else is there an abundant supply of food and shady sleep areas

... Sam Snail



What do you call a set of English twins ... (see page 14 for answer)

## Article by Elvina James

This year has been one of the best years for Waratahs and other native bushland. Unfortunately, many people have been helping themselves to the Waratahs. The heathland had some stolen and the Wildflower reserve also had several taken. Even the Blue Mountains weren't exempt. This is a shame as these flowers provide food (nectar) for the birds and possums.

One place I would like to visit is Robertson Railway Station where they have planted numerous Waratahs. They have several varieties and colours which are on display, especially when they have a 'festival' on the second weekend in October. If you didn't get to see our Waratahs this season, you may have to wait now until next year.



Our local species of wattles are not noticeable now, but somewhere they will be making a show. Mount Morgan in Queensland celebrated Wattle Day on Sunday September 12. There is a wattle called the Mount Morgan wattle (*acacia podalyriifolia*) and it is also known as the Queensland Silver Wattle. It grows from 3-5m and sometimes even to 7m. This species also has a perfume and bright yellow ball flowers. Flowering time is May to July which means they must have other species in flower in September.

November was the ninth month of the old Roman year which began with the month of March. November 11 was held to mark the beginning of winter. The Anglo-Saxon name for November was "Blot monath" (blood month), the later name probably alluding to the custom of slaughtering animals during Martinmas for winter consumption.

### Birthday Flowers for November:

Flannel flowers (*Actinotus Helanthy*)

Wattle (*acacia*)

Lily of the Valley (exotic) [Not sure about this one, maybe you can find a better one].

Those born in November are productive, friendly, successful, and very pleasant.



**Flannel Flowers:** like well-drained sandy soil in sunny filtered sunlight. They are often grown as annuals and can be short-lived but if suitable conditions exist, should self-seed. Can be grown as container plants and are well suited to the rockery. The flowers can be used as cut flowers for the house (only if home grown or bought from the florist). They also press well.

### Interesting Dates in November:

- Nov 1 Walk in The Wildflower reserve – 10.00am  
Recreation Day – Tasmania  
All Saints Day
- Nov 2 Melbourne Cup  
All Souls Day
- Nov 11 Remembrance Day  
Armistice Day  
St Martin's Day
- Nov 19 International Men's Day
- Nov 20 Universal Children's Day
- Nov 22 St Cecelia's Day
- Nov 25 St Catherine's day
- Nov 30 St Andrew's Day

**Friendship thought:** There are big ships and small ships but the best ship of all is **Friendship**.

**Whales** are still heading south to Antarctica. You may see them from one of our headlands or other vantage points.

**Trivia:** The world's fastest snail is the Garden Snail. When moving as fast as it can, the garden snail reaches a top speed of 50 metres/hour. If it could keep up the speed, the garden snail would take about 20 hours to travel 1 klm.



**Sculpture at Petana**  
**A Sculpture Exhibition of over 75 sculptures by 28 local and South Coast artists.**

**6 - 14 November 2021 inclusive**  
Open daily 10am to 4pm

**Admission: adults \$10 : kids free**

**Petana Gardens 408b Woodburn Rd Morton 2538**  
**mob: 0416 173214**

**Current Covid 19 Regulations will apply**

## Article submitted by Dianne Gee – thank you

My husband gave a me a Christmas present of metal edging - enough to make a smaller and a larger circle around our Chinese pistachio tree. the idea from Gardening Australia was to provide a place for plants to grow under a tree without losing moisture to the tree's roots. I filled the space between the two circles with soil, shade loving plants in pots and bromeliads.

18 months later you can see the result.

A real success and fills a bare place under the tree.



When the bed was first established



8 months on

## Diary of a thwarted orchid lover - anonymous

I was so excited last month when I recorded in my diary that a lovely new shoot on my orchid had appeared. At last! I have managed to keep an orchid alive and growing from purchase to new Spring growth.

But alas! My verdant shoot was not the portent of a whole new foray into the world of orchid cultivation. On inspecting my orchid, a week ago, I found my lovely shoot had turned brown and lifeless.

So, with a deep sigh, I moved the pot yet again and gave my orchid some liquid fertiliser. It is probably the wrong thing to do but the right things don't seem to be working. My brown fingers have again gained the upper hand.

Going forward (to coin an oft quoted slogan), I will follow my instincts which hitherto have failed me, but I remain forever hopeful.



## Beautiful flowers in our member gardens ...

Thank you to Debbie Kendall for the beautiful Iris and Pierre De Ronsard Rose



Gillian Boyd's 'Just Joey' Rose





# The WeedScan Project

In support of a National Project conducted by the Centre for Invasive Species Solutions and The New South Wales Department of Primary Industries.

This project aims to identify all weeds in Australia by compiling a photographic data base. It will then allow all Australians to identify any weed from its photograph and to be provided with advice on how to control or eradicate it.

**At least 1000 pictures of each weed species need to be collected from locations across Australia. The database will use the photographs to identify any weed.**

Current weed identification relies on expert knowledge, interpreting taxonomic or morphological identification keys, trying to match a weed with an image in a weed guide or app, or sending a weed image or specimen to herbariums for identification. This often leads to delayed or incorrect identification that impedes timely action, particularly on emerging weeds, and requires State herbaria to allocate scarce resources to respond to community identification requests for well-known for well-known established weeds

This project will develop, trial and implement Australia's first real-time, artificial intelligence-based, automated identification of national state and regional priority weeds. It will also develop and promote a fit for purpose community weed management, alert reporting and communication system, WeedScan building on the currently available FeralScan platform to better enable cooperative community-led weeds management.

The new tool will provide an easy to use digital tool enabling:

- (a) Weeds to be identified quickly without expert knowledge.
- (b) Easy access to best practice management information.
- (c) Enable action either at the individual enterprise level or as part of a cooperative regional WeedScan community-led management and communication system.

**THE GCA IS ASKING** as many as possible of the 55,000 gardeners who are associated with Affiliates of The Garden Clubs of Australia Inc to participate in this project - all you need is a **MOBILE PHONE** or a digital camera.

**Spend a little time between September 2021 and May - June 2022 photographing weeds in your garden, on street verges in your neighbourhood, in parks, gardens and sports-grounds, on the sides of roads, on the banks of creeks and waterholes or at the beach and send them into WEEDSCAN**

Submitting photos to WeedScan is a relatively easy process.

Firstly, for each weed, photograph the whole plant then take photos of leaves, flowers (if present) growth habit or distinctive features. Take lots of photographs.

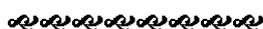
Submit photos separately by weed species and location at-

**<http://weeds.org.au/identify/weeds-photo-submissions/>**

More tips on identifying weeds are available on-line at the submission form link.

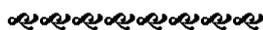
There is lots of information covering topics including- Leaves, flowers, weeds, buds and spent flowers, fruit and pods.

Find out more about how your photos will be used, contact Andrew Mitchell via [andrew.mitchell@invasives.com.au](mailto:andrew.mitchell@invasives.com.au) prior to submitting your photos.



### **Shirley Smith Award 2021**

Due to the very limited number of tips and tricks received this year, this award will now be carried over to 2022



Answer to page 8 question ... **Pom Poms**

(thank you John Steadman)



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

### 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)



### 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!

### Newsletter Editor, Ann Keegan, can be contacted by:

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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)



### 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