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NEWSLETTER - January 2022

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January 31st meeting

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Important Notice

Face Masks are to be worn inside at the meeting
You need to double vaccinated to attend the meeting
Please take note of our COVID-19 safe rules on page 5

New Members

Please welcome new member/s:



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. As our monthly meetings are resuming, those who do not receive the newsletter via email, can collect their copy from the Welcome desk on meeting day.



Propagation Group – 3rd Tuesday of the month

Next meeting – to be confirmed



President's Message

Welcome to damp and humid 2022! Let's hope that we can get together regularly this year and enjoy each other's company and learn and share more about gardening in beautiful Milton and Ulladulla and surrounds.

Despite the lack of sunshine, plants in the garden and in the bush are flourishing. We have pumpkin vines flowering at the top of our 2 metre Mulberry tree and we snack on homegrown strawberries in between bouts of cutting back shrubs and trees that are taking over the garden. The weeds are particularly enjoying this La Niña summer. As fast as I pull out one weed, another five grow in its place! Black spot is also running rampant and relishing these conditions.

But not everything is flourishing. The *Grevillea macleayana*s, the local Jervis Bay *Grevillea*, hates the saturated Milton mud and looks very unwell. Two hitherto strong and vigorous lavenders have died, and a Mexican Sage has finally given in to regular inundation. After spending a few years trying to find plants that will survive the fluctuating wet and dry conditions in 'the bad luck bed', I have installed water gardens. I am yet to see if they can cope with heat.

We were lucky to end the Garden Club year on a happy note. Our gathering at Lions Park at Burrill Lake attracted a good number of members. We all enjoyed catching up on everyone's news as well as hot drinks from our thermoses and deliciously decorated cupcakes that had been brought out of cold storage following our aborted birthday meeting back in July. The Christmas Party was a lovely occasion on a beautiful day. The lunch was delicious, and Deb and Mark and Ann did a brilliant job making the event special, and with the help of other committee members, ensured we had a fun time with lots of lovely raffle prizes and a brain stretching Trivia competition.

We also awarded the Val Tranter Achievement Award to Laura Bryant, a final year student at Ulladulla High School. A few of the Committee met with Laura and her Agriculture teacher, Carolyn Carder, briefly over coffee following her nomination by her teachers. Laura is a fine recipient for the 2022 Award and hopefully the Garden Club's support will make her Year 12 studies a little easier. I hope Laura will be able to attend a meeting later in the year so you can have a chance to meet her.

Unfortunately, Rose Richardson's Open Garden in December was cancelled. Persistent and heavy rain at the time had made conditions in her garden hazardous. A visit to Rose's garden is re-scheduled to later in 2022. Other Open Gardens are planned throughout 2022 and our Activities Officer, Debbie Kendall, has other tantalising outings planned that are sure to be popular.

Our Treasurer, Sue Hobson, has spent the Christmas break preparing to move to a new payment system for members. Garden Club Members can now pay their membership fees and payments for activities by credit card at meetings. It has been a huge effort and a big

learning curve for Sue, but it will save a lot of time and messing about for her and for members in the year to come.

It will be great to see you at our first meeting of 2022 on 31 January. Most of our regular helpers will be there to host the raffle, the Competition, the Trading Table, Garden Gems, and the all-important Morning Tea. I understand if you are not quite ready to mix with lots of people but hopefully you will join your fellow gardeners at meetings as the year progresses.

Don't forget that the February meeting is our Annual General Meeting. At this meeting new members of the committee and office bearers will be elected. It has been a difficult couple of years for committee members. It has been a big effort to keep members engaged and feeling that they belong despite the lack of gatherings and outings. Many of the activities that have been organised have had to be cancelled because of Covid or the weather. This has been dispiriting and disappointing for members and organisers. Despite the difficulties, the Committee is keen to deliver an interesting and busy schedule of activities for 2022 but needs an injection of new energy and ideas.

If you are interested to learn more about being a member of the committee join committee members for a coffee at the Rotunda at the back of the Milton shops on Thursday 10 February at 10 am. The Rotunda is in a small park that can be reached through the walkway next to Brown Sugar Café in the main street. We would love to see you there.

Happy La Niña gardening!

Gillian
President



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.



Keeping everyone COVID safe for our meetings

At our monthly meetings, we must make sure everyone is protected and safe from COVID infection. It is frustrating but essential that we all closely observe the following rules:

- Please do not come to the meeting if you are feeling unwell.
- Masks must be worn indoors.
- Bring your own pen.
- Before entering the venue, register with the Services NSW app using the Church's QR code. If you do not have a smartphone, you can manually record your details.
- Committee members will take your contributions for the Garden Gems, Competition and Trading tables and deliver them for you.
- Once you are inside the venue go to the Welcome Table as usual to record your attendance. This is for insurance purposes.
- After recording your attendance, move around the room in a clockwise direction to get your raffle tickets and view the Garden Gems, Competition and Trading table. The library will not be operating.
- Once you are seated, please remain in your seat until Morning Tea time.
- Morning tea will be served individually from the serveries in the kitchen.
- You may prefer to use your own mug otherwise all tea and coffee will be served in polystyrene cups. Biscuits will be served in individually wrapped packets.
- Hand sanitisers will be located at the entry and at strategic points in the meeting area. Please sanitise your hands regularly.
- COVID Monitors will circulate around the room to make sure we all observe social distancing.
- And please, no singing and dancing!



Finance Report for November 2021

Funds held at Westpac and CBA at October 31, 2021	\$14823.02
Bendigo Bank Term Deposit	\$7249.24
Income	\$3598.00
Expenditure	\$1017.80
Cash Book balance as of November 30, 2021	\$17404.02
'Student' account	\$2676.28

Finance Report for December 2021

Funds held at Westpac and CBA at November 30, 2021	17404.02
Bendigo Bank Term Deposit	\$7261.99
Income	\$1534.71
Expenditure	\$5050.31
Cash Book balance as of December 31, 2021	\$13888.42
'Student' account	\$2676.28

News from the Treasurer

Last September we started the process of changing our bank from the Commonwealth Bank to Westpac. We have now completely closed the CBA accounts so they can no longer accept payments.

If you wish to transfer a payment directly to our bank you need to use the following details.

BSB: 032 701

Account No: 269025

Name: Ulladulla and Districts Garden Club Inc

Please make a note of this and change our details in your payments list if you do online banking.

Garden Club EFTPOS

I am happy to let you know that we now have the capability to take EFTPOS payments at our meetings. We have purchased the 'Square' payment system which is easy and convenient to use.

Members will be able to pay for membership, trips and other sales from our Garden Club just by tapping a debit or credit card or using your phone payment option with our Square reader.

A receipt for your payment can be sent to your phone as a sms if you would like that.

I look forward to seeing you at our next meeting.

Sue Hobson (Treasurer)

Garden Club membership for 2022

Please note that **2022 UGC membership is now due** and payable by the end of March 2022:

\$30.00 for a single membership
\$55.00 for a couple

Please pay online if possible. Details are on page 2 of this newsletter.



What does the Committee actually do?

Find out on 10 February at 10 am at the Milton Rotunda

The Garden Club meeting on 28 February incorporates the Annual General Meeting (AGM). At the AGM a new committee and new office bearers are elected. The Committee manages the affairs of the Garden Club on behalf of and for the benefit of members. The Committee organises the meetings, plans the activities that members enjoy so much, collects membership fees to fund the meetings and organises fundraisers to support our various community projects.

Committee members manage the Garden Club in accordance with NSW State Government Legislation. This legislation sets our rules of operation and ensures that the financial records and decision making are fair and honest and in the best interest of the Club and its members. It is very rewarding working on the Committee, and it provides the opportunity to learn new things, implement your ideas and introduce new ways of doing things to make the Garden Club more vibrant and responsive to members.

If you wish to learn more about the Committee and how it operates you are very welcome to join Committee members for coffee on Thursday 10 February at 10 am at the Rotunda in the garden at the back of the Milton shops. The Rotunda is reached via the laneway alongside Brown Sugar café in the main street of Milton. It is outdoors but sheltered and there are plenty of excellent coffee shops nearby to get a coffee.

It would be great to see you there!



Request for Rose Petals

I am seeking expressions of interest from fellow garden club members to collect/& or dry red or dark coloured rose petals to use for my son's wedding in early March 2022. I would appreciate any rose petals from members.

Jane McLennan
Tel 0418 469 928



Vale: Harry Rosetto



This picture was taken at the Dunn Lewis monthly working bee in March 2015.

Both Harry and Lesley have always been great active members of our club and our community. He always had a sparkle in his eyes.

Our sincere sympathy to Lesley and family at this sad time. Sue McMahon has sent a card to Lesley on behalf of the garden club.

(Thank you to Joii Harris for advising us of this news.)



Shirley Smith Award 2022

Let's get the 2022 competition underway. I am sure that each of you has a special tip or trick that you have used during the COVID situation that you can share with our members. Please send them to ulladullagardenclub@gmail.com or directly to the editor at annekeegan@bigpond.com. I look forward to receiving lots and lots of tips and tricks this year.



Colleen Ringe

I took this photo of my Cafe au Lait dahlias that I grew. I am very pleased as this is my first-time growing dahlias.



Activities – Debbie Kendall

Welcome back to what appears to be another year of uncertainty for Activities and Events in our Garden Club, as well as in our general day to day lives. Let's cross our fingers and hope that things settle down early in the year so that we can positively plan some activities.

I have put together a draft schedule of activities which I discussed with the Committee at our first Committee meeting of 2022 but of course this is all subject to how things are panning out COVID-wise. Open Gardens/Coffee Mornings might be arranged at short notice along with a couple of day trips.

A few things we are hoping to schedule and for you to look forward to include Open Gardens in March, April and May, a day trip in May to view gardens in Bowral where we will be hosted by Bowral Garden Club, Soup Day in August, a day trip in September to the Tulip Time Festival, Bowral; and again, 'Take 3' – a 4 day trip featuring Mayfield Gardens during their Spring Festival.

Let's all stay positive that trips and events can be planned and please stay tuned - we will keep you updated as events unfold.



Guest Speaker for January

This is a surprise, so please come to the meeting to find out ...



Competition for January
Fresh fruit or produce from your garden

Volunteering Opportunity

Are you looking for volunteering opportunities – the Trash and Treasure shop in Milton is looking for volunteers to assist in the shop. There are 3 hour shifts available in the morning or afternoon and you only need to do a shift once a month (or more if you wish). All proceeds from the shop go to Sarah Claydon Retirement Village to assist with the purchase of equipment etc. Training will be given, and you will work with another volunteer.

If you are interested in finding out more then please contact Ann Keegan 0417 690 620 or Maree Nolan 0429 499 388.

About the Fauna in my Garden – Daryl Bishop

Moths & Butterflies (*Lepidoptera*)

This is a big subject and I have not tackled it before because of the difficulty of condensing it without losing the feeling of just how magnificent and beautiful these creatures are. I have now decided to have a go anyway, by dividing it into 3 sections.

Some countries do not differentiate between the two species because there are so many overlapping features. The differences, however, are important.

Both species, like bees, are very important as pollinators. Many plants have adapted to facilitate their visits.

Butterflies are generally active during the day; moths, at night – there are, of course, exceptions.

Butterflies are more often very brightly coloured; moths are often drab, but they vary the shape of their wings more. Butterflies' antennae are shaped like clubs – a straight stem with a knob on the end; a moth's antennae are feather shaped or thread-like – again there are exceptions. Both have a long hollow feeding tube called a proboscis which they curl up and tuck away when not in use. Neither have jaws. Because of this their food must be liquid or semi-liquid (such as nectar).

Both have dust-like scales which cover their wide, flat wings (as many as 200-600 scales per millimetre). These scales are what make the wings look iridescent and in butterflies, are often vividly coloured.

Butterflies wing shapes are fairly standard, but moths vary their wing shapes a lot, probably to help with disguise. Some of the shapes are grotesque but some are very beautiful; for instance, the American Moon Moth (*Arctias Luna*) pale green in colour and with a wingspan of 32cms are utterly magnificent in shape.



Both species have compound eyes made up of hundreds (sometimes thousands) of lenses. Their antennae (or feelers) are used for smell as well as touch. They can also taste and sense temperature changes. Both species also have a good sense of taste in their feet. If they touch down on a flower and their feet do not detect the sweetness of nectar, they quickly move on.

When moths are at rest, their wings are horizontal to their body; with butterflies the wings are held erect and close together.

The eggs of both species vary immensely according to type and habit (in shape, colour, quantity, and disposal). Some types are very specific about which plants they use as hosts for their eggs, laying them either singly or in batches of 1000 or more. Others simply scatter their

eggs as they fly. Those which use a particular type of plant as a nursery, find that plant with the aid of their antennae. Most eggs hatch within a few days but some can take up to a year.

The tiny caterpillars bite their way out of the eggs and almost immediately start eating. Whilst the adult moths and butterflies are liquid eaters, only their young chomp their way through whatever foliage, flowers or fruit take their fancy – they are voracious. They grow rapidly shedding their skin several times before pupating. Caterpillars are far more numerous than the adults of the species because they are so much more attractive to predators. They often hide amongst the vegetation or in bark crevices and feed at night to avoid danger. Some caterpillars have developed defences such as spines - which cause itching; vivid colours – danger; poison in their bodies and at least one sprays a jet of poison over predators!



After about a month, the caterpillar pupates. As pupae, they are totally defenceless. Some tunnel into the ground for this stage of their development; others spin a silken cocoon (which hardens into a shell) in which the next transformation takes place. This process can take just a few days, but the time frame varies a lot and, in some cases, can be over a year before the adult emerges.

Getting out of the chrysalis is not easy; the emerging butterfly/moth swallows air to make it swell up. This helps to split the chrysalis and the insect emerges very weak and shaky. It hangs downwards and slowly pumps blood into its folded wings which begin to straighten out and after about half an hour, the wings are fully extended. The insects bask in the sun for an hour or two while the wings dry and harden. After a few trial flaps of its wings, it is ready to fly and begin its new life as an adult moth or butterfly.



End of episode one. If you are not bored, next month will be about butterflies.

I have been writing this out on my deck surrounded by my creche of teenage magpies (now up to eleven). Their song is deafening as they try to outdo each other. They are sitting on the backs of chairs, not begging for food, just comfortable in each other's company. One is even standing on the glass topped table immediately in front of me, just occasionally trying a gentle nibble of the end of my pen, but mainly just watching me at work. They seem well content with their life. As am I!



Diary of a thwarted orchid lover (continued)

I haven't paid much attention to my orchid lately. And I haven't examined it closely. I have been busy with end-of-year activities and commitments with visitors and Christmas thrown in to add to the stress. My orchid has been sitting in its pot, seemingly quite content, against an east facing wall, sheltered by eaves from the direct impact of the heavy rains but getting sufficient moisture from incidental splashes and windblown rain.

As I prepared to write in my Orchid diary, I was keen to see if new growth had appeared or at the very least no depletion of growth had occurred. When I finally did get to examine her, I was delighted to see that there were two new growth sites, one of them a decent size and looking strong and healthy. The second pair of leaves is smaller and has been nibbled at by the voracious snails that have invaded our garden in this wet weather or maybe the chooks have attacked it. The chooks are worse than the snails although not quite as sneaky.

I am very pleased to report these positive developments in my orchid growing adventure. Keep your fingers crossed that next month the news is even better.



Competition for February 2022 meeting – As we will be 'back to normal' for our meeting, the competition for February is **Romantic Red**

Competitions for 2022

March	Blossoms of Blue	July	Camelias
April	Hibiscus	August	Succulents
May	One perfect bloom	September	Orchids
June	Winter Wonders	October	Roses
		November	Symphony in White

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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Telephone 0417 690 620 or 4454 4156

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 or directly to me at 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

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Nomination for Membership of Committee 2022

I wish to nominate:

Member's Name:

For the position of:

Proposed by:

Signature: Date:

Seconded by:

Signature: Date:

I accept this nomination.

Name:

Signature: Date:

This form should be forwarded to:

The Secretary
P O BOX 263
ULLADULLA NSW 2539
Or by email to ulladullagardenclub@gmail.com

At least 7 days before February 28, 2022, the date of the 2022 Annual General Meeting.
(no later than Feb 18)