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NEWSLETTER - July 2022

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Agenda

- Acknowledgement to Country
- Welcome to all
- President's Message
- Health & Welfare
- June Guest Speaker: Gavin Durrell, gardener and farmhand at Cupitts Winery
- M/Tea break
- Secretary's Report
- Treasurer's Report
- Activities
- Garden Gems
- Competition Results
- Lucky Door and Raffle winners

Face Masks

The wearing of face masks is not mandated but is advisable due to our meeting being held in doors

New Members

Please welcome new member/s: Kim Muller



Get Well Messages

If you are aware of a member who is not well, or needs cheering up, **please let Chris Turner know on 0415 398 254**



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

You can also pay at meetings using our new EFTpos facility – see our Treasurer at the meeting.



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 have resumed, those who do not receive the newsletter via email can collect their copy from the Welcome desk on meeting day.



Propagation Group – see article in this newsletter



President's Message

It's July and the year is flying.

I've never been so cold during the winter months. Maybe we feel colder the older we get. What a great guest speaker double last month. Gooloo Creek Wildflower Farm has certainly suffered with the fires and floods.

Our meetings at the Baptist church are continuing every month. Membership is now at 145 with up to 80 members attending each meeting. Meetings are always a hive of activity. Raffles, competitions, activities table, trading table and meet and greet members are always busy. You're reminded to bring your own cup for morning tea.

As announced a few months ago the library is winding down. Books from the library are available for purchase at the trading table. Even though it is the age of technology some of the library books have magnificent photographs and would make wonderful coffee table books.

All members and especially new members are reminded to please ask questions related to anything to do with gardening. Not only will this help you, but discussion from the group could be invaluable.

As you know I have recently moved to Lake Conjola. Many of my plants moved too. Pots are preferred here as the roots may affect the pipes and underground cables. So, I have pots, pots, and more pots full of my favourite plants. As they establish themselves I'll post some photos.

At our most recent committee meeting Deb told us of all the future activities planned for the year. It's going to be an exciting and fun filled program for the next 6 months.

Happy gardening!



Sue Mc

The President's Award 2022 was presented to Mark Kendall *"In acknowledgement of his longstanding, convivial and valuable contribution to the organisation and vitality of Garden Club meetings and activities"* – and a very popular choice.



Finance Report – Sue Hobson (Treasurer)

June 2022

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| Funds held at Westpac and CBA at May 31, 2022 | \$24500.47 |
| June Income | \$4050.58 |
| June Expenditure | \$842.71 |
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| Cash Book and Westpac balance as of May 31, 2022 | \$27708.34 |
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| Bendigo Bank Term Deposit | \$7261.99 |
| Student' account | \$2676.28 |



Propagation Group Update

Spring into propagating new plants from old on 8 September

The next gathering of the Propagation Group will be on 8 September, 1.30 pm at Merilyn Ellerton's lovely garden at 236A Princes Highway, Milton. We thought we would give our gardens time to dry out and warm-up before sharpening the secateurs anew and get propagating.

A reminder will be sent out to Propagation Group members with details of the planned activity, closer to the date.



Can you answer these?

1. Which botanical family do peaches, apricots, quinces, and strawberries belong to?
2. Which botanical family do peanuts belong to?
3. What causes cranberries to float?
4. What flower was more valuable than gold?
5. Why do apples float?

(Answers back page)



Seasonal tips for the winter garden

(Text by Hazel King, taken from the Our Gardens Magazine, winter edition 2022)

In winter, deciduous shrubs and trees become garden features. Even when bare, many trees display wonderful trunk patterns and colours. The bare branches can also create attractive outlines against the sky or shadows across the lawn.

Plant deciduous trees

- Select new deciduous trees before leaf fall. Many modern hybrid trees do not grow as large as the species, making them more suitable to smaller gardens and often to warmer areas
- Dig the area prior to planting and add organic matter
- Plant bare-rooted deciduous trees in winter
- In windy spots, use a three-stake support system to prevent root damage while the plant is establishing
- Grow bulbs, hellebores, bedding cyclamen under deciduous trees
- The Australian red Cedar, *toona ciliata* is evergreen in its juvenile state, deciduous in adult stage with display of red new growth in spring

Winter garden activities

- Take hardwood cuttings of deciduous plants. These make ideal gifts for friends or your garden club
- Rake up leaves and spread them onto gardens, put them into compost area or bag for use in summer months
- Leave non-weedy berries and seeds on plants as local birds will appreciate the source of food
- Reduce watering of indoor plants and move them away from heat sources. Mist spray to add humidity. Popular winter flowering cyclamens appreciate cool conditions. Put potted cyclamens out each night in a position away from wind rain and morning sun
- Plant winter flowering shrubs, native and exotic. Think yellow and orange to brighten the scene
- Establish a wind-protected seating area with an attractive outlook
- Tackle heavy work in the cooler months
- Garden structure is appreciated during the winter months, hedges and topiary take centre stage
- Prune frangipanis in winter
- Camelia japonica are winter stars. Prune after flowering and transplant, if required, when in bloom and roots are dormant



Activities - Debbie Kendall

Thursday, 11 August: Soup Day

An enjoyable and relaxing day when the Committee cooks up a delicious variety of soups for you to enjoy.

- There will be a lucky door prize, trading table and raffle – one of our raffle prizes is a Walk-In Greenhouse
- There will be handmade jewellery by Sheila, cards by Olive and garden art by Annette for sale. If anyone else would like to sell their craft, home grown produce etc. please come and see me.
- We will also have a slideshow highlighting past Garden Club trips, events, and members' garden highlights.

Time: 11.30 am – 2.00 pm

Venue: Lake Conjola Community Hall, Lot 7025 Lake Conjola Entrance Rd.

Cost: **\$10 pp** – includes a variety of soups, bread rolls, tea/coffee & cakes/slices. Contributions towards the sweet treats would be appreciated.

**Feel free to invite your partner or a friend – Please register at the Activities Table
BYO mug and spoon.**

We look forward to you supporting our Soup Day as all profits go towards funding our Community Projects.

Tuesday, 30 August: Garden visit and Coffee Morning – Judy Hamilton, 39 Anker Ave, Mollymook. from 10.00 am – 12.00 pm. Please bring along a chair and coffee mug.

Thursday, 29 September: Day trip to the Illawarra Rhododendron and Rainforest Garden; Burnetts on Barney Garden Nursery, Kiama; South Coast Bamboo, Coolangatta

The Illawarra Rhododendron & Rainforest Garden is located on the escarpment above Wollongong, at Mount Pleasant. Set in four hectares of rhododendrons, vireyas, azaleas and camellias, the gardens are a beautiful and peaceful place to relax and take a stroll. We will have morning tea on arrival.

Following our visit to the Gardens free time in Kiama to have lunch – bring or buy your own.

A quick visit to **Burnetts on Barney Nursery** in Kiama - 10% discount on purchases

On our journey home we will visit **Bamboo South Coast** on Bolong Rd, Coolangatta. Bamboo South Coast is an expansive nursery which stocks many rare colourful plants, bamboo and Indonesian imports, they are also landscape design and construction specialists. Generally not open to the public – viewing by appointment only.

Depart: 7.30 am from Ulladulla Civic Centre

Return: 5.30 pm

Cost: \$45

At the moment, this trip is full with a waiting list.

Monday 10 Oct – Thursday 13 Oct: 4 days/3 nights trip featuring Mayfield Gardens, Oberon.

Due to a cancellation, we have one motel room available suitable for a couple or single. If you would like to join us on our trip to Mayfield, then please call me ASAP (0412 069 520) or see me at the July Meeting.

Cost: Twin share \$900 pp; single rate \$1140; triple share \$855.
Final payment due by 30 August 2022.

Theme Night: By popular request we will be having a theme night on our last night (Wednesday). Our theme will be “Black and Gold” so use your imagination and throw a couple of extra items in your suitcase (of course it’s not compulsory but it’s a lot of fun) and we will have a Black and Gold themed Trivia Competition. There will be prizes.

Medical Forms: Please collect one from the Activities Table. These are to be completed, placed in a sealed envelope with your name on the front and handed to Debbie prior to departure. The envelope will be returned on arrival home or only opened in the case of emergencies.

Travel Insurance: It is recommended that you consider taking out travel insurance in the case of any unforeseen circumstances.

Save the Date:

Wednesday, 7 December 2022: Christmas Lunch at the Marlin Hotel.

REFUNDS AND CANCELLATIONS: As we are now more able to confidently plan future activities, it is timely to remind members of our Club’s Refunds and Cancellation Policy. If you need to cancel any of our coach trips or functions, it is Club Policy that we will do our best to refund money or partial money paid. However, this may not be possible once funds are committed to payment of coach and venue bookings.



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.



FYI only – not an organised UGC trip

Berry Camellia and Floral Show

Sat July 30 12 midday to 4;00pm and Sunday July 31 10:00am until 2;00pm
To be held in the Berry School of Arts, Alexandra Street, Berry
Cost: \$5.00/day

Plant Sale – The Pavilion Kiama

Native Plant sale Sunday September 11, 10:00am to 5:00pm – All Welcome

Participating Growers:

Berry Public School Propagation Nursery Email: berryplantprop@outlook.com

Bilby Blooms <http://bilbyblooms.com.au>

Brian Roach westleighnativeplants@gmail.com

Carl Glaister & Illawarra Landcare carl-glaister@optusnet.com.au

Harvest Seeds and Native Plants www.harvestseeds-nativeplants.com.au

Menai Wildflower Nursery <https://austplants.com.au/Menai-Wildflower>

Native Grace Landscapes www.nativegrace.com.au

Wariapendi Native Nursery www.wariapendi.com.au

Wirrin Wirra Native Nursery www.wirinwirra.com

Bathurst Spring Spectacular

10 Open Gardens for \$20

Sat Oct 29 and Sun Oct 30

springspec@bathurstgardenclub.org.au



Our Gems table



Guest Speaker for our June Meeting was Helena Law



Our Guest Speakers for the June Meeting were Helena Law and her partner Gerry, from Gooloo Creek Wildflower Farm. Gerry, a very entertaining speaker, gave an interesting and informative presentation about the wildflower farm which was badly affected in the 2019/20 bushfires. The presentation included lots of photos showing the devastation from the fires made worse with the large amounts of mulch and peat bog.

Helena answered questions regarding the waratahs and proteas which have now been replanted but will take up to five years before they are in a position to sell. Gerry and Helena have invited club members to visit their farm later in the year.

The Guest Speaker for our July meeting is Gavin Durrell, gardener/farmhand from Cupitts Winery



The GCA Annual Photo Competition 2022

The Garden Clubs of Australia Annual Photo Competition is available to all members of an affiliated club or to subscribers to *Our Gardens Magazine*.

Entry is free.

Enter for a chance to share in the total prize pool valued at \$1,300 and including cash and products from our sponsors: *Organic Crop Protectants, Seasol International, Richgro, Yates Australia* and *Neutrog Australia*.

Photographs can be taken anywhere in the world at any time, with subjects related to general garden scenes, productive gardens, edible plants, flowers, floral art, trees or garden visitors.

The closing date for the GCA Annual Photo Competition is October 1st 2022.

For more information and to download the entry form, visit the GCA website <https://gardenclubs.org.au/photo-competition/>



Reminder: Who do you think you are?

New member Trish Scott has assisted niece Liz Ellis (Australian netball representative) trace her family history (on her maternal side). Liz's full story can be seen on August 2 on SBS.



Thank you, Faye Fitzsimmons, for sharing these wonderful images from your garden:



Many flowers on this pot plant this year



So much fruit on my potted Kumquat tree this year



Birthday flowers

August Grevillea Buxiflora (grey spider flower)
 Thelymitra ixiodes (spotted sun orchid)
Exotic Primrose Violet

September Boronia megastigma (brown boronia)
 Boronia pinnata (pinnate boroni (pink))
Exotic Daffodil, Jonquil



Once again, Happy Birthday Ulladulla & Districts Garden Club – 47 years and still going strong.



Competition for June 2022 meeting – Winter Wonders - and the winners were:

1ST: Sheila Gallant



2nd Yvonne Byatt



3rd Gillian Boyd



Competitions for 2022

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| July | Camellias |
| August | Succulents |
| September | Orchids |
| October | Roses |
| November | Symphony in White |



Shirley Smith Award 2022 – sorry to say that no tips or tricks were submitted in June. Please send some in for our August newsletter.



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 or directly to me at annkeegan@bigpond.com



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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

Answers to quiz

Answers

1. Rose, 2. Legumes, 3. Pockets of air inside the berry, 4. Tulip, 5. They are over 25% air.