

ULLADULLA & DISTRICTS GARDEN CLUB INC

GENERAL MEETING

Baptist Church, Matron Porter Drive, Narrawallee
29th August 2022

1	Meeting opened at	Sue McMahon
	9.33 am	
2	Members Present	Sue McMahon
	92	
3	Apologies	Sue McMahon
	Keith & Joy Clapp, June & Allan Harris and Annette Cliffe	
4	Welcome to Visitors	Sue McMahon
	Carol Inwood, Ken Petrie, Judy Hamilton, Brain Horsell, Terrie Gardner, Trish Worthy, Sue Baker and Kylie Fergusson	
5	President's Message	Sue McMahon
	<p>Acknowledgement of country. I would like to acknowledge that this meeting is being held on the traditional lands of the Dhurga Language Group known as Yuin and pay my respect to Elders both past, present, and future.</p> <p>Welcome everyone. Although another east coast low is predicted we seem to be in an area which misses a lot of the wet weather. Hopefully, with warmer weather will have a few more members attending meetings. If you're still a bit wary of the flu and covid by all means wear a mask. It's going to be a full meeting with lots happening. So glad winter is nearly over.</p> <p>Kylie from Milton Public School is here today with a request for plant donations for their school fete. They also have a group of budding gardeners called Green Thumbs who we may be able to help as a community project now that the Jindelara project has finished.</p> <p>The Baptist Church has decided to waive the rental fees for our meetings. We will send them a thankyou card and will organise some gravel for the ground near the shed where we store our meeting materials which is very often wet and soggy.</p>	

6	New Members	Sue McMahon
	Emear Proudford was presented with her badge.	
7	Health & Welfare Report	Chris Turner
	<p>Most people are healthy.</p> <p>After talking about strokes last month, one of our lifetime members, Max Atkins, had a stroke the next day but was treated very quickly and is doing very well. Marilyn Lane had a double knee replacement which is very painful but she is doing well and Patricia Bates has covid.</p> <p>Things health related happening this month.</p> <p>In general, men do not look after their health as well as they should. Some things to be aware of:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Prostate Cancer, have regular checks and it is curable. ● Cancers which affect men - prostate, testicular, bowel liver and lung cancer - men to be encouraged to take better care of themselves. ● Dementia awareness week including Alzheimer's Day on 21 September. Lots of new research and drugs. One of the reasons to put the quiz in the newsletter is to keep minds active. ● Childhood Cancer Awareness Month - check websites. Events are held at local sports clubs to raise funds to support children living with cancer to keep up with their education. 	
8	Guest Speaker	Judy Hamilton
	<p>How I resurrected my garden</p> <p>Judy Hamilton and her partner Brian Horsell, environmentalists and amateur gardeners, have lived in Mollymook for the last 7 years and described the story of their garden, how it began, what they added to it and how it was destroyed and rebuilt.</p> <p>Initially they were particularly drawn to the number of mature trees and the large number of birds which frequented the garden. Their garden provides a sanctuary for these birds and many other wildlife creatures. They continued to design the garden, free from chemicals, as a refuge providing habitat for the local wildlife which gave them both great joy.</p> <p>On 29 July 2020 an east coast low with 150km an hour wind gusts smashed the mature trees in the garden destroying</p>	

	<p>them. They loved their garden and were distraught by the loss of tree habitat for the wildlife and the destruction of all their hard work. The devastation was in their faces every day. They talked of leaving and didn't know if they had the energy to rebuild and mourned the loss of their mature trees. Their friend, an arborist, who helped them with the trees, reminded them a garden was all about recovery, rebirth and regeneration and encouraged them to build a new garden, just as beautiful but in a different way.</p> <p>They began the new garden, built a pergola for shade and to block the view of neighbours, planted clumping bamboo and, with the wet weather and lack of shade from the big trees, the new garden flourished.</p> <p>The garden is different without the mature trees although they have planted new ones and they love it again.</p> <p>Members are invited to visit the open garden tomorrow.</p> <p>Community Project - Milton Public School</p> <p>Tracey, President of the P&C for Milton Public School attended the meeting for a short talk on how members can help the school as a community project.</p> <p>A request for members to donate plants for their plant stall at their upcoming fete this month, with regular visits through the year to connect with the children to inspire them with their garden projects now that everyone can get back together again.</p>	
9	Activities Report	Debbie Kendall
	<p>The recent Soup Day held at the Lake Conjola Community Centre was very successful.</p> <p>Judy Hamilton - open garden 31st August, details are in the newsletter.</p> <p>29 September - Illawarra Rhododendron and Rainforest Garden; Burnetts on Barney Garden Nursery, Kiama; South Coast Bamboo, Coolangatta - details in Newsletter - deposit to be paid.</p> <p>Mayfield - final payment due by August meeting - departure from Civic Centre.</p> <p>It was decided not to book the Marlin for the Xmas party this year but to remain with the Golf Club instead. Date has changed to 8th December, \$55 for members and \$59 for non members - expressions of interest required.</p>	

	<p>Deb advised members that she will be stepping away from her role as activities officer next year and encouraged people to think about taking on the role, perhaps with a friend.</p> <p>Ann Keegan advised she also will be standing down from the Committee and her newsletter duties.</p> <p>Gill is moving to Queensland so a new Secretary will need to be appointed next year.</p> <p>Sue Mc encouraged people to think about joining the Committee next year. New people, some new ideas.</p>									
10	Garden Gems	Rhonda Bentley								
	<p>Rhonda presented garden gems.</p> <p>Amazing Protea "Ice Queen" - Olive Stockley Buddleia "Wattlebird" - Janey George Azaleas, Hebe, Freesias, Forget-me-not - Marg Condie Orchid, Coelogyne Cristata - Di Gray Camellia Reticulata "Glorious Gamble" - Graeme Oke Haemanthus Coccineus "Paint Brush Lily" - Rhonda S Vireya Rhododendron - Bev Endicott Eomecon Chionantha "Poppy of the Dawn" - Yvonne Byatt</p>									
11	Secretary's Report	Sue McMahon								
	<p>Minutes of the General Meeting of 25 July 2022 are available on the welcome table for members to read when they come into the meeting. The minutes are also posted on the website prior to the meeting for you to refer to and read.</p> <p>Motion: That the Minutes of the previous meeting be accepted. Moved: Sue McMahon Seconded: Ann Keegan Result: Passed</p>									
12	Treasurer's Report	Sue Hobson								
	<p>Finance summary July 2022</p> <table> <tr> <td>Westpac balance as at June 30th 2022</td> <td style="text-align: right;"><u>\$27,708.34</u></td> </tr> <tr> <td>July Income</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$ <u>7,959.57</u></td> </tr> <tr> <td>July Expenditure</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$ <u>3,680.36</u></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Westpac balance as at July 31st 2022</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$ <u>31,987.55</u></td> </tr> </table>	Westpac balance as at June 30th 2022	<u>\$27,708.34</u>	July Income	\$ <u>7,959.57</u>	July Expenditure	\$ <u>3,680.36</u>	Westpac balance as at July 31st 2022	\$ <u>31,987.55</u>	
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	3rd Prize: Pat Kilbourn	
17	Next Meeting	
	26th September 2022	
18	Meeting Closed	
	11.28am	