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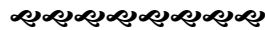
NEWSLETTER - November 2022

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Agenda

- Acknowledgement to Country
- Welcome to all
- President's Message
- Health & Welfare
- Presentation on Mayfield trip
- M/Tea break
- Presentation by Laura Bryant, winner of the Val Tranter Award 2021/2022
- 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 indoors

New Members

Please welcome new member/s: **Lesley Saddington**



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 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 — Next propagating day planned for 2nd Thursday in February – i.e. 9 February (to be confirmed).



President's Message

Welcome to our last newsletter for 2022.

There's still so much happening. Meet and greets for new members and garden rambles at members gardens. Thank you to Debbie for hosting a new members morning tea last week. Thank you to Rose for opening your garden for a morning tea. At least the weather has been kind for these occasions.

My first year as President has flown. A club can't function without helpers. I'd like to thank all committee members and members who manage the trading table, meet and greeters at the entrance table, the raffle helpers, the competition table helpers with you all as judges, the garden gems table plus anyone else who steps in to help.

Sadly, our secretary Gill Evans is moving. She's going from one beautiful place on Lake Conjola to another at Bribie Island. Her secretarial work and innovative ideas have helped everyone keep up to date with all the important happenings within the club.

There are quite a few committee positions available for next year. For those who have been on committees at other clubs you will know how much fun a committee can have. We not only plan meetings but also help with trips and guest speakers and any other functions that might be interesting to garden lovers. "Coffee and food are also important."

Our Christmas party is always well attended. Our venue at the Golf Club has one of the best views in town. This year we are trying something a little different. Put on your creative thinking caps. There's going to be a Christmas themed competition table at our party. No meetings in December means no competition table. This year you will have a chance to bring whatever flowers/plants you like, decorated with a Christmas theme.

We seemed to be constantly talking about the weather this year. Please give a thought to those in the many flood-affected areas in Australia. We complain about the rain, but we do live in a little bit of paradise.

Hoping everyone stays safe in December and January. Our next meeting is January 30th, 2023.

We have a great little club.

Happy gardening!



Sue Mc

Propagating Bits and Pieces – Rhondda Bentley

Summer is a good time to do semi-hardwood cuttings of lots of the woody shrubs, including many native plants. These plants need a bit longer to form new roots, so we need to use the spring growth that has matured beyond the soft green stage. Look for firm stems about 2-3mm in diameter which are brownish in colour rather than green, but not yet grey and woody; the ideal growth will snap cleanly when bent. As with soft tip cuttings, remove some of the lower leaves, wound the bottom centimetre or so, and use a propagating hormone such as Clonex Purple. Cuttings should be about 10cm in length. Plant several cuttings in a 10cm or thereabouts size pot, or place individually in small propagating tubes. A propagating mix of equal parts coarse sand, coir peat, and perlite seems to work best for these cuttings. But you can always experiment a bit and see what mix works for you. Let us know the results. These cuttings are a bit tougher than the soft tip cuttings we did last month, but still need protection from sun and wind. Be prepared to wait for these cuttings to do their thing, give them 2-3 months at least.

Summer is also a good time to do leaf cuttings of some plants. Begonias, African violets, Cape Primrose, and Hoya will grow from either a leaf placed on top of your propagating mix, or a leaf plus petiole planted in the mix, or sections of leaf placed in the propagating mix. Always use strong, healthy leaves in the prime of their life. Seedling punnets seem to work well for leaf cutting, use a commercial propagating mix or sieved potting mix.

Many succulents will also grow from leaves scattered on the surface or shallowly planted. A shallow pot is best and use a mix that has some sand in it to keep it a bit drier.

If you feel inspired to grow your own plants and pick up tips and hints from fellow gardeners, please speak to Gillian Boyd or email the garden club to be included in the email list for our propagating group.

Our next propagating day is planned for the 2nd Thursday in February ie February 9, subject to confirmation.



Open Garden – Monday 28 November, approx. 11.30 am,

(After our meeting)

Elaine Mason has invited all members to visit her garden after our November meeting. Elaine's garden is at 9 Callemondah Close, Narrawallee. Elaine's garden shares a side fence with the Baptist church and can be reached via a back gate on Matron Porter Drive. So, you don't need to move your car to get there. Elaine has some amazing Kangaroo Paws that she wishes to show off as well as a lovely garden to wander and explore. And you can have a cup of tea or coffee to prepare for the trip home.

October Guest Speaker was Patrick Faulconer, Arborist, who gave an interesting talk on trees - where they are planted, how they are managed and how to engage with neighbours regarding their management.



Birthday flowers

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| December | Ceratapetlum Gummiferum (NSW Christmas Bush)
Blandfordia grandiflora (Christmas Bells) |
| Exotic | Rose, Honeysuckle |
| January | Sollya heterophylla (bluebell creeper)
Actinotus helianthi (Flannel Flower) |
| Exotic | Delphinium |



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

CHRISTMAS LUNCH

Mollymook Golf Club, Ocean View Function Room



Date: Thursday, 8 December 2022

Timing: From 11.30 am (we would appreciate you not arriving before this time)

Two course lunch (alternate drop) – Main Course Served at 12.15pm

There will be a Lucky Door Prize, Raffle Prizes, Christmas Trivia and this year we will also have a Christmas Themed Competition Table (more information on Page 10). Everyone attending will get to vote for their favourite entry with prizes for the winner and runner up.

REFUNDS AND CANCELLATIONS: 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.



2023 GCA Calendars – are to be ordered online this year

You can order with a credit card or pay by cheque

Go online to: bartelcalendarsldc.com.au/gardenclub and follow the instructions.

If you require assistance, please contact Bartel on 02 9667 3999 or sales@bartelldc.com.au. There is no time cut off, these calendars will be available while stocks last.



Seasonal Tips for the Summer Garden

(Text by Hazel King, taken from Our Gardens magazine, Summer 22-23 edition)

This summer is a time of thinking, thinking, thinking. Should I replant the same species lost during the very difficult weather conditions experienced in 2022? Easily propagated and quick growing favourites are worth replacing. Annuals or fast-growing perennials can be planted to fill the gaps while they grow. Favourite plants, whether sentimental or from different environments are important to your love of the garden.

Structural plantings and choice of hedging require careful consideration because you will find it is difficult to replace a hedge plant if one dies. Roots of the adjacent plants can be disturbed during the removal and replacement of the plant, 'the new kid on the block', may have difficult competing with its established neighbours.

Other summer tips

- Stimulate new blooms on annuals by continually removing dead flowers. Liquid feed fortnightly and collect seed from peak performers because you know they will grow high quality seedlings
- Remove dead bulb flowers and fertilise while leaves are still green. Depending on your climate, consider whether bulbs require lifting and storing. Tulips, crocus, hyacinths won't survive in warm areas. If required by your climate, lift bulbs, remove soil, and dry for storage. Put them into the refrigerator crisper in brown paper bags for approximately 6-8 weeks before planting next autumn. (Tip: write the bulb name on the bag).
- Encourage small birds into your garden by placing bird baths near bushy, prickly shrubs. Birds will be able to dart into the foliage when seeking safety from predators. Select shrubs that provide food for nectar and seed eating birds
- Prune spring flowering shrubs and fertilise to encourage leaf growth. Don't remove flowers from non-weedy shrubs that provide berries for birds in autumn and winter months.
- Move potted plants that need protection from the summer sun into a sheltered spot. Water regularly and protect soil surface with mulch or ornamental stones. If using stones, spread a layer of compost before adding the stones. Note that light colour pots reflect heat and dark colours absorb heat. Minimise root damage in north and west-facing situations by turning the container regularly and, when watering, check that pot drainage holes aren't blocked.
- If your garden has an outdoor dining area, consider adding plants with night-time fragrance. Gardenias, osmanthus, frangipani, roses, lilac, jasmine are some favourites.



The Summer Kitchen Garden

(by Judy Horton, taken from Our Gardens magazine summer 22-23 edition)

What to Plant

- In most areas there is still plenty of time to grow crops of beans, squash, zucchinis and sweet corn. Start new tomatoes and other fruiting plants like eggplants and capsicum as early as you can because they always take a bit longer to reach harvest stage.
- Sow seeds of Brussels sprouts in December in a cool shaded spot. This will allow maximum development before the autumn/winter slow down. Be aware, though, that unless you get a good sharp winter, it is difficult to grow Brussels sprouts successfully. They love and need winter cold.
- In warm areas where coriander is difficult to grow in the warm months, try the heat-tolerant perennial sawtooth coriander (*Eryngium foetidum*)

Home orchard

- Plant a tamarillo from seed. Keep it watered in dry periods and feed often with liquid plant food. If you are lucky, you should get an autumn crop in the first year.
- Improve the size and quality of apple crops by reducing the number of small fruits in each cluster. Pulling off some of the tiny immature fruit in early summer allows space and energy to go into the remaining fruit.
- Spray oil regularly on new citrus growth to reduce potential damage from citrus leaf miner. Think about installing a leaf miner pheromone trap. It attracts the male miners, thereby reducing the overall population.
- Watch out for skeletonised leaves on pears, cherries and hawthorns. This is caused by the pear and cherry slug, which can become a major pest. Spray with Success or desiccate by coating the pests with lime or wood ash.

Maintenance

- Do hard work such as pruning in the early morning before the day eats up. And don't forget to wear long sleeves, gloves, and sunscreen.
- If you get heavy downpours in the summer months make sure you fertilise to replace lost nutrients and re-apply if washed away.
- Make arrangements for the care of your vegies and herbs while you are away on summer holidays. Often neighbours are happy to do this for you if they are allowed to pick some of the produce.
- Keep some old umbrellas on hand that can be quickly erected to give temporary shade during heat waves.



Reminder - **Desperately seeking fruit tree pruner –**

Margaret Mosley, a former active member of the Garden Club and avid marmalade maker, has had a few rough years. Firstly, with the fires and then her husband's illness and passing during Covid. She has almost everything back in order on her 5-acre property but needs help to prune her fruit trees. If you or someone you know is good with pruning fruit trees and can help, **please contact Margaret on 0418 218 483**



Shirley Smith Award 2022– It is now time to vote ...

Upon arrival at the November meeting, you will be given 2 coloured dots. You will need to stick these onto the 2 x tips that you think most valuable. Tips will be stuck up on the wall at the front of the hall.

The Tip or trick with the most votes will be crowned this year's winner of the Shirley Smith Award and the plaque will be presented at the Christmas Party.



Plants wanted to enhance Tabourie Museum

We are just having our gardens tidied up at the Tabourie Museum & now have a few blank areas. The gardener has suggested Hippeastrums may be good with foliage & flowers & being low maintenance, so I'm asking if any members would consider donating some plants or bulbs and in return, they will receive a VIP pass into Museum.

If you can assist, please contact Cheryl Fibbons on 0403 019 528 and she will arrange collection.



Can you answer these? (Answers back page)

1. What flower is renowned as the flower of love?
2. Which flower did Romeo send to Juliet?
3. Which family does the petunia belong to?
4. If you sent a bouquet that included yellow and striped carnations, what would you be saying?
5. Tulips originated from what part of the world?



Competition for October 2022 meeting – Roses - and the winners were:



1st: Jim Mison



2nd Gillian Boyd



3rd: Barbara Mison

Competitions 2022

November Symphony in White

December Christmas

(see details below)



Something new - A Christmas Competition!!!

We all enjoy the monthly competition at meetings so we thought it would be fun to have a Christmas themed competition at the Christmas Party.

So put on your Santa thinking cap and get busy on a floral tribute to Christmas. Bring your Christmas floral creation to the Christmas Party for display on the Christmas Competition Table. The usual competition rules apply. Each entrant gets a free ticket in the Christmas Raffle and all Christmas Party goers are eligible to vote for their favourite Christmas creation. There will be a special prize for the winner and runner-up.



Volunteers needed ...

Can you spare ½ hour to help weed the garden at the back of the church (near the new path)? We have been given some plants to go into it but need to prepare the area.

Please contact Sue McMahon if you can assist.



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



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

Answers

1. The rose especially the red rose
2. Petunia
3. Night shade
4. I reject you
5. Southern Central Asia - Turkey, Iran, Afghanistan

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Nomination for Membership of Committee 2023

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 27, 2023, the date of the 2023 Annual General Meeting.
(no later than Feb 17 2023)