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## NEWSLETTER - January 2023

**President:** Sue McMahon (0409 113 424)

**Secretary:** to be appointed

**Treasurer:** Sue Hobson (0417 939 224)

**Activities Officer:** Debbie Kendall (0412 069 520)



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### Agenda

- Acknowledgement to Country
- Welcome to all
- President's Message
- Guest Speaker – Deb from Yumaro Garden Centre
- Various presentations
- M/Tea break
- Health & Welfare
- 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: **none this month**



## **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 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday in February – i.e. 9 February (to be confirmed). Please contact Gillian Boyd for further information.



## President's Message

Welcome everyone. 2023 has happened quickly and we're nearly into the second month. We had a fabulous year last year. Lots of garden visits, great guest speakers and a trip away for a week.

Behind the scenes the committee worked hard to bring their organisational skills into practice. Now, with a new year and hopefully some new enthusiastic committee members our year will again be filled with exciting events.

Next month is our AGM. As you all know there are a few committee positions vacant. I can't stress enough how important a committee is to the functioning of the garden club. It's not difficult and is enjoyable. Only two meetings a month, our regular general meeting, and a fun committee meeting. It's a great way to meet other garden club members.

At this month's meeting, we are changing the format and having a surprise for some members. Also, a guest speaker with an interesting message. Don't forget to bring your own coffee/tea mug.

The trading table will be operating, the garden gems table would love to see a full and beautiful display and the competition table is home grown produce.

The raffle table ladies have many prizes. Always a hit is the fruit and vegetable box from IGA Milton.

Come along, bring a friend, and enjoy our first meeting for the year.

I can't thank everyone enough for their continued support!

We have a great little club.

Happy gardening!



Sue Mc

## Congratulations Kardi

### Recipient of the 2023 Val Tranter Achievement Award



I was very proud to see Kardi Jay receive her Val Tranter Achievement Award at the Ulladulla High School annual presentation night in December 2022. The staff in the Agriculture Department at Ulladulla High School decided that Kardi was the most deserving of their students to receive this Award. After the ceremony, I met Kardi along with her mother, Michelle and her sister. Kardi was very proud to receive the Award and her mother and sister were delighted and all expressed their thanks to the Garden Club for the generous Award.

The Award has been presented since 2018 with a gap in 2021 due to COVID. The Val Tranter Achievement Award is awarded to a Year 10 or 11 Agriculture or Horticulture student at Ulladulla High School and is nominated by the staff of the Agriculture Department. The Award is the proud legacy of the 2017 Garden Clubs of Australia Convention which was hosted by our club.

The Convenor of the 2017 convention was the energetic and visionary Val Tranter, a long-time member of our club and the driving force behind the

Club's vibrant activity program for many years. Val conceived and organised a Student Program running parallel to the Convention, that sponsored TAFE students to participate in the Program and explore the gardens, horticulture and agri-tourism ventures in the region. The Student Program was extremely successful with participating students reporting it expanded their career ambitions and confidence.

There were some funds left in the Student Account at the end of the Convention and it is these funds that finance the annual award. Val has now left Ulladulla to live closer to her daughters and the Award is given in her name to acknowledge and thank Val for her huge contribution to the Garden Club over a long period.



## Christmas Function December 8, 2022

What a fabulous turnout for our Christmas Function held at the Mollymook Golf Club - just over 80 members and guests. Everyone appeared to be in good Christmas spirit, appreciating the time to chat with Garden Club friends and enjoy a delicious lunch.

As well as the usual lucky door and raffle prizes and the challenging Christmas trivia competition, this year we had a Christmas table decoration competition and although there weren't very many entries (maybe more next year), everyone keenly voted on their favourite. Congratulations to our well-deserved winner Jane McLennan and runner up Patricia Kilborn.

Thank you to the Mollymook Golf Club for looking after us and a big thankyou to all our hard-working Committee Members who helped on the day, with special mention to Ann Keegan who again baked, and wrapped, individual Christmas cakes for all who attended - no small feat.



**Winner: Jane McLennan**



**Runner Up: Patricia Kilborn**

### Some other images from the event





## **Wanted – Audio Visual and Sound Manager for our regular monthly meetings.**

The provision of sound and speaker presentations has become a significant and successful part of each of our meetings. They provide extra emphasis and interest to our speaker's presentations and to the ambience of our meeting format generally.

The role involves turning on, setting up and monitoring the systems at each of our meetings. This is not a difficult task but does require some familiarity with computer operation and the Windows operating environment. The sound management role is also straightforward once you are familiar with the controls in place in the Baptist church.

I have prepared a comprehensive explanation document that will help in getting to know and work the systems and I will be on hand at times to assist as needed.

Please give me a call (0409 440 628) or call in at the next meeting and I will make some time to go over what it involves.

**Mark Kendall**



## **Australian Birthday flowers**

<b>January</b>	Sollya heterophyll	Bluebell Creeper
	Actinotus Helianthi	Flannel Flower
<b>Exotic</b>	<b>Delphinium</b>	
<b>February</b>	Viola Hederacea	Native Violet
	Brachychome Multofida	Cut leaf Daisy
<b>Exotic</b>	<b>Poppy, Gladiolus</b>	



## **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.



## **Garden Club membership for 2023**

Please note that **2023 UGC membership is now due** and payable by the end of March 2023:

**\$30.00 for a single membership**

**\$55.00 for a couple**

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



## **Annual General Meeting of the Ulladulla & Districts Garden Club**

**The Garden Club meeting on February 27 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.

### **What does the Committee actually do?**

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 just ask one of our current committee members. They are more than happy to explain anything to you.

A nomination form for the committee can be found at the end of this newsletter.



## Activities – Debbie Kendall

There are no upcoming activities to report in this bulletin. These will be notified by the incoming Activities Officer when that role is filled and announced early this year.



## Diary of a Thwarted Orchid Lover



The period before Christmas and Christmas itself was hectic with too much family and too many dogs visiting for too long. Needless to say, my poor suffering orchid was totally neglected. It did however manage to escape the ministrations of the family terrorist who delighted in carrying out all sorts of mischievous, destructive raids in our garden.

When everything calmed down and life returned to normal, I ventured out to examine my orchid to record its progress in my diary. Despite the neglect and the constant threat of a terrorist attack, it was looking good, speaking relatively of course. Still no sign of flowers but two healthy pairs of leaves. It obviously relished the bed of fresh new orchid mix it was treated to in October.

I ventured out again today for a visit to my orchid so I could give you an up-to-date assessment of progress. I was delighted to see that it is still looking good with only a couple of insect nibbles to mar the glossy green leaves.

Sometimes one's challenges to the orthodoxy of gardening, and particularly orchid growing, pay off.



## Shirley Smith Award 2023

A new year, new tips and tricks – get them to the Editor and you too could be the winner of the 2023 Shirley Smith Award



### Can you answer these? (Answers back page)

1. Where was the Camellia originally found?
2. What flower did Juliet send to Romeo & what did it mean?
3. Which of the following cannot be propagated from seed? Parsley, garlic, thyme or tarragon.
4. What 'B' flower means 'beware'?



**Competition for November 2022 meeting “Symphony in White”, and the winners were:**



**1<sup>st</sup>: Debbie Kendall**



**2<sup>nd</sup> Sheila Gallant**



**3<sup>rd</sup>: Yvonne Steain**

### **Competitions for 2023**

January	Edible delights from the Garden
February	Succulents
March	Perfect Pink
April	Warm Autumn Colours
May	One Perfect Bloom
June	Winter Glory
July	Camellias
August	All Things Native
September	Orchids
October	Roses
November	Fun with Foliage



If anyone is interested in purchasing a copy of the booklet printed for Daryl Bishop which included all her contributions for “About the Fauna in my garden”, please see Ann Keegan.



### 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](mailto:ulladullagardenclub@gmail.com) 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.



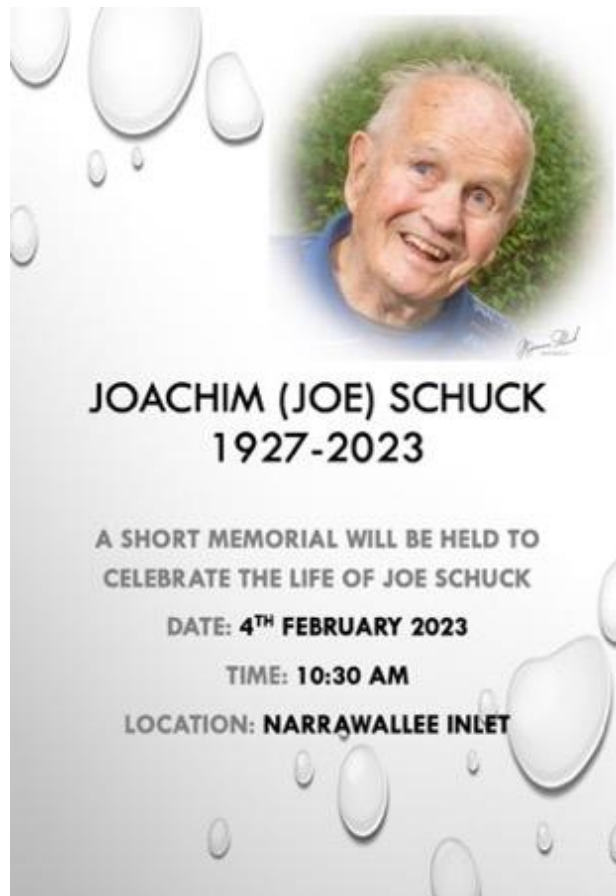
Call Tony on Tel; 0476 938 415 or AH; 4455 4552

### Answers

1. The camellia is indigenous to North Korea, Japan, Vietnam & Nepal.
2. Lilac, which means 'you are my first love'.
3. Tarragon
4. Begonia

## Vale Joe Schuck

Joe was a member of the Garden Club for a very long time. If you would like to attend his memorial service, the details are below.



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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

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Or by email to [ulladullagardenclub@gmail.com](mailto: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)**