**ULLADULLA & DISTRICTS GARDEN CLUB INC**

**GENERAL MEETING**

Baptist Church, Matron Porter Drive, Narrawallee

28 November 2022

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| **1** | **Meeting opened at** | **Sue McMahon** |
|  | 9.33 am |  |
| **2** | **Members Present** | **Sue McMahon** |
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| **3** | **Apologies** | **Sue McMahon** |
|  | Merilyn Ellerton |  |
| **4** | **Welcome to Visitors** | **Sue McMahon** |
|  | Ken Petrie |  |
| **5** | **President’s Message** | **Sue McMahon** |
|  | Today is the last meeting for 2022. Sue asked the attendees who was going to the Christmas function and said that Deb Kendall will talk in details about it later. She reported that there would be a new innovation at the Christmas Party – a Christmas Competition. She invited people to bring along a Christmas themed arrangement.  Sue has bought a couple of plants. She is establishing her garden at her new home, but it is on clay and wood mulch is not allowed. It must be pebbles to minimise fire risk. So pots are definitely her friend.  Shirley Smith Award is voted on today. The prize platter is on display. Elke Smith Hill won the inaugural Shirley Smith Award and Julie Leslie won in the second year. There has been a hiatus due to Covid but it has started again this year. When you registered this morning, you were given 2 dots. Please put a dot on the hint that you like best. The hints are displayed at the front of the meeting room. They have all been published in the newsletter during the year. The winner will be announced at the Christmas Party and presented if the winner is there.  The garden at the back of the meeting venue needs to be weeded. Sue invited members to offer to weed the area and plant some plants to help beautify the area. You can come when you are free and do some weeding. There does not need to anyone present for you to come along and do your bit. |  |
| **6** | **New Members** | **Sue McMahon** |
|  | No new members today. |  |
| **7** | **Health & Welfare Report** | **Chris Turner** |
|  | Chris reported that a lot of our members have had Covid. We need to check the Use-by date of Rapid Antigen Tests (RAT). Once the Use by date is reached the RAT loses its effectiveness and can deliver false results.  Olive Stockley has had a bad fall but she is here today so she has recovered.. Chris warned members not to get any flu like infections because it is a long recovery.  The following health awareness campaigns are coming up:   * World AIDS day on 1 December * Decemberbeard for Bowell Cancer awareness. Bowell cancer is Australia’s second killer of Australians by cancer. * International Day of People with Disability on 3 December. * Chris wished all a Happy Christmas and some rest and rejuvenation for the New Year and exhorted members to enjoy their gardens. |  |
| **8** | **Guest Speaker** | **Debbie Kendall** |
|  | Debbie presented a series of photos from the Garden Club’s recent trip to gardens in Oberon and everywhere in-between. It was a hugely successful trip with all participants enjoying the gardens and the company despite the rain and dampness. Some of the gardens that had been planned for a visit were unavailable were unavailable due to the prolong wet weather but alternatives were found that were greatly appreciated by all.  Debbie concluded by thanking Rose Richardson who was finally able to welcome members to her garden after a delay of 3 years first due to Covid and then the ongoing wet weather. It was well worth the wait. It is a beautiful garden. |  |
| **9** |  | **Sue McMahon** |
|  | Before Morning Tea Sue announced that Elaine’s garden would be open after the meeting. Elaine’s garden is at the rear of the meeting hall and can be reached by a wooden gate at the end of the driveway on to Matron Porter Drive.  Sue also announced that the Garden Club had received a card from Gwen Howes’ daughter thanking members for the lovely card following Gwen’s recent death. Sue noted that Gwen was a lovely lady and a fabulous cook. And she will be missed |  |
| **10** | **Special Guest- Val Tranter Achievement Award recipient** | **Laura Bryant** |
|  | Laura reported that her final year at school had been emotional and fulfilling with friendships being a highlight. She studied Agriculture from years 9-12 which included ;vegetable gardening and the greenhouse helped with propagating; entering animals and produce in the Show. These activities gave her enjoyment and time-out from study.  Laura thanked the Garden Club and her teachers at Ulladulla High School. Garden Club support helped with buying text books. |  |
| **11** | **Garden Gems** | **Rhondda Bentley** |
|  | Rhondda commented how beautiful her lilies are at present and announced the following plants that were on display:  Alstomeria -Jane McLennan  Black and Blue or Blue Murder – Rhonda Spry  A varied arrangement of different flowers from Yvonne Byatt  Gladioli – Jim Mison  Liliums – Rhondda Bentley  Eleocarpus reticulatus (Blueberry Ash) – Gillian Boyd |  |
| **11** | **Secretary’s Report** | **Sue McMahon** |
|  | Minutes of the General Meeting of October 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.  **Motion**: That the Minutes of the previous meeting be accepted.  **Moved**: Gillian Boyd  **Seconded**: Ann Keegan  **Result**: Passed |  |
| **12** | **Treasurer’s Report** | **Sue Hobson** |
|  | **Finance summary October 2022**  Westpac balance as at 30 September 2022 34162.86  October Income $ 46149.86  October Expenditure $ 15544.75  **Westpac balance as at 31 October 2022** **$** 20592.46  **Bendigo Bank Term Deposit $** 10012.65  **Westpac ‘Student’ account $**2426.2  **Motion**: That the Treasurer’s Report for August be accepted.  **Moved**: Sue Hobson  **Seconded**: John Steadman |  |
| **13** | **Member Participation & Questions** | **Colleen Ringe** |
|  | **Q.** A member asked about how to store bulbs that have been lifted.  **A -** Storing bulbs – bulbs with skin can be stored dry. Lily bulbs must be kept in potting mix and kept moist. Dahlias must be kept dry and in the shade. |  |
| **14** | **Competition Results** | **Janey and Jan** |
|  | **Symphony in White**  1st Prize – Debbie Kendall  2nd Prize – Sheila Gallant  3rd Prize Yvonne Steain  Competitions for 2022 are published in the Newsletter. |  |
| **15** | **Trading Table** | **Cheryl Fibbins/Ruth Fucile** |
|  | $106  Cheryl also thanked Bill and Sharon Lampard and Di McConnell for their contributions to the museum garden |  |
| **16** | **Today’s Winners** | **Gary McConnell** |
|  | 1st Prize: Dianne Gray  2nd Prize: Jenny Scanlon  3rd Prize: Annette Cliffe |  |
| **17** | **Next Meeting** |  |
|  | 30 January 2023 |  |
| **18** | **Meeting Closed** |  |
|  | 11.35am |  |