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NEWSLETTER - February 2023

President: Sue McMahon (0409 113 424)

Secretary: to be appointed

Treasurer: Sue Hobson (0417 939 224)

Activities Officer: to be appointed



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Agenda

- Acknowledgement to Country
- Welcome to all
- President's Message
- Annual General Meeting
- 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: **Ken Petrie, Debbie & Mick Coles**



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.

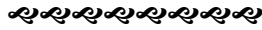


Newsletter

Will be distributed to members via email each month. Members who do not receive the newsletter via email can collect their copy from the Welcome desk on meeting day.



Propagation Group – The Propagation Group gathers on the 2nd Thursday of the month at 1.30 pm. Details are sent to members who express interest in joining the Group, prior to each meeting. Please contact Gillian Boyd (ulladullagardenclub@gmail.com) to be added to the email list if you are interested or would like further information.



President's Message

Welcome everyone.

It rained and rained and rained. What a Thursday! Luckily, we live on the top of a hill. What weird weather we've had this summer. Autumn has always been my favourite season. No hay fever but lots of benefits when working in the garden. If you want your garden to blossom even during the cooler months, here are some flowers you'll find blooming in autumn in Australian gardens. These are plants that flower through summer and autumn then go dormant in winter when you should prune them back hard. These include dahlias, roses, salvias, and perennials. When the soil warms in spring, these plants start to grow again.

However, if you're getting thoroughly sick of the drenching on the east coast and all the humidity that moisture has brought with it, there's bad news. According to the Bureau of Meteorology (BOM) you may as well get used to it because warm and wet weather is sticking around for most – maybe all – of autumn.

It was wonderful to see some new members and so many returning members at our January meeting. We had a near record attendance.

Even though covid is still with us, I think most of us have decided we don't want to stay at home all the time. If you want to wear a mask to meetings, please do.

As you are aware, our February meeting always includes our AGM. Our club depends on volunteer members to keep this happening. Now I'm happy to say that all positions except newsletter publisher have received nominations. If we don't get nominations for this position, there will no longer be a newsletter. It's not hard. Almost just fill in the blanks every month. We work as a team, so help is available. Please think about it!!!!

Not a committee position but especially important is our audio-visual presentations at meetings. This means you have control of microphones, guest presentations and overall ambience of the hall.

Don't be shy. Join our happy helpers.

We have a great little club.

Happy gardening!



Sue Mc

DESPERATELY SEEKING.....someone to take over the monthly role of setting up and managing the Audio Visual and Sound activities 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.

Please give me a call (0409 440 628) or call in at the glass booth at the meeting to make some time to go over what is involved.

Mark Kendall

Australian Birthday flowers

February	Viola hederacea	Native Violet
	Brachyschome multifida	Cut leaf Daisy
Exotic	Violets, Iris	
March	Rhododendron lochae	Native Rododendrom
	Callistemon sieberi	Callistemon
Exotic	Daffodils, Jonquils	

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 your **2023 UGC membership fee is now due** and payable by the end of March 2023:

\$30.00 for a single membership
\$55.00 for a couple

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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.

You can find a nomination form for the committee on the Garden Club website (ulladullagardenclub.org.au) or collected from Sue McMahon on the day.

Brief Description of Committee roles

(The Club's President, Sue McMahon, can provide you with a more detailed description of each role if you need more information)

President

The Garden Club President presides over both monthly and committee meetings.

They send out agendas for both meetings.

The President should attend garden club activities when able.

Vice President

The VP supports the President in their role and acts in the President's place when they can't be there, whether it be a general or committee meeting or some other occasion where the president would usually represent the Garden Club. The VP must be able to work well with the President and needs to have a good understanding of the President's role and responsibilities. The VP also needs to have a good understanding of how the organisation works and be willing to undertake some of the tasks of ordinary Committee members.

Treasurer

According to the Constitution, it is the duty of the Treasurer to ensure:

- a. That all money due to the association is collected and received and that all payments authorised by the association are made, and
- b. That correct books and accounts are kept showing the financial affairs of the association, including full details of all receipts and expenditure connected with the activities of the association

Secretary

Takes minutes at both the general and committee meetings and distributes same to committee members as soon as possible after each meeting. The Secretary generally supports the committee as a whole.

Committee Member – Activities Officer

Plans, organises and runs various activities including coffee mornings, day trips, overnight trips and various functions such as the Christmas lunch and Soup and Slice Day.

Committee Member – Newsletter Editor

Produces the newsletter, sends welcome letters to new members and organises name badges and co-ordinates the Shirley Smith Award

Committee Member – Health and Welfare

Committee Member – Guest Speakers Co-ordinator

Sources and organises guest speakers for the general meetings on advice from committee members and members of the Garden Club generally.

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The Autumn Kitchen Garden

(Article by Judy Horton from Our Gardens Magazine, Autumn 2023 Edition)

Now that the weather is becoming cooler, it becomes easier to grow most edible plants. Don't forget to rotate crops so that related varieties are grown in a different beds to the previous crop. For example, don't plant peas or broad beans in a bed that grew a summer crop of green beans.

Plant

- Sow lettuce seed or plant seedlings as the weather cools. Lettuce is much happier in cooler conditions.
- Broad beans and peas are top crops for autumn sowing.
- Plant perennial herbs such as thyme, rosemary and sage.
- Coriander does best in the cooler months, so plant up a pot as soon as the temperature drops
- Root vegies – carrots, radish, beetroot, turnips – can be grown from seed at this time of year.

Harvest

- Pick herbs such as basil and parsley and either chop them to freeze in ice cube trays or hang sprigs to dry in an airy indoor space.
- Allow some of the best bean pods to mature and, once they've browned, open the pod, remove the seeds and store them in a sealed jar together with a desiccant sachet.
- Leave grapes on the vine to ripen, protecting bunches by covering them with wildlife-friendly netting or paper bags.
- Pick finger limes when their colour darkens. Store excess whole fruit in the freezer. They retain their juice filled vesicles when defrosted.

Maintenance

- Prepare soil for late autumn garlic planting. Lightly fork in compost and, in acidic soils, some garden lime or dolomite, and leave to settle before planting.
- With so many places suffering from too much water over the summer months, it's a good idea to take steps to ensure the soil can drain freely. Create raised vegie beds with drains around their perimeters and carry the water away to a lower point or a sump.
- Blend organic matter into the soil where it will form hummus that improves air and water movement.
- Rake up the abundance of autumn leaves that fall in this season and use them as the basis for compost or mulch.
- Set up wildlife friendly netting to protect cabbage family members (ie broccoli, cauliflower, Chinese mustards, Brussel sprouts) from cabbage white butterflies.

Forthcoming activities – Kathy Pearce

Trip to Shoalhaven Heads, Thursday 27 April 2023

Leaving 8.30 from Civic Centre

10.00am Berry Cool Nursery, Coolangatta

Morning tea with a scone jam and cream, tea coffee and Juice
Toilets available

11:00 to 11.30am Shoalhaven Heads Botanic Gardens

12 midday lunch at own expense, either bring your own and enjoy in the Botanic Gardens or head off to the nearby Shoalhaven Heads Pub

2:00pm South Coast Bamboo Garden

Cost of trip \$65

Can everyone please bring plenty of water, and your own coffee mug

The nursery doesn't have a cafe the owner has offered to cook scones and make tea and coffee available; there is lots of undercover seating

The Owner of Berry Cool is a Breast Cancer survivor and some of the things in the nursery are sold to support Breast Cancer Victims; people donate items for her to sell for that cause.

She has suggested that people wear pink and a big smile, and she will present a prize to the person she thinks does it the best!

I also suggest people bring a plant bag marked with your name to make it easier when unloading upon our return.

Please see Kathy and her helpers at the Activities Table to secure your spot for this trip with a \$20 deposit (balance to be paid by March meeting) or payment in full.



Debbie Lickley and Craig from Yumaro came to our January meeting to tell us what is happening at Yumaro Garden Centre. Would you like to learn more, then ...

Thurs 9 March, tour of Yumaro Garden Centre,
Warden Street Ulladulla (next to tennis complex and leisure centre) including morning tea (plenty of parking)

10:00am – morning tea

11:00am – tour of facility



Thank You Morning Tea

Morning tea at our first meeting of the year was a special treat, with goodies baked by the committee and a presentation to all volunteers and helpers with a lovely plant, who, without their support and hard work, the general meeting just wouldn't happen. A big **THANK YOU** to all of you.



Marg Condie and Alison Austin cutting the "Thank you" cake

Committee member Chris Turner, presenting her husband Nolan Harvey with his gift



Shirley Smith Award 2022

Sue McMahon presenting Yvonne Steain with the Shirley Smith trophy at our January meeting. Yvonne was unable to attend the Christmas lunch where the winner was announced.



And 2023

A new year, new tips and tricks – get them to the new Editor and you too could be the winner of the 2023 Shirley Smith Award. Simply send your entry to ulladullagardenclub@gmail.com.

Competition for January meeting “The Edible Garden”, and the winners were:



1st: Chris Turner



2nd Debbie Kendall



3rd: Jim Mison

Competitions for 2023

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

Can you answer these?

- True or False
 - All cacti are succulents?
 - All succulents are cacti?
- What family does the almond belong to?
- What type of plants are wheat, barley, rye, reeds, bamboo, corn?
- What pretty little flower shares its name with a musical instrument?
- What colour is the Billy Graham rose?
- What plant family does lavender belong to?
- What family does the ‘Royal Bluebell’ belong to and it is the floral emblem of where in Australia?

Answers on back page

Meet the Candidates seeking to represent you in the NSW Parliament

Whether you like it or not you cannot escape politics. Politics is part of our lives from the amenity of the roads we drive on to the quality of the education our grandchildren receive at school and the care our parents may receive in an aged-care facility, etc, etc, etc. On 25 March we collectively decide who will represent in the NSW Parliament for the next 4 years.

Many people are unaware who the candidates are and what they stand for before they enter the polling booth. So, be prepared and get to know the candidates and what they stand for at the Meet the Candidates session hosted by the Ulladulla and Districts Community Forum.

All voters are warmly invited!



ULLADULLA FORUM

Monday 6 March 2023

7pm

Dunn-Lewis Centre

Meet the Candidates for NSW State Election on Saturday 25 March 2023

Yumaro Garden Centre in Ulladulla are holding an Autumn Family Fair at the nursery to share with friends, family and community all the wonderful things they achieve at Yumaro

When: Sat 1 April 2023

Where: Yumaro Garden Centre, Warden Street, Ulladulla

There will be Plants and Autumn seedlings, Music, Entertainment and Food

All Welcome

Seasonal Tips for the Autumn Garden

(Article by Hazel King from Our Gardens Magazine, Autumn 2023 Edition)

As summer weather draws to a close, the lovely days of autumn are on our doorstep. Many gardeners consider autumn **THE** time to spend in the garden

Autumn Colour

Roses and perennials, dahlias, daylilies, penstemon, pentas, asters and salvias are putting on their best blooms. Prune perennials after flowering and, at the same time, take cuttings.

In many areas enjoy the spectacular display of colours from northern hemisphere trees as they absorb food made during spring and summer and leave yellow, orange, red and purple pigments to dominate. This is the time for gardeners to make choices for new plantings.

Bulb Planning and Planting

In autumn, order bulbs for winter and spring displays. Remember bulbs that are native to very cold winter areas are not suitable for warmer climates. If deciding to 'give them a go' place bulbs in paper bags and store in the refrigerator crisper for 6-8 weeks before planting. Prepare soil by adding in well-rotted compost. If soils has a clay texture, place coarse sand at the base of each planting hole.

Cool Season Favourites

Hellebores have returned to centre stage in cool climate gardens. Check old favourites and the many new hybrids and remove old and damaged leaves to encourage new growth. Another autumn/winter favourite, *Cyclamen hederifolium*, looks wonderful mass plated under deciduous trees. Those with patterned leaves add extra attraction to the scene. The large-flowered *Cyclamen persicum*, often called florist cyclamen, is a firm favourite for indoor decoration in cooler months. It usually comes on the scene for Mother's Day. White or gold chrysanthemums are other popular gifts for mothers.

Camellias starting

Sasanqua camellias commence flowering in March. You are fortunate if they do well in your area. With their single and semi-double white, pink and red flowers and glossy green foliage, sasanquas can be grown as large shrubs, potted feature plants and hedges. Camellia societies, with talks, shows and garden visits maintain member's enthusiasm.

Autumn Tasks

Fertilise lawns and rake fallen leaves off the lawn. If left, they may cause fungal problems. Seed bare lawn patches with a cool season seed blend or plant runners in buffalo or kikuyu lawns.

Check Australian natives, leaving non-weedy seeds and berries for birds. Consider planting natives with prickly foliage to act as a deterrent to cats, dogs and large birds and create a haven for little birds.

Some Garden Events you may be interested in attending but not organised by our Garden Club

The Garden Clubs of Australia National Convention

September 10-15, 2023

Hosted by **Toronto and Districts Garden Club** in the beautiful **Lake Macquarie** NSW area

Further information at tidgepress@gmail.com or www.gcac2023.com

Berry Open Gardens

October 12-15 10:00 – 4:00pm daily

Further information info@berrygardens.org.au

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!

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

Newsletter Editor, Ann Keegan, is stepping down from the committee this year, 2023. Would you still like the newsletter to be published each month? Are you willing to step up and prepare the newsletter? Please contact Sue Mac or any of the committee members asap if you are interested.

Guest Speaker for March will be ANNE SIMS from the FLOWER FARM in Morton

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

- 1a. True
- 1b. False
2. Rose
3. Grasses
4. Viola
5. Light pink
6. Mint
7. Wahlenbergia glorious, ACT, Australian Capital Territory.

Some trivia for you ...

During WW2 the Battle of the Atlantic was a decisive campaign in which the German U-boats fought aggressively to stop supplies reaching the UK from Nth America, Canada and even Australia and New Zealand but how did “Flowers” play a critical role with the RN in defeating the German Navy? There was a class of a small naval ship which the British (as only the British can!) called “Flower class” AND named them after flowers. It now makes very interesting reading when history records HMS Crocous vicious combat with U333 or HMS Pink’s and HMS Snowflake’s role in sinking u-boats mid Atlantic. So, trivia buffs, more info for you!!