**ULLADULLA & DISTRICTS GARDEN CLUB INC**

**GENERAL MEETING**

Baptist Church, Matron Porter Drive, Narrawallee

30 January 2023

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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** |
|  | NIL |  |
| **4** | **President’s Message** | **Sue McMahon** |
|  | 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 emerging.  Welcome back to Garden Club at the start of a new year, 2023.  Hopefully the gardens are enjoying the rain today.  Thanks to the Committee for helping out today. A few people are missing but others have stepped in to help. It is good that we can help each other.  Don’t forget that if you have visited Garden Club meetings 3 times you must join.  The room looks very festive with all the plants for raffles, Garden Gems and the competition on display.  Yvonne Steains won the Shirley Smith Award for 2023. It was announced at the Christmas Party and Yvonne has received her individual award but today she is presented with the perpetual award with her name engraved on it. Congratulations and thanks to Yvonne for her winning entry, a simple fix to make garden taps easier to turn on.  New entries for the 2023 Shirley Smith Award are invited. If you have a handy hint that you uses successfully in your garden, please write about it and submit it to the newsletter editor. Once it appears in the Newsletter you have entered your handy hint.  The garden at the back of the meeting venue is in need of clearing of weeds and planting. If you have some free time, please call in with your spade and do some weeding.  Next month is the Annual General Meeting and we need a new committee. Being on the committee is a good experience and you get to know people well. If you are interested in being on the Committee, please let a committee member know.  Joe Schuk, a long-time and enthusiastic Garden Club member, died recently and his memorial will be held on 5 Feb. Joe was well known and liked and had a beautiful garden. The details of Joe’s Memorial are in the newsletter. |  |
| **5** | **Guest Speaker** | **Debbie Lickley** |
|  | Debbie is a horticulturist at the Yumaro Nursery which is near the Leisure Centre. Formerly Mulala Nursery. They currently have a sale on with 30% off all plants. Yumaro are growing all their own stock now. The propagation area is at the back and the retail area is at the front. All plants are locally grown on-site by Yumaro employees. Yumaro offers supported employment to NDIS participants. As well as the Nursery, employees may be employed in the textiles room or shredding security papers.. Renovations to the building are currently underway and will be offering tea and coffee making it more of a destination.  Yumaro is looking for volunteers. Volunteers are required to complete a NDIS Volunteer for online. The Garden Club was invited to visit.  Yumaro is open (-4, Monday to Friday and Saturdays closes at 1.30.  Craig loves the propagation work and working with the plants. He greatly enjoys the diversity of people he gets to meet and work with at theNursery. |  |
| **6** | **Welcome to visitors** | **Sue McMahon** |
|  | Debbie Lickley and Craig Green from Yumaro Nursery  Lyn Fuller, Ruth Edward, Mick Cole, Debbie Cole, Robyn Treweek |  |
| **7** | **Special Thanks to volunteers** | **Chris Turner** |
|  | Today is a special day to thank all the helpers who helped out at meetings and at other times throughout 2022. Each helper received a personalised card and a lovely potted plant.  Thanks to:  Mark Kendall – operates the IT at meetings and organises the venue  Kerrie Henderson – morning tea organiser  Rose Blaha – morning tea helper  Vikki Weir – morning tea helper  Gill Gibson – morning tea helper  Ruth Fucile- Trading Table  Cheryl Fibbins- Trading Table  Gary McConnell- Raffle Announcer  Rhondda Bentley Garden Gems announcer and Propagation Group mentor  Larraine Schacter- Garden Gems table  Elaine Cameron – Raffle table  Yvonne Steians – Raffle Table  Enid Kelley – Raffle table  Janey George – Competitions organiser  Lind Slinger – Morning Tea organiser oat Open Garden gatherings  Graeme Oke back-up to raffle announcer and Garden Gems table  Robyn Bryce – welcomes visitors and steps in as needed  Marie Nolan steps in and helps out wherever needed  Marg Condie – welcomer at the front desk  Alison Austin – welcomer at the front desk and picks up the fruit boxes each meeting  Jan Barkwith – not here today but help out on the Competition Table  Rose Richardson – not here today but help out on the Garden Gems table.  Nolan Harvey – Jack of all trades laid the path along the rear of the church near the Garden Club shed and helps out where needed.  Thanks to all those who made the Morning Tea. |  |
| **8** | **MORNING TEA** |  |
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| **9** | **Member Announcements** |  |
|  | **MILTON SHOW** - **Jim Mison**  Milton Show is on 3 and 4 March. There are still a lot of roadworks going on but the Show will be on. Jim is chief Steward in the Pavilion. The Schedule is now out and there are lots of sections (12-27) to enter. There is something for everyone. The more entries we have, the more competitive and fun it is for competitors. Everyone want to win and say ‘I am the best’.  Entries can be made online and close on Wednesday 1 March. The Schedule (book) is available at the Post Office and at the Milton Florist.  **MEMBERS’ NEWS** – Sue McMahon  Martin and Joii Harris have left Ulladulla and moved to Canberra to be closer to family Joii and Martin worked hard for the Garden Club and many of us will be thinking of them as the re-establish in their new home.  Wendy Osborne has a wheelchair available to give to ay member who can use it.  Tina and Keith have been members for many years and Keith recently passed away. Our thought are with Tina and her family.  Merilyn Ellerton has a new knee.  Thanks to Di Broadley who helped out on the Trading Table today. |  |
| **10** | **Health and Welfare** | **Chris Turner** |
|  | Chris is looking forward to the new Garden Club year.  Trish Keenan’s partner Tony has died. We pass on to Trish our sincere condolences and have sent a card.  Ruth Fuclie has had pneumonia but is now out of hospital. It is Ovarian Cancer month. Teal ribbons can be purchased to support research and support for sufferers.  14 February- Day to raise heart disease awareness in adults and children.  Currently it is Tinnitus Awareness week – insidious conditions that affects people as they get older. There is no cure. |  |
| **11** | **Activities Report** | **Kathy Pearce** |
|  | On 27 April a trip is planned to the South Coast Bamboo. Details will be available closer to the date.  Debbie Kendall reported for the last time in her role as Activities Officer and thanked all members for their support over her years as Activities Officer, especially Ann Keegan and Marie Nolan. Special tanks go to Mark Kendall who is Deb’s sounding board and doer. |  |
| **12** | **Garden Gems** | **Rhondda Bentley** |
|  | **Some beautiful flowers on display**  **Dahlias of the cactus type**  **Gloriosa –** an interesting plant to grow – Patricia Kilborn  **Purple Cloud agapanthus**  Butylon, Fuschia, Mandevilla collection, purple freckle plant, lemon mrtle, hebe, crucifix orchid (NZ Rock Orchid,) Abracadabra rose, peace lily, begonias, heliotrope and Blue Ginger |  |

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| **13** | **Secretary’s Report** | **Sue McMahon** |
|  | Correspondence received:   * Card from Olive * Receipts from Yvonne Steians and letter thanking the Club for Shirley Smith Award * Our Garden: GCA magazine, Autumn 2023 edition   **Motion**: That the correspondence be noted as received.  **Moved**: Gillian Boyd  **Seconded**: John Steadman  **Result**: Passed  Minutes of the last General Meeting held in November 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**: Nolan Harvey  **Result**: Passed |  |
| **14** | **Treasurer’s Report** | **Sue Hobson** |
|  | **Finance summary December 2022**  Westpac balance as at 30 November 2022 $ 20 382.14  December Income $ 662.00  December Expenditure $ 8537.29  **Westpac balance as at 31 December 2022** **$** 12506.85  **Bendigo Bank Term Deposit $** 10012.65  **Westpac ‘Student’ account $** 2177.28  $300 from the Student Account has been awarded to Kardi Jay for Val Tranter Achievement Award 2022-23 to assist with her final year studies at Ulladulla High School.  **Motion**: That the Treasurer’s Report for December 2022 be accepted.  **Moved**: Sue Hobson  **Seconded**: Ann Keegan |  |
| **15** | **Member Participation & Questions** | **Colleen Ringe** |
|  | **Q.** A member asked how to get rid of wandering jew  **A –** dig it out and remove it or lay some sheets of cardboard over the patch to exclude air and light.  Q. Identify and how to treat bronzy spots on Protea leaves?  Ans – post photos to Riverina Plants and Gardens FB site. Barry Matthews is an expert on Proteas and he is likely to provide a quick answer. There is also a current trial by CSIRO into biological control by a smut from Brazil but it takes about a year to destroy the plants. |  |
| **16** | **Competition Results** | **Janey and Jan** |
|  | **Edible Delights from the Garden**  1st Prize – Chris Turner  2nd Prize – Debbie Kendall  3rd Prize – Jim Mison  Competitions for 2023 are published in the Newsletter. Next month ‘s competition is Succulents |  |
| **17** | **Trading Table** | **Di Broadley** |
|  | $122 |  |
| **18** | **Today’s Winners** | **Gary McConnell** |
|  | Lucky Door - Gill Gibson  Raffles: 1st Prize - Yvonne Steain  2nd Prize - Liz Sherriff  3rd Prize - Linda Slinger |  |
| **19** | **Next Meeting** |  |
|  | 27 February 2023 |  |
| **20** | **Meeting Closed** |  |
|  | 11.35am |  |