**ULLADULLA & DISTRICTS GARDEN CLUB INC**

**GENERAL MEETING**

Baptist Church, Matron Porter Drive, Narrawallee

27 March 2023

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| **1** | **Meeting opened at** | **Sue McMahon** |
|  | 9.31 am |  |
| **2** | **Members Present** | **Sue McMahon** |
|  | 72 |  |
| **3** | **Apologies** | **Sue McMahon** |
|  | Bill and Sharyn Lampard, Ann Joy |  |
| **4** | **Welcome to Visitors** | **Sue McMahon** |
|  | Maria Hogan, Laurel Nixon, Sue Katsoulis, Robyn Treweek |  |
| **5** | **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 to Ron and thank you for being our audio visual organiser. Ron has been offered honorary membership.  It’s March and it is still raining, La Nina is supposed to be over. It’s always raining at Lake Conjola.  The Shirley Smith Award is back up and running after a hiatus, keep those tried and tested hints coming in.  Thank you John Steadman, our Public Officer, for sending off the forms. Thank you to those who nominated for the Committee and to Catherine Craig who has volunteered to be our Newsletter editor.  Congratulations to those members who had winning entries in the Milton Show. You now have an opportunity to share your experiences by speaking at our meeting, see Colleen.  A reminder that membership renewals are due on 31 March and please take home any unsold plants you brought in for the Trading Table. Let us know if we do not have your email address to send you the Newsletter. |  |
| **6** | **Presentation of Badges to New Members** | **Sue McMahon** |
|  | Lyn Fuller, Giovanna Richmond |  |
| **7** | **Guest Speaker** | **Anna Simms** |
|  | Anna Sim is a flower grower at Kiruna Farm, Woodstock Road, Milton. She moved to the area 10 years ago as a tree change, starting a vegetable market garden with some flowers. Anna decided to transition to flowers as they were selling well. Unfortunately her garden was wiped out in the fires of 2020. By late 2020 they had replanted using a minimal till with hand tools method. Flowers include amaranth, scabiosa, gladiola, dahlia, yellow billy buttons, zinnia, 3,000 bulbs and plans for more perennials. Anna sells to florists from Nowra to Moruya, produce markets and local weddings. She collects seed and is interested in hidden gems, special plants. Her background is in environmental science and she makes her own fertilizer. Anna communicates with other flower growers in the area and finds them helpful. |  |
|  | **MORNING TEA** |  |
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| **8** | **Health and Welfare Report** | **Chris Turner** |
|  | March has been a healthy month for members. Call Chris if you know of anyone unwell and she will give them a visit.  April is IBS awareness month – there are various treatments, now involving some hypnosis to relieve anxiety. Other health awareness days are Go Blue for Autism, Haemophilia Day – no cure and World Parkinson’s Day – 25 Australians diagnosed per day. |  |
| **9** | **Activities Report** | **Kathy Pearce** |
|  | **27 April** Trip to Shoalhaven Heads. Wear something pink and bring a cup for morning tea at Berry Cool Nursery.  **17 May** coffee and cake at Emerson’s on Main, $15 – large number of pots for sale.  **10-12 October** Planning underway for trip to Canberra. Also to Bundanoon later in the year.  Reminder of the GCA Convention, being held at Toronto on Lake Macquarie 10-15 September – organise and travel independently. |  |
| **10** | **Garden Gems** | **Rhondda Bentley** |
|  | Some beautiful and interesting flowers on display, including: easter daisies, zygopetaum, purple butterfly vine, very large hibiscus, lepechinia, salvia, plectranthus and an unusual turmeric flower |  |
| **11** | **Secretary’s Report** | **Linda Slinger** |
|  | Minutes of the February General Meeting 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**: Linda Slinger  **Seconded**: Alison Austin  **Result**: Passed  Correspondence received:  Newsletters from other garden clubs  Garden Clubs of Australia information on their awards  Information on garden events which will go in our Newsletter  Correspondence sent:  Letter to our new audio visual operator Ron Worthy offering him honorary membership  **Motion**: That the correspondence be noted as received and sent.  **Moved**: Linda Slinger  **Seconded**: Olive Stockley  **Result**: Passed |  |
| **12** | **Treasurer’s Report** | **Sue Hobson** |
|  | **Finance summary February 2023**  Westpac balance as at 31 January 2023 $ 13 887.25 February income 3 210.39 February expenditure 1 845.35 Westpac balance as at 28 February 2023 15 252.29 Bendigo Bank term deposit 10 012.65 Westpac `student’ account 2 177.28  **Motion**: That the Treasurer’s Report for February 2023 be accepted.  **Moved**: Sue Hobson  **Seconded**: John Steadman  **Result**: Passed |  |
| **13** | **Member Participation & Questions** | **Colleen Ringe** |
|  | **Q.**  How do I remove mealy bugs from orchids  **A.** Dab with metho  **Q**. Why are my succulents going grey  **A**. Possibly too wet  **Q**. What grows under conifers  **A**. Not much, try bromeliads, succulents, pots |  |
| **14** | **Competition Results** | **Janey and Jan** |
|  | **Perfect Pink**  1st Prize – Ruth Fucile  2nd Prize – Yvonne Byatt  Equal 3rd Prize – Kaye Grant and Vicky Weir  Competitions for 2023 are published in the Newsletter. Next month‘s competition is Warm Autumn Colours |  |
| **15** | **Trading Table** | **Ruth and Cheryl** |
|  | $52.50 |  |
| **16** | **Today’s Winners** | **Gary McConnell** |
|  | Lucky Door – Lorraine King  Raffle: 1st Prize – Sue Hobson  2nd Prize – Jan Barkwith  3rd Prize – Daryl Bishop |  |
| **17** | **Next Meeting** |  |
|  | Monday 24 April 2023 |  |
| **18** | **Meeting Closed** |  |
|  | 11.20 am |  |