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NEWSLETTER - May 2023

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The next meeting is on Monday 29th May at 9:30am.

Agenda

- Acknowledgement of Country
- Welcome to all
- Guest Speaker: Tom & Ros Miskelly from Zephyr Lavender Farm
- Morning Tea break
- Members announcements
- Health & Welfare
- Secretary's Report
- Treasurer's Report
- Activities
- Garden Gems
- Competition Results
- Lucky Door and Raffle winners

Face Masks

Face masks are not mandatory but are advisable as our meeting is held indoors

New Members

Welcome to new members: Robyn Treweek, Anna Sim, Ron Worthy, Elda Zamin and Denise Hanninen



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. Craig, 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 receive your newsletter. 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

The Newsletter is distributed to members via email each month. Members who do not have access to email can collect their copy from the Welcome desk on meeting day.



Visitors: Welcome to the 6 visitors who came to the April meeting: Margaret Thompson, Denise Hanninen, Elda Zamin, Laurel Nixon, Sue Katsoulis and Ruth Edwards. We look forward to seeing you at future meetings.



Propagation Group — The next Propagation Group is meeting on Thursday 8th June at Yumaro Nursery, Ulladulla. Please see further details on Page 8.

President's Message

Welcome everyone.

It's cold! Winter is finally nipping at our toes. Of course, this really makes no difference to us keen gardeners. As long as the days remain sunny, it rains at night, and we have no frost or even snow all our plants are good at adapting to weather conditions.

As you know I just love being part of the garden club. 18 years now. There have been many changes both in membership, committees and meeting places. However, our numbers are increasing monthly. That makes me smile. Total to May is now 151. That includes life and honorary members.

Just a few reminders.

As of our April meeting I'd like to thank Alison Austin for stepping up as caterer at garden visits.

June is our birthday meeting. Put Monday June 26 in your diary. It will be a fun filled birthday meeting with a wonderful guest speaker and lots of activities for all members to enjoy.

If you are at all crafty or have some little side talent, you'd like to share with us please let me know. There will be tables available at our birthday meeting for you to display and sell your treasures.

Activities have been well attended. Please book in as soon as you can. These trips fill up fast. Don't forget there is a garden club convention in September just north at Lake Macquarie. This is your chance to meet with other gardeners from clubs around Australia. Some members from our club attended the convention on Norfolk Island a few years ago and are still talking about the wonderful time they had.

Please remember to vote for the plant/flower of the month. The trading table always has some interesting plants for sale. Without extra help at meetings these events could not happen

Hope to see you all next Monday 29 May.

Happy gardening!

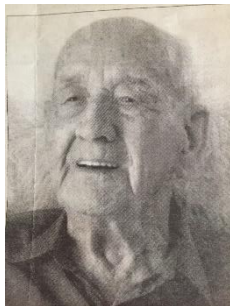


Sue Mc

Member in Focus: Olive Stockley



Olive Stockley was born in Dartford in Kent just before WW2. Her father James Lyall, a Glaswegian Scot met her mother from Maryhill on the banks of Loch Lomond. He was a fitter and turner and instrument maker and soon after they married, they moved to Kent where he worked in the shipyards. Kent was particularly important during WW2. It played a pivotal part including the evacuation of Dunkirk, the Battle of Britain and the preparations for the D-Day landings which involved a vast dummy army to deceive the German High Command. A similar deception was taking place in nearby Banbury where the aluminium plant was producing metal skins for the fighter planes of the RAF. The factory was similarly 'dummied' by craftsmen from Elstree film studios. Fires burned continuously, producing smoke to give the impression that the place was occupied. It convinced the Luftwaffe which bombed the site on the day that Olive and her mother decided to go to visit her aunt and do some shopping. As the sirens sounded, Olive and her mum headed to the shelters but on arrival her aunt was nowhere to be seen. After the all-clear, Auntie Ruby was finally located standing in a shop doorway, calmlyknitting! Olive's father noted *'the plane flew so low, you could see the pilot's face'*



James Lyall just before his 100th birthday

Shortly after this, Olive's father was transferred to the Isle of Stroma, a tiny dot off the north of Scotland where he was employed as a deep-sea diver repairing and refitting propellers to sunken ships. Stroma was a tiny community: fishing, sheep and cattle. Olive remembers as a small child going out on the fishing boats to collect lobsters - *'big and succulent, I've never tasted anything like it since'*. At this time also, the German Wolf Pack were patrolling around the island searching for the British convoys but Olive doesn't remember much of them. By the time Olive was seven, the family moved back to Glasgow to live in Gardener St, the steepest street in the city. This street was used to test trucks fitness - *'if they could get up the hill, they were good to keep working, if not...off to the scrapheap'*. However, Olive was not in the best of health.



Scotland still had rationing, the weather was bleak and Olive was underweight and suffering bouts of bronchitis. The family made the decision to migrate and in 1949, they boarded the SS Chitral for Australia. Families were separated by a bizarre decision that had males in one cabin and females in another. Olive recalls being in a cabin with nine other women and children but she also remembers the five-week voyage with delight. *'so much to eat - I could eat ice-cream whenever I liked!'* On arrival, the family settled in Crown St, Surrey Hills where Olive attended Surrey Hills Public School. Better food meant Olive's health soon started to improve. She remembers her first taste of pineapple. *'I loved the deep yellow colour and the juice that ran out over the plate, and the taste was amazing.'*

Olive's mother found employment as a housekeeper and the whole family moved to Croydon, then after that to the Homebush Guest House where her mother was employed.

In 1952, her father paid £52 for a block of land at Merrylands. With the help of men from the guest house plus a carpenter and a bricklayer they had befriended on the ship, a home was built. Each pier had a sixpence placed on it for luck.

1959 saw Olive meet her future husband John at the Granville Caledonian Society dance. John was a TV and radio technician having trained in England and had been involved at the Woomera rocket range. They married and via Dapto and Kiama, where they lived for 39 years, they finally ended up in Ulladulla. A little Gem magnolia that was planted on arrival is now 23 years tall as well as a banksia that started life as a tiny seedling. There are several



azaleas coming into bloom and a lovely alstroemeria. Framing the driveway are a pair of tibouchinas - one pink and the other purple.

As well, Olive is a skilled crafter. She makes exquisite cards for all occasions and has them available for sale. With family nearby, her crafting and the company of her cat, Lacey, she is enjoying life to the full.

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

Australian Birthday flowers

Happy Birthday to all our members born in May

Native: Crowea exalata
Leptospermum squarrosum

Pink Wax Flower
Tea tree



Exotic Chrysanthemum

Activities Report – Kathy Pearce

I would like to thank everyone for their support at the recent events. It's been very much appreciated. The Shoalhaven trip went well and I hope everyone enjoyed it – the weather couldn't have been better. The Bamboo Gardens were amazing and we must thank Debbie for this find as the weather stopped an earlier visit.

The morning tea at Emersons went well and we will have another later in the year. Thanks to those who attended and thanks to Rose for helping. "The best waitress ever". Bec had staff cancel on her that morning. The door prize, put together by the venue was lovely and was won by Elsie Pulver.



For those who have never been to Emersons, it can be found on the highway heading south. From the Christmas shop which is open all year to the homewares warehouse to the astonishingly large selection of pots and planters, there is so much to see. Emersons is definitely worth a visit.

There are no future events planned next couple of months. Zephyr Lavender Farm will be attending our next meeting and they will have lots of their products available for sale so come prepared to shop.

Our June meeting will be our 48th birthday meeting and June Stockel will be selling her linen as well as other member stalls so let's make it a great celebration of our great club.

October 10 - 12 Canberra (approx cost \$700)

Tues 10th - Travel to Canberra, explore the National Botanical Garden, lunch in the cafe. Then go to the National Art Gallery, explore the Sculpture Gardens. Travel to Belconnen Way Motel at Hawker, dinner will be at a Chinese restaurant (easy 5-minute walk) as the motel does not have a restaurant.

Wed 12th am - Old Parliament House Rose Gardens, Yarralumba Heritage Nursery and lunch nearby.

Wed 12th pm - expression of interest sheet has space to vote for:

- free time to shop at Belconnen Westfield
- continue to garden in Yarralumba area

Dinner at Olives Greek restaurant Hawker (next to the Chinese restaurant). There are other options for those who want something plainer but these restaurants are not licensed.

Thurs 13th - Tabletops Tulips. Lunch there, then onto Malbon Antiques, Homewares and Nursery at Bungendore, then home.



Who doesn't love cats?

As the speaker who was supposed to come last month didn't arrive, Anne Eggins stepped into the breach. As well as being involved with the Ulladulla Wildflower Reserve in Warden St, Anne has now acquired 6 ½ acres of land she is restoring. It is a very tranquil spot with all sorts of bird life. Unfortunately, it also comes with lots of Wandering Jew which Anne is slowly getting under control. Two years ago, she collected the 'brown bananas' seed cases from some waratahs which were gently opened to prevent the inner seeds from blowing away. Out of 100 seeds, 81 have germinated. After two years, they have now produced lignotubers and are available for \$3.00 each at the Landcare Nursery in Deering St, Ulladulla. The nursery can be reached by going to the Council office, then taking the first turn left to the nursery. Opening hours are 10 - 12am on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.



Our Speakers for the May meeting are Tom and Ros Miskelly from Zephyr Lavender Farm. They will bring plants for sale on the day.

From the Editor

Every Friday night when the Iceland poppies were blooming, my dad would bring a bunch home for my mother. Tightly closed with just a sliver of colour, Mum would burn the ends of the stems, put them in a vase and slowly the blooms opened.



Spotlight on: Poppies

Iceland poppies like lots of morning sun and protection from strong winds. Sow seed in late Summer and Autumn. Sowing seed directly into the area you want them to grow in is the best bet as they dislike being moved. Don't worry about covering the seed as light is needed to help germination.

Shirley poppies can be sown directly into the bed but need to be covered with a thin layer of soil, firmed down and kept damp.

Opium poppies are grown nowadays mainly for food in the form of poppy seeds and/or alkaloids used by the pharmaceutical industry. The 'opium poppy' is a bit of a misnomer as many varieties have now been bred to have no quantities of opium latex at all.

I would love to hear from anyone who would like to drop a line with a query or a bit of information about anything gardening. I am also keen to find out what members are doing now that Autumn is here and Winter looms on the horizon. So... don't be surprised if I tap you on the shoulder on club days to find out about what is happening in your garden.

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Growing new roots – Propagation Group News

Our plants get the right start at Yumaro

Yumaro Nursery has warmly welcomed the Garden Club's Propagation Group!

On 11 May we held our second Propagation Group gathering at Yumaro Nursery. We worked alongside the Yumaro staff and NDIS participants to prepare cuttings taken from the wide range of 'mother plants' that the Co-ordinator, Debbie Lickley has collected for propagating.

It was a lovely working at the Nursery with the sun streaming onto our workbench as we prepared cuttings of the various species needed to increase the stock for the nursery. After we



had prepared about 10 trays of cuttings, we transferred the trays to the greenhouse where they will sit on a warmed tray of sand to encourage root development. Once the roots have developed the trays are moved across the aisle to a wire mesh table where the air will prune the long thin roots and encourage the establishment of a root ball. Regular overhead misting creates a warm moist environment for establishment of the above ground plant.

It is satisfying to maintain the cuttings in the correct, purpose-built environment where they have the best chance of survival.

With my brown thumbs, taking the cuttings home

to establish, is rarely successful.

To finish off the afternoon, we attacked a beautiful white tibouchina at the entrance to the nursery with our secateurs hoping to replicate this beautiful tree. Unfortunately, the tree will soon to be chopped down to make way for a new entry. Hopefully these cuttings will

succeed and the tree will live on in other spots in other gardens around our town.

The next Propagation Group gathering is on Thursday 8 June at Yumaro Nursery, Warden Street Ulladulla at 1.30. I hope to see you there. It is a very pleasant way to spend the afternoon. And, if you want some beautiful, healthy plants for your garden have a look at the range at Yumaro Nursery. You will not be disappointed.



Gillian Boyd

QUIZ QUESTIONS

1. What is the most common cause of plant yellowing?
 - a) Extreme temperatures
 - b) Too much light
 - c) Over-watering
 - d) Wrong ph
2. Which is an organic treatment for powdery mildew?
 - a) Pyrethrum
 - b) Essential oils
 - c) White oil
 - d) Milk and water
3. Which pest commonly affects kale plants?
 - a) Vine borer
 - b) Stink bugs
 - c) Aphid
 - d) Lady bug
4. Which is a cool season crop?
 - a) Broad beans
 - b) Watermelon
 - c) Cucumber
 - d) Snake beans
5. Which plant tolerates and grows well in the shade?
 - a) Zucchini
 - b) Eggplant
 - c) Lettuce
 - d) Tomato

Answers: p12

Ulladulla Wildflower Reserve

Ann Eggins

Usually, I am encouraging people to come and enjoy the beauty and peacefulness of our Ulladulla Wildflower Reserve, but I need to do the exact opposite as we move towards the end of May.

The story behind this goes back a couple of years when, after the Rural Fire Service burnt all the Reserve on 28 May 2019, we discovered that some of our trees had suffered badly and could be dangerous. The Board of Managers (all 3 of us) used our amateur knowledge to identify problem trees and tied orange tape around them. We then asked for a proper assessment by Crown Lands staff. They employed a professional arborist from Batemans Bay to look at all our trees and prepare a report. He marked the trees with pink tape and metal identification tags.

The result was horrible! Nearly 100 pages of report which indicated which trees were a problem and what should be done about it. We had obviously not seen all the troubled trees. Everyone was concerned, but Crown Lands could not find the money to fix this huge problem...neither could we. Some significant staff changes occurred in the Crown Lands Nowra Office and now we have an enthusiastic and dedicated team. They have not only found the money, but a local professional arborist. Some of the trees have already fallen down or dropped branches. Now the whole mess is to be rectified towards the end of May and into June.

The Board have been given some jobs associated with all this activity. First, we were pleased to hear that our favourite tree, which is so hollow you can stand up inside it, was to be spared. The condition was that we close the track which went under it and clear another track far enough away to keep visitors safe. We have nearly finished this and new signs have been commissioned. Secondly, we need to close the Reserve while the major work is being done. This will be tricky because we have 4 entrances and none of them are people-proof. We will put up signs when it all begins and be there whenever we can.

You can help by telling anyone you know who visits the Reserve that the signs are serious and must be obeyed. The risks are that the arborists will walk off the job because their insurance cover is dependent on the absence of the public. An even worse risk is that somebody gets hurt. Large numbers of dog owners rely on exercising their dogs in the Reserve. Please share this message with all your dog loving friends. "If the signs are up, go away!"

Competitions for 2023

May	One Perfect Bloom
June	Winter Glory
July	Camellias
August	All Things Native
September	Orchids
October	Roses
November	Fun with Foliage

Competition for the April meeting was “Warm Autumn Colours”



1st Patricia Kilbourne



2nd Sue Hobson



3rd Rose Richardson

Answers to quiz

1. Overwatering
 2. Milk and water
 3. Aphid
 4. Broad beans
 5. Lettuce
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SEDUCTION

After last month's meeting, I took home a rose and it sat in a vase on the breakfast table and it seduced me with its fragrance and its beauty.

My garden is messy and overgrown and not suitable for roses whose thorns would grab and tear at me whilst I battled through to weed, prune and deadhead. So, I have resisted them. But this rose got the better of me and I went out into the backyard and dug up a separate garden bed for the five roses I have ordered from Swanee and a Cecile Brunner I have had languishing in a pot since I left Canberra. Roses have tried to seduce me before, but none so much that have inspired me to get up and prepare a bed for them.

Yvonne Byatt

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. Simply send your entry to ulladullagardenclub@gmail.com.

BRONZE ORANGE BUG Deterrent tip

Fill a plastic bottle with detergent and water but do not shake. Hit the bug with a direct spray. Sometimes the bug will fall immediately to the ground but if not, another hit may be needed. So far, no further infestation.

Past members update:

It was great to hear news about two of our past members who contributed so much to the club.

Shirley Smith, after whom the award is named, is now living at Kingscliffe. She was responsible for the morning teas and was renowned for her scones. Now well into her nineties, she still gets our newsletter every month and is enjoying life.

Val Trantor is also enjoying life. She was the Activities officer and left very big boots to fill. Fortunately, Debbie Kendall was able to fit into them and then passed them onto Kathy Pearce. Yvonne Steain recounted how she would back her Land Rover into the blackberry bushes on her property so Val and friends could stand on the back and collect the berries without worrying about snakes.

Good to hear both these ladies are as energetic as ever.

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

It's really starting to look a lot like Autumn



Contributors: Ann Eggins, Yvonne Byatt, Catherine Craig



Contributor: Raylee Clark

Garden Gems: There were some stunning contributions to the gems table last month. Keep them coming, they provide such inspiration.

Contributors:



Barbara Mison



Ruth Fucile



Jim Mison



Yvonne Steain

**Stay fit and flexible for gardening!
Join the 'Community Sunrise' Pilates Class.**

AND, raise money for Milton Ulladulla Cancer Support Foundation

You are invited to join the staff of BodyAlign Physio at 6:30am on June 3rd at the Mollymook Surf Club for a morning of movement.

All money raised goes to the Milton Ulladulla Cancer Support Foundation - a local foundation providing essential support to families of people undergoing cancer treatment.

A minimum donation of \$15 gets you into the class but a bigger donation is very welcome!.

Bookings are recommended and payment can be made through reception via phone 44542309 or by direct debit, details below.

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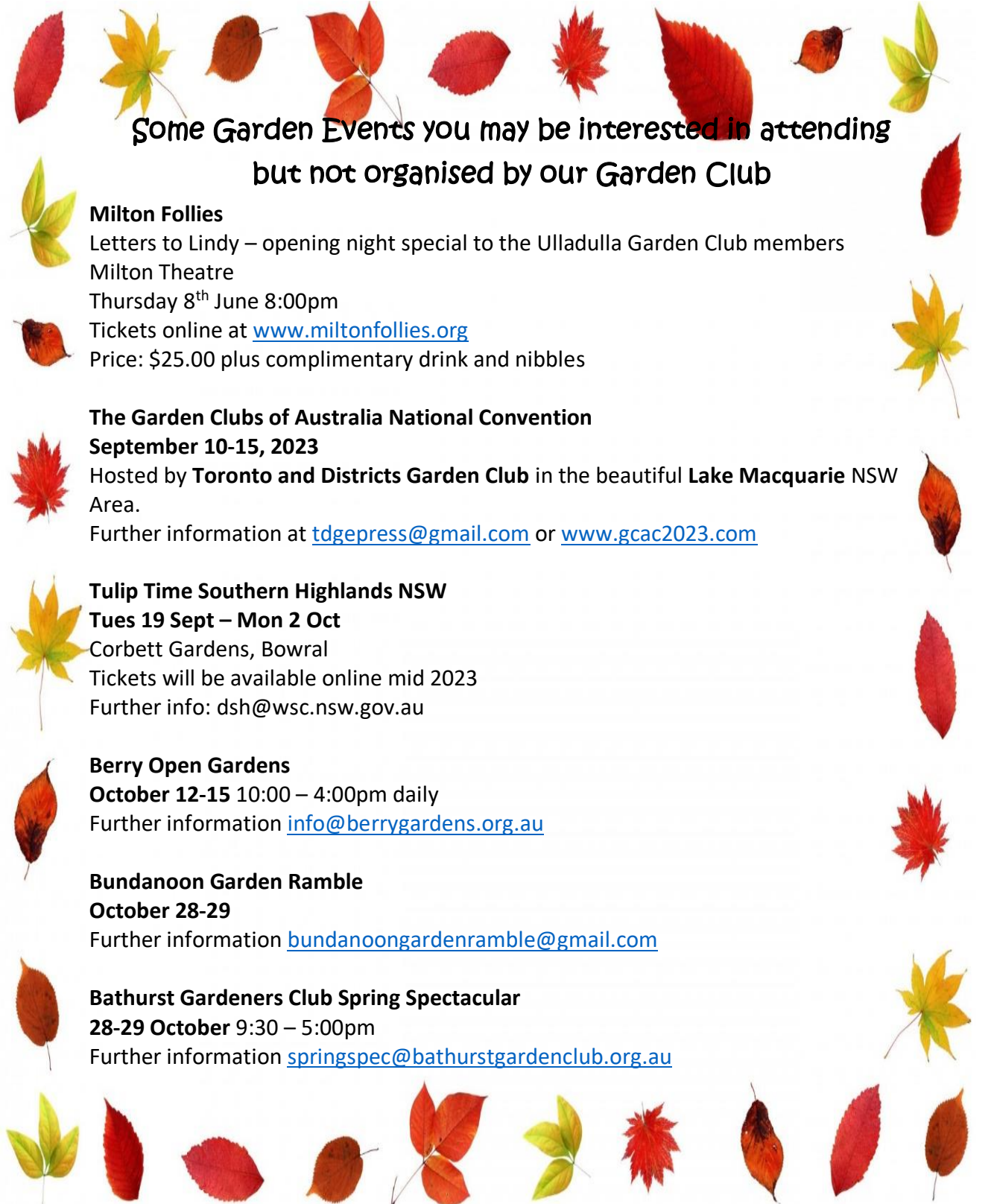
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(Please put your full name as your reference. Once transferred please notify us at

admin@bodyalignphysio.com.au)

PS Bring a yoga/pilates mat, water and your wonderful self.



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

Milton Follies

Letters to Lindy – opening night special to the Ulladulla Garden Club members

Milton Theatre

Thursday 8th June 8:00pm

Tickets online at www.miltonfollies.org

Price: \$25.00 plus complimentary drink and nibbles

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 tdgepress@gmail.com or www.gcac2023.com

Tulip Time Southern Highlands NSW

Tues 19 Sept – Mon 2 Oct

Corbett Gardens, Bowral

Tickets will be available online mid 2023

Further info: dsh@wsc.nsw.gov.au

Berry Open Gardens

October 12-15 10:00 – 4:00pm daily

Further information info@berrygardens.org.au

Bundanoon Garden Ramble

October 28-29

Further information bundanoongardenramble@gmail.com

Bathurst Gardeners Club Spring Spectacular

28-29 October 9:30 – 5:00pm

Further information springspec@bathurstgardenclub.org.au

On the lighter side:

A golfer is walking down the road when he sees an Arab gentleman being held up at gunpoint. He pulls out a wedge and cracks it over the gunman's head, knocking him unconscious.

"You probably saved my life," says the grateful gentleman. "I am a member of the Saudi Royal Family and I have the power and money to give you anything you deserve as a reward."

The golfer glances at his golf bag.

"Some new golf clubs would be nice," he says.

Two weeks later the Sheik's secretary rings him up.

"We've got your golf clubs," she says, "but the Sheik would like to apologise to you in advance: only three of them have swimming pools."

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