**ULLADULLA & DISTRICTS GARDEN CLUB INC**

**GENERAL MEETING**

Baptist Church, Matron Porter Drive, Narrawallee

29 May 2023

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| **1** | **Meeting opened at** | **Sue McMahon** |
|  | 9.30 am |  |
| **2** | **Members Present** | **Sue McMahon** |
|  | 81+ |  |
| **3** | **Apologies** | **Sue McMahon** |
|  | Robyn Treweek |  |
| **4** | **Welcome to Visitors** | **Sue McMahon** |
|  | Nico Leonard |  |
| **5** | **President’s Message** |  |
|  | 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 May 2023. As you read in the newsletter, we now have over 150 members. That probably makes us the biggest club in town. The newsletter is fantastic, thank you Catherine.  This week is National Reconciliation Week, a time for all Australians to learn about our shared histories, cultures and achievements, and to explore how each of us can contribute to achieving reconciliation in Australia. Gillian will give us some history of the week later.  Next month is our birthday month. The garden club was started in 1975. Not a big 0 birthday but close. To celebrate we not only have a guest speaker and lots of presentations, but we want you to all be part of the celebration. If you have a talent, please bring it to the next meeting by having a small stall to sell and show off what you do. I know Olive who is featured in the newsletter this month is an exceptional card maker. We want the meeting to be like a small bazaar. Please come to see me if you are interested. There will be cake!!!  Olive Stockley read her story from the newsletter. |  |
| **6** | **Presentation of Badges to New Members** | **Sue McMahon** |
|  | Ron Worthy, Denise Hanninen (Denise will pass on Elda Zamin’s badge) |  |
| **7** | **Guest Speaker** |  |
|  | Ros and John Miskelly from Zephyr Lavender Farm spoke about the history of lavender and what lavender can do for you.  Lavender was used in mummification in Egypt 2,500 years ago. Apart from the pleasant perfume, it has been used to ward off the plague, as a disinfectant, to help sleep, breathing, libido, and as an insect repellent.  The lavender on their farm is hand harvested and takes 2 weeks to dry. Culinary lavender goes into a still, the steam is returned to a liquid, taking 7-12 months to mature, then used as a water and oil. English lavender is superior to French.  Ros and John were teachers and bought their parent’s farm in Milton 20 years ago. They moved to Comerong Island 11 years ago knowing it was not an ideal place to grow lavender. They hand watered during the drought, had a major fire due to an electric fault, and 3 floods in 4 years, the salt water killing the lavender. They now source the lavender from their farm in Victoria. Their website is: zephyrfarm.com.au |  |
|  | **MORNING TEA** |  |
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| **8** | **Health and Welfare** | **Chris Turner** |
|  | There have been a number of messages passed on at the meeting today of people unwell or injured. Diane Broadley, Rose Blaha, Judy Hay, Pat Gilmour, Rhonda Spry, Elda Zamin, and Sallie Webster. Cheryl Fibbin’s mother has passed away.  Awareness days/months include Migraine, Bowel Cancer red apple day, Allergy, Heart rhythm, Motor neurone disease.  With the start of winter, it is now time to check your smoke detector, dust portable heaters and check electric blanket cords. |  |
| **9** | **Activities Report** | **Kathy Pearce** |
|  | Thank you for your support over the last 2 events. The bus driver to Shoalhaven Heads picked the lucky seat prize won by Chester. The morning tea at Emersons went well, we might do it again. I would appreciate getting feedback and suggestions on venues through the winter months.  The trip to Canberra may have to be called off as there has not been a lot of interest shown. More trips will be planned for Spring and there will be a Soup Day in August. |  |
| **9a** | **National Reconciliation Week and Propagation Group** | **Gillian Boyd** |
|  | **National** **Reconciliation** **Week** is 27 May to 5 June. The dates recognise 2 significant events. On 27 May 1967 Australians voted in a referendum to give the government power to make laws for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island people and recognise them in the Census. On 3 June 1992 the Marbo decision confirmed that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island people were the traditional owners of the land.  The **Propagation** **Group** now meets at Yumaro Nursery working alongside NDIS participants. The group is learning propagation techniques in perfect conditions, in a professional set up, leading to a better chance of success. All members are welcome to join. The next meeting in 8 June at 1.30. |  |
| **10** | **Garden Gems** | **Rhondda Bentley** |
|  | Graeme Oke showed his Luculia. He brought the seed back from China in 1994, it flowered 4 years later but he has had no luck so far in propagating it.  Rhondda described the flowers on display including: a spectacular bromeliad flower Vriessea phillipo coburgii, Coleus, Salvia, Crucifix orchid, Camellias, Hibiscus, Succulents, Hebe, Cosmos, Indigofera, Just Joey Rose, Kalanchoe Tormentose (panda plant), Zygocactus, Dichroa, Baby scarlet gum, Chinese lantern. |  |
| **11** | **Secretary’s Report** | **Linda Slinger** |
|  | Minutes of the April 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**: Gillian Boyd  **Result**: Passed  Correspondence received:  Newsletters from other garden clubs  Garden Clubs of Australia Bulletin and Insurance Certificate  A suggestion from a member on buying plants from Yumaro  4 copies of Our Garden magazine  Correspondence sent:  Letters to new members welcoming them to the club  Form to the GCA registering our contact details  **Motion**: That the correspondence be noted as received.  **Moved**: Linda Slinger  **Seconded**: Ann Keegan  **Result**: Passed |  |
| **12** | **Treasurer’s Report** | **Sue Hobson** |
|  | **Finance summary April 2023**  Westpac balance as at 31 March $ 16 783.45  April income 1 315.63  April expenditure 501.73  Westpac balance as at 30 April 17 597.35  Bendigo Bank term deposit 10 012.65  Westpac ‘student’ account 2 177.28    **Motion**: That the Treasurer’s Report for April 2023 be accepted.  **Moved**: Sue Hobson  **Seconded**: John Steadman  **Result**: Passed |  |
| **13** | **Member Participation & Questions** | **Colleen Ringe** |
|  | No questions  Indoor plants are making a resurgence – they purify the air  At the Chelsea Flower Show, the flower of the year was an Agapanthus  As an explanation of Beneficial Weeds, Colleen read a poem about the Dandelion |  |
| **14** | **Competition Results** | **Janey and Jan** |
|  | **One Perfect Bloom**  1st Prize – Robyn Bryce  2nd Prize – Gillian Boyd  3rd Prize – Tina Robinson  Competitions for 2023 are published in the Newsletter. Next month‘s competition is Winter Glory. |  |
| **15** | **Trading Table** | **Ruth and Cheryl** |
|  | $104.50 |  |
| **16** | **Today’s Winners** | **Gary McConnell** |
|  | Lucky Door – Rose Blaha  Raffle: 1st Prize – Peter Lykos  2nd Prize – Ann Keegan  3rd Prize – Judy Hay  Profit: $127.50 |  |
| **17** | **Next Meeting** |  |
|  | Monday 26 June 2023 - Our 48th Birthday Meeting |  |
| **18** | **Meeting Closed** |  |
|  | 11.40 am |  |