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NEWSLETTER – September 2023

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Agenda

- Acknowledgement of Country
- Welcome to all
- Guest Speaker: Lesley Saddington – Watering plants
- Garden Gems
- Activities report
- Morning tea
- Member's Announcements/Q & A – your garden questions answered by the Brains Trust
- Secretary's report
- Treasurer's report
- Trading table
- Competition Results
- Lucky Door and Raffle winners
- This month's competition: Orchids

Face Masks

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

The next meeting is on September 26th at 9:30 am



President's Message

A big thankyou to Gillian for writing last month's report.

Yes, I was on Norfolk Island revisiting many of the places we went to at the garden club convention in 2019.

Nothing really changes on the island. Still a semi tropical wonderland. However, it did rain a lot and the islanders said it was their coldest winter in many years. To top it all off I visited Milton hospital for a week. Pneumonia isn't a very nice problem to have. So hard to breath but hopefully back on board and raring to go. As Gillian said, over the last two months, it has been wonderful to see the Garden Gems



Table and the Competition Table overflowing with beautiful flowers and creations from members' gardens. This month the competition is showcasing Orchids. I know many of our members grow exquisite orchids and have won awards around the region for their orchids. Hopefully everyone has coped with the drastic change in the weather. It seems like we've missed spring and have jumped straight into summer. We're confused and so are our plants. We'll be welcomed by other garden clubs and visit many beautiful gardens around Narrandera. If you love country music or even if you don't this will be your chance to have a night filled with dressing up and exciting fun.

Our Christmas lunch is always well attended. This year we're trying a different venue. What do they say- "a change is as good as a holiday". Put your attendance down before it's too late.

As the year draws to a close its time to ask members to please think about unusual and interesting tips to help in the garden or around the home. This will be included in the Shirley Smith Awards for the year. Members vote on these tips and the winner's name will appear on the plaque.



Happy gardening to everyone. Be sensible when gardening in the heat.

Sue Mc (President)



Visitors: Welcome to our visitors. It's always lovely to see you.



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.



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.



Propagation Group

The Propagation Group is meeting on Thursday 12th October at 1:30pm at Yumaro Nursery, Ulladulla. Please see further details on Page 12.



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.



Trading Table Rewards Card discontinued

For a few years now, members bringing plants to the Trading Table have had special cards stamped depending on the number and quality of the plants donated. Once the card is completed the cardholder can claim a bag of potting mix to compensate for the potting mix used to pot up the donated plants. Unfortunately, due to administrative hiccups this practice is to be discontinued. Members who have partially completed cards can continue to have their cards stamped when they donate plants and eventually claim their potting mix but no more cards will be issued.





Soup and Slice Day – 30 August at Conjola Community Centre

We were welcomed to Soup and Slice Day at Lake Conjola Community Centre by our brand- new Teardrop flag. It looked magnificent waving in the breeze at the entrance to the Community Centre. It was a fine sight for all comers as the flag loudly proclaimed that this was the spot for a delicious Soup and Slice lunch with great company and a bit of fun.

The range and quality of the soups on offer was enticing; The seafood chowder was very popular and the crockpot emptied early. The treasurer’s Thai prawn soup was just as popular but there was more of it so it lasted longer. The old favourites, Pea and ham, potato and leek, pumpkin and chicken noodle were also popular. My favourite was Rose’s Goulash soup

which was more like a stew than a soup and very tasty. The soup was accompanied by crusty fresh bread that went down a treat.

Once the empty crockpots had been consigned to the kitchen, the slices emerged. Our bakers excelled themselves but Rose’s blueberry cheesecake was definitely the star and it disappeared in the blink of my eye and I missed out on this super-treat. I had plenty of others to choose from brownies and caramel slice to Chris’s very elegant marshmallow topped slice individually served in dainty paper doilies.

Olive’s hand-made cards were popular and Annette made a bit of pocket money with her stall. The Trivia exercised our brains with the winners and runners-up way ahead of the other contestants. Ruth managed to guess the number of toffees in the jar: her birth year was the magic number. Sharon Kleineman won the box of chocolates donated by Woodstock Chocolates. Everyone who had bought a ticket was extremely envious.

Many thanks to all the soup cookers and the slice bakers, the set-uppers and pack-uppers, the prize donors, the dish washers and the floor cleaners and extra big thanks to Kathy for organising a lovely event.



Gill, Vicki and Kathy enjoy a cuppa.



The soups



The slices



The market stalls with Denise and Daphne



The Winners



Activities Report – Kathy Pearse

THE October trip to Narrandera is less than a month away and payments are due before the 15th October with \$300 due by 25th September. The weather has warmed so please pack heaps of sun protection and water bottles.

On Wednesday the 4th of October we have a guided tour through the Heathland Reserve starting from the Dowling St Entrance at 10am. Following the walk, we will go to morning tea at Ex-Servos Club. It is an easy walk with lots of spring flowers and we are very lucky to have a guide for the morning.

On Wednesday the 6th of December, this year's Christmas party will be at the Dunn Lewis centre. The cost will be \$30 per person with BYO drinks. Expressions of interest start on the 26th September, with payments October and November meetings

I would like to thank the amazing ladies that helped in the kitchen on soup day. You all do an amazing job as do our members that helped with the setting up and packing away and cleaning at the end of the day. Thank you very much.





Guest Speaker for July: Shoalhaven City Council Waste Services: Rae Emery

While many of us are trying to do the right thing and are making sure that most of our waste is recycled where possible, there is still a lot of misunderstanding about what goes in the red bin and what goes in the yellow bin. Rae was able to clarify the do's and don'ts of waste management.

Yellow bin: Glass rinsed out but not mirrors, drinking glasses or crockery.

Metal containers such as tins, drink cans and now aerosols, aluminium foil such as Easter egg wrappers and pie plates.

Paper such as newspaper, cardboard, stationery, egg cartons. Shredded paper goes in the red bin.

Plastics are divided into soft and hard plastic. All soft plastic goes in the red bin while hard plastic tetrapaks, biscuit containers (but not the wrapper) ice cream boxes, bottles with the lid removed can go in the yellow bin.

Red bin: everything else including sales receipts, coffee cups, brown bags excluding mushroom bags, toothpaste, soap and hand cream dispensers. If you are not sure put it in the red bin.

The Buy Back Centre: Many items that could have a second life can be left at the buy back centre at the Ulladulla Waste depot. Fabrics such as sheets, towels, old clothes, hats and belts can be deposited in blue bins at the Waste depot to go through a process where they are converted to tiles.

Bunnings have a depository for **used batteries** at the front door.

For further information regarding Waste management or to get the monthly newsletter go to:

wasteadmin@shoalhaven.nsw.gov.au



Competitions for 2023

September	Orchids
October	Roses
November	Fun with Foliage

Competition for the July meeting was “All Things Native”

And the winners were



1st Rose Richardson



2nd Sheila Gallant



3rd Patricia Kilborn

Member in Focus: Nolan Harvey



Born in Ohaupo and brought up in Te Awamutu, about 153 kms south of Auckland, Nolan attended primary and secondary school in the district, then Hamilton Teachers College. His first job was teaching Year 7 & 8 in Tokoroa, a timber and paper milling town.

Meantime, he joined the NZ Army Reservists which involved weekend manoeuvres and open country warfare techniques in case NZ was invaded. With the Vietnam War recently terminated, anti-war protests were regularly held with a deal of rancour directed towards those in uniform although there were those who believed that the war had been justified and were prepared to offer a soldier in uniform a beer.

By 1978, Nolan decided to do what a lot of young Aussies and Kiwis became famous for – leave for overseas. Arriving in London, he flatted with a number of others including one, Christine Turner, who got him a job in a pub. Not owning any black trousers, Nolan borrowed Chris's. Unfortunately, after an incident fooling around with knives, a large hole was made in them, which was not received well.

Nolan worked at a number of jobs including as a builder's labourer and as a fencer at Watership Down. Driving out one day to mark a fence line, his fellow passenger noticed 'a pile of rocks'. Closer inspection proved that it was in fact Stonehenge. Visiting the following weekend, the trip coincided with the Stonehenge free festival that culminated with the Summer Solstice.

Unfortunately, a change of Government in the UK meant that there was no more work so after contacting a friend in the US, Nolan found a job in Casper, Wyoming as a roustabout and drill hand. This involved learning the skills of drilling for water in oil fields to enable the oil drills to be kept cool and clean. He had two stints in the US drilling for water and latterly for coal.

1982 saw Nolan along with many others doing the Overseas Experience through Scandinavia and Russia in a bus. Russia was an eye-opener – still under Communist rule, he was astonished at the number of women employed to keep the streets clean. The common currency for young Russians was Levi jeans. One pair could fetch US\$100 – an enormous sum for Russian youth. Everybody travelling through Russia in the 80's brought a spare pair of new Levis to supplement their spending money. Hiding them from Russian border guards was something else altogether!

By 1983, on return to NZ, there was no teaching work available, so Nolan fell back on his drilling experience. He drilled test holes for future bridges, bore-water holes for farmers livestock. He became a supervisor, water bore designer and water bore salesman. Then he decided to emigrate to Australia.

All the UK flatmates had kept in touch over the years, so he contacted Chris as he was looking for a place to stay. She offered him a place at her parents' home. He moved in on the Saturday and on the Sunday was taken to his first game of rugby league, quite a shock for a rugby loving Kiwi. Chris's father introduced him to the Cronulla Sharks with the proviso that if he wanted to date Chris, he'd better follow the Sharks. Wise man that he is, he followed that advice.

He worked initially as a labourer, moving up to supervisor, then road construction subdivision and infrastructure supervisor until he was replaced by GPS.

On retirement, having married Chris, they relocated to Milton where he was given an ultimatum to find something to do or else!! Having a love affair with wood. he joined the





Narrawallee Men’s Shed which he attends four days a week. He has used what he has learned from this group to construct the raised garden beds that grow their vegetables, to convert an unused chicken coop into Chris’s potting shed and to build their outdoor garden furniture.

He enjoys the camaraderie of the clubs of which he is a member: the Ulladulla Garden club and the Mollymook Beach Bowling club as well as being a committee member of the Milton Show.

All in all, a very interesting life indeed.



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.

If you are interested in sharing your knowledge and experiences with the club, please contact Colleen Ringe



Did You Know....

For every person on earth, there are about 1.4 billion bugs. Not sure how this was calculated, but give or take a few thousand, that is really amazing. Of the more than a million species of insects, up to 40% are in decline with a third threatened with extinction due to more intensive agricultural practises. As gardeners, we can do our bit by reducing our use of chemicals and providing plants that encourage a healthy bug population.



Australian Birthday flowers

Happy Birthday to all our members born in September

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| Native: | Boronia megastigma
Boronia Pinnata | Brown Boronia
Pinnate Boronia (pink) |
| Exotic: | Daffodil, Jonquil | |



From the Editor

By now Spring has well and truly sprung, although there have been some very chilly nights. The first blooms started unfurling in June and new blooms are joining in until by the end of August they are really making a splash. In my home town Auckland, Cornwall Park, a home farm and park, will be awash with daffodils and new lambs bouncing all over the place. Nothing says Spring like a daffodil!



Spotlight on: Daffodils

If you are thinking of getting into daffodils this Spring, the bad news is 'you are too late'. When growing bulbs, they need to send down roots and build up their strength and the longer they have to do this, the better. Daffodils are generally planted in well-drained soil in a sunny spot, in Autumn. They make a great cut flower but exude a sap that can spoil other flowers. Soak them in water on their own first for about an hour, then they can be used in a mixed arrangement. Make sure to change the water every couple of days.

If, however, you prefer to keep the flowers on the plant, be sure to remove the flowering stem once the bloom is spent so the plant can conserve energy for the next year. Leave the foliage to yellow so the plant can gather nutrients for the next season.

Source: Megan Backhouse, Gardening Writer, The Age



Shirley Smith Award 2023

Some great tips for blackbird combat.



Becoming fed up with finding mulch and soil from my potted plants spread all over ground by blackbirds, I made sure the mulch was back in place then laid oddments of bird netting that I had lying around over the mulch and around the plants. So far, it has deterred them from redistributing the pot contents and when the nesting season is over, I will remove the netting.

To deter blackbirds in pots or the garden, cut old flyscreen netting to size and place in the pot or between the rows of seedlings, then cover with mulch. The birds will have a go at trying to get under the screening but soon give up.

Blackbirds don't seem to like the fertilizer 'Who-flung-dung'. Spread around the area that is to be protected.

Don't throw out your pasta water. Let it go cold and use it on your plants - it is full of nutrients which helps your plant thrive

Great tips, thank you. How about some composting tips for those with small gardens who don't have room for a bin. 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.



GARDEN GEMS:



Contributors:

Magnolia Maudiae – Lesley Saddington

Narcissus – Silverchimes – Olive Stockley

Rondelitia – Janey George

King Protea – June Harris



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.

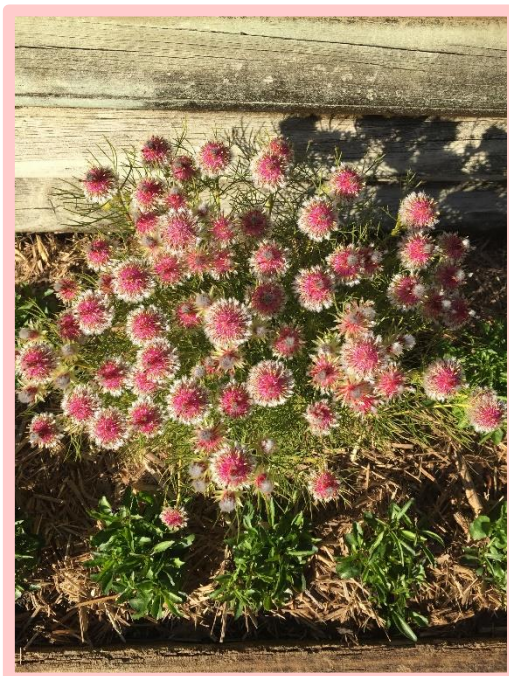


Call Tony on Tel; 0476 938 415 or AH; 4455 4552



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



Proteaceae 'Raspberry Burst'



Dendrobium Speciosum – Rock Lily



Tropical Pitcher plant



Contributors: Rosie Burke. Diane Broadley, Ruth Fucile



Growing new roots – Propagation Group News

The next gathering of the Propagation group is on Thursday 12 October at 1.30 pm at the Yumaro Nursery, Warden Street, Ulladulla next to the Ulladulla Leisure Centre. The building works are ongoing but at least the road out the front is finally repaired. At present it is best to enter the Nursery via the parking lot at the side of the nursery next to the Ulladulla Wildflower Reserve.

If you would like to learn and develop your propagating skills in a congenial environment with access to everything you need for success, please send an email indicating your interest to ulladullagardenclub@gmail.com and you will be included in the mailing list to remind you of our get-togethers every second Thursday afternoon of the month.

You are welcome to bring along your own plant material to propagate or use the mother plants that the Yumaro gardeners wish to propagate. Guidance on how to propagate the available plant material is provided as needed.

See you on Thursday 12 October at 1.30 pm at Yumaro Nursery, Warden Street, Ulladulla.

Gillian Boyd

An advertisement for Yumaro Nursery & Garden Centre. The background is a gradient of green. The text is centered and reads: "Every plant purchased helps us to provide supportive opportunities for people living with a disability". Below this, it says "Wide range of healthy plants available!". At the bottom left is the logo "yumaro NURSERY & GARDEN CENTRE" with a leaf icon. At the bottom right is the address "157 Warden Street Ulladulla NSW 2539".

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Ulladulla Wildflower Reserve



Ann Eggins

The Waratahs are coming out in the Reserve. During the guided walk on the 1st of September, we found 8! There will be more, but not as many as the year after we were burnt by the Rural Fire Service. That year we counted 75 out at once.

Many people think that the only way to make Waratahs bloom is to burn them. This is not true, fortunately. Given enough time and not too much care, they will get around to producing flowers. For us impatient gardeners, there is a way to hurry them up. It is not as drastic as fire, but I am still hesitant.

Clean secateurs are all you need. If your plant is only one year old, a commercial grower of Waratahs says they should be pruned to 15 centimetres in March. Ouch!!! One of the leaders at our local Landcare is more cataclysmic and recommends pruning down to just above the lignotuber, which is the swelling at about ground level. I think I can just about cope with a 15-centimetre lopping. By the following February your Waratah should have recovered and produced about 8 branches. Be brave!

Your reward for bravery should come in the following September with beautiful flowers. If not, be patient, because 3-year-old Waratahs love to flower in spite of what you have done to them. There are a couple of other tips: a free draining position and each spring encourage them with 3/4 of a teaspoon plant fertiliser. One has to wonder how they survive in the wild. They do manage somehow. Come and see them in the Reserve in Warden Street. They are easy to spot: after all their scientific name *Telopea speciosissima* means 'The best species to see from afar'.



THIS FROM THIS?



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.



A Traveller's Tale:

A winter break in Rarotonga in the Cook Islands sounded just what was needed. Unfortunately, that's what Winter thought as well so it came along for the ride. Having the coldest and wettest winter that most of the locals could remember, even the bananas were reluctant to ripen. However, for those used to much colder climes, it was not jumper weather and there were a few sunny days to allow lounging by the pool.



It was surprising though, to see such familiar plants 6,731kms from home even though they were on steroids. Hibiscus and dracaena were planted closely together around the perimeter of properties, then clipped to form windbreaks while still allowing spaces below to allow the ever-



present roosters and hens to scuttle through. Casuarina trees were huge with *monstera deliciosa* scrambling up to the top. Other casuarinas were carefully pruned so that the delicate young leaves formed hedges. The soil is richly volcanic and no fertilizers are necessary. The Cooks Islands used to export oranges, avocados, bananas, taro and breadfruit until the arrival of the fruit fly. It is sad to see abandoned orange orchards with the neglected trees covered in Morning Glory vines and completely unproductive.



Gingers grow in abundance in a profusion of colours and they are used to decorate reception areas and restaurants in many of the hotels on the island.

The Maire Nui Gardens are worth seeing, with seven acres of tropical gardens featuring lily ponds and magnificent mountain views.



Have your say ...

Is there something that you want to say about the joys or otherwise of gardens and 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!



QUIZ QUESTIONS:

1. According to their common name during which holiday season should you expect to see the lovely blossoms of the *Blandfordia nobilis*?

Christmas, Easter, Labor Day, Halloween.

2. What is the nickname for the following shrub known as *Woorikee*?

Chieftain, Jellyfish, Drumstick, Knuckle walker

3. The edible cardoon or Cunard Cardin Likud is also known by which of the following gastronomically inviting name?

Oregano thistle, Licorice thistle, Artichoke thistle, Kale thistle

4. What is the alternate name for the Australian beauty known as *Caleana major*?

Opal fire begonia, Racing turtle rhododendron, Candy cane carnation, Firefly duck orchid

5. *Telopea speciosissima* is a vibrant flowering plant commonly known by which of these Aboriginal words?

Taipan, Kookaburra, Waratah, Potaroo

Answers on page 16



Varroa Destructor - Varroa mite

The varroa mite is a parasitic mite that attacks the European honey bees and the Asian honey bee. It attaches itself to the bee and then feeds off it. If untreated, the colony will eventually die. If not contained, all feral and untreated colonies will be destroyed by this mite. It is visible to the naked eye, being oval, flat and red-brown.



Varroa mites spread through drifting drones and worker bees as well as through swarms and absconding colonies. The Department of Primary industries is currently monitoring all outbreaks of varroa infestation.



Correction:

TO CONTACT FIRE & RESCUE phone 949 313 77

NOTE: The correct phone number to contact Fire and Rescue to arrange a fire alarm or safety check OR to report a fire is **949 313 77**. Numbers provided to you previously, connect you to Batemans Bay which is a bit far away to help

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

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

October 28-29 9:30 – 5:00pm

Further information springspec@bathurstgardenclub.org.au

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

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

Narrandera Garden Club

Narrandera Town & Country Open Garden

Sunday 22nd October

Tickets online available from Eventbrite - \$25.00

(incl Devonshire Tea & 25% discount at Shady Gum Nursery)



QUIZ Answers:

- 1 Christmas
- 2 Drumstick
- 3 Artichoke thistle
- 4 Firefly duck orchid
- 5 Waratah



The Illawarra/Shoalhaven Festival of Roses is on the 28th and 29 October 2023 in Jamberoo.



Exhibition of Roses

Roses from our best rose growers in the state and of our members.

A display of roses from public gardens in the suburbs of the Illawarra and Shoalhaven.

Floral Art including a children's class.

Heritage Roses

David Austin Roses

Roses in portrait, in teacups and seashells, boxes and the best perfumed rose

Come and see the beautiful roses and smell the perfume. Talk to rose growers and see how you can improve your roses.

Enjoy a beautiful day in Jamberoo visiting the town and local sights.

Details of the Event:

Location: Jamberoo School of Arts

Address: 30 Allowrie Street Jamberoo

Dates 28th October 2023 12 noon to 5 pm
29th October 2023 9 am to 2.30 pm

Cost Adult \$5.00
Concession \$2.00

Copies of the Show Schedule are available from Kristin Dawson Mobile 0422157353 and or email Illawarrarosechair@gmail.com

The show schedule will be on our website shortly.

Website: nsw.rose.org.au/shows-events.html

Contact: Kristin Dawson Mobile 0422 157 353