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NEWSLETTER – January 2024

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Agenda

- Acknowledgement of Country
- Welcome to all
- Guest Speaker: Aya Shibata: The delicate art of Ikebana
- 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: Succulents

Face Masks

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

The next meeting is on January 29th at 9:30 am



President's Message

President's report January 2024

Welcome to 2024. I hope all members had a wonderful Christmas and new year. Its already a busy start to 2024.

We were told to expect a drier summer because of the effects of El Nino. However, because of tropical cyclones and more thunderstorms than usual, weather systems have been unexpectantly wetter this summer than were predicted. Great for us gardeners. It's almost sub-tropical at my place. You can see the grass growing!

In December last year we attended a successful Christmas lunch at the Dunn Lewis centre. A big thank you to Kathy and all her helpers for making the day so great.

At this event we found out and I presented Nolan Harvey with the Shirley Smith Award. His handy hint was the winner. He was extremely excited and now has his name engraved on the plate. It's a great honour to win this. If you'd like to be a winner for this year, just send your tried and tested hints to the newsletter each month.

In January, each year the garden club committee reflects on the year past. It's also a time to thank helpers who turn up to each meeting to set up welcoming, trading, raffle, competition, Information Technology and garden gems tables and the kitchen for morning tea. So much goes on behind the scenes to make a meeting run smoothly.



Please don't forget that our February meeting is also our AGM. Without a committee the club can't function. I know there are so many talented members who could become a committee member. It's a wonderful way to get to know everyone in the club. Please consider being on the committee. We all help each other.

Happy gardening to everyone.

Sue Mc (President)



Visitors

Welcome to our visitors: Debbie Debeljuh, Jane Fletcher and Maria Ewyk. It's always lovely to see you.



New Members

Welcome to Laurel Nixon, Margaret Greenup, Fran Hesford and Debbie Debeljuh.



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 18th January at 1:30pm at Yumaro Nursery, Ulladulla. Please see further details on Page 10.



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.



Membership Fees

At present the Committee has agreed to keep our Membership fees the same as they have been for the last several years.

Joining Fees

Single new membership \$38

Couple new membership \$70

Renewal Fees

Single renewal of membership \$30

Couple renewal of membership \$55

Replacement Garden Club badges cost \$8, payable to the Treasurer

I include the following extracts from the Constitution. Please note that renewals are due before 31st March in each year.

“Payment of Joining and Membership Fees

If a member becomes a member on or after 31st October in any calendar year they are not required to renew their membership until before 31st March in the second calendar year of membership.

A person ceases to be a member of the association if the person: (a) dies, or

(b) resigns membership, or

(c) is expelled from the association, or

(d) fails to pay the annual membership fee under clause 8 (2) by 31 March in the year the fee falls due.”



Guest Speaker for November: Kathy Pearse – Narrandera Trip



After stopping for morning tea at the Niagara Café in Gundagai, the next stop was at the Iris Farm in Wagga Wagga. In early October the Intermediate and Dwarf iris and limited numbers of very early flowering tall iris are on display. The peak bloom season for the Tall Bearded Iris is mid-October to the end of October with a relatively small number flowering up until mid-November. The Louisiana Iris typically flowers from late October. The entry fee was waived and donated to the Koala Hospital in Port McQuarrie. Bulbs can be ordered online.



Excerpt from the Narrandera Garden Club newsletter.

Members of Ulladulla Garden Club have been visiting Narrandera and surrounds over the last 2 days. Yesterday, the group visited 5 local gardens, two of which were open last Sunday as part of our Open Garden Day. Devonshire Tea, served by CanAssist Narrandera, was followed by a delicious lunch at Berrembed Station. The group enjoyed viewing several local landmarks, and were super excited to spot a koala on their travels.



Members of Narrandera Garden Club then joined Ulladulla Garden Club members for dinner and some 1950's trivia.

Today, DeBortoli Wines welcomed the group at Emeri's Garden before they returned to Narrandera to visit [The Shady Gum Nursery](#), [Trims Collective](#), SewFab and other local businesses. We thank everyone from Ulladulla Garden Club for visiting our beautiful town and helping Narrandera Garden Club raise vital funds in support of [CanAssist Narrandera](#).



CHRISTMAS PARTY 2023



Raffle winners



Door Prize winner

***Congratulations to Nolan Harvey as the
2023 Shirley Smith awardee.***



Activities Report – Kathy Pearce

I would like to start the year by thanking all those who came for the morning tea at the Golf Club. It was lovely to see so many smiling faces, so please let me know if you would like to do this again. There will be a day trip to Red Cow Farm on the Thursday 21st March leaving at 7:30am. I am still waiting for a price but I will have the costs at the next meeting on Feb 26th and we will start the list with a \$20.00 deposit.





Growing new roots – Propagation Group News

The Propagation Group has decided to take a break. Although members express an interest in learning how to propagate plants, they are not turning up to turn their interest into reality. In addition, the Yumaro greenhouse is out of action for the time being.

So, we will take a rest for a while and think about the way forward. We will let members know when we resume our regular gatherings.

Gillian Boyd

A green advertisement for Yumaro Nursery & Garden Centre. The text reads: "Every plant purchased helps us to provide supportive opportunities for people living with a disability. Wide range of healthy plants available!" The logo for Yumaro Nursery & Garden Centre is at the bottom left, and the address "157 Warden Street Ulladulla NSW 2539" is at the bottom right.

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NURSERY 
& GARDEN CENTRE

157 Warden Street
Ulladulla NSW 2539



QUIZ QUESTIONS:

1. Which country is the largest producer of tea in the world?
2. Which is the most poisonous plant in the world?
3. What is the oldest living plant in the world?
4. What plant can grow up to 30 cms in a day?
5. What is the rarest flower in the world?

Answers on page 17

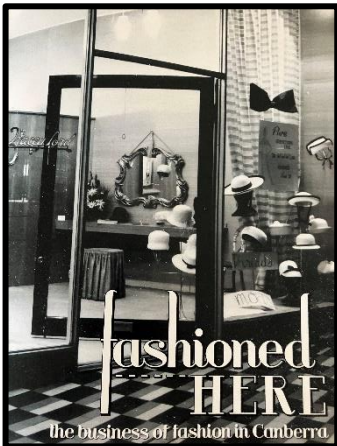




Hats off to Yvonne Byatt!

Hi, my name is Yvonne Byatt and I am your Member in Focus this month. I was born in Canberra hospital in 1940, the second girl and later six brothers. My parents had come over from Perth where my father had completed a degree in languages and my mother a secretary. My father grew up in Kalgoorlie where he met some Japanese miners, which began his lifelong fascination with languages and different cultures. When war came Dad went overseas and my mother sister and one brother went to live in Sydney, where we lived until I was seven. Then we moved back to a beautiful big house in Forest, where we had a lovely garden with lots of big fruit trees. The ones I remember most were a big plum and a Granny Smith Apple that Dad grafted on different apples. We had ducks, chooks and pigeons. The pigeons were pets and my brother was most upset when Dad suggested Pigeon Pie. I had a plot to look after where I grew flowers, even winning a prize at the Canberra Horticultural Society in 1952.

As kids going to Catholic Schools there were always raffles and we would terrorise the neighbours selling tickets. One neighbour handed us a five-pound note folded so we could see his name, Roland Wilson, who was the Treasurer at the time.



I left school at fifteen and instead of doing what my sister did, i.e. Secretarial College, I went to work as an apprentice milliner for Tracey Lord who was then in Lonsdale St. On the day I went for my interview the owner, Kevin, said that after my shower every morning I should put on a deodorant, as we were working



in such a small space. He was a big fan of Old Spice. It reminds me of how things have changed. Back then we had turns in the bath and there were only two deodorants, Mum and Arid. Now they take up an aisle in the supermarket. I stayed there till the family moved back to Sydney for work. I remember my sister and I went to



Melbourne for the Olympic Games in 1956 and stayed with an aunt. We moved to Sydney and lived in Mosman where there were two enormous date palms out the back and a beautiful sunset coloured frangipani out the front, but no real garden.

Through a friend of my father's, I went to work for Henriette Lamotte, which was owned by Countess d'Espinay. It was a big multi-cultural workroom





Max and Stella Cornelius

with two French, a German, a Lithuanian, the rest Australian, where we copied hats that had been imported from French fashion houses. There was another French business that imported gowns and they held fashion parades together, invitation only.

I left there in 1962 and went to work for Cornelius Furs owned by Max and Stella Cornelius, were major figures in the Fur Industry for many years. Their salon was in the Trust Building in Castlereagh St, half of it below street level with a big workroom underneath then, apparently, there were still more floors

underneath that someone else owned. It was while I was there that the photos were taken for Vogue and I've kept the magazine for 60 years.

I was married in Sydney and we moved back to Canberra where Peter went to work for the Navy Office. He went to Night School and did his Leaving Certificate and on to Uni part time then full time on scholarship. He finished work as a Statistician for the AFP



We lived in Watson till 1981 then moved to Narrabundah which had a lovely garden and beautiful big Claret Ash Street trees.

When my third child started school, I went back and did my Higher School Certificate and then on to CCAE for a couple of years doing a Science Degree.

In 1981 I went to work as an Industrial Arts assistant and

sometimes in the Science Department, where I spent time in their glasshouse, where they grew Begonias and Impatiens among other things and I learnt to take cuttings. I stayed there till I retired in 1997.

Then we moved down to Lake Tabourie where we lived whilst Peter and builder Keith Bingham built us a house in Little Forest right up the top with an incredible view. We cleared the bush and made a big garden and stayed there for 10 years. Then we moved to beautiful Mollmook and started all over again. We had two big gums with wisteria growing through them which we had taken out and I'm still trying to get rid of the wisteria suckers.

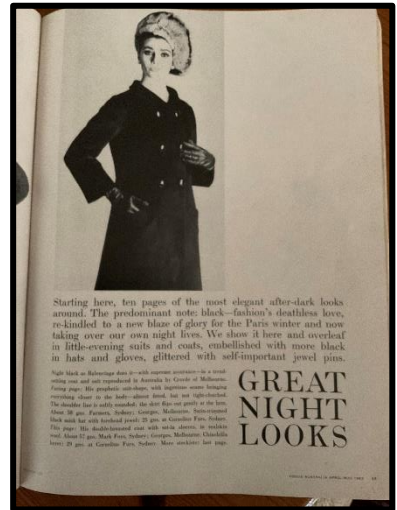


I love my garden - it is my haven, I don't do it to impress anyone, just to keep me happy and off the streets. Last year I brought home a rose from the Gems table I was so entranced by it that I've made a rose garden in the backyard and it gives me great pleasure.

I joined the Garden Club in 2000, had some time off then rejoined. I've been lucky to have met and made many good friends through the Garden Club, especially when I was on the Gems Table with Rhondda and Kaye

and all the other lovely members who brought in their treasures for us to display.

Cheers Yvonne



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



From the Editor

For a while during Winter, I was pretty sure that I had lost many of my collection of coleuses. As the weather got colder, they started to lose their leaves and to look very unwell. I thought that there were annual varieties amongst the group so I took some cuttings. However, they were very slow to produce and I was resigned to losing them. Then at a Garden Club meeting, Rhondda Bentley mentioned that they would come back in the Spring, to not prune them and just be patient. So, I followed her advice and now they are as bountiful as before.



Spotlight on Coleus

Coleus were the 'it' plant in Victorian times as the patterns of the leaves resembled the prints in tapestries and Persian carpets that were such a part of Victorian design. They are a very easy plant to propagate. Simply put a cutting into a glass of water and there will be roots showing within a couple of weeks. Plant into an appropriately sized pot and then repot as the plant grows. To keep the plant bushy and strong, pinch out the tops every few weeks. The flowers are very insignificant and they need to be pinched out as well. Keep your coleus well-watered or they will wilt. Beware also of caterpillars at this time of year!



Australian Birthday flowers

Happy Birthday to all our members born in January

Native: Bluebell Creeper Sollya heterophylla
Flannel Flower Actinotis helianthi

Exotic: Delphinium



**I USED TO ENVY PEOPLE WHO COULD DO A CARTWHEEL BUT NOW I'M
JEALOUS OF ANYONE WHO CAN GET UP OFF THE FLOOR WITHOUT
MAKING GRUNTING NOISES AND HOLDING ONTO FURNITURE**



Shirley Smith Award 2024

Deter possums from eating climbing roses. Place about 1/3 cup blood and bone in the toe of a stocking. Tie this into the rose arch among the leaves and leave it there.

Great tip, thanks! 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 2024 Shirley Smith Award. Simply send your entry to ulladullagardenclub@gmail.com.



POSSUM MAGIC

Just to let you know, I've made this possum box for a customer but if anyone wants one or a bird box, the Men's Shed Narrawallee can make them to order for a donation.

Contact: Nolan Harvey 0409 022 754



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.



GARDEN GEMS:



Contributors: clockwise from top

Orchids – Tina Robinson

Dahlias – Jane McLennan

Cricket orchid – Jan Barkwith

Glorisos Rothchildiana – Patricia Kilborn

Lilies – Graham Oke

Hydrangeas – Lorraine Schachter

Hoya – Diane Broadley



Photos for Newsletter

Do you have a photo you love of your garden or a plant or animal in your garden? They are a wonderful addition to our newsletter. Send them to ulladullagardenclub@gmail.com



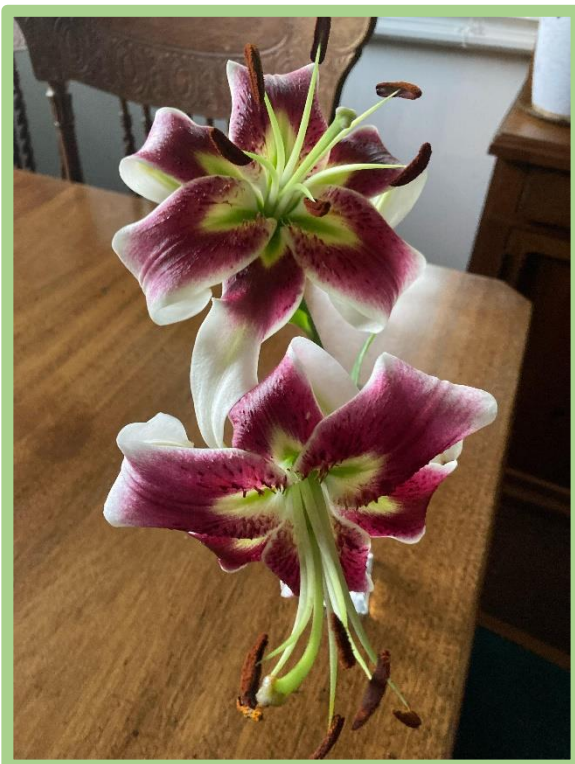
John Steadman - Pineapple Lily



Linda Slinger - Coleus



Colleen Ringe - Oncidium orchid



Janey George - Lilium



Ulladulla Wildflower Reserve



Ann Eggins

On the first day of every month the managers of the Reserve conduct a free, guided walk around the Reserve. Lots of different people join us at 10.00am. New Year's Day was no different: some regulars and some visitors. Two ladies from Brisbane were so pleased to have some time in a forest that they gave us a \$50.00 donation. We certainly don't expect to be paid because we enjoy being there too.

With all the recent rain, the most common question we are asked is, "Are the fungi poisonous?" Our reply is always the same: "Probably, don't risk it." A Google article says that even expert Mycologists have great difficulty in identifying which of our mushroom look-alikes are edible. Hopefully the super market varieties can be trusted.

The fascinating shapes of fungi which are popping up everywhere are just a tiny part of these organisms. The underground part or mycelium is huge. It is tempting to use the word "root", but that is incorrect because only plants have roots and fungi are more like us than their neighbours – plants. The beneficial relationship between the mycelia and roots is an exciting and profitable new area of research. We hope you see many fungi. Some are beautiful, others quite bizarre...even luminous. The photos below were all taken in our Reserve, probably not visible now, just keep looking.



CORAL FUNGUS

Ramariopsis crocea



STINKHORN FUNGUS

Phalus rubicundus



LUMINESCENT FUNGI

Omphalotus nidiformis



Competitions for 2024

January	Succulents
February	Dahlias
March	Shades of Red
April	Potted plant
May	One Perfect Bloom
June	Winter Wonders
July	Camellias
August	Coastal Colour
September	Orchids
October	Hippeastrums
November	Roses

Competition for the November meeting was
"Fun with Foliage"
And the winners were



1st Yvonne Byatt



2nd Kay Grant



3rd June Harris



4th Debbie Kandell

Stepping back in Time:

Just before Christmas Chris and I travelled and stayed at Wiseman’s Ferry for a couple of days so that Chris could explore where her 4 times convict great grandmother had lived after her release. So, we explored St Albans and a historic cemetery where we believe she is buried but the headstone is long gone if there ever was one. This is set in a beautiful valley (with some of the locals not far removed from those



ancestors!!). Whilst there we went for a walk along the convict-built road. This turned out to be truly beautiful and amazing AND we highly recommended it to you all. This road can be enjoyed for several reasons, one being the incredible civil engineering involved where the methods and skills are still applicable today! Secondly, the social history of that time. There are signs dotted along the road explaining the (harsh) conditions under which they were “employed”. Thirdly, it is just a thoroughly pleasant walk and finally, the incredible flora and fauna to be seen. Unfortunately, the Gymea

Lilies had already flowered but they were still spectacular if you can appreciate their cycle of growth. Now I do need the clubs help (I’m a Kiwi remember) to help identify the trees in the photos. The walk we chose to do took a pleasant 3hrs. While we did not rush, you can choose to make it shorter or longer if you wish. (Just a heads up - if you meet a fellow walker, some did not like me asking if they had a convict past or were they on day release! You’ve been warned!) A trip thoroughly enjoyed.



Contributor: Nolan Harvey



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 Answers:

Answers

1. China
2. Castor Bean plant (*Ricinus communis*)
3. Methuselah: a bristlecone pine (*Pinus longaeva*)
4. Kudzu (*Pueraria montana*)
5. Middlemist Red (middlemist camellia) It is believed that there are only two left in the world, one in London and the other in New Zealand. They are extinct in the rest of the world.



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