**ULLADULLA & DISTRICTS GARDEN CLUB INC**

**GENERAL MEETING**

Baptist Church, Matron Porter Drive, Narrawallee

29 January 2024

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| **1** | **Meeting opened at** | **Sue McMahon** |
|  | 9.34 am |  |
| **2** | **Members Present** | **Sue McMahon** |
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| **3** | **Apologies** | **Sue McMahon** |
|  | Debbie Debeljuh, Sue Katsoulis, Daphne Wever, Anne Joy, Ruth Fucile, Debbie Kendall |  |
| **4** | **Welcome to Visitors** | **Sue McMahon** |
|  | Marlene Petroff |  |
| **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.  Time is flying, it’s almost February and that’s our AGM meeting. Please consider becoming part of our committee. All positions will be declared vacant. Without a committee, there won’t be a club.  Later, I’ll be thanking all our behind-the-scenes helpers. They make our meetings run smoothly.  Looking forward to a busy year with activities, open gardens, members morning teas and trips.  Don’t forget, membership fees are due, still only $30 for singles and $55 for couples. |  |
| **6** | **Presentation of Badges to New Members** | **Sue McMahon** |
|  | David Hesford, Fran Hesford, Margaret Greenup |  |
| **7** | **Guest Speaker – Aya Shibata, the delicate art of Ikebana** |  |
|  | Aya spoke about the history of Ikebana before her practical demonstration of two beautiful arrangements. Ikebana is a tradition in Japanese culture, a way of life, as is calligraphy and the Shinto religion. The philosophy of Ikebana – “the process of learning is more important than the result”. Ikebana started at the Rokkakudo Temple in Kyoto which was built in 624, and is now taught in 300 schools over the world. The study of Ikebana began in Australia after WW2.  Aya was taught Ikebana by her grandmother at the age of 10. She is the President of the Ikenobo Ikebana Society Sydney chapter and lives in Ulladulla. She hopes to continue her U3A class in Ikebana in term 2. |  |
| **8** | **Garden Gems** | **Rhondda Bentley** |
|  | Flowers on display included:  Sunflower, Roses, Ivory Curl Tree, Lavender shower, Eucalyptus summer beauty, Odontonema firespike, Bat plant, Magnolia seeds, Dahlia, Tree begonia, Syrian hibiscus, Pineapple lily, Grevillea John Evans, Duranta geisha girl, Ginger |  |
| **9** | **Activities** | **Kathy Pearce** |
|  | Thanks to those who came to the Golf Club get together, will do it again in winter.  Day trip to Red Cow Farm, Sutton Forrest, Thursday 21 March, leaving the Civic Centre at 7.30am. Will be having a bus morning tea, contributions welcome, with free time in Moss Vale and Kangaroo Valley. We should be home by 5.  Future trips to Dandenongs, or if that is too expensive, we will have a shorter trip south. Another possibility is a visit to the Community Garden at Tuross.  (Kathy will be away for the next couple of weeks, contact Annette Cliffe with any activities queries.) |  |
| **9a** | **Special Presentation** | **Sue McMahon** |
|  | Sue presented the Meeting Helpers with an invitation to a morning tea at the Dunn Lewis Centre. Rose, Vicky, Gill, Kerrie, Ann, Janey, Jan, Tina, Yvonne, Enid, Graeme, Rhondda, Alison, Marg, Larraine, Rose, Catherine, Rosie, Nolan, Ruth, Cheryl, Diane, Ron, Elaine, Anne and Debbie. |  |
|  | **MORNING TEA** |  |
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| **10** | **Member Announcements** |  |
|  | Elaine Mason’s gardener is leaving, suggestions for a grass cutter please.  Former member Bev Hellyer passed away peacefully last week. Her funeral will be held here at the Baptist Church tomorrow at 11.00am.  Yvonne Byatt was the member in focus in this month’s Newsletter. Yvonne is away today, a very interesting life.  Dunn Lewis Centre will be having a trivia night on 8 March to mark International Women’s Day.  The Milton Show will be held on 3 days from Friday 2 March to Sunday 4th. However, the Pavilion will only be operating on Friday and Saturday. The schedule is available on line, prize money has increased, entries must be received before 10am on the Thursday, hoping for fine weather. The Garden Club donates some prize money. | **Sue McMahon**  **Jim Mison** |
| **11** | **Health and Welfare** | **Chris Turner** |
|  | Debbie Debeljuh is having a back operation today. Daphne Wever is having a knee operation, Ruth Fucile is having treatment for a mark. Anne Joy has had an eye infection requiring treatment in hospital. Rose and Karl Blaha are feeling devastated after losing Karl’s son in a swimming accident between Christmas and new year at Lake Conjola. Hopefully Rose will be back next month.  Awareness months/days include: International Women’s Day and month, Ovarian cancer month – teal ribbon day, Valentines Day – red for heart research, and World condom day! |  |
| **12** | **Secretary’s Report** | **Linda Slinger** |
|  | Minutes of the November 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**: Olive Stockwell  **Result**: Passed  Correspondence received:  Newsletters from other garden clubs  Shoalhaven Council newsletter  A request for assistance at Arcare  Correspondence sent:  Offer of assistance to Noah’s Inclusion Services  New member welcome letters  Letters to 3 Ulladulla High School students awarded the Val Tranter Encouragement Award  **Motion**: That the correspondence be noted as received and sent.  **Moved**: Linda Slinger  **Seconded**: John Steadman  **Result**: Passed |  |
| **13** | **Treasurer’s Report** | **Sue Hobson** |
|  | **Finance summary November 2023**  Westpac balance as at 31 October 2023 $ 15 036.77  November income 1 487.49  November expenditure 1 268.78  Westpac balance as at 30 November 15 255.48  Bendigo Bank term deposit 10 237.93  Westpac ‘student’ account 2 187.28  **Finance summary December 2023**  Westpac balance as at 30 November 2023 $ 15 255.48  December income 1 168.00  December expenditure 2 962.35  Westpac balance as at 31 December 13 461.13  Bendigo Bank term deposit 10 237.93  Westpac ‘student’ account 1 587.28    **Motion**: That the Treasurer’s Reports for November and December 2023 be  accepted.  **Moved**: Sue Hobson  **Seconded**: John Steadman  **Result**: Passed |  |
| **14** | **Competition Results** | **Janey and Jan** |
|  | **Succulents**  1st Prize – Margaret Greenup  2nd Prize – Rosie Burke  3rd Prize – Kaye Grant  Competitions for 2023 are published in the Newsletter. Next month‘s competition is Dahlias. |  |
| **15** | **Trading Table** | **Ruth and Cheryl** |
|  | $160 |  |
| **16** | **Today’s Winners** | **Nolan Harvey** |
|  | Lucky Door – Diane Broadley  Raffle: 1st Prize – Elsie Pulver  2nd Prize – John Steadman  3rd Prize – Denise Hanninen  Profit: $137 |  |
| **17** | **Next Meeting** |  |
|  | Monday 26 February 2024 |  |
| **18** | **Meeting Closed** |  |
|  | 11.42 am |  |