**ULLADULLA & DISTRICTS GARDEN CLUB INC**

**GENERAL MEETING**

Baptist Church, Matron Porter Drive, Narrawallee

26 February 2024

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| **1** | **Meeting opened at** | **Sue McMahon** |
|  | 9.31 am |  |
| **2** | **Members Present** | **Sue McMahon** |
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| **3** | **Apologies** | **Sue McMahon** |
|  | Debbie Phillips, Marilyn Lane, Ron Worthy, Yvonne Stein, Sharyn and Bill Lampard, Sylvie and Peter Lykos, Elaine Cameron, Anne Joy, Kathy Pearce, Wendy Osborne |  |
| **4** | **President’s Message** | **Sue McMahon** |
|  | Welcome everyone and thank you for coming today.  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.  As you now, today’s meeting is a meeting within a meeting. We will commence our Annual General Meeting shortly followed by our regular monthly meeting. We will not be having a Guest Speaker today given we have the AG M.  Hopefully, you have all read the newsletter. If so, you’ll have seen a list committee positions and what they entail.  Before we start, I’d like to introduce you all to John Steadman who last year volunteered to be our Public Officer. A role that entails among other things, sending off all our AGM information to the Department of Fair Trading. This is done because we are an incorporated organisation. | John was presented with a thank you gift and card |
| **5** | **Member in Focus – Graeme Oke** |  |
|  | Graeme is this month’s Member in Focus. He expanded on some parts of his story in the Newsletter.  There is a native species of Dung Beetle, no dung means no flies.  Graeme’s wonderful trip to remote areas of China was in 1991. One woman said they were the first white men she had seen since 1904. Security involved going through check points manned by soldiers with guns. The group being sponsored by the Botanic Institute would have helped. |  |
|  | **General Meeting adjourned for the Annual General Meeting at 9.50 and recommenced at 10.15** |  |
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|  | **MORNING TEA** |  |
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| **6** | **Welcome to Visitors** | **Sue McMahon** |
|  | Shirley Bulmer, Ann Cernec, Marelle Campion |  |
| **7** | **Activities Report** | **Annette Cliffe** |
|  | Trip to Red Cow Farm is on 21 March, leaving at 7.30, contribution for morning tea would be appreciated. There will be free time in Moss Vale, lunch at own expense. Also, a stop at a nursery in Kangaroo Valley, back home about 5.00pm. Payment can be made until 2 March. |  |
| **8** | **Health and Welfare** | **Chris Turner** |
|  | Cards have been sent to Kathy Pearce who has had an eye operation and Gil Passani whose husband passed away recently.  Awareness months/days include: Epilepsy – Purple Day, Greatest Shave – blood disorders, Bandaged Bear – Children’s Hospital Westmead, Hearing Awareness, Eyes and Glaucoma, Advanced Care Planning, International Women’s Day. |  |
| **9** | **Garden Gems** | **Rhondda Bentley** |
|  | Flowers on display included: Huernia, Marigolds, Orchid, Hibiscus, Kniphofia, ‘frog’ plant, Magnolia, Coleus, Grevillea, Vinca, Oriental ginger, Stapelia leedortziae, Belladonna, Bergamot, Buddleia, Buckinghamia celsissima, Spathodea campanulate |  |
| **10** | **Gardens on Instagram – Colleen Ringe** |  |
|  | Colleen gave a presentation on how to view gardens around the world on Instagram. She has some favourite people to follow, one being Sydney Gillian, who shows photos and videos, with hints on growing. Colleen is happy to help anyone wanting to try Instagram. |  |
| **11** | **Secretary’s Report** | **Linda Slinger** |
|  | Minutes of the January 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**: Ruth Fucile  **Result**: Passed  Correspondence received:  Newsletters from other garden clubs  The hire agreement from the Baptist Church  Shoalhaven Council Newsletter  Garden Clubs of Australia Bulletin  5 issues of Our Gardens, the 100th issue  Correspondence sent:  The completed hire agreement to the Baptist Church  **Motion**: That the correspondence be noted as received.  **Moved**: Linda Slinger  **Seconded**: Olive Stockley  **Result**: Passed |  |
| **12** | **Treasurer’s Report** | **Sue Hobson** |
|  | **Finance summary January 2024**  Westpac balance as at 31 December 2023 $ 13 461.13  January income 2 557.56  January expenditure 769.70  Westpac balance as at 31 January 2024 15 248.99  Bendigo Bank term deposit 10 237.93  Westpac ‘student’ account 1 587.28    **Motion**: That the Treasurer’s Report for January 2024 be accepted.  **Moved**: Sue Hobson  **Seconded**: John Steadman  **Result**: Passed |  |
| **13** | **Milton Show** | **Sue McMahon** |
|  | The theme for this year’s Show is ‘Home Grown’. Take your entries up from today until Wednesday and pick them up by 5 o’clock Saturday. The weather forecast for the weekend is fine. |  |
| **14** | **Competition Results** | **Janey and Jan** |
|  | **Dahlias**  1st Prize – Denise Hanninen  2nd Prize – Ruth Fucile  3rd Prize – Yvonne Byatt  Competitions for 2023 are published in the Newsletter. Next month‘s competition is ‘Shades of Red’. |  |
| **15** | **Trading Table** | **Ruth and Cheryl** |
|  | $80.20 |  |
| **16** | **Today’s Winners** | **Nolan Harvey** |
|  | Lucky Door – Visitor  Raffle: 1st Prize – Helen McFarland  2nd Prize – Rosie Burke  3rd Prize – Judy Thurecht  Profit: $156 minus cost of prizes |  |
| **17** | **Next Meeting** |  |
|  | Monday 25 March 2024 |  |
| **18** | **Meeting Closed** |  |
|  | 11.32 am |  |