**ULLADULLA & DISTRICTS GARDEN CLUB INC**

**GENERAL MEETING**

Baptist Church, Matron Porter Drive, Narrawallee

27 May 2024

**MINUTES**

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| **1** | **Meeting Opened** | **Chris Turner** |
|  | 9.33 am |  |
| **2** | **Members Present** | **Chris Turner** |
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| **3** | **Apologies** | **Chris Turner** |
|  | Sue McMahon, Colleen Ringe, Marelle Campion, Bev Endicott, Mark Kendall, Sharon Heighway, Elizabeth Stayt. |  |
| **4** | **Welcome to Visitors** | **Chris Turner** |
|  | Jan Power, Sarah Neil |  |
| **5** | **President’s Message** | **Chris Turner** |
|  | You might be surprised to see me up here. Unfortunately, Sue had to go back into hospital last week, she should be coming home 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.  Sue Hobson will be away for the September meeting and needs someone to handle the ‘Square’ payments. You could sit with Sue over the next couple of meetings to see how it operates. It doesn’t mean you have to be Treasurer, John Steadman will be handling the cash. Please contact Sue if you can help. | Sue Hobson |
| **6** | **Presentation of Badges to New Members** | **Chris Turner** |
|  | Rae Hettle and Kerrie Jarvis. Marelle Campion’s badge accepted by Shirley Bulmer. |  |
| **7** | **Guest Speaker – Tracy Provest, Commander Ulladulla SES** |  |
|  | Tracy gave us a history of the SES and the Ulladulla unit, 250 units in the state, 10,000 volunteers, covering South Sussex to Kioloa, Brooman and Yadboro, 200 requests for assistance this year. They are based at the southern end of Camden Street and all 50 members are volunteers, 30 are active but not all available at once, ‘spontaneous’ volunteers are called on for big jobs.  The Ulladulla unit covers tsunami, storms and floods. A memorable storm was the Father’s Day storm in 2010, it began at 3.30 am, power was out for 5 days and they were operational for 3 ½ weeks. Keep your gutters clear and check the silastic around skylights and chimneys for deterioration. We have a number of lakes in the area and Porters Creek Dam susceptible to flooding, and sometimes flash flooding occurs.  The SES works with Council and uses Facebook to inform the community. They interpret information from the Bureau of Meteorology for the local area, inform caravan parks under threat. They work with other agencies, police, ambulance, RFS, conduct searches, help at crime scenes, welfare checks after fires and floods, participate in community events.  Regarding volunteering with SES, there is something for everyone. |  |
| **8** | **Activities Report** | **Kathy Pearce** |
|  | This Wednesday 29th Sue Hobson will be having an Open Garden at 3 Woodalla Way, starting at 10 am and finishing at 12 noon. Please bring a small share plate for morning tea, a chair and your own coffee cup. Weather is forecast to be glorious, so bring a hat.  On Thursday 24 October we will travel to Tumbarumba to visit Braymont Garden on Friday, with lunch at the gardens, then back to town for free time to look around. There is a lovely nursery in the township. On Saturday we will do the Open Garden event including Rosewood Nursery. We will come home on Sunday with a couple of nurseries along the way. We are now taking deposits.  We are trying to gauge interest in weekend open gardens in the local area. The bus would be $50-60, there is an entry cost, could be looking at $100 for the day.  Another possibility is a visit to Nan Tien Temple as well as seeing our bus driver Ron’s garden. |  |
| **9** | **Garden Gems** | **Graeme Oke** |
|  | Flowers on display included: a collection of named Camellias from Graeme’s garden and a deer’s antler he found outside his home. Also, Salvia, Grevillea, Sawtooth Oak acorns, Wollemi pine leaves, Camellia, Tree dahlia, Hibiscus, Luculia. |  |
|  | **MORNING TEA** |  |
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| **10** | **Member Participation & Questions** |  |
|  | The Propagation Group meets on the 2nd Thursday of the month, details are in the Newsletter. In June we will be talking about Tree Dahlias and how to propagate them. Also planning to make plant balls, Janey has brought in some paperbark for this. May re-name as the Garden Exchange. | Rhondda Bentley |
| **11** | **Health and Welfare** | **Chris Turner** |
|  | As mentioned, Sue McMahon is recovering after her operation.  Awareness months/days include: Bowel cancer, Migraine, Haemochromatosis, World MND Day. Also, Reconciliation Week, World Environment Day, World Ocean Day and Take your dog for a walk. |  |
| **12** | **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**: Larraine Schachter  **Result**: Passed  Correspondence received:  Newsletters from other garden clubs and Shoalhaven Council  Milton Show Society invitation  5 copies of Our Gardens Magazine  GCA Insurance Certificate and Bulletin  Civic Centre advising of their renovations affecting where we have our Committee meetings  Correspondence sent:  Welcome letters to new members  Membership renewal reminders  **Motion**: That the correspondence be noted as received.  **Moved**: Linda Slinger  **Seconded**: Graeme Oke  **Result**: Passed |  |
| **13** | **Treasurer’s Report** | **Sue Hobson** |
|  | Vicky Weir has volunteered to do the Square transactions at the September meeting and John Steadman will handle the cash.  **Finance summary April 2024**  Westpac balance as at 31 March 2024 $ 15 257.40  April income 523.33  April expenditure 1 123.32  Westpac balance as at 30 April 2024 14 657.41  Bendigo Bank term deposit 10 237.93  Westpac ‘student’ account 1 587.28    **Motion**: That the Treasurer’s Report for April 2024 be accepted.  **Moved**: Sue Hobson  **Seconded**: Cheryl Fibbins  **Result**: Passed |  |
| **14** | **Competition Results** | **Janey and Jan** |
|  | **One Perfect Bloom**  1st Prize – Gillian Boyd  2nd Prize – Elda Zamin  3rd Prize – Yvonne Byatt  Competitions for 2024 are published in the Newsletter. Next month‘s competition is ‘Winter Wonders’. |  |
| **15** | **Trading Table** | **Ruth and Cheryl** |
|  | $70 |  |
| **16** | **Today’s Winners** | **Nolan Harvey** |
|  | Lucky Door – Gillian Boyd  Raffle: 1st Prize – Debbie Debeljuh  2nd Prize – Elaine Cameron  3rd Prize – Pattie Ryan  $192 taken in |  |
| **17** | **Next Meeting** |  |
|  | 2 June 2024 |  |
| **18** | **Meeting Closed** |  |
|  | 11.30 am |  |