**ULLADULLA & DISTRICTS GARDEN CLUB INC**

**GENERAL MEETING**

Baptist Church, Matron Porter Drive, Narrawallee

24 June 2024

**MINUTES**

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| **1** | **Meeting Opened** | **Sue McMahon** |
|  | 9.30 am |  |
| **2** | **Members Present** | **Sue McMahon** |
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| **3** | **Apologies** | **Sue McMahon** |
|  | Annette Cliffe, Maureen Harton, Val Tranter, Sue Katsoulis, Rosie Bourke |  |
| **4** | **Welcome to Visitors** | **Sue McMahon** |
|  | Karen Thomas, Margaret Lavers, Carol Pollock |  |
| **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.  I am back now after another stint in hospital and have missed Garden Club. Thank you to the Committee and welcome to our new Committee member Sharyn Lampard. Sharyn’s husband, Bill, was the Newsletter Member in Focus, an interesting story. Welcome back to some returning members here today. We have received a Happy Birthday card from Olive. The President’s Award will be presented next month. Doug, the church minister, is retiring after 12 years.  Shirley Smith is not at all well, after moving north 6 years ago. Angela Rae is not well either, receiving palliative care. |  |
| **6** | **Presentation of Badges to New Members** | **Sue McMahon** |
|  | No new members this month |  |
| **7** | **Guest Speaker – Wendy Ingle, Kandalla** |  |
|  | Wendy lives on 100 acres at Morton. She has a large garden, growing flowers and vegetables. We have heard of companion planting. Wendy’s focus is on companion habitats to encourage insects. She showed us a variety of insect hotels, all made from recycled material. The bee hotel mostly attracts native bees, the frog hotel consists of a water bowl, plants and pipes and a solar light for nocturnal creatures. Also attracted are ladybirds, microbats, wasps and lizards. The insects just come! |  |
| **8** | **Activities Report** | **Kathy Pearce** |
|  | On 8 August we will travel to Wollongong to visit the Nan Tien Temple Garden. We will do a tour and have a traditional lunch of noodle/rice, a choice of 3 meals, depending on what is on offer that day. It will be vegetarian, no outside food is allowed on site. There are cafes offering tea and coffee. We will return via Kiama and visit Burnetts on Barney Nursery. The bus will leave at 8 am and the cost is $75.00  On Wednesday 21 August we will have an Open Garden at Janey George’s home at Lake Conjola.  On Thursday 24 October we will travel to Tumbarumba, stopping at Riverside Café for lunch in the grounds of the Tumut Racecourse on the Tumut River. Time permitting, we will go for a walk around Richmond Park. Then on to our accommodation at the Tumbarumba Motel. Friday we will visit Braymont Garden, with lunch at the gardens and then back to town for free time. On Saturday we will do the Open Garden event including Rosewood nursery. Lunch will be at the flower show or the park across the road. The Tumbarumba Garden Club are very welcoming of our attending this year. We will come home Sunday with a couple of nurseries along the way, so start looking for a good plant bag. |  |
| **9** | **Garden Gems** | **Graeme Oke** |
|  | Graeme is busy tidying up for expected visitors to his garden.  Flowers on display included: Bee balm, Kalanchoe, Goldfussia |  |
| **10** | **Presentation of Awards** | **Sue McMahon** |
|  | 20-year pins were presented to Alison Austin, Olive Stockey, Yvonne Steain, Rita Newman (accepted by Elaine Brooks) and Val Tranter (accepted by Marg Condie).  They also received a cyclamen, chocolates and card with a personal message. |  |
| **11** | **Cutting of the Birthday Cake** | **Sue McMahon** |
|  | The cake was cut by Alison, Olive and Yvonne and the members sang Happy Birthday.  The cake was made by Chris Turner. |  |
|  | **MORNING TEA** |  |
|  | More delicious cake made by Chris and sandwiches by five Committee members. |  |
| **12** | **Member Participation & Questions** | **Colleen Ringe** |
|  | How do you stop bandicoots digging up your lawn?  Members firstly responded with laughter, then, use pepper, ‘who flung dung’, bird wire above bulbs. |  |
| **13** | **Health and Welfare** | **Chris Turner** |
|  | Maree Nolan has had surgery for cataracts, now going well.  Awareness months/days include: Dry July – cancer, Diabetes Week, Pain, Donate Life – organ and tissue. Also, Naidoc Week, School tree day and International Friendship. |  |
| **14** | **Secretary’s Report** | **Linda Slinger** |
|  | Minutes of the May 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 Stockley  **Result**: Passed  Correspondence received:  Newsletters from other garden clubs  Information from the GCA about tax reporting obligations  Information from Community Connect about the Expo in September  **Motion**: That the correspondence be noted as received.  **Moved**: Linda Slinger  **Seconded**: Alison Austin  **Result**: Passed |  |
| **15** | **Treasurer’s Report** | **Sue Hobson** |
|  | Safe Waters in Ulladulla provides accommodation for homeless people. Sarah Date has requested that we provide a hedge to dampen the noise from the highway. They are not allowed to have a fence. The murraya hedge will be 26m long and Apex have organised for landscaper Paul Windshuttle to do the digging and planting. The cost will be $750. We have also committed to donate $1,000 to Noah’s Inclusion Services for their new garden.  **Finance summary May 2024**  Westpac balance as at 30 April $ 15 257.40  May income 1 859.90  May expenditure 922.70  Westpac balance as at 31 May 15 594.61  Bendigo Bank term deposit 10 237.93  Westpac ‘student’ account 1 587.28    **Motion**: That the Treasurer’s Report for May 2024 be accepted.  **Moved**: Sue Hobson  **Seconded**: Ruth Fucile  **Result**: Passed  The Financial Report is available in full at the Treasurer’s table. |  |
| **16** | **Competition Results** | **Janey George** |
|  | **Winter Wonders**  1st Prize – Sheila Gallant  2nd Prize – Ruth Fucile  3rd Prize – Sue Hobson  Competitions for 2024 are published in the Newsletter. Next month‘s competition is Camellias. |  |
| **17** | **Trading Table** | **Ruth and Cheryl** |
|  | $94 |  |
| **18** | **Today’s Winners** | **Nolan Harvey** |
|  | Lucky Door – Peter Lykos  Raffle: 1st Prize – Karen Thomas  2nd Prize – Anne Joy  3rd Prize – Sharon Kleinman  Profit: $131.25 |  |
| **19** | **Next Meeting** |  |
|  | Monday 29 July 2024 |  |
| **20** | **Meeting Closed** |  |
|  | 11.27 am |  |