**ULLADULLA & DISTRICTS GARDEN CLUB INC**

**GENERAL MEETING**

Baptist Church, Matron Porter Drive, Narrawallee

29 July 2024

**MINUTES**

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| **1** | **Meeting Opened** | **Sue McMahon** |
|  | 9.31 am |  |
| **2** | **Members Present** | **Sue McMahon** |
|  | 88 |  |
| **3** | **Apologies** | **Sue McMahon** |
|  | Gillilan Boyd, Rose Richardson, Elaine Mason, Helen McFarland |  |
| **4** | **Welcome to Visitors** | **Sue McMahon** |
|  | Marilyn Smyth and Deanne (Dee) Wyman |  |
| **5** | **President’s Message** | **Sue McMahon** |
|  | The Garden Club acknowledges the Murramarang people of the Yuin Nation and Durga language group as the original and ongoing custodians of the land.  Welcome back to some members who have been incapacitated. It’s good to see Barbara Mison and thank you to Jim for talking about vegetables at the Gardener’s Exchange at Merrilyn’s.  Sue and Sharyn are gathering signatures for a petition to save a very large gum tree called Big Spotty, organised by National Parks.  There are free agaves outside 22 Highview Drive, Dolphin Point. |  |
| **6** | **Presentation of Badges to New Members** | **Sue McMahon** |
|  | No new members |  |
| **7** | **Guest Speaker – Peter Nolan, V Recycled Garden** |  |
|  | Peter gave an enthusiastic and entertaining talk about frog ponds.  Some points to remember: build a tadpole pond, deeper than 300mm requires a fence, frogs are an environmental indicator, tadpoles eat algae, not mosquitoes, dragonflies eat mosquitoes, take water plants out of the pot so roots spread, plant into a rocky mix to filter the water, water does not need to be pure, algae eats bacteria, Carex grass recommended and small native fish Pacific Blue Eye (watch for birds, may need wire covering). Croaking frogs are better than barking dogs. It’s all about bio diversity. |  |
| **8** | **Activities Report** | **Kathy Pearce** |
|  | On **8 August** we leave Ulladulla at 8am, picking up at Milton and Lake Conjola turn-off, arriving at the Nan Tien Temple at 10 for a tour and traditional lunch. We leave between 1 and 2 and go to Burnet on Barney Nursery, Kiama, should be home between 4.30 and 5.  Janey George’s Open Garden **21 August** 10-12, 9 Craig Street, Lake Conjola, our flag will be out the front, bring a chair, coffee cup and small share plate for morning tea. This will not proceed if we have a wet day.  **5 September**, Southern Shoalhaven Community Connect Expo, Dunn Lewis Centre. We are booked in for the session 10.30 – 1.30. For those who have never been, it’s a great chance to see what is out in our community, over 100 community groups in attendance.  **24-27 October** Tumbarumba trip, still spaces available.  **10 December** is the Christmas Party, still looking for a venue.  Thank you to Gardener’s Exchange for a lovely afternoon at Merrilyn’s.  Annette recommends a documentary Painting the Modern Garden, Monet to Matisse at the Husky Theatre, Wednesday at 1.30.  Pencil in July next year to go to Berry and Graeme’s garden. |  |
| **9** | **Garden Gems** | **Rhondda Bentley** |
|  | Flowers on display included: Marmalade bush, Nutmeg bush, Hibiscus, Plant balls (made at Gardener’s Exchange), Clivea, Orchids, Iresine, Buddleia, Salvia, Yulan magnolia, Veraya. Graeme showed and talked about the torch Robyn carried in the Sydney Paralympics relay. |  |
| **10** | **Presentation of the President’s Award 2024** | **Sue McMahon** |
|  | The 2024 President’s Award was presented to Ann Keegan (see Attachment 1 for achievements) |  |
|  | **MORNING TEA** |  |
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| **11** | **Member Participation & Questions** |  |
|  | Philip Smith-Hill is giving away his extensive collection of maps, upstairs Milton Ulladulla Bowling Club from 10 am Friday 4 October.  Linda Slinger showed some photos and talked about her camellia seedling taking 8 years to flower.  A reminder about stalls for members to sell craft etc. at the November meeting. |  |
| **12** | **Health and Welfare** | **Chris Turner** |
|  | We are a healthy lot!  Awareness months/days include: Jeans for jeans day, Loneliness awareness, Stroke week. Others: Tradies week, Keep Australia beautiful and Landcare week. National Tree Day was yesterday. |  |
| **13** | **Secretary’s Report** | **Linda Slinger** |
|  | Minutes of the June 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.  **Motion**: That the Minutes of the previous meeting be accepted.  **Moved**: Linda Slinger  **Seconded**: Graeme Oke  **Result**: Passed  Correspondence received:  Newsletters from other garden clubs  Wendy Ingle thanked us for having her as guest speaker  Information from Community Connect and Waste Services Shoalhaven  Thank you’s from Noah’s Inclusion Services and Rita Newman  Information about Philip Smith-Hill’s map give-away in October  Correspondence sent:  Confirmation for a future guest speaker  A reply to Philip and Noah’s  **Motion**: That the correspondence be noted as received and sent.  **Moved**: Linda Slinger  **Seconded**: Lorna Neill  **Result**: Passed |  |
| **14** | **Treasurer’s Report** | **Sue Hobson** |
|  | Sue talked about our donation of $730 to Safe Waters Community Care, a home for homeless and vulnerable people in South Ulladulla. Our donation bought plants, soil and fertilizer for the hedge. The project was completed by landscaper Paul Windshuttle with help from people from Apex.  **Finance summary June 2024**  Westpac balance as at 31 May 2024 $ 15 594.61  June income 6 154.18  June expenditure 1 381.97  Westpac balance as at 30 June 2024 20 366.82  Bendigo Bank term deposit 10 237.93  Westpac ‘student’ account 1 587.28    **Motion**: That the Treasurer’s Report for June 2024 be accepted.  **Moved**: Sue Hobson  **Seconded**: Cheryl Fibbins  **Result**: Passed  The Financial Report is available in full at the Treasurer’s table. |  |
| **15** | **Competition Results** | **Janey and Jan** |
|  | **Camellias**  1st Prize – Graeme Oke  2nd Prize – Sheila Gallant and Jim Mison  3rd Prize – Yvonne Byatt  Competitions for 2024 are published in the Newsletter. Next month‘s competition is Coastal Colour. |  |
| **16** | **Trading Table** | **Ruth and Cheryl** |
|  | $60 |  |
| **17** | **Today’s Winners** | **Nolan Harvey** |
|  | Lucky Door – Merrilyn Ellerton  Raffle: 1st Prize – David Hesford  2nd Prize – Sharon Kleinman  3rd Prize – Kerry Henderson  Profit: $161.50 |  |
| **18** | **Next Meeting** |  |
|  | Monday 26 August 2024 |  |
| **19** | **Meeting Closed** |  |
|  | 11.45 am |  |

Attachment 1

