

**ULLADULLA & DISTRICTS GARDEN CLUB INC.**

**GENERAL MEETING 9.30 am Monday 25 November 2019, Baptist Church,  
Matron Porter Drive, Narrawallee**

**MINUTES**

**1 Meeting opened at 9.35 am**

**2 Members Present: 102**

**3 Apologies:**

Gill Evans, Ann Keegan, Kerrie Henderson, Sheila Tracey, Marie Nolan

**4 Welcome to Visitors:**

Mick McMahon, Nolan Harvey, Suzanne Nee, Eve Bray.

**5 President's Message Gillian Boyd**

- Today is our last meeting of the year. 2019 has flown by maybe because our Garden Club has kept us all so busy. We have had a good year and at our November meeting we will look back on the activities that kept us so busy and enthusiastic about gardening and gardens.
- On 30 October and 1 November, we worked with the NSW Floral Art Association to host the Floral Art competition, demonstrations and workshops. Only a few of our members took advantage of this opportunity to learn more about Floral Art and how to display plant materials in an interesting and creative way. We are very proud of our Treasurer, Sue Hobson. Sue submitted her very first entry in a Floral Art competition and won first prize with her striking arrangement featuring driftwood, flannel flowers and callistemon from her garden.
- The Garden Club members who did come along learnt some new and useful skills and met some great people while having lots of fun. We were disappointed that more of our members did not join in and support this special event.
- On 21 November the committee hosted a new members' Morning Tea. It was a small gathering but members who joined in the second half of the year enjoyed the opportunity to get to know the committee members and learn more about how the Garden Club works.
- I am very pleased that today we start of our new rewards trial for the Trading Table. Members who contribute plants and other items for sale will receive a card, like the coffee card that you have in your wallet that you produce each

time you get a coffee at your favourite coffee shop. Each time you contribute an item to the Trading Table, the Trading Table workers will clip your card, maybe once or twice depending on the amount of effort that was needed to produce your contribution. It is up to the workers on the Trading Table to decide how many clips you get on your card. Once you have a fully clipped card, you ask one of the Trading table Team to sign it and then you can exchange it at the Budget Produce store in Ulladulla, opposite Bunnings, for a bag of standard Potting Mix.

- Only contributors of material to the Trading Table are eligible for a rewards card. Buyers at the Trading Table are rewarded with a beautiful plant propagated by a member of the Garden Club with care and generosity.
- We will have a look at how the new rewards system is working and make adjustments if needed. I hope it goes well and many of you are rewarded with a bag of potting mix for your generosity.
  
- We have received notification from the Garden Clubs of Australia that there will be a Special General Meeting on 3 February 2020 in Sydney to vote on a revised Constitution. Representatives of all member clubs of the GCA are invited. If you are in Sydney on that date and would like to represent Ulladulla and districts Garden Club, please let me know.
- Many thanks to those people who have volunteered to be on the organising committee for the Zone Friendship day on 24 September 2020. We will be in touch shortly to arrange a meeting and get the planning underway in earnest.
- I am looking forward to our Christmas Party at Cupitt's on Tuesday 3 December. I am sure the food will be delicious, and I know the company will be lively. There will be an exciting raffle and table prizes and of course the long-awaited presentation of the Shirley Smith Award that we voted on at the October meeting.

## **6 New Members**

none

## **7 Health and Welfare Report - Sue McMahon**

Alison Austen in hospital shortly for operation. Brian McConnell in hospital after a stroke.

## **8 Activities Report - Debbie Kendall**

-Full details in November 2019 newsletter

Tuesday Feb. 4 Coffee morning at the Kendall's-

Arrival at Christmas Function 11.30for a 12.30 start.

October 21 -24 coach trip to Mayfield at Oberon. Bookings will fill fast. Don't miss out.

## **9. Speaker - Norfolk Island GCA Convention in Review.**

Norfolk Island was the venue for the 2019 Garden clubs of Australia Convention. 7 members from our club attended. As a result not only was the convention a success, but the island sights and activities were unbelievable.

#### **10 Garden Gems** - Rhondda Bentley

Spring is here. A beautiful display of flowers, shrubs, plants including Queen Anne's lace (prehistoric carrot) and some Bonsai.

#### **11. Librarian's Report** Elvina James

- Decembers plant is the Christmas Bell. Exotic, the Honeysuckle. January is the Bluebell Creeper or Delphinium. Sunday December 1 is the Wildflower Reserve walk as is January 1 10am New Year's Day. Whales have gone south already.

#### **STRETCH and SHAKE**

#### **12 2019 in Review** - Debbie Kendall

A look at events, trips and guest speakers for 2019.

#### **13 Secretary's Report** Sue McMahon

**Minutes** of the General Meeting of 28 October 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:** Sue McMahon **Seconded:** Colleen Ringe **Result:** agreed

**Correspondence – as listed by secretary.**

**Motion** That the incoming correspondence be accepted and the outgoing be endorsed

**Moved:** Sue McMahon **Seconded:** Gloria Norman **Result:** All agreed

#### **14 Treasurer's Report - Sue Hobson**

Funds held as at end September 2019: Commonwealth Bank: \$ 19,113.85 Bendigo Bank: \$ 7046.74

Cash book balance: \$ 26,160.59

Income: \$ 3446.20 Expenditure: \$ 3072.21 Unpresented cheques: \$ 696.29

**Total funds as at 31 October 2019: \$ 26534.58**

Financial report is available in full at the Treasurer's table.

**Motion: That the Treasurer's Report be accepted**

**Moved:** Sue Hobson **Seconded:** Gary McConnell **Result:** all agreed

### **15 Q & A**

- Pomegranate flowers fall off bush. Could be bird damage or dry weather.
- Giant garlic. Keeps bugs away.

### **16 Competition Results Janey George**

**November:** Roses 1st No. 7 Jim Mison, 2<sup>nd</sup> No 1 Ros McDonald, 3<sup>rd</sup> No 3 Sue Hobson.

**January:** Green and Yellow for Australia Day.

Prizes. Most consistent competitor was Catherine Craig. Highest Annual Point score was Sheila Gallant

### **17 Trading Table - Rosie Burke**

\$168.

### **18 Today's Winners**

Lucky Morning Tea ticket -F79 red Chris Lucky Door- DO2 green Ian Raffle – 12 prizes \$142 raised. 1<sup>st</sup> prize Orange A 19 Pat

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**9 NEXT MEETING: 27 January 2020**

I wish you every one of you the best of Christmas and New Year wishes. I hope 2020 is a happy, healthy and fulfilling year for you and your family.

**Gillian**

**20 MEETING CLOSED – 12 noon**