

ULLADULLA & DISTRICTS GARDEN CLUB INC

GENERAL MEETING

Baptist Church, Matron Porter Drive, Narrawallee

Monday 29th April 2019

1	Meeting opened at	Gillian Boyd
	9.35am	
2	Members Present	Gillian Boyd
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3	Apologies	Gillian Boyd
	Nil	
4	Welcome to Visitors	Gillian Boyd
	Maureen Harton, Judy Germon, Anne Sweeney, Judith McWilliam, Susan Mann and Milton Nurss	
5	President's Message	Gillian Boyd
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• I hope you are really enjoying this beautiful Autumn weather. It is so nice to be outside without being overwhelmed by the humidity and just enjoying the sunshine. I have been in Canberra in the last week and the autumn colours are starting to really unfold. It is lovely.• The Garden Club trip to Melbourne in late March was a huge success. I have had glowing reports from members who went along. The visit to Cruden Farm, the home and garden of Sir Keith and Dame Elisabeth Murdoch was definitely the highlight. The group wanted to share their experience to share their Cruden Farm experience and bought the book for the library. You can borrow it today or have a look through it at Morning Tea. As usual Debbie Kendall did an amazing job organising the trip and, on behalf of all members, I would like to thank her for her huge effort.• We have also enjoyed some wonderful garden visits this month. Firstly to Janey George's ad hoc Open Garden at Lake Conjola. Janey's garden is full of surprises with interesting plants and sculptures in a peaceful bushland setting. We then had the pleasure of visiting Sue Smith's garden in Burrill Lake for Morning Tea. Sue's garden is in a tranquil setting on a point in the lake with the lake almost lapping the back boundary of Sue's block. Sue's garden is chock filled with interesting plants and features a rustic pergola and intriguing garden decorations.• If anyone would like to host an Ad hoc Open Garden in their	

	<p>garden, please let Debbie know. Ad hoc Open Gardens are a little less formal than Morning Teas and you can specify the day and time range that you would like people to drop by for a visit only ie no morning tea.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In early April the Propagation Group enjoyed a visit to Rowan Brownette's garden in Martins Ridge Road at Conjola. We were so busy admiring the garden and collecting cuttings we did not have time to pot them up. And some advice – if Rowan offers you some of his fruitcake, have a piece. It is very good. This month the Group is off to the Verdigris Fern Nursery to learn about propagating ferns. • The committee is investigating a few ideas for community projects but it would be good to receive more suggestions. Please let a committee member know or send an email if you have any ideas. • AND don't forget to submit your tried and tested garden hints or advice to the 2019 Shirley Smith Award. Ann will give more information about this later in the meeting. • AND also don't forget membership renewal was due on 31 March. If you have not paid your \$30 this year (or \$55 for couples), you are actually not a member and therefore unable to attend Garden Club activities. • Also, for your diary, Val Tranter's farewell is on Thursday 9 May. More details in the Activities Report. It will be fun but sad to say goodbye to such a vital member of our garden club. 	
6	New Members	
	Kathy Pearce	
7	Garden Gems	Rhondda Bentley
	<p>The Gems table display of Alocasia, Aglaonema, Syngonium, Dieffenbachia and dwarf English Ivy from Phil Chapman; Hypoestes Aristata, Xanthosoma Atrovirens, various shrub Coleus and Aristolochia seed pods and flowers from Daryl Bishop; Fuschia, Flannel flower and Begonia from Sue Hobson; Salvias and Hibiscus from Janey George; white Tibouchina from Yvonne Byatt; Sansevieria Trifasciata (Mother-in-law's tongue) from Maree O'Connell; Hakea-Pinball tree from Linda Slinger, all presented and very knowledgeably described by Rhondda.</p>	
8	Activities Report	Debbie Kendall
	<p>Full details in April 2019 Newsletter.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Debbie thanked all those members on the recent Melbourne trip for their patience whilst the coach was out of action for a while (two flat tyres) and, in particular, Janey George, Sue and Brian Smith who assisted with the unloading and loading of the coach twice! • Reminder that the minibus for the SCC Tip Tour will pick up from the Civic Centre at 8am and will return at 2pm. • Members to let Debbie know by Friday if they wish to 	

	<p>attend Val's farewell.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Members advised there are still some spaces on the coach for the Canberra Trip incorporating National Botanic Gardens, Gold Creek Village and Cockington Green, cost \$75. • Day trip to Robyn Bryce and Graeme Oke's Camelia garden on 25th July \$35 includes cost of coach and a light lunch. Enid Kelley has also invited members to stop off on the way at her garden in Nowra, she has an extensive collection of succulents and, according to Debbie, the neatest and cleanest garage she's ever seen! • A reminder that World Naked Gardening Day (WNGD) is an annual international event generally celebrated on the first Saturday in May by gardeners and non-gardeners alike. Members are invited to share any photos with the club if they so wish. 	
9	Health and Welfare Report	Sue McMahon
	<p>Bev Endicott, Sue McMahon and Cheryl Fibbins all in hospital at the same time (could almost have been a mini garden club meeting) are now recovering from knee and hip operations. Heather Steadman has undergone a heart bypass to clear a blockage which may well have contributed to the problems with her leg, hopefully now she will be on the mend. Joii Harris, who broke her pelvis at the Melbourne Show, is now home and we have sent her a card. Anne Joy who has had heart problems is to be fitted with a pacemaker, we will send her a card.</p>	
10	Member in Focus	Gill Pisani
	<p>Gill moved to Ulladulla from Melbourne three years ago. Gill had experience setting up gardens in four previous houses all new, the house she bought in Ulladulla had an established garden. Gill needed to learn all about a new climate with its attendant bugs not so prevalent down South! Gill had many photos of the before and after transformation of her garden, she replaced many plants and cleared over-planted beds and her husband maintains the vegetable patch. Gill keeps a sustainable garden by composting and shredding, nothing is thrown away. A very interesting introduction to her garden with great photos.</p>	
11	Librarian's Report	Elvina James
	<p>Reminder, next Wildflower Reserve walk is Wednesday May 1st at 10.00am. Mothers' Day is Sunday 12th May. Birthday flowers for May are native Crowea Exalata, commonly known as small crowea or waxflower and Chrysanthemum. Best wishes to all members whose birthdays fall in May. Selection of books from the library - how to grow and propagate camellias, hibiscus and roses. Dame Elisabeth Murdoch's book on Cruden Farm.</p>	
12	The Shirley Smith Award	Ann Keegan
	Request from Ann for tips and tricks that are tried and tested.	

	These will be entered into the competition to be judged for the Shirley Smith Award. Ann reminded members that, apart from her, all entries will remain anonymous.	
13	Guest Speaker	Daryl Bishop
	Attracting Frogs to your garden: prepared by Daryl Bishop and presented by Debbie Kendall. A very interesting, informative and inspiring presentation excellently written by Daryl and beautifully presented by Debbie.	
14	Secretary's Report	Gill Evans
	<p>Minutes of the General Meeting of 25 March 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 members to refer to and read.</p> <p>Motion: That the Minutes of the previous meeting be accepted. Moved: Gill Evans Seconded: Sheila Gallant Result: Passed</p> <p>Correspondence Motion: That the incoming correspondence be accepted and the outgoing be endorsed. Moved: Gill Evans Seconded: Gloria Turner Result: Passed</p>	
16	Q & A	
	Where is the best place to buy roses? Most nurseries stock roses, they may also be bought online. May issue of Gardening Australia has a good segment on growing roses.	
17	Competition Results	Janey George
	<p>April: Easter Basket 1st Prize: Sheila Gallant 2nd Prize: Tina Robinson 3rd Prize: Joy Clapp</p> <p>May: One Perfect Bloom</p>	
18	Trading Table	Janet Baxter
	\$173 (everything sold)	
19	Today's Winners	Gillian Boyd
	<p>Lucky Morning Tea ticket: Rae Parker Luck Door: Helen Nelson Raffle: 1st Prize: Dawn Churchill</p>	

	2nd Prize: Di Broadley 3rd Prize: Gloria Turner 10 prizes were drawn Raffle Profit \$130	
20	Next Meeting 27 May 2019	
21	Meeting Closed 12.00	

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INCOMING CORRESPONDENCE

Date	From	Content	Action
April	Commonwealth Bank	Statement	Treasurer
April	Batemans Bay Horticultural Society	Newsletter	
April	ABC	Organic Gardener, April 2019 Issue x 2	Library
April	ABC	Gardening Australia, May 2019 Issue x 2	Library
April	Ulladulla Storage	Invoice	Treasurer
April	Trident Insurance Group	PL Certificate of Currency	Secretary
April	Bunnings	Community BBQ	Secretary