

**MINUTES OF THE BANGALOW & DISTRICT GARDEN CLUB  
WEDNESDAY 6<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2022 at the MOLLER PAVILION**

- Present: There were 62 members in attendance.
- Apologies: Helen Johnson, Mary-Lou Frazer, Annie Abbink, Danielle Lehrer, Mary Hendry, Denise Willis
- General: Vice President Rosemary Edwards welcomed everyone to the meeting. And explained that the Co-presidents were unable to attend today. Rosemary acknowledged the efforts of the committee during plagues and floods. Rosemary told the meeting that over the last few years she has learned
1. We can't plan ahead as we used to.
  2. We need to grab opportunities as they arise
  3. Over recent times, the club co-presidents and their committees demonstrated the need to make plans and then be prepared to rework these in the light of constant changes and challenges
  4. The value of practicing gratitude, being grateful for things she would previously have taken for granted – like today's meeting
- Announcement made about fund raising by Byron Hospital auxiliary Garage Sale of plants, preserves etc 30<sup>th</sup> April, 105 Beech Drive, Suffolk Park
- Minutes: Diana had circulated the minutes. Moved Shirley Boyle Seconded Kay Stone
- Correspondence: Received invoice for PO Box rental. Emails regarding weed survey, Landcare Flood Clean up assistance apply to Service NSW (forward to Bruce Tom, Carole Gamble, Monica Wilcox, Liz Hind), Lismore Special Day postponed to 3<sup>rd</sup> September, Bathurst Spring Spectacular (email to all members).
- Treasurer's Report: Liz advised that the club closing balance (Feb- March 22) of \$7,892.36 12 new members, auction Total income, \$428.00. Expenses were \$115.00. The treasurer's report was moved by Liz Hind, seconded by Beth Noble
- Garden Visit: Suzie told meeting that next Saturdays garden visit is to Carol Lea' garden Clunes. Park in street. If for some reason the garden visit is cancelled, a notice will be put on the website. Suzie suggested that people car pool and bring a plate of afternoon tea per car.
- Publicity: Diana placed the usual notice about this meeting is in the Bangalow Herald.
- Afternoon teas: Patricia handed around the roster and explained that due to members unable to bring a plate at the last moment that 14 volunteers are required for the next couple of months to allow for no shows.
- What's Happening in Your Garden:
- Combo with Q & A: David Williamson talked about saw fly larvae repeatedly defoliating his *Elaeocarpus eumundii*. David explained the best method was to squash the larvae when they clump on the trunk or elsewhere, remove papery cover of the eggs and spray with lawn bug spray.

Robyn Armstrong – Grevillea with web growth – suggested Tea Tree Web Moth. Cut off and bin cuttings.

Flora of the Month: Marie Pfisterer introduced Flora of the Month. Marie explained that there is a cuttings and produce table. Gold coin donation.

- Lesley Player – a collarette Dahlia. Also told meeting Steven Wedd had advised to take cuttings of dahlias as plants can die during wet periods.
- Steven Wedd – Dahlias – Coorabell ‘Mary-Lou’, ‘Coorabell Beth’, ‘Bangalow Ruby’, not recognized type cross between orchette and collarette?
- Beth Noble – Orchid, Giant Anthurium

Guest speaker: Margaret Bruce told meeting about upcoming talks – Shirley Boyle on history of Bangalow, talk on fungi, Hendrika will talk about flora that interested Joseph Banks.

Margaret introduced Robyn Armstrong, artist and retired art teacher. Robyn talked about natural dyeing. Robyn told the meeting that natural dyeing was easy but unpredictable. Robyn showed us examples of dyed materials and raw ingredients and showed us resource books.

1. Materials – use natural, materials such as silk, wool and light cotton/muslin.
2. Source of colours – onion skins, avocado seeds, eucalyptus leaves/seeds, turmeric, indigo, rosemary, hibiscus flower, loquat leaf, black beans.
3. Mordants (Dictionary meaning - a substance, typically an inorganic oxide that combines with a dye or stain and thereby fixes it in the material). Mordants include alum, copper and iron, either as powders or pieces of iron, aluminium foil, copper pot. Eg Alum turns avocado seed dyed fabric from pink to mauve, iron makes rusty browns.
4. Types of dyeing – hot dyeing – boil for up to an hour. Cold dyeing – wet material, use vinegar and store in moist environment for weeks/months?
5. Methods used to create patterns – Shibori – folding, twisting or bunching cloth, binding it, then dyeing it. Folding and clamping/clips, enclosing objects eg rusty chains, leaves etc in folds of fabrics and tie it then dye it.
6. Robyn talked about the wode industry and introduction of cheaper indigo. 1878 Adolf von Bayer invented synthetic indigo.
7. Robyn showed the meeting her beautiful quilts made from pieces of her dyed fabrics, and then hand stitched over.

Lucky Door Prize: Won by new member Roslyn Spitari

Auction: The auction was conducted by Hazel Sowerby.

Meeting ended at 3.30pm.