

MINUTES OF THE BANGALOW & DISTRICT GARDEN CLUB
WEDNESDAY 7th September 2022 at the MOLLER PAVILION

- Present: There were 53 members in attendance.
- Apologies: Mary-Lou Frazer, Adelina Linardon, Isabel & Larry Truesdale, Gayle Pugh, Suzie Johnson and Fay Dwyer
- General: Co-President Rosemary welcomed everyone to the meeting and welcomed life members.
- Rosemary thanked Suzie and Lesley for the very well organised bus trip to Nerang.
- Rosemary advised that the Xmas party invitation has been emailed to everyone. The venue Invercauld House in Goonellabah is a lovely venue, with garden and has been booked for 80 people. RSVP by 7th November, pay by 11th November.
- Rosemary advised the meeting that to AGM is being held at the November meeting. A quorum of 30 people is required. The AGM won't take up much time and we will be having a speaker, auction and afternoon tea. Rosemary reminded all that a vice-president and catering co-ordinator are required. For 2023.
- Minutes: Diana had circulated the minutes. Moved Annie Abbink. Seconded Carole Gamble
- Correspondence: None
- Treasurer's Report: Liz advised that the July closing balance was \$5,183.28. Liz advised that the garden club is sponsoring the Bangalow Show for \$500 towards the horticulture section of the show. Liz advised that club is subsidizing the Xmas lunch of 50%. Moved Diana Harden, Seconded Judy Baker
- Co-Presidents Report: Rosemary Edwards discussed the following.
1. The committee members are great people to work with, interesting and good company. Their bios will be appearing in the newsletter over a couple of months.
 2. The role of Vice -President needs to be filled. This is seen as a Co-President in training role. A role description is available for those interested.
 3. Patricia Di Tulio will be stepping down as Catering Co-Ordinator, so that role needs to be filled with a team of two at the AGM. A role description is available for catering coordinators.
- Garden Visit: Lesley Player advised the meeting that the Saturday Garden visit will be at Lauren Julian's house in Bangalow.
- Publicity: Diana placed the usual notice about this meeting is in the Bangalow Herald.

Afternoon teas: Patricia explained that the roster has been filled for the remainder of the year. Patricia will not be at the meeting in October so offers of help will be much appreciated.

Website: A work in progress

Facebook: A work in progress

Announcements: Women tennis player wanted for the Tuesday morning group. Some experience preferred.

What's Happening in Your Garden:

Combo with Q & A: No Q & A this month.

Flora of the Month: Maree Pffisterer introduced Flora of the Month.

- Annie Abbink – Papillon Hippeastrum
- Carol Lea – Pieris japonica, Lily of the Valley Bush – 2-3m
- Beth Noble – Papillon Hippeastrum and yellow Clivea
- Judy baker – Papillon Hippeastrum and Blue Knob Aechmea (later identified as possibly A. cylindrica by Diana Harden and posted on Facebook)
- Steven Wedd – Sinningia bullata?, relative of African Violet – with orange flowers and furry texture to back of leaves – shade loving plant. Heliconia angusta 'Red Christmas'. Shirley Boyles orange Dahlia – unusual to be flowering so well at this time of year
- Fay Bogg – Mist Flower, Eupatorium magalophyllum

Guest speaker: Margaret introduced members Lesley Player who talked about Tibouchinas. Lesley and other members had brought along flowering branches of their Tibouchinas to show the meeting. What a wide variety of this hardy shrub!

Tibouchina 'Alstonville' – bred by nurseryman ken Dunstan in Alstonville – a tree to 5m. Masses of Purple flowers in Spring & Autumn. Can be pruned hard end of Summer

Tibouchina 'Kathleen' - a pink flowering shrub to 1.5m. Lesley doesn't fertilize her shrub and it is a happy. If you do fertilize, do it in Spring.

Tibouchina 'Chameleon' – a shrub to 1-3m. Flowers change from white to mauve to pink. Takes full sun to part shade.

Tibouchina 'Peace Baby' - a dwarf shrub to 1.0m+. Large white flowers, with attractive dark red buds.

Tibouchina 'Jazzie' - a purple flowering shrub to 2-3m

Tibouchina 'Blue Moon' - dwarf shrub with lilac flowers

Tibouchina 'Jules' – a groundcover

A native tibouchina – Melastome affine is also available

Propagation is by soft tip cuttings.

Margaret advised that the October meeting speaker 3 members will be making decorative items using materials from the garden.

Lucky Door Prize: Won by Carole Gamble

Auction: The auction was conducted by Hazel Sowerby.

Meeting ended at 4.00pm.