

Bangalow and District Garden Club Annual General Meeting
Held at the Moller Pavilion, Bangalow Showgrounds
on Wednesday 2 November 2022

Present: 53 members present

Apologies:

Fay Bogg, Helen Barlow, Dianne Stuart, Carole Gamble, Kay Pearson, Liz Tom, Jan Millburn, Lyn Gray, Ruth Hunt, Debby Hayward, Bernie Bligh

Welcome

Co-President Adelina Linardon welcomed all to the meeting and thanked Kaye Pearson from The Cellars for donating the champagne and thanked Wayne Fernance for serving us drinks.

Minutes of 2021 AGM

Minute of the AGM held on 1 December 2021 had been emailed to all members.

Moved: Adelina Linardon Seconded : Margaret Bruce

President's Report

Adelina Linardon is delighted to present the Co-presidents report in a year where Covid restrictions are slowly diminishing. We were able to conduct meetings every month except in March when there was serious flooding in the area.

Normality has returned to our garden club with increasing attendance.

Rosemary Edwards stepped into the Co-Presidents role when Anne Tubridy was unable to continue in the role. Rosemary has been grateful to have Adelina as a guide and mentor.

On a sad note, we acknowledge the passing of Daisy dare, aged 101, who was a life member, a founding member, and a link with the earliest days of the club.

Fay Bogg was instrumental in the management of our previous website and the development of our new website. Fay upskilled Adelina in the maintenance of the website and supported her with the task of transferring her knowledge. We all thank Fay for her contributions.

Liz Hind has been responsible for researching and purchasing our PA and AV systems. WE thank Liz and husband David.

Particular thanks to Diana Sharpe for her legal counsel and revision of the club's constitution this year in response to the NSW Regulatory Impact Statement – Associations Incorporation Regulation. Her assistance has been invaluable.

Rosemary Edwards continued with the report. The talented committee has been the backbone of our club. The Vice President membership role has changed, so now the membership role is assumed by the Membership Office, who works with the club's treasurer.

The two-person Welcome Team welcome members and direct them to sources of assistance. New members identified by blue dot on name tag. Welcome team will introduce and integrate new members. All are encouraged to make new members feel welcome.

The club will now need one Vice-President who will be an understudy for the outgoing Co-President.

We have a new Communication Team – club photographer, club videographer, club social media/website co-ordinator will work together to provide information for club members.

This year we have documented some of the clubs' processes and procedures and committee roles and responsibilities. These will be available on the website in due course.

We have revised the Constitution in response the NSW Regulatory Impact Statement – Associations Incorporation Regulation.

Our club continues to be a source of information through guest speakers and garden visits. We thank the committee members who organise these events and those who participate and open their gardens to us.

Flora of the month is a highlight of our meetings. Thank you to all who contribute.

Thanks to Hazel Sowerby, whose quick wit and plant knowledge, makes the plants auctions so much fun and successful fund raiser (also Steven Wedd). The funds raised from the auction are a major source of funds for the club which enable to offer bus trips and annual Xmas lunch.

We thank Patricia Di Tullio, who is standing down from the committee. Patricia has served on the committee as a Saturday Garden Visit organiser and as Catering Officer.

Thank you all for your individual contributions to the success of our club. We look forward to another year of gardening, fun and delightful afternoon teas in 2023.

Treasurer's Report

Sue Brennan presented the Treasurers report.

The closing Balance at end September 2022 is \$5, 878.12. (Summerland Credit Union - \$3,397.73 2022 & Diocesan Fund - \$2,480.39).

Sue explained that our income was reduced in 2022 compared to 2021 because we waived membership fees in 2022. Expenses increased in 2022 as new AV equipment was purchased.

2023 fees will remain at \$15. Due by end April 2023.

Election of Office Bearers

All committee positions were declared vacant. Steven Wedd acted as Returning Officer and read the following nominations which were received prior to the meeting:

CO-PRESIDENT:	Adelina Linardon
CO-PRESIDENT:	Rosemary Edwards
CO-VICE PRESIDENTS	Diana Sharpe
HONORARY SECRETARY:	Diana Harden
HONORARY TREASURER:	Liz Hind
MEMBERSHIP/ ASSISTANT TREASURER:	Sue Brennan
PUBLIC OFFICER:	Steven Wedd
COMMUNICATIONS CO-ORDINATOR	Adelina Linardon
CATERING OFFICER:	Judy Ellis and Jan Millburn
GUEST SPEAKERS:	Margaret Bruce and Diana Sharpe
GARDEN VISITS:	Lesley Player and Susie Johnson
BUS TRIP ORGANISER:	Stephen Stocker
MEET & GREET:	Helen Barlow & Liz Tom
FLORA OF THE MONTH:	Marie Pfisterer
AUCTION:	Hazel Sowerby and Steven Wedd

All nominations were accepted by members

Ratification of new Constitution

In response to the NSW Regulatory Impact Statement – Associations Incorporation Regulation and new Constitution of the Bangalow Garden Club was emailed to all members. Motion to approved the new constitution was moved by a show of hands.

Meeting closed at 3.00pm