

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
BANGALOW & DISTRICT GARDEN CLUB
WEDNESDAY 2nd OCTOBER 2024 at the MOLLER PAVILION**

- Present: There were 50 members in attendance along with Joe Gullison and Peter Bradridge from the Men's Shed who organised the Hall
- Apologies: Rosemary Edwards, Diana Sharpe, David Williamson, Suzie Dempster, Fay Bogg, Margaret Bruce, Wendy Stedman-Jones, Carole Gamble, Esther and Paul Button, Patricia Kingdom, Liz and Dave Hind, Zsolt Mankowsky, Nerida, Newlands
- General & Welcome: Vice-President Karen Bono (KB) welcomed all, including life members, guests and regular members.
- KB talked to us about propagating Cliveas from seed – soaking, washing and putting in seed mix. A full description is available in the latest newsletter and on the website. KB advised that this is a slower process than division, but you may get new flower colours. Steven Wedd advised the meeting that Clivea plants will flower once they have their 13th leaf.
- KB advised the meeting that the AGM in November will start at an earlier time at 1.00pm. Committee nominees are required to be at the hall at 12.30pm.
- KB asked the meeting if anyone would consider nominating for a Vice-President role. KB took on that role after being a member for only a few months. KB will be moving into the Co-President role with Diana Sharpe and Rosemary Edwards is stepping down as she has served her three years as per the clubs constitution. KB asked anyone interested to contact her.
- DH advised the meeting that she will bring copies of the committee nomination forms for signing prior to the AGM.
- Lucky Door Prizes: Winner Chris Chaseling.
- Minutes: Diana had circulated the minutes.
Sue Brennan advised that an amendment to the last minutes is required. Membership - should read SB welcomed 5 new members.
Moved: Diana Harden Seconded: Sue Brennan
- Correspondence: Email from Garden Clubs of Australia, with forms, insurance etc.
- Publicity: What's on notice in Bangalow Herald
- Assistant Treasurer's Report: Sue Brennan reported that the balance at the end of September 24 is \$4,006.32
Moved: Sue Brennan Seconded: Adelina Linardon
- Sue also advised the meeting that membership fees are due by end December 2024. 2025 Yearly membership - \$25.00. Also payments are being taken for

the club's Xmas party in December – cost \$40.00. Preference to pay by EFT but cash will be taken as well.

Membership Report: Sue Brennan (SB) advised no new members today.

Communication Report: Adelina Linardon announced a new initiative for 2025 – The person/persons who post on Facebook most frequently will be announced at each meeting.

Garden Visit: Suzie Johnson advised the meeting that the garden visit will be at Harvest Newrybar, where we will be shown around by Richie. Please park in street. Be prompt. Bring a chair. Tea, coffee and cake/pastries are to be purchased at the venue. If you bring your own snack please be discreet.

Catering: Carol Lea thanked today's caterers and for their prompt replies to her phone call. No roster handed around today.

Bus Trip Co-Ordinator: Stephen Stocker thanked all those who went on the bus trip. A few members highlights are in the latest newsletter. The highlights for Stephen were being in the group that met with the Governor and the Japanese Garden at Mt Cootha Botanic Gardens

Q & A: N/A

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

- Steven Wedd – pale pink Dendrobium cvs. Pink fragrant carnation
- Carol Lea – a vase of pink and white flowers with Kangaroo Paw, Philadelphus, Cordyline flowers, Tea Rose, Iris, Straw Rose, Loropetalum leaves, Feverfew etc.
- Beth Noble – White flowering Ozothamnus diosmifolius, Rice Flower. Native shrub to 1.2m. Pink cultivars available.
- Suzie Johnson – a vase of many Roses – Nivalis, Dame Elizabeth Murdoch and others.

Guest speaker: Karen Bono introduced our guest speaker, **Brian Klepzig, Neutrog Customer Relationship manager – WA/QLD from Neutrog**
Mobile: 0417 580 817 www.neutrog.com.au

Brian gave us a very entertaining talk with video about Neutrog, its history, Australian owned, what they do, academics doing R & D, involvement in food security, coffee waste goes into Human Beans product with proceeds from each sale going to feed the needy.

Neutrog researches soil biology, composts chicken manure, produces biological fertilisers, probiotics, soil conditioners and mulches which improve conditions for soil microbes, increases soil biome, improves root development, POPUL8 stops phytophthora soil fungal disease which affects Macadamias, Almonds, Kauri forests in WA. It aims to increase crop yields in broad scale farming. It has a relationship with gardeners, and uses photos of gardens in newsletters. Their products are used by high profile sites such as botanic gardens, race courses, parks etc.

Neutrog have products for crops, gardens, specific blends for flowering plants, native plants, roses, camellias, citrus, lawns.

Brian recommended feeding plants once each season i.e. 4 times a year. Best done in the morning or late afternoon as heat in the middle of the day as heat reduces the products effectiveness.

Brian gave all those at the meeting samples of Neutrog products and a handy pocket guide

Suzie Johnson mentioned she is a member of Graham Ross garden clinic. New members receive a gift box of products.

Karen Bono thanked Brian for his presentation and gave him a gift.

Auction: The auction was conducted by Steven Wedd Meeting ended at 3.00pm.