



Minutes

General Meeting

12th September 2023

Venue: Social Room, John McGrath Pavilion, 97 Hensman Street, South Perth. 12 noon

Welcome: President Carl Slusarczyk opened the meeting at 12:40pm

Attendance 14 members and 2 apologies as per the attendance record book.

Minutes of previous general meeting held on the 11th April 2023 were available on the website and a copy was available at the meeting. Motion moved by Michael Drake-Brockman and seconded Ralph Coombes that the minutes be accepted as a true and correct record of that meeting. Carried.

Correspondence: A summary of the items of correspondence as in appendix A was presented. Full details were available for viewing. No further action required. Motion moved by Michael Drake-Brockman and Murray Ryall that the correspondence be accepted. Carried.

Treasurer's Report: \$7,241 bank balance as at 31 August 2023.
12 month Term Deposit balance \$13,000 matures 12 October 2023
Summary of financial activity this financial year: \$185 for membership and Expenditure of \$19.58 for engraving.
Motion moved by Colleen Ryall and seconded by Ralph Coombes that the Treasurer's report be accepted. Carried.

Membership

Total financial membership is 80 including 8 life members. There are 2 members waiting on acceptance/rejection as per the constitution from the management committee

General Business:

2024 Annual Flower Show

This is schedule for Thursday 9th to Saturday 11th May 2024

The chairman invited discussion on how to improve the next show. Discussed a shopping centre versus a hall. The preference was to stay the Hawaiian Forrestfield Shopping Centre.

The Show Secretary reminded members that it is a big task to organise the show and asked members to consider nominating for the position of Assistant Show Secretary

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Distribution Day

This is booked for Sunday 22nd October 2023. Hall opens at 12:30 for set up. Distribution starts at 1:30pm at John McGrath pavilion. Fee is \$1 per plant purchased. It is an opportunity to swap plants, so if possible, bring some spare rooted tip cuttings. Bring any scarce or rare plants to support 'Cultivar Preservation Project'

Social and Cultural Activity program.

Last year a Social day was held at Carl Slusarczyk, Ron Seaton and Michael Drake-Brockman place. The management committee will schedule a similar program.

Reports and activity updates for:

ACC:- The AGM was held electronically in September. A new management team was elected. The Cultivar Register was reviewed.

WAHC – See a summary of the May and August 2023 meetings in Appendix B

Garden Clubs and Society September Fair on Sat Sun 9-10 September 2023.

Overview report given by Michael Drake-Brockman. Still waiting on the the GC&S for attendance and profitability numbers. All participants thanked.

Newsletter – No longer cutting and pasting pictures from the internet. Password now on the newsletters.

Website – Continues to be a major asset to the society.

Facebook – remains active.

Membership – Numbers 80

Other Business:

Items raised by members

Discussion on meeting times and place. Older members don't like driving at night. Weekends with grand children. Cultural presentation has been slowly reintroduced and this should benefit new members. General meeting to be more social and focus more on cultural demonstration and information. Survey what would members like to do at the 4 meetings per year.

Discussion was held on addressing the availability of new Cultivars.

In Western Australia Ron Seaton is an active Chrysanthemum breeder and releases a few each year.

Japanese cultivars do better compared to English varieties in Western Australia. What can we do to introduce new cultivars? Last cultivars imported were brought in by Denis Marr. Not easy now due to tighter quarantine regulations. Require a "Not endangered species" permit plus expensive import papers to start the process then once in Australian quarantine there is an expensive charge per square metre with no guarantee that the plants will survive. Another method is to import in a sterile form but normally in large quantities (ie 1000 cuttings).

Also if travelling to a country and have made contact with a grower then a traveller can bring 6 tissue cultures per person and declare at quarantine.

Secretary to arrange nametags for members to wear at WACS meetings and events.

Wallace Brook Memorial Trophy for a vase of flowers has been found by the Show Secretary. The trophy has been missing for 2 years. It was briefly was presented to the previous winner Noel Blunt followed quickly by a presentation to the current winner, Murray Ryall.

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WACS General Meeting Minutes 12th September 2023

The Club president Carl Slusarczyk asked Ralph Coombes to come forward and after a summary of his contribution to the Society was presented with Life Membership.

Next Meeting - Distribution day 1:00pm Sunday 29 October 2023

Next General Meetings

Type	Date	Venue	Start Time of meeting	End Time of meeting
Distribution Day	Sunday 22 October 2023	Social Room and Main Hall	1:00 pm	3:00 pm
General Meeting	Tuesday 14 November 2023	Social Room only	12:00 noon	3:00 pm
General Meeting	Tuesday 13 February 2024	Social Room only	12:00 noon	3:00 pm
General Meeting	Tuesday 9 April 2024	Social Room only	12:00 noon	3:00 pm
Annual Flower Show	Thursday 9 to Saturday 11 May 2024	Hawaiian Forrestfield Shopping Centre	As for shopping centre	As for shopping centre
Awards Luncheon	Tuesday 21 May 2024	John McGrath Pavilion Social Room and Main Hall	11:30	3:00 pm
AGM and General meeting	Tuesday 10 September 2024	Social Room only	12:00 noon	3:00 pm

Meeting close. 1:30pm

Raffle draw and afternoon tea.

This is a true and correct record of this meeting

Dr C Slusarczyk - President

M Drake-Brockman - Secretary

Date

Appendix A - Correspondence from 11th April 2023

Correspondence In from:

GCA – 2023-2024 Insurance premium invoice.

GCA – May 2023 Bulletin

GCA – Insurance Certificate.

WAHC – Minutes of May meeting

Associations and Charities Branch, Consumer Protection – Newsletter

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PicRights Australia Pty Ltd on behalf of The Associated Press – Copy Right infringement
Leonie Moss – New Hall fees and charges \$42/hour
GCA – Registration Notice of National Convention in Toronto 10-15 September, NSW.
Andrew Carr – Invitation to a unique botanical art exhibition at the Holmes à Court gallery in Perth in September/October.
GCA – Notice of AGM 13 September in Argenton NSW.
Rose Society - 2023 National Rose Championships and Conference at the South Perth Community Hall on the 21st and 22nd October.
Orchid Society - Perth Orchid Fair 2-3 September.
The Garden Shed at 4 Farmers – Range of agricultural chemicals in small pack sizes.
State library WA - Introducing the National eDeposit (NED) Strategic Plan 2023-2026
GCA – August Bulletin
Olive Clayton – Notice of Dean Clayton’s passing while on a river cruise in Europe to celebrate their 60th Wedding Anniversary.
WAHC – Minutes of the August Meeting.
National Chrysanthemum Society UK – Society Renewal and Order form.

Amanda Young Foundation Linda Ritchie - Annual open Gardens and fetes:

1. Romancing the Stone Open Garden: 3 Lilian Rd, Maida Vale on Saturday 7th and Sunday 8th October 2023. The garden opens at 10 am each day until 4.30pm. Entry is \$6 and paid at the gate.
2. Amanda’s Garden Fete: Cnr Matison and Margaret St, Southern River on Saturday 28th and Sunday 29th October 2023. The garden is open at 10am each day until 4.30pm. Entry is \$5 and is paid at the gate.

Correspondence Out to:

WACS - State A and State B results sent to WAHC
Bernadine Bourne – Copy of ACC Register sent by Murray Ryall
WACS – Notice of Annual General Meeting and Nomination forms.
WACS - Membership renewal reminder.

Discussions and Outcomes by Email:

WAHC – Flyer for the 35th National Bonsai Convention at Burswood in May.
WACS – Flyers for WACS flower show distributed.
WACS - List of new Members
My Open Gardens – List of events.
WACS – Notice of publication of the May June newsletter.
Show Secretary – Set up of Show room, bottle requirements,
Celebration lunch – Registration and payment details
Committee – Preparation of Life Membership Award to Carl Slusarczyk
WAHC – Invitation to attend the September 2023 Plant Fair. Registration completed.
Instructions received.
WACS - Ratification of 8 New Members by committee.
WACS – Notice of publication of the July August newsletter.
William Orange – Purchase and delivery of Pockett Medals.
Bob Hunter – Garden Club and Society Plant Fair Flyer.
WACS – Reminder about the Fair
WACS and members – Roster and plants for the Fair
WACS – Notice of publication of the September October newsletter.

Discussions and Outcomes on Facebook:

Some good blooms posted.

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Appendix B - Summary of WAHC Meetings

May 2023 meeting

Western Australian Chrysanthemum Society Annual Show results.

- State A 1 Ron Seaton 2 Carl Slusarczyk (Richard Williams - no award NAS)
- State B 1 Ron Seaton 2 Carl Slusarczyk 3 Richard Williams 4 Michael Drake-Brockman

Bankwest

Will no longer be supporting Business Term Deposit Accounts. Investigating other banks.

GCS Plant Fair – Catering

Investigating using Trade Training Centre in Dianella to run the kitchen. This is a standalone commercial operation.

Queensland Fruit Fly in WA – 15km quarantine area from Belmont. The Quarantine Area (QA) covers a 15kms radius from the Qfly detection points and includes Perth, Belmont, Gosnells, Kalamunda, Vincent, Joondalup, Swan, Wanneroo, Melville, Canning, Bayswater, South Perth, Subiaco, Stirling, Qfly is one of the most serious pests of fruit and vegetables in Australia, attacking over 300 species of fruit and vegetables and impacting a range of horticulture industries and access to valuable markets. It is your legal responsibility to be informed and to act on this very serious biosecurity situation.

Society Reports.

GERBERA SOCIETY show very successful

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ROSE SOCIETY OF WA Autumn show in Guildford poorly attended due to weather

BEGONIA SHOW well organised.

BEGONIA SHOW – excellent

KALAMUNDA GARDEN FESTIVAL included may small nurseries

Kings Park – Now managing the acidity of the water to prevent trees dying

Summary of the August 2023 meeting

BENDIGO Bank – new account set up and ready for ebanking and term deposits.

Fair – Catering Students not covered by Insurance. The catering at the GCSPF has been highly successful and offered refreshment and socialising avenues for members and visitors. Searching for possible alternatives.

Square Reader – Has been purchased for use on the front desk.

Garden Clubs & Societies Plant Fair Report - Fourteen members and 2 commercials are participating in the 9th & 10th September 2023 Fair

Reports from 3 societies.