



## Minutes

### General Meeting

13 Feb 2024

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

**Welcome:** President Carl Slusarczyk opened the meeting at 12:05 pm

**Attendance** 17 members and 1 apology as per the attendance record book.

**Minutes** of previous general meeting held on the 14 November 2023 were available on the website and a copy was available at the meeting. Motion moved by Michael Drake-Brockman and seconded by Murray Ryall 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 seconded Ralph Coombes that the correspondence be accepted. Carried.

**Treasurer's Report:** \$8,012.34 bank balance as at 31/01/2024. Summary of financial activity. Income since 14 November 2023 of \$40 for membership. Expenditure was \$747.09 consisting of \$37 postage, \$85 Affiliation Fees, \$625.09 12 month Term Deposit balance \$13,231.50 and this matures in April 2024 Motion moved by Colleen Ryall and seconded by Ian Blackwell that the Treasurer's report be accepted. Carried.

#### Membership

Total financial membership is 56 including 9 life members. There are no members waiting on acceptance/rejection as per the constitution from the management committee

#### General Business:

Annual Flower Show Planning

Venue Kalamunda Agricultural Hall. 48 Canning Rd, Kalamunda WA 6076

Show Schedule is published on the WACS web page

Program is included in the show schedule. A copy follows:

Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> May 2024	Between 3.00pm and 7:00pm Exhibitor entries to 0480 188 875 or <a href="mailto:carl.lina.slu@gmail.com">carl.lina.slu@gmail.com</a>
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> May:	Between 3.30pm and 5:00pm Fill bottles and general show preparation. Show Sec. & Chief Steward prepare the show benches.

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	Please note that pots, Charms and Cascades entered in show and display materials, <i>must</i> be brought into the hall by 4.30pm on Thursday afternoon. 5:00pm Hall closed.
Friday 10th May:	8.00am - Exhibitors commence staging entries 12.30pm - Exhibitors finish setting up. 1.00pm - Judges / Stewards report for judging. 1:00 pm Exhibitors set up central display
Saturday 11th May	8.00am - Final preparations 9.00am - Show open to the public 2.00pm - Commence bunching and sale of blooms 3.00pm - Pack up equipment and clear show area. As many members as possible needed from 2.00pm to 5.00pm

Financial include the cost of the hall hire at about \$2500. This is a new cost now that we are not in a shopping centre. The committee are working on fund raising activities like sale of blooms and pots, kitchen sales, public entry fee.

Promotion / advertising. Flyer to be ready for the February Fair.

Presentation Luncheon Tuesday 28 May 2024 at the John McGrath pavilion

#### Garden Clubs and Societies Fair

The next Fai is over the weekend 24-25 February 2024

Member door pass tickets are available from the secretary

Our stall is prepared on Friday. Plants and banners are put into position

A roster was circulated so members could advise their availability.

This included an estimate of member donated plants

Next Plant Fair will be held in Sat Sun 7-8 September 2024 the weekend before the AGM

#### Social and Cultural Activity program.

1. Lina and Carl Slusarczyk's place 1:30pm Sunday 17 March 2024. Just bring a plate to share.
2. Judy and Michael Drake- Brockman's place 1:30 pm Sunday 14 April 2024 **New date**

#### Reports and activity updates

- WAHC – Key items from the November 2023 meeting were:
  1. Autumn State Championship applications processed.
  2. Garden Clubs and Society September 2023 Fair discussed. Only made a profit of \$68
  3. Result of Fair survey from participants was mainly positive.
  4. Still exploring options to cater for the Fair weekend.
  5. Long list of show results tabled
  6. AGM 28 February 2024
- Newsletter - Excellent
- Web site – Going well
- Facebook – Some greet blooms on display

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**OTHER BUSINESS:**

A small quantity of Chrysanthemums can be imported from overseas if a process is followed. Exporter requires a licence. The attendees were asked for their view on what should be imported, existing cultivars or new exotic types. Question was to be discussed by the committee as to what members would like to import. Kokka group has experience exporting. Price varies. Some cultivars are patented and may not be able to be exported. Some may be virus free therefore may be more vigorous. Which cultivars from Japan can withstand our heat? Funding means to be discussed. Would an infusion of quality stock improve the lives of our members? Members reported that most of the Japanese cultivars are still strong. Can also look to the UK to import Chrysanthemums

In Australia there is a process to bring in up to 20 plants from the east after applying for a permit. This is \$60 then there is a \$20 inspection fee. Some members have done this.

Mike Hartley has a wide variety of cut flower varieties.

Voted on if this was a good idea was supported

Motion Moved Carl Slusarczyk Seconded Ian Blackwell that the membership authorised the committee to further investigate importing new cultivars from Kokka nursery in Japan and that costs up to \$1500 be approved. Vote 8 For, 0 Against, 9 Abstained.

Expect important plants be grown by members and distributed to members or sold to other states to cover the cost of importing.

What varieties do we require? Is it just to improve the vigour of existing plants?

Lots of plants came via Ted King via America to Australia approximately 40 years ago

The members thanked Carl Slusarczyk for his efforts investigating this activity.

Michael Drake-Brockman donation of 225 plants to Araluen to form a Chrysanthemum display

Areas north of Perth are affected by Chilli Trip. Agricultural Department would like gardeners to treatment this pest with oils however Confidor does work. It is systemic so best applied through the roots. Try IGA for David Greys Systemic Bug Killer. Active ingredient is Imidacloprid.

**2024 WACS Calendar**

Type	Date	Venue	Start Time of event	End Time of event
Garden Clubs and Societies Plant Fair	Sat Sun 24-25 February 2024	South Perth Community Centre cnr South Terrace & Sandgate Street South Perth	Saturday 8.30 am Sunday 9.00 am	4 pm 2 pm
Social Day	17 March 2024	Carl & Lina Slusarczyk place, 6 Regent St West, Mount Lawley	1:30 pm	4:00 pm
General Meeting	Tuesday 9 April 2024	James McGrath pavilion. 97 Hensman St, South Perth	12:00 noon	3:00 pm

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Social Day	14 April 2024 <b>Note Date Change</b>	Michael and Judy Drake-Brockman's place 136 Merrivale Road Pickering Brook.	1:30 pm	4:00 pm
Annual Flower Show	Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> to Saturday 11 <sup>th</sup> May 2024	Kalamunda Agricultural Hall 48 Canning Rd, Kalamunda	8:00 am both days	5 pm both days
Awards Luncheon	Tuesday 28 May 2024	James McGrath pavilion. 97 Hensman St, South Perth	11:30am	3:30 pm
Garden Clubs and Societies Plant Fair	Sat Sun 7-8 September 2024	South Perth Community Centre cnr South Terrace & Sandgate Street, South Perth	Saturday 8.30am to Sunday 9.00am to	4pm 2pm
AGM and General meeting	Tuesday 10 September 2024	James McGrath pavilion. 97 Hensman St, South Perth	12:00 noon	3:00 pm
Distribution Day	Sunday 20 October 2024	James McGrath pavilion. 97 Hensman St, South Perth	12.30 pm	3:30 pm
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Meeting close. 1300

*Refreshments were shared.*

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**Appendix A - Correspondence From 14 November 2023**

**Correspondence In from:**

City of South Perth - Booking confirmation for 4 general meetings  
City of South Perth – Booking confirmation for Award Presentation 28 May 2024  
City of South Perth - Booking confirmation for Distribution day on October 2014  
Derek Charlton Secretary of the South Australian Chrysanthemum and Floral Art Society – seeking guidance on registering plants  
Garden City Plastics have moved to 2 Turley Street, Forrestdale, WA, 6112.  
Garden Clubs and Society Plant Fair – Stall location and member pass  
GCA \_ Our Garden Autumn magazine 100<sup>th</sup> issue  
Kevan & Lyn Chambers 2024 Autumn & Spring Flowering Bulb Catalogue.  
National Chrysanthemum Society UK – Panorama 2023 magazine and Rules and By Laws as amended November 2023  
The National Trust of Western Australia – Invitation to host an event in the festival that runs from International Museum Day (18th April 2024) until 19th May 2024.  
WACS – January 2024 Newsletter  
WAHC – 1) Bank change from Bankwest (no longer operates business accounts) to Bendigo Bank. 2) Change of accounting software from MYOB to XERO. 3) Future affiliation invoice will be by email  
WAHC – Affiliation invoice.  
WAHC – Garden Cuttings  
WAHC - Minutes of November Council Meeting  
WAHC - Notice of AGM Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> February 2024

**Correspondence Out to:**

Helen Martin Beck – Application to participate in the February 2024 fair  
Associations Online – Annual Report INFOSTAT.  
GCA – Affiliation invoice  
Minutes of the General Meeting 14 November 2023  
KPAC Jill Sarangapany – Completed booking form/application  
City of South Perth – Booking application for Award Presentation 28 May 2024  
City of South Perth - Booking application for 4 general meetings  
City of South Perth - Booking application for Distribution day on 27 October 2024