



## Minutes

### General Meeting

14 November 2023

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

**Welcome:** President Carl Slusarczyk opened the meeting at 12:04 pm

**Attendance** 10 members and 4 apologies as per the attendance record book.

**Minutes** of previous general meeting held on the 12 September 2023 were available on the website and a copy was available at the meeting. Motion moved by Michael Drake-Brockman and seconded by Ian Blackwell 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 Elizabeth Coombes that the correspondence be accepted. Carried.

**Treasurer's Report:** \$8719.93 bank balance as at 31 October 2023.

12 month Term Deposit balance \$13,231.50 and this matures in April 2024.

Summary of financial activity since last meeting. Income of \$2602.46 made up of membership \$169.81, Raffle \$28, Plant Sales \$1123.80, Annual Show ACC sponsorship \$500, ACC distribution of funds \$576.85, Westpac have refunded withholding tax taken in error from the term deposit \$204.

Expenditure of \$1123.64 made up of Grower rebates \$250, Stationary \$8.36, Secretary Honourarium \$400, Affiliation fees \$125, Social Expense \$25.28, Venue Hire \$315

Profit for GCS September Plant Fair was \$528.70.

Income from Plant sales on Distribution Day was \$345.10

Ian Blackwell has reviewed the 2022/2023 books and found them to be correct, and in his opinion fairly represents the financial position of the Society.

Motion moved by Colleen Ryall and seconded by Ian Blackwell that the Treasurer's report be accepted. Carried.

### Membership

Total financial membership is 53 including 8 life members. 27 members who are not financial have been sent a final reminder

### General Business:

Annual Flower Show Planning.

- New venue is Kalamunda Agricultural Hall. 48 Canning Rd, Kalamunda WA 6076

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- New date and duration is now a 2 day show on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> and Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> May 2023
- The benefits of the new venue include an entrance fee for visiting public to offset cost, can set up as we like and displays can be as we like
- Kitchen operation requires more thought to cater for Friday set up and judging and then for Saturday for the public. Would like to have at least a cup of tea, coffee and cake available. Seeking a member to manage kitchen operation and sales. Considered employing someone to run.
- Show Program changes included change of the Forrestfield Championship to the WACS Championship. Remove all reference to Forrestfield. Discussed expanding special displays as part of Section G. This would allow exhibitors to show other characteristics of Chrysanthemums.
- Show Schedule discussed how to squeeze into 2 days. See draft below. Committee to continue to refine.
- A design for the central display is required. This may possibly be on the hall stage.
- Award Presentation Function. Discuss proposed date Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> May 2024 and venue options other than John McGrath pavilion.
- The question was asked if the show could be expanded to include any other flowers. Options included an additional Championship or jointly with another club. Nothing was immediately obvious.

• Thursday	
Throughout the day prepare items for transport on Friday morning.	Bottles loaded into a trailer for transport to Kalamunda
	Load Central Display items into trailer.
	Exhibitors to prepare their blooms for transport

Friday	
8 am	Hall opened
8 am – 9 am	All to help position and cover tables Show Secretary and Chief Steward to prepare show benches. Unload bottles from trailer and move to kitchen Fill the vases and bottles in the kitchen sinks Unload central display from the trailer
9 am to 12:30 pm	Exhibitors set up their entries
12:30 pm	Exhibitors finish setting up entries
12:30 – 1 pm	Lunch
1:00 – 2:00	Set up results collation table and computer
1 pm – 5 pm	Erect central display on the stage
1 pm – 5 pm	Judges /Stewards report to Show Secretary for judging
5 pm	Hall closed

Saturday	
8 am – 9 am	Place show cards on the bench. Prepare the entry table to receive the public. Prepare the kitchen to sell product to the public

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9 am to 3 pm	Show open and members on roster duty to guide the public through the exhibition.
10 am	Guest to open the show
2 pm	Free entry for the public Members assist in bunching and wrapping of flowers Sale of flowers to the public
3 pm	Show ends. Pack up equipment and clear the show area.
5 pm	Hall closed

Garden Clubs and Societies Fair

- No updates to previous report on September 2023 Fair
- Next Fair is Sat Sun 24-25 February 2024

Distribution Day

- Turnout was low but \$350 worth of plants sold
- Thanks to all who participated.
- Ring a mentor or Champion if you did not get a cultivar that you wanted.
- Next Distribution day is Sunday 27 October 2024 at 1:00pm

Social and Cultural Activity program.

- Lina and Carl Slusarczyk's place 1:30 pm Sunday 17 March 2024
- Judy and Michael Drake- Brockman's place 1:30 pm Sunday 21 April 2024

Reports and activity updates

- ACC: Have resolved back log of payments
- WAHC – Next meeting Wednesday night 22 November 2023
- Newsletter – Published in November and available on the website.
- Web site – Going well
- Facebook – mainly overseas posts. See UK site

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

Matters raised by Members

- President Carl to prepare a customer satisfaction survey to measure member experience. This may lead to a change in meeting frequency, day and time.
- Keith and Shirley Robinson send their best wishes to the members from the Gidgegannup Agricultural show. Both are looking well.
- Presentation about Chrysanthemums was delivered by Michael Drake-Brockman to the Mandurah Garden Club at the Mandurah RSL. It was well received.
- GCP have advised that all transactions are now paperless and the invoice will be emailed to the secretary. Process is to be tested by Michael Drake-Brockman.
- If anyone did not get a cultivar from Distribution day then let the Preservation champions know and they may be able to help. Eg Ian would like JS Lloyd

**2024 Calendar**

Type	Date	Venue	Start Time of event	End Time of event
General Meeting	Tuesday 13 February 2024	James McGrath pavilion. 97 Hensman St, South Perth	12:00 noon	3:00 pm
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
Social Day	21 April 2024	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 21 May 2024	James McGrath pavilion. 97 Hensman St, South Perth	11:30	3:00 pm
Garden Clubs and Societies Plant Fair	Sat Sun TBA 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 27 October 2024	James McGrath pavilion. 97 Hensman St, South Perth	1:00 pm	3:00 pm
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Education / Skills Presentation

Systemic Bug Killer granules with active ingredient Confidor has proved to be very good. (\$17) from local hardware.

Potting mix comparison of Baileys Premium (more dense and better field capacity) and Osmocote (More chippy and required more watering)

Keep an eye out for spider mites. They like hot dry conditions. To keep at bay spray underside of leaf when watering.

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Chilli thrip are dormant in winter. Thrive in summer. Cannot see the insects as so small. Must use insecticide from New Year onwards or before buds appear.

Meeting close. 1:10 pm

*Raffle draw and afternoon tea.*

This is a true and correct record of this meeting

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Date

Appendix A

**Correspondence From 12 September 2023 to 14 November 2023**

**Correspondence In from:**

Open Gardens – Krannynook in Helena Valley Sun 22 October 2023

Leonie Moss – South Perth Recreational Development Officer – Application Forms for 2024

Kalamunda Performance Arts Centre – Booking application and conditions for Agricultural Hall

Derek Charlton from SA – Request for process to register Chrysanthemums.

WACS – November Newsletter published

WAHC Application form for Championship

Kalamunda Performing Arts Centre – Bond invoice for hall and Quote for show

**Correspondence Out to:**

Kalamunda Performance Arts Centre – Completed Booking and signed conditions for Agricultural Hall

WAHC- Application by WACS for State A and State B Championship

**Discussions and Outcomes by Email:**

Collen Ryall - New members – Welcome letters sent

Helen Martin-Beck - GCSPF Sub Committee – Requested feedback on the September Fair. WACS replied with our commitment to continue.

Sophie Brinklow - Marketing Executive, Suburban Shopping Centres- Forrestfield shopping centre has leased all rooms so unable to accommodate a Flower show. Reply to thanks them.

WACS Committee – Special Committee meeting called to discuss and visit venue for show.

Committee met and visited the Kalamunda Agricultural Hall. A booking has been made.

WACS AGM Financial Audit - An accountant declined as they are not covered by professional insurance to do audits. Resolved to have a member review the accounts and this has been completed successfully.

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Rockingham District Garden Club – Request on how to take a cutting from a Chrysanthemum bloom.

WACS – Confirmation of the date for Distribution Day as Sunday 22 October 2023.

Term Deposit – Notice that it was about to mature. President and treasurer visited bank and reinvested.