



Minutes

General Meeting

Tuesday 9th April 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 12 members and 3 apologies as per the attendance record book.

Minutes of previous general meeting held on the 13 February 2024 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 Murray Ryall that the correspondence be accepted. Carried.

Treasurer's Report: \$8,335.80 bank balance as at 31 March 2024.

12 month Term Deposit balance \$13,231.50 and this matures 12 October 2024

Since the General Meeting on 13 February there has been income of \$901 made up of:

\$45 membership, \$725 Plant Sales WAHC Fair and \$104 Honey sales WAHC Fair.

Expenditure has been \$578 made up of:

Hall hire \$168, Affiliation fees \$33, Grower rebate \$356 and Stationary \$21

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

Advised members that she will not be continuing as treasurer after the AGM

Membership

Total financial membership is 63 including 8 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
- Date and duration is a 2 day show on Friday 10th and Saturday 11th May 2024
- Show Schedule – as published
- Program – as published. Would like all members to help on the 2 days.
- Financial Matters look sound
- Promotion / advertising. Posters and flyers are in production thanks to Colleen Ryall. Carl Slusarczyk is contacting radio stations.
- Presentation Luncheon will be Tuesday 28 May 2024 at the John McGrath pavilion

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Garden Clubs and Societies Fair

- Report on February Fair summarised to the audience. Full report attached.
- Next Plant Fair will be held on Sat Sun 7-8 September 2024, the weekend before the AGM

Social and Cultural Activity program.

- Thanks to Lina and Carl Slusarczyk's for the social day at their place in March 2024
- Judy and Michael Drake- Brockman's place at 1:30 Sunday 14 April 2024. Please bring a plate to share and any perpetual trophies from last year's show.
- There was interest in attending Araluen to see our Chrysanthemum plants
- Ron Seaton will not have an open day however if someone is really keen then contact him directly. Suggest take a plate for morning tea.

Reports and activity updates

- WAHC – AGM was held on 28 February and the same committee was elected. It is financially sound. Jillian Plester is now the organiser for the Garden Clubs and Society Plant Fairs.
- Newsletter excellent
- Web site excellent
- Facebook Preservation group report good
- Cultivar Register updates

OTHER BUSINESS:

Araluen have planted 225 plants originally and Remo has collected another 130 plants. Discussed a social day to see our Chrysanthemum plants. The Coffee shop is open Thursday to Sunday. Suggest a visit 10:00 am on Thursday 2 May 2024. Meet at the coffee shop

Michael Drake-Brockman will be presenting to the Gosnells Garden Club at 2:00 pm on Monday 15 April 2024

President Carl thanked to Michael Drake-Brockman who has provided approximately 600 plants this year for the GC&S Fair, WACS Flower show and Araluen.

2024 WACS 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	14 April 2024	Michael and Judy Drake-Brockman's place 136 Merrivale Road	1:30 pm	4:00 pm

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		Pickering Brook.		
Annual Flower Show	Friday 10 th to Saturday 11 th 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	11:30	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
General Meeting	Tuesday 12 November 2024	James McGrath pavilion. 97 Hensman St, South Perth	12:00 noon	3:00 pm

Education / Skills Presentation

Janette Wheatley talked about her visit to the International Melbourne Flower show for 2 days. Displays were spectacular and the theme was sustainability. The main flowers in the flower display were available for sale. Met Cynthia from the Victorian Chrysanthemum society and visited her garden and saw her 200 chrysanthemums. Also visited the Royal Botanical Gardens, Treasury garden, and the Open Zoo in the Rose garden.

President Carl interviewed Ian Blackwell about Freida Perrett and her involvement in the early years of the Society and her influence on current members. Freida is a Life Member of the Society and the winner of the first State Chrysanthemum championship. She won the state Championship 5 more times. Ian is a founding member of the Society and told the story of how his father the Rev Frank Blackwell helped Freida then after his passing Freida assisted Ian and has two brothers develop their interest in Chrysanthemums.

Meeting close. 1:10 pm

Afternoon tea was shared seated around a large table.

This is a true and correct record of this meeting

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M Drake-Brockman - Secretary

Date

Appendix A Correspondence from 13 February 2024

Correspondence In from:

WAHC - AGM Agenda

WAHC - AGM Minutes and audit report.

WAHC - Council Meeting minutes

WAHC - Garden Cuttings

Westpac - Change to their "Business Card Servicing requests" feature.

WAHC – Sashes for the Flower show championship

Correspondence Out to:

Kokka Letter to see if they are willing to export some cultivars to Australia.

WACS 2024 March newsletter

Discussions and Outcomes by Email:

WACS – WACS member Roster for the GC&S Plant Fair

WACS – Summary of plant sales at the fair.

Invitation to Patsy Durack's Garden for a 10am Devonshire tea followed by a look at the roses.

Discussions and Outcomes on Facebook:

Pictures of the February Fair

Photos of Ron Seaton's plants including a variegated one

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Appendix B

Report on the Garden Clubs and Society Plant Fair February 2024

Overview

The Garden Club and Society Fair was held on Saturday 24th and Sunday 25th February 2024 at the South Perth Community Centre. It included 18 members and 2 commercial sites: 2WP Garden Tools and the kitchen. The weather was cool and cloudy. 739 paying customers attended over the two days. The fair made a profit of \$1293.71.

This was the thirteenth time that the WACS had participated in the Fair and the seventh February session. It was pleasing to be back in front of an aging public. A two trestle site was provided in the centre of the Main hall of the South Perth Community Centre. The quality of the plants was excellent. Our plant sales were of a similar quantity to previous years. The majority of the 136 plants sold at \$5 each. It was a successful weekend for the WACS.

Planning

Planning commenced in October with the completion of an application form. No payment was required as the refund from the previous profitable Fair was used to fund the site fee of \$130. Members, Michael Drake-Brockman, Ian Blackwell and Murray Ryall provided 446 plants in 140 mm pots. Stephen Lenghaus provided 13x500 gram jars of home produced honey.

Laminated colour photos of show blooms were placed on the stall table providing an indication of what the chrysanthemum class would look like. Two hand sewn banners stating "WA Chrysanthemum Society" were pinned to the front of the site trestles. The Retractable Exhibition banner was placed on the end of our two trestles.

Friday 23th February 2024

The trestles had been placed in position in the morning. Stall preparation commenced at 10:30am. The Societies' covers and banners were placed on the trestles. 284 plants were shuttled in and arranged on the trestles by classification. Carl Slusarczyk, Murray Ryall, Ian Blackwell and Michael Drake-Brockman all participated in the setup.

Saturday 24th February 2024

The hall was opened for restocking and another 128 plants were bought in before the public entered the hall at 8:30am. There was a refreshing surge of attendees up until 1pm. Stephen Lenghaus bought in 13 jars of honey for sale. Colleen and Murray Ryall, Carl Slusarczyk and Michael Drake-Brockman manned the WACS stall for the morning shift. The weather was pleasant all day. The hall air conditioner was working well so very comfortable inside. The stall looked fresh and the plants were of good quality. Plant sales were strong up until midday. Janis and Ian Blackwell with Michael Drake-Brockman manned the stall for a very quiet afternoon shift. Plants were sold at \$7 each and discounted to \$5 each for 4 or more pots. The honey sold over the two days at \$8 a jar. Stall members worked the front of the stall talking to and encouraging the public to make a purchase.

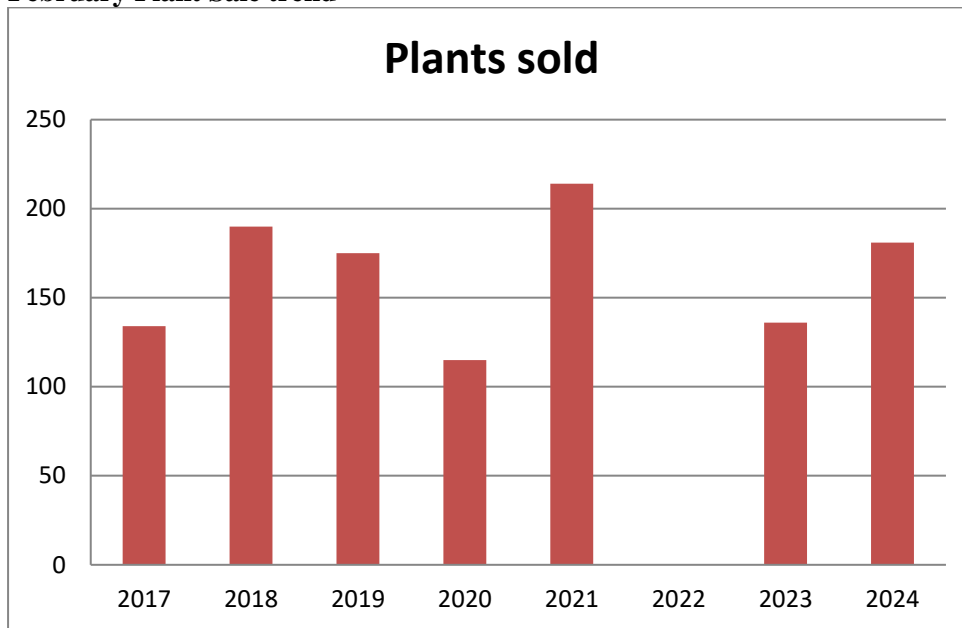
Sunday 25th February 2024

Restocking was not required. The stall was opened by Colleen Ryall, Elizabeth and Ralph Coombes. Michael Drake-Brockman came mid-morning. Sunday was cool and cloudy. Again it was very pleasant in the hall. Plant sales were steady. There was good buying support from the club members who had come to sell all the stalls at the fair. Clean up commenced at 2:00pm and was completed very quickly with the help of society members. There were only 265 unsold plants that were delivered to Carl Slusarczyk who with assistance will prepare them for the Annual Flower Show in May. Michael Drake-Brockman is no longer able to care for the plants due to the lack of rain water.

New Lessons Learnt for February Fair

- It was noted that the purchasing attendees were the same crowd as previous years only they have all aged. There were very few young people in the crowd.
- The Chrysanthemums range of cultivars should be limited to those cultivars that can be easily grown by home gardeners. Increase the quantity of Charms, Cascades, spiders, anything green and more yellow pomes.
- A more concerted effort is required to promote plant sales as a living gift to meet Mother's day in 10 weeks
- The flyer to promote the upcoming Flower Show at the Kalamunda Agricultural Hall in May was very well received.

February Plant Sale trend



Benefits for WACS

The presence of the WACS stall allowed members to promote Chrysanthemums and provided interested persons the opportunity to purchase flowers for the autumn season.

Financially it was a success. Income included \$752 for plant sales and \$104 for honey sales. Estimated grower reimbursement was \$362 Estimated Profit \$484. One new member signed up. In addition the Garden Clubs and Societies Plant Fair made a profit so the stall booking fee of \$130 will be available to secure a site for the next Fair.

The Fair provided an opportunity to mix with our peers of specialist gardeners and seek inspiration.

Many Thanks to all members for your active involvement and contribution over the weekend.