



## Minutes

### General Meeting

12<sup>th</sup> November 2019

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

**Welcome:** President Carl Slusarczyk opened the meeting at 12:20pm

**Attendance:** 13 members as per record book and apologies from Colleen and Murray Ryall, and Carol Turner.

**Minutes** of previous general meeting held on the 10<sup>th</sup> September 2019 were available with the agenda. Motion moved by Noel Blunt and seconded by Elizabeth 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 seconded by Judith Drake-Brockman that the correspondence be accepted. Carried.

**Treasurer's Report:** \$9,504.79 bank balance as at 31 October 2019.  
12 month Term Deposit balance \$17,224.50 and this matures 17 April 2020.  
Summary of financial activity. Income since last general meeting has been \$1,876.02.  
Significant items were Plant sales \$1063.32, Store sales \$474.54 and membership renewal \$250. Expenses for the same period were \$1235.48. Significant items were Store purchases \$464.96, Honorarium to Secretary \$400. Garden Fair reimbursement to growers \$146 and venue hire \$122.50. Profit to date is \$519.29  
Motion moved by Judith Drake-Brockman and seconded by Ralph Coombes that the Treasures report be accepted. Carried.

#### **General Business:**

Annual Flower Show Planning.

- Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> to Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> May 2020 at Hawaiian Forrestfield Shopping Centre.
- Shopping centre is keen to support the show.
- Presentation Luncheon Tuesday 26 May 2020. Venue booked and caterer to be confirmed.
- Prize money will be available for each class. The amount shall be determined at the next committee meeting. It is hoped that this will increase the level of participation.
- The Australian Championship class comprises one bloom of each of the following classes staged singularly:
  - 1 large or medium exhibition bloom (section 1 or 2)
  - 1 Decorative Bloom (section 3,4, or 5)
  - 1 Anemone bloom (section 6)
  - 1 show single (section 7)
  - 1 Fantasy Spider or Quill (section 10)

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- The prize for the Australian Championship is First \$600, Second \$300, Third \$150. Fourth, \$100 and Fifth \$50. In addition each will get a sash. Also the Tas Jones Memorial Gold, Silver and Bronze medals will be awarded to the first 3 place getters.

#### Garden Clubs and Societies Fair

- A full report on the September fair was presented. Attendance was down on previous years. Plant sales were \$551. Thank you to growers and helpers.
- Next fair is 22<sup>nd</sup> -23<sup>rd</sup> February 2020. Consider growing a few plants in 140mm pots for sale. Please inform the secretary on how many plants you intend to supply.

#### Distribution Day

The day went very well. 31 members attended. Thanks to everyone that bought plants, especially the rare ones. There was plenty to select from displayed by classification on the 12 tables. Pots frames labels clips and stakes at wholesale prices were also on sale

#### Social and Cultural Activity program.

March at the Slusarczyk place.  
April at the Drake-Brockman's

#### Reports and activity updates

- ACC: Carl Slusarczyk is the president.
- WAHC-Vale Sandy Beverly who passed on 26 October 2019. In her role as WA Horticultural Council's Chairman, she was well known for her contact with other groups, especially taking time to touch base with the Garden Clubs & Society Fair participants. She was also a long time member and President of the Rose Society of WA. Bob Hunter has agreed to take on the role as chairman. The WACS Chrysanthemum Championship application has been submitted. The next meeting for the delegates is Wednesday 27 November at 7:30
- Newsletter The Acrostic Puzzle Quote was "You Just like growing Chrysies"
- Web site. Yearly fee has been paid'
- Facebook. Currently 160 members. Please post, Like or share postings.
- Membership Total financial membership is 96 including 10 life members. There are 4 members waiting on acceptance/rejection as per the constitution by the management committee.

#### **OTHER BUSINESS:**

Judges Course. Frank Blackwell distributed a course outline and documents so participants can get started. Anyone interested in doing the course should contact Frank. Year one is observing judges at shows and year two is more participation and examination.

Western Australia has its own Chrysanthemum Judging Standards as published in the WAHC Gardeners Handbook. As the Chrysanthemum Cultivar register is now Australia wide there may be an opportunity to have a common Australian Judging standard as Dennis Mar proposed. Something for the management committee to think about.

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Matters raised by Members

Does anyone grow Chrysanthemum's in terracotta pots in Australia? May have been a few but has been rare due to cost. Plastic pots are now more affordable. UK growers tend to use terracotta pots

It is hard to over water and over fertilise Chrysanthemums in Australia.

Importation of plants into Western Australia. See website which is very difficult to follow. The Dutch are the most advanced users and most are covered by Plant Variety Rights. (PVR) Hence old varieties are becoming more popular and profitable to grow and sell.

Suggestion that anyone interested in growing Dahlias show them in the Gosnells Horticultural Society Annual Flower show. If enough support then they have an opportunity to apply to the WAHC for a Championship.

Request made to include the Active Cultivar Register in the WACS Website. Website administrator Murry Ryall to action.

Next General Meetings

Type	Date	Venue	Start Time of meeting	End Time of meeting
General Meeting	Tuesday 11 February 2020	Social Room only	12:00 noon	3:00 pm
General Meeting	Tuesday 14 April 2020	Social Room only	12:00 noon	3:00 pm
Awards Dinner	Tuesday 26 May 2020	Main Hall, Social Room and Kitchen	11:30 am	3:00 pm

Education / Skills Presentation

A request from Garden Clubs Australia has been received to have a meeting at a Chrysanthemum Member's place. Details are under negotiation.

Meeting close. 1310.

*Raffle draw and afternoon tea.*

This is a true and correct record of this meeting

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**Appendix A Correspondence.**

**In from:**

Department of Mines, Industry Regulation and Safety Receipt 1757118 for 2019 submission  
Department of Mines, Industry Regulation and Safety Receipt 1757119 for 2016 submission  
WAHC - Invitation to participate in the February 2020 Fair  
WACS Newsletter.  
Garden Cup of Australia Calendar  
Garden Cup of Australia Spring issue of magazine

**Out to:**

WAHC - Application for Flower Show to award State A and B Chrysanthemum Championships  
Department of Mines, Industry Regulation and Safety - Completed - Information Statement for 2019  
Department of Mines, Industry Regulation and Safety - - Information Statement for 2016 the year before my first electronic submission.  
WAHC – Completed application to participate in the February 2020 Fair.  
City of South Perth – Application to Hire John McGrath Pavilion. For 4 general meetings, Award Luncheon and Distribution Day.

**Discussions and Outcomes - Email**

Perth Garden Club – Request to host a meeting in May so that members could learn more about Chrysanthemums. Date and place still to be agreed.  
Message from Charles Yeo that he had a triple bypass in June. He is on the mend.  
City of South Perth – Invoice  
Murray Ryall circulated the Chrysanthemum Rescue aggregated data sheet.  
John Kitt from Garden Clubs Australia a brochure with ideas to retain members.  
WAHC – Vale Sandy Beverly on Saturday afternoon 26 October, 2019 at Joondalup Health Campus. In her role as WA Horticultural Council's Chairman, she was well known for her contact with other groups, especially taking time to touch base with the Garden Clubs & Society Fair participants. She was also a long time member and President of the Rose Society of WA.  
Sean Morrissy from "Flowers Across Australia" requested help to produce a cheat sheet or printable resource that contains all the important information that growers need to grow Chrysanthemums.  
Carl Slusarczyk responded.

**Discussions and Outcomes – Facebook**

Photos of the Fair published.  
Photos of tip cuttings from Steve Thomas and Carl Slusarczyk  
Jeff McDonald seeking information on Champagne Beauty. Susan Movell and Lynn Seaton replied.  
Distribution Day advertised. ( Congratulations to Sreedhar Patibandla and wife on new baby)  
Newsletter added.