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## Upcoming Events

### February 2016

**General Meeting**

**12 noon Tuesday 9th February**

**Committee Meeting**

**12 noon Tuesday 16th February**

### March 2016

**General Meeting**

**No General Meeting**

**Committee Meeting**

**12 noon Tuesday 15th March**

**Rotary Hall, Sandgate St South Perth**

## Social/Cultural Visits

### March 2016

**Sunday 20th March 2016 1pm.**

**Michael & Judith Drake-Brockmans**

### April 2016

**Sunday 17th April 2016 1pm.**

**Ralph & Elizabeth Coombes**

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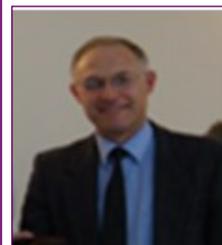
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# NEWSLETTER of The Western Australian Chrysanthemum Society Inc.



## Jan/Feb 2016

### President's Notes



Welcome to the new year and I hope it will be a good one. Reports from a few growers are that their plants are looking good and so the level of enthusiasm around the place is encouraging. I have been flat out with one hundred and one things since I moved back to my old house, post renovation, so that the chrysies have been totally neglected and I will not have any to show this year. However with chrysanthemums being an "annual-perennial" you can give them a year or two off and still grow good ones the next. Just one more reason to like them. Note to novice growers however is that if you leave them in their pots in the sun and do not water them they may die. The dead ones can be easily identified after watering is resumed as they fail to produce any green shoots. Even some experienced growers have been known to have made this basic error.

Observant readers of the last newsletter will note that Ron Seaton's new exhibition cultivar was named by me as Seaton's xxxxx. A strange name you might think and how right you are. I had written it late at night with the intention of slipping out to the garden the next morning to check my label but I failed to do so and sent my dissertation off to the editor unaltered. Did I say I have a lot of things on my plate? Anyway I have confirmed with Ron that the true name is Seaton's Nectar. It is the colour of strong ale

and so I was tempted to ask Ron to call it Seaton's XXXX to hide my blushes.

On a serious note, I have had an initial approach from Forrestfield Forum about the show and I hope to have a decision available to share at the next meeting. I am optimistic. If you are able to bring something for the raffle table and for afternoon tea then that would be great. If there is too much to eat we can always raffle the left overs.

See you soon, Carl

## Cultural Notes

The one thing as growers we cannot control is the weather. This year has been as unpredictable as any, with scorching heat but also more summer rain than recent years. As usual there are some cultivars that are thriving and others that I can normally depend on maybe not doing as well. I feel it is a good thing that we are encouraged by these seasonal differences to continue to grow a wide range of varieties and not just those that seem to be regular show winners.

Hopefully by the time the next newsletter is produced the committee will have finalised a roster which enables experienced growers to make a contribution to the newsletter as has been done in the past. This practice of sharing knowledge is in my opinion one of the best things about our society. It contrasts against my experience in commercial horticulture, where innovations are most often kept secret for monetary reasons. If any grower feels they may like to contribute please approach myself or another committee member.

Although Seaton's XXXX sounds OK as a name of a new variety, I am sure a certain QLD beer manufacturer would object to us using it. Apologies to Carl and readers (and Ron) for some sloppy editing. Seaton's Nectar does sound better anyway....

## Interesting Links

I hope to make this a regular section of the newsletter (if I can get the links to work). As I said in the last newsletter we have many friends both in Australia and around the world willing to share their knowledge (and photos). Here is a small list to get you started.

The National Chrysanthemum Society of Australia

<http://www.members.optusnet.com.au/nskeen/index.htm>

The National Chrysanthemum Society (UK)

[www.nationalchrysanthemumsociety.co.uk](http://www.nationalchrysanthemumsociety.co.uk)

The National Chrysanthemum Society (USA)

[www.mums.org](http://www.mums.org)

This photo is their Facebook cover photo at the moment. Although not named it looks suspiciously like Dianne Stoakes don't you think?



Although we cannot buy their plants, this USA chrysanthemum nursery's website makes interesting reading.

[www.kingsmums.com](http://www.kingsmums.com)

One from the UK

[www.chrysanthemumsdirect.co.uk](http://www.chrysanthemumsdirect.co.uk)