



Minutes

General Meeting

13th September 2022

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

Welcome: President Carl Slusarczyk opened the meeting at 12:25pm

Attendance: 15 members and 8 apologies as per the attendance record book.

Minutes of previous general meeting held on the 12 April 2022 were available on the website and a copy was available at the meeting. Motion moved by Jenny Olsen and seconded by Noel Blunt 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 actions required. Motion moved by Colleen Ryall and seconded Noel Blunt that the correspondence be accepted. Carried.

Treasurer's Report: \$22,652.69 bank balance as at 31 August 2022. The term deposit was not reinvested last financial year as the interest rate was very low and this provided flexibility. The amount was transferred to the operating cheque account. Summary of financial activity for July and August is an Income of \$144.78 from membership and outgoings of \$100 for Affiliation to the Australian Chrysanthemum Council. Motion moved by Colleen Ryall and seconded by Murray Ryall that the Treasurer's report be accepted. Carried.

Membership

Total financial membership is 91 including 7 life members. There are no members waiting on acceptance/rejection as per the constitution from the management committee

General Business:

2023 Annual Flower Show Planning.

- Thursday 11th to Saturday 13th May 2023 at Hawaiian Forrestfield Shopping Centre. They have indicated that they are happy to have us for another year.
- The show will also include the Australian Chrysanthemum Council championship. A set includes 5 blooms and there is generous prize pool.
- Please forward any suggested changes to the show schedule the Show Secretary Carl
- Award Presentation Luncheon is scheduled for Tuesday 23 May 2023

Garden Clubs and Societies Plant Fair

- Report on September 2022 Fair was presented by Michael Drake-Brockman and is available in Appendix B
- Next Fair is Sat Sun 18-19 February 2023

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Distribution Day

- This is to be held on Sunday 23 October 2022 at the John McGrath pavilion. The hall will open at 11:30 for set up. Members with plants are welcome at 12:30. At 1:00 pm members will be asked to view the plants and think about what they require. Distribution start at 1:30 with new members invited to select 10 plants. Following all members may select plants. Will include afternoon tea. Sale price of the plants is \$1
- The Distribution day is 6 weeks away so start taking extra tip cuttings now. Especially of rare cultivars or those not widely grown.

Social and Cultural Activity program.

This will be similar to last year. Members to forward any ideas to the committee

Reports and activity updates

- ACC: Carl spoke on the current state of the council. Championship in 2023
- WAHC: Michael Drake-Brockman summarised the meeting contents as in Appendix C
- Newsletter: Carl going well
- Web site: Murray still getting enquires
- Facebook: Murray 540 followers. Note any can post to the site, although approval process in place

OTHER BUSINESS:

Agenda matters

Matters raised by Members

- Meeting day alternatives suggested a weekend day. The president will survey all the members for their preferred meeting times. What will encourage younger members? Suggest not evenings because of young children.
- Report by Michael Drake –Brockman on a presentation delivered by him to the York Gardening Club.
- Report by Michael Drake –Brockman on Building Better Communities hosted by Andrew Leigh – Assistant Minister for Completion, Charities and Treasury. Many “Not For Profit” organisations participated in a look at the decline of volunteering in Australia and what role Government can play to change this.
- Biome project at the airport can be found at the www.australianbiome.com website. The business case for the Biome is a significant piece of work, It will be a major collaboration with the great and innovative minds in Western Australia and beyond.
- Gardeners Circle requested our attendance to participate as a guest. Carl Slusarczyk is to attend one of their meetings
- Chilli trip currently treated with Confidor, a systemic. Alternatives are Pyrethrum and soaps. Note that these are not residual and require repeated, frequent application.

Next committee meeting is to be at Carl Slusarczyk’s place and on Tuesday 20th September 2022

Next General Meetings

Type	Date	Venue	Start Time of meeting	End Time of meeting
Distribution Day	Sunday 23 October 2022	John McGrath Pavilion Social Room and Main	1:00 pm	3:30 pm

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WACS General Meeting Minutes 13 September 2022

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General Meeting	Tuesday 8 November 2022	John McGrath Pavilion Social Room only	12:00 noon	3:00 pm
General Meeting	Tuesday 14 February 2023	John McGrath Pavilion Social Room only	12:00 noon	3:00 pm
General Meeting	Tuesday 11 April 2023	John McGrath Pavilion Social Room only	12:00 noon	3:00 pm
Annual Flower Show	Thursday 11 th to Saturday 13 th May 2023	Hawaiian Forrestfield Shopping Centre	As for shopping centre	As for shopping centre
Awards Luncheon	Tuesday 23 May 2023	John McGrath Pavilion Social Room and Main Hall	11:30	3:00 pm
AGM and General Meeting	Tuesday 12 September 2023	John McGrath Pavilion Social Room only	12:00 noon	3:00 pm

Meeting close. 13:15pm

The Raffle was drawn and afternoon tea shared.

This was followed by the 2022 May Flower show presentation of trophies, sashes and certificates to the winners. This had been held over to the AGM due to Covid restrictions and consideration of members' wellbeing.

This is a true and correct record of this meeting

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Appendix A **Correspondence From** 12 April 2022

Correspondence In from:

Fran Canon – Resignation from the Committee
WAHC – Meeting Minutes 25 May 2022
WAHC Garden Cuttings
WAHC – Invitation to participate in the September 2022 Fair
WAHC – Exhibitor Information
City of South Perth – Hall hire fee \$40 per hour.
Kevan & Lyn Chambers - Tulips with a difference Summer catalogue for bulbs and plants available July to October.
Garden City Plastics – Price rise of pots(7.5%), Fertiliser (5-28%) and imported products on application
Garden Clubs of Australia – Notice of AGM in Townsville 11th to 15th September 2022.
Garden Clubs of Australia – Quarterly Magazine of the Garden Clubs of Australia. Spring issue
National Chrysanthemum Society – Chrysanthemum 2022 Show reports
WAHC – Garden Cuttings
WAHC – August Meeting Minutes
General – Nominations for Management positions

Correspondence Out to:

Fran Cannon – Acceptance of Resignation from the Committee
Show Secretary – Updated 2022 Show Schedule
Minutes of the General Meeting 12 April 2022
Geoff and Emma Jordon - Welcome letter
Elke Penirschke - Welcome letter
Casey Xin Lim - Welcome Letter
WAHC – September Fair Details and passes.
Veronica Tagget - Condolence card re John

Discussions and Outcomes by Email:

Treasurer – Notification of new members
Andrew Leigh MP, Australian Government - Please join me for a Building Community Forum on 18 August
Andrew McDougal – UK person requesting some cuttings of lost cultivars. Sell waiting on list.
Associations and Charities Branch, Consumer Protection –
Firstly Tier 1 organisations (ie WACS) now under \$500,000 annual revenue and new reporting rules will align with National rules.
Secondly New work health and safety laws came into effect on 31 March This does not apply to WACS because our organisation is a volunteer association made up only of volunteers working together for a community purpose. The organisation and its volunteers are not covered under the WHS Act and do not have work health and safety duties. However it is a good idea to comply with the general WHS duties.
WAHC – Please distribute September plant Fair Flyer.
WACS – Distribution of the July August Newsletter.
Veronica Tagget – Notice of death of John Tagget.
Carl - Request for more medals

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WAHC – Change of Website address - www.horticulturalcouncil.au
City of South Perth – Application for hire form to be returned by 30
November 2022
Garden Clubs of Australia – Agenda for AGM 13/September 2022 in
Townsville

Discussions and Outcomes on Facebook:

WAHC – Flyer for September Fair. Published on the site.

Appendix B Report on the Garden Clubs and Society Plant Fair September 2022

Overview

The Fair was held on Saturday 10th and Sunday 11th September 2022 at the South Perth Community Centre. A steady stream of shoppers attended. It attracted 15 Clubs and Societies and 5 commercial groups. Home-made refreshments were popular. This was the eleventh time that the WACS had participated in the six monthly Fairs and the sixth September Fair. A two trestle site located in the middle of the main hall of the South Perth Community Centre was allocated. 245 plants were sold at \$3 each. This is an improvement on the previous 2 September Fairs. Gross income was \$xxx. No new members signed on. For the WACS it was pleasing to be back in the public after a year of Covid disruptions. It is expected that the Fair made a profit and our stall deposit of \$130 will be refunded.

Planning

Planning commenced in June with the completion of the Fair application form that requested a 2 trestle site. As the previous Fair in February 2022 was cancelled, the payment was not refunded but kept as the fee for this stall.

5 members prepared and delivered cuttings for the Fair. Thanks to Carl Slusarczyk, Noel Blunt, Murray Ryall, Malcolm Turner and Michael Drake-Brockman who provided a total 288 potted rooted cuttings. Only 43 plants were unsold.

The stall was colourful and organised incorporating the experience of the previous Fairs. A4 size laminated pages by classification containing 9 coloured pictures of show blooms were placed in front of the trays to assist customers with their selection. Two hand sewn banners of “WA Chrysanthemum Society” were placed on the front of the mat green plastic trestle covers. The retractable Exhibition Banner (2 m tall x 830mm) proudly displayed pictures of Chrysanthemums and identified our stall.

Friday 9th September 2022

Setup commenced at 11:00am with the help of Carl Slusarczyk, Murray and Colleen Ryall, John Anderson, Malcolm Turner and Michael Drake-Brockman. The covers and banners were placed on the two trestles. The plants were shuttled in and arranged by class and by colour. Trays for nominal 75mm round pots and carry frames for 68mm square pots were used to organise the pots on the bench leaving some space at the front to allow customers to assemble their purchase. Copies of the Fiftieth Anniversary book and Chrysanthemum Culture in Western Australia were on display for sale along with the Business card and “Application for Membership” forms. A new addition was a postage size card to list the electronic means of contacting the society.

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Saturday 10th September 2022

First activity before the crowd entered was to finish marking the plant labels with a coloured pen to help identify the plants bloom colour. During the day the stall was manned by Colleen and Murray Ryall, Noel Blunt, Casey Lim, John Anderson and Michael Drake-Brockman.

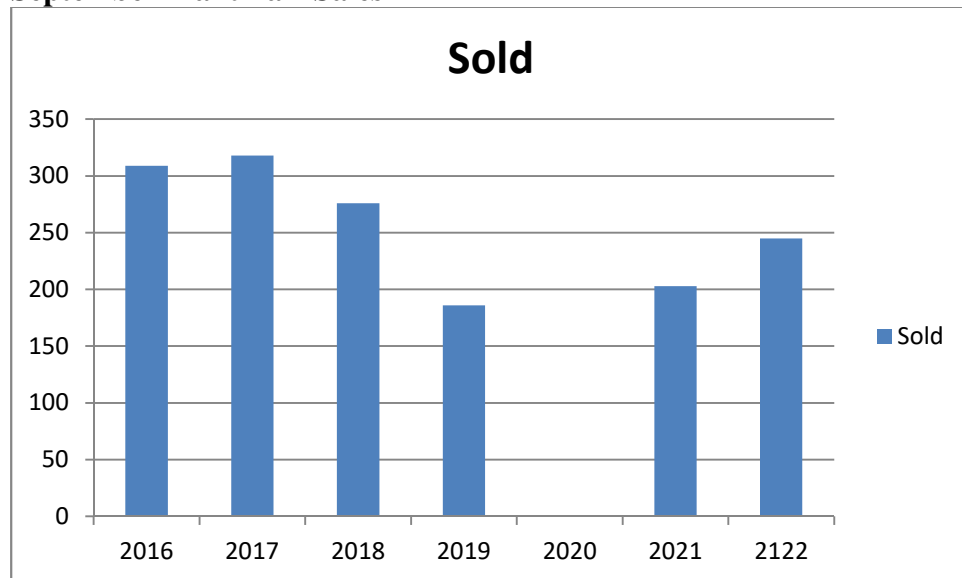
Plant sales of approximately 170 were steady during the day.

Sunday 11th September 2022

The fair opened to the public at 9:00am. The stall was operated by Michael Drake-Brockman, Carl Slusarczyk, Glenys Brown and Richard Williams. Again it was a steady day.

Clean up commenced an hour earlier than previous fairs at 2:00pm and was completed very quickly with added help from Stephen Lenghaus and Murray Ryall.

September Plant Fair Sales



Note that the September 2020 Plant fair was cancelled due to Covid

Confirmation of stall operation

- The pea green polo shirts, aprons and name badges made it easy for the public to identify the Society members.
- The ability to do financial transactions using debit and credit cards using the SQUARE reader allowed for additional sales.
- 68mm square pots in carry frames is the ideal method of presenting to plants on the bench. However foam cups and 50mm pots did not deter customers.
- The colour on the cultivar tags greatly assisted in arranging and finding cultivars.
- The retractable Exhibition Banner identifies the stall and is a source to show customers what the blooms look like.
- A quantity of 300 plants to open the stall is recommended
- Green (i.e. pomes) remains a popular colour

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- Spiders and anemones are popular with new growers. The demand for Charms dropped.
- Based on sales and enquiries, the recommended mix of classifications for next September Fair has been adjusted to increase the quantity of Spiders and Charms/Cascades. Also reduce Singles, Exhibitions and Decoratives.
- Have a variety of packaging options available like recycle used cardboard boxes folded into trays that hold 6, 9, 12, 15 plants.
- Demand for Pommies , and Anemones remained strong
- The trestles worked well arranged in an L shape

Benefits for WACS

The enthusiastic members were able to promote Chrysanthemums. Some customers were adding to successful previous fair purchases. A number were seeking cultural advice to improve their success rate.

Many thanks to all who participated with the WACS stall.

Next Fair is the third weekend in February 2023 Sat Sun 18/19 February 2023.

Appendix C Summary of WAHC Meeting on Wednesday 24 August 2022

September plant fair preparations on track

Public and Products Liability insurance is now \$20 million and covers anyone less than 100 years of age

The WAHC Gardeners handbook is to be updated.

Aloe Mite is in Western Australia. It affects Aloes, Haworthia and Gasteria.

Good hygiene is essential.

Discussion held on lack of specialist judges and possible solutions

The Bonsai Society of WA awarded the very prestigious 2022 Foreign Ministers Commendation for exceptional and distinguished service in the promotion of mutual understanding between Japan and their counties.

Grow your group project identified key points as:

- Provide plant knowledge
- Social interaction
- Good communication to encourage them to attend and enjoy meetings.

Guest speaker was Dianne Boekout, President of the Bonsai Society of WA. 6 excellent examples were displayed.