



## Minutes

### General Meeting

14<sup>th</sup> September 2021

**Venue:** Social Room, John McGrath Pavilion, 97 Hensman Street, South Perth. 12:00

**Welcome:** President Carl Slusarczyk opened the meeting at 12.30pm

**Attendance:** 12 members as per record book and 10 apologies.

**Minutes** of previous general meeting held on the 13<sup>th</sup> April 2021 were available on the website and a copy was available at the meeting. Motion moved by Carl and seconded by Michael 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 Ralph Coombes that the correspondence be accepted. Carried.

**Treasurer's Report:** \$6,750.84 bank balance as at 31 August 2021.  
12 month Term Deposit balance \$17,903.76 and this matures 17 April 2022  
Summary of financial activity since 13<sup>th</sup> April 2021.  
Income of \$4,756.17 included membership \$122.88, Interest \$299.28, Plant sales \$149.43, Annual Show \$3,536.68, Presentation lunch \$606.90, Donations \$5.00 and sale items \$36  
Expenses \$352.83 included \$6,603.52, Stationary \$420.60, Affiliations \$180.74, Venue hire \$88, Square EFTPOS Fees \$48.14. Sundries \$59.97  
Year to date profit \$55  
The Society is in a sound financial position and can pay its liabilities.  
Motion moved by Colleen Ryall and seconded by Murray Ryall that the Treasures report be accepted. Carried.

#### Membership

Total financial membership is 77 including 7 life members. There are 10 members waiting on acceptance/rejection as per the constitution from the management committee

#### General Business:

Annual Flower Show planning can now commence with the appointment of a Show Secretary. Still seeking an assistant to fill the Assistant Show Secretary and Chief Steward positions The show is planned to be held from Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> to Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> May 2022 at Hawaiian Forrestfield Shopping Centre They are keen to continue the association with the Society No changes are planned to Show Program and Schedule at this stage Presentation Luncheon planned for Tuesday 24 May 2022.

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Garden Clubs and Societies Fair

- A draft report was delivered on the September Plant Fair as per appendix B
- Next Plant Fair is to be held on the weekend of Sat - Sun 19-20 February 2022

Distribution Day

The Distribution event will be held in the John McGrath pavilion on 24 October 2021. The hall will be open from 12:30 am to allow members to place donated plants on the classification tables. It will also allow for a review of available plants. At 1:00pm new members will be the first to be invited to select up to 10 plants each. Once they have picked their plants the remaining members will be invited to select plants. Afternoon tea will be available so please bring a plate to share.

Social and Cultural Activity program.

Expression of interest for guest speakers was positive. Suggestions included someone on horticultural history and Jackie from GCA

Carl Slusarczyk I and Michael Drake-Brockman offered their places for a visit. Date to be determined

Investigate a visit to Dawsons Forrestfield nursery and cafeteria.

Reports and activity updates

- ACC: Held Championship in Western Australia and this was won by Ron Atyeo. The AGM was held via zoom. The elected officers are President Graeme Cain, Vice President John Morvell, Secretary Carl Slusarczyk and Treasurer Guy Rischmueller.  
SA branch failed to elect a committee.  
ACC Championship to alternate between east and west Australia with WA in the odd years.
- WAHC – Report delivered by Michael Drake-Brockman as per appendix C
- Newsletter – Carl Slusarczyk to continue as editor.
- Web site still going well and an important source of new members
- Facebook: Has a growing list of international followers

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

Discussed how we can attract more active younger members. More May show publicity suggested.

Next General Meetings

Type	Date	Venue	Start Time of meeting	End Time of meeting
Distribution Day	Sunday 24 October 2021	Social Room and Main Hall	12:30 noon	3:00 pm
General Meeting	Tuesday 9 November 2021	Social Room only	12:00 noon	3:00 pm
General Meeting	Tuesday 8 February 2022	Social Room only	12:00 noon	3:00 pm
General Meeting	Tuesday 12 April 2022	Social Room only	12:00 noon	3:00 pm

Meeting close. 1:30 pm

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*Raffle draw and afternoon tea.*

This is a true and correct record of this meeting

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Date

## **Appendix A**

**Correspondence From** 13 April 2021

### **Letters In from:**

National Chrysanthemum Society – Chrysanthemum 2021

Kevan and Lyn Chambers “Tulips with a Difference” – Catalogue for 21 year with 60 new varieties

The Garden Clubs of Australia. – Our Gardens Winter Issue

The Garden Clubs of Australia. – Our Gardens Spring Issue

City of South Perth – Reviewed Pavilion hire charge is \$30 per hour

City of South Perth – Room hire Application form

The Garden Clubs of Australia - Postponed Townsville Convention, Membership now 765, 2021 Annual Photographic Competition closes 1<sup>st</sup> October. \$1300 prize pool. See new Facebook page

The Garden Clubs of Australia – Weed scan project

The Garden Clubs of Australia. – Tax Invoice \$80

The Garden Clubs of Australia – Insurance Renewal for 2022/2023

The Garden Clubs of Australia – Our Garden Magazine Subscription \$15 per year

The Garden Clubs of Australia – Changes to contact details

WAHC - Meeting Minutes 25<sup>th</sup> August 2021 and Garden Cuttings calendar

Ron Seaton – 11 new cultivars for Registration. Some were shown at the Gosnells show.

### **Letters Out to:**

Results of show championships sent to WAHC

### **Discussions and Outcomes by Email**

Garden Clubs and Society Fair roster – Volunteers and final roster

WAHC – notice of September plant Fair – Application completed and instructions received.

## **Appendix B**

**Report on the Garden Clubs and Society Plant Fair September 2021**

### **Overview**

The Fair was held on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> September 2021 at the South Perth Community Centre. The weekend clashed with football on the John McGrath oval and the start of the Kings Park festival. As a consequence parking was difficult and crowd attendance

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was down. It attracted 14 Clubs and Societies and 2 commercial groups. Home-made refreshments were popular. This was the tenth time that the WACS had participated in the six monthly Fairs and the fifth September Fair. A two trestle site located in the middle of the main hall of the South Perth Community Centre was allocated. 203 plants were sold at \$3 each. Gross income new members that signed on is to be announced. For the WACS it was disappointing that plant sales were down on previous highs however they were up from previous lows. It expected the Fair made a profit and our stall deposit of \$130 will be refunded.

### **Planning**

Planning commenced in June with the completion of an application form. As the previous Fair in February 2020 was a success that payment was not refunded but kept as the fee for this stall.

5 members prepared and delivered cuttings for the Fair. Thanks to Ian Blackwell, Carl Slusarczyk, Ralph Coombes, Noel Blunt and Michael Drake-Brockman who provided a total 350 potted rooted cuttings. The 147 unsold plants will be available for Distribution day in October.

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 10<sup>th</sup> September 2021**

Setup commenced at 11:00am with the help of Carl Slusarczyk, Murray and Colleen Ryall, Ralph and Elizabeth Coombes, Ian Blackwell 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 75mm square 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.

### **Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> September 2021**

First activity before the crowd entered was to mark the plant labels with a coloured pen to help identify the plants bloom colour. During the day the stall was manned by Richard Williams, Ian Blackwell, Ralph Foster, Colleen and Murray Ryall, Noel Blunt and Michael Drake-Brockman.

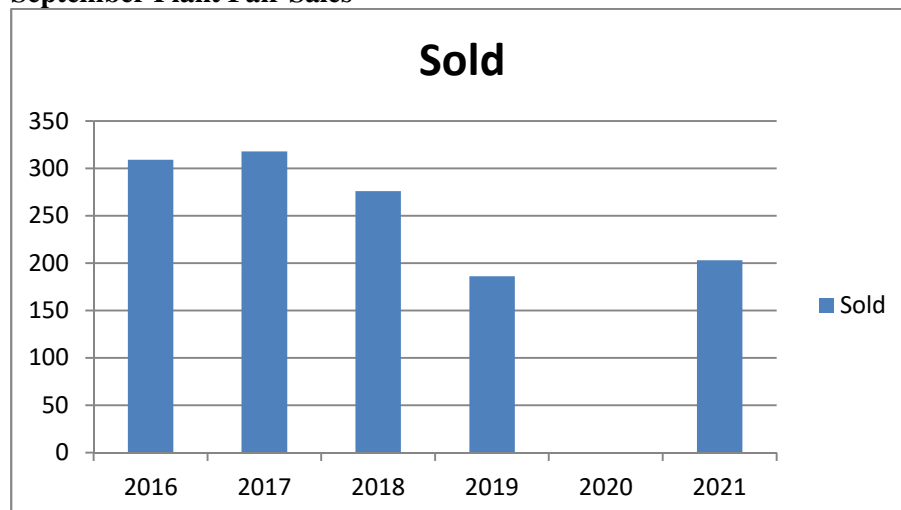
Plant sales were steady during the day.

### **Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> September 2021**

The fair opened to the public at 9:00am. The stall was opened by Colleen Ryall, Ralph and Liz Coombes, Tony Giorgi, and Zinnia Brown. Murray Ryall and Michael Drake-Brockman relieved them late morning. Again it was a steady day

Clean up commenced an hour earlier than previous fairs at 2:00pm and was completed very quickly with the help of members that were at the Fair.

### September Plant Fair Sales



Note 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. Cash transactions were also recorded using the SQUARE reader.
- 68mm square pots in carry frames is the ideal method of presenting to plants on the bench.
- 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.
- The quantity of 350 is the minimum quantity of plants required for the September fair.
- Green (i.e. pommies) remains a popular colour
- 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

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## Appendix C.

### Report on the WAHC meeting Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> August 2021

13 Attendees from 56 member clubs and societies.

**Executive Officer replacement** – Jillian Plester is to be confirmed at the February AGM as the Executive officer to handle the WAHC secretary and financial duties. Helen Martin Beck will retain the role of events manager for the Garden Clubs & Societies Plant Fairs. Jillian has recently retired after 17 years as a school bursar, is a member of the South West Rose society and is a general judge.

WAHC 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary – An invitation only event will be held in January with 2 prominent guest speakers.

Garden Clubs & Society Plant Fair – All stalls booked.

George Hood, past president of the Garden Clubs of Australia, was appointed AM in Queens Birthday Honours,

#### Show Reports

- Gosnells Horticultural Council has been disbanded and there will be no more shows
- WA Chrysanthemum Society reported on the May show
- Iris Society confirmed their show would be held 15&16 October
- Kalamunda & Districts Agricultural Society application to conduct Sweet Pea state championship approved.

#### Other business

- Rose Society are helping Meckering prune the memorial rose garden established to honour local residents who have passed away.
- WA Fern Society have appointed a Research Officer who is helping them set up a **tissue culture laboratory** in an attempt to produce rare ferns as quarantine restrictions has stopped the importation from elsewhere
- African Violet Society reported that there are no commercial growers in WA. So they are providing leaf material to two nurseries to grow them on and expand their availability to the public. They are also making an inventory of rare plants before they are lost.
- Discussed the non-publicised lowering of phosphorus in fertilisers arguing that gardeners used such a small amount the impact on waterways was negligible.
- Discussed continued availability of Confidor (Imidacloprid pronounced *I-mid-a clo-prid*) from Nurseries (Not Bunnings) even though extremely toxic to bees. Required for the control of Chilli Aphids.
- Richgro has a new managing director 47yo Tim Richards who has taken over from his father Geoff who started in 1990.