



Minutes

General Meeting

11th September 2018

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

Welcome: President Carl Slusarczyk opened the meeting at 12.45pm

Attendance 18 members as per record book and apologies from Jenny and Trevor Olsen, Yvonne Adams, Noel and Nu Blunt, Keith and Shirley Robinson, Leila and Frank Blackwell, Brenda and Alan Benn, Ian Blake, Katherine Patterson.

Minutes of previous general meeting held on the 11th April 2018 were published to the website. Motion moved by Michael Drake-Brockman and seconded by Colleen Ryall that the minutes be accepted. Carried.

Correspondence: A summary of the items of correspondence as in appendix A was presented. Full details were available for viewing in the correspondence record file. No further action required.

Motion moved by Michael Drake-Brockman and Ian Blackwell that the correspondence be accepted. Carried.

Treasurer's Report: Bank balance was \$7,195.28 as at 11th September 2018.

12 month Term Deposit balance \$16,829 and this matures April 2019.

Summary of financial activity included income from Garden Clubs & Society Fair \$791.50 Membership \$75 and expenditure of \$80 Hall hire and purchase of pots, frames and clips for resale plus an increase of the float to \$260. This is a more realistic amount required for the Fairs.

Motion moved by Colleen Ryall and seconded by Elizabeth Coombes that the Treasures report be accepted. Carried.

General Business:

Annual Flower Show Planning.

- Tuesday 7th to Saturday 11th May 2019. Blooms on the bench for 3 days (Thursday, Friday and Saturday)
- Members indicated that they are happy to participate with similar activities as previous years.
- Request for earlier and improved promotion. Can Hawaiian have the posters out earlier? Have flyers ready for Garden Clubs and Society Fair in February.

Garden Clubs and Societies Fair

- Report see Appendix B

Distribution Day

Dr C Slusarczyk - President

M Drake-Brockman - Secretary

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- To be held Sunday 28th October 2018 at 1:30. Bring surplus cuttings and afternoon tea. Cultivars in demand include Seatons Galaxy,
- If there is a “must have”, cultivar advise the secretary asap so they can be struck now.

Social and Cultural Activity program.

- Michael Drake Brockman and Carl Slusarczyk have offered their places for a Sunday Social afternoon. Dates will be published in the Newsletter.

Other ideas included

- Visit to a commercial grower of Chrysanthemums like Flora Plants, or a user of hydroponics.
- Visit to wholesale nursery ie near Mandurah. See Frank Blackwell.
- Things that are different to Chrysanthemums like other gardening types such as such as cymbidium orchids or a member’s hobby.

Reports and activity updates

- ACC: No recent activity of note. Will be getting a copy of the updated Chrysanthemum register for review soon.
- WAHC- August meeting key points
 - Discussion on Colin Barlow’s request for support of a new Australian Garden Council not supported because, expensive for WA delegates, WA is only 10% of membership; there is a body that looks after professional nurseries, cost \$100 per year, few horticultural coarse offered in WA TAFEs now so limited educational opportunities.
 - Garden Clubs and Society Fair. Preparation in place. Expect 1000 attendees. Advertising is in place.
 - Trainee Judges. 2 year coarse progressing well. 6 students working their way through the Gardeners Handbook (this is available on the WAHC webpage <https://horticulturalcouncil.com.au/the-gardeners-handbook/>)
 - Application for show sashes
 - Application in by November meeting
- Newsletter – going well. Distribution is by email and 10 copies mailed out. Requested items of interest. Requested growers to write a contribution to cultural notes or reprint some from the old news letters
- Web site – Gaining more visits. Can find WACS official documents here
- Facebook – Gaining pace. Members encouraged to like articles to help spread our exposure
- Membership. 92 ordinary members including 11 Life members, 0 junior members

OTHER BUSINESS:

Matters raised by Members nil

Next Meetings

Sunday Distribution day 28th October 2018 at 1:30pm

Tuesday 13th November 2018 at 12

Education / Skills Presentation

Mentoring preferred as grower can see the home environment

Meeting close. 1:35 pm

Raffle draw and afternoon tea.

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Appendix A Correspondence.

Correspondence 11 September 2018

In from

City of South Perth

- Access to Rubbish bins at John McGrath pavilion (code is 1750)

Show Secretary Chrysanthemum show

- Request for Judge assistants, runners and plant sales
- Tally of bottles and vases require for the show

Tony Watkins request to participate in the Northern Orchids Fair.

Helen Martin Beck Executive Invitation to participate in the September 2018 Garden Clubs and Society Fair

Helen Martin Beck forwarded from Colin Barlow a request seeking to develop a national organisation similar to the Royal Horticultural Society (RHS) in the UK to benefit the whole of the gardening industry. To be called the Australian Garden Council.

Charles Yeo and Aileen Reid replied to **not** participate

Helen Stretch and Tony Watkins Invitation to Participate in the Spring Orchid Fair September 2018. . This show is expected to be held in September each year leading to the World Orchid Conference in September 2023 which will be held in Perth.

Member replies to Invitation to **Not** Participate in the Spring Orchid Fair September 2018.

Frank and Leila Blackwell regarding new email address

Open Gardens list of coming events

Member replies on availability for the Garden Clubs and Society Fair September 2018

Pamela Boardman requested some cultural advice for Chrysanthemums at Samson House

Member apologies for AGM

Notice that Muriel Woodings, a member since 1979, passed away on 3/9/2018

Murray Ryall tally of plants delivered and sold at the plant fair

UK National Chrysanthemum Society 2018 year book

Kevan & Lyn Chambers Tulip Catalogue

Garden Clubs of Australia – Our Gardens Winter Issue

Garden Clubs of Australia – Our Gardens Spring Issue

Out to

Members - April General Meeting Minutes

Members - May Newsletter

WAHC - Completed invitation to participate in the September 2018 Garden Clubs and Society Fair

Tony Watkins - WACS will not be participating in the Spring Orchid Fair September 2018

Helen Martin Beck Executive - advising the winners of the State A and B Championship

Members - August Newsletter

Members - Notice of AGM

Members – Request for member availability to help with the Garden Clubs and Societies Fair

Carl Slusarczyk - replied to Pamela Boardman

Members - WACS Rule (constitution) now posted on the Website and on Facebook.

Appendix B Report on the Garden Clubs and Society Plant Fair September 2018

Overview

The Fair was held on Saturday 8th and Sunday 9th September 2018 at the South Perth Community Centre. It attracted 14 Clubs and Societies (2 more than last year) and 5 commercial groups. Home-made refreshments were popular. This was the fifth time that the WACS had participated in the 6 monthly Fairs and the third September Fair. A two trestle site located in the middle of the main hall of the South Perth Community Centre was allocated. 276 (318 in 2017) plants were sold at a marked price of \$3 each. Gross income was \$790 (\$697 in 2017). 3 new members signed on. Overall it was a successful weekend for both the Plant Fair and WACS. This means that the stall deposit of \$130 should be refunded.

Planning

Planning commenced in June with the completion of an application form. As the previous Fair in February 2018 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, Murray Ryall, Noel Blunt and Michael Drake-Brockman who provided a total of 465 (similar to last year) potted rooted cuttings. The 189 unsold plants will be available for distribution day in October.

The stall was colourful and organised incorporating the experience of the previous Fairs. 3” square laminated colour pictures of show blooms were placed in front of the trays to assist customers with their selection. A hand sewn banner of “WA Chrysanthemum Society” was 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 7th September 2017

Setup commenced at 11:00am with the help of Carl Slusarczyk, Murray Ryall 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. The plant labels had a colour sticker to help identify the plants bloom 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. Murray Ryall had prepared Name Badges including a refreshed WACS logo for those manning the stall.

Saturday 8th September 2017

During the day the stall was manned by Ian Blackwell, Ralph Foster, Colleen and Murray Ryall, Carl Slusarczyk and Michael Drake-Brockman.

The first two hours were very busy with almost 180 plant sales. Plant sales were steady for the remainder of the day. Michael Drake-Brockman did a 1 hour shift on the entry gate. Murray Ryall bought in 2x140mm pots and one 250mm pot that contained side shoots. These were frequently used to demonstrate what a plant looks like prior to taking a tip cutting. They were placed on the small third member supplied table.

Sunday 9th September 2017

The fair opened to the public at 9:00am. The stall was opened by Ralph and Liz Coombes, Carl Slusarczyk. Colleen and Murray Ryall and Michael Drake-Brockman relieved them late morning. It was a quiet day with only approx. 70 more pots sold.

Clean up commenced at 3:00pm and was completed very quickly with the help of members that were at the Fair.

Confirmation of stall operation

- While 75mm square pots are ideal the 50-70 mm round and 68mm square worked as well.
- Carry frames and trays greatly assist in organising the pots on the bench.
- The colour on the cultivar tags greatly assisted in arranging and finding cultivars.
- Continue to arrange plants on the trestles by classification using dividers. Within the carry trays arrange the plants into the 3 judging groups of White and Yellow, Pink and Red and Other. Mark the carry trays to further accentuate the groupings.
- The 8 foot trestles are the preferred size.
- The retractable Exhibition Banner identifies the stall and is a source to show customers what the blooms look like.
- The quantity of 450 is the minimum quantity of plants for the September fair.
- Green (i.e. pommies) remains a popular colour
- Charms, spiders and anemones are popular with new growers.
- The recommended mix of classifications for next September Fair remains as:

8	Pomme	78
7	Single	64
1	Exhibition	60
5	Intermediate Decorative	51
6	Anemone	46
12	Charm/Cascade	40
3	Incurve Decorative	38
9	Spray	27
10	Spider	26
4	Reflex Decorative	19
11	ItchiMonJi	2
		451

New Lessons Learnt.

- Investigate packaging options. I.e. recycle used cardboard boxes folded into trays that hold 6, 9, 12, 15 plants.

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. Three new members signed up.

Special Thanks for:

- Plants – Carl, Ian, Murray, Noel and Michael
- Manning the stall - Carl, Ian, Ralph Foster and Coombes, Liz, Murray, Colleen, and Michael
- Name Tags – Colleen and Murray for printing name tags with logo.

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