



Minutes

Annual General Meeting

Tuesday 13 September 2022

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

Welcome: President Carl Slusarczyk opened the AGM and warmly welcomed the members.

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

Previous Meeting The minutes of the previous meeting were available as printed copies and on the WACS website. Motion moved to accept the minutes of the last Annual General Meeting held on the 12 September 2021. Moved Colleen Ryall and seconded by Noel Blunt. Carried

Matters Arising: None.

Correspondence:

In from: Associations and Charities Branch, Consumer Protection – Newsletter regarding Review of Act.

Out to:

Members - Notice of AGM with management position nomination forms

Associations and Charities Branch, Consumer Protection - report of the 2021 financial year.

Motion moved by Jenny Olsen and seconded by Noel Blunt that the correspondence be accepted.

Carried

President's Report. President Carl Slusarczyk read his report as in Appendix 1.

57th Year. Show was run successfully in spite of Covid. Growers beat the hot weather and chilli trip.

Australian Championship to look forward to in 2023. Thanks to members for their continued support.

Motion moved by Jenny Olsen seconded by Steven Lenghaus that the Presidents report be accepted.

Carried

Show Secretaries Report. President Carl Slusarczyk read his report as in Appendix 2

Good support for show which was a success. Forrestfield Hawaiian Shopping Centre was happy with our effort.

Motion moved by Jenny Olsen seconded by Steven Lenghaus that the Show Secretaries' report be accepted. Carried

Treasurer's Report: The Income and Expenditure statement for the financial year ending 30 June 2022 showed an Income of \$2,277. The total expenditure for the same period was \$4,114. The loss for the year was \$1,837. This was due to no plant sales at the May Flower show, a decision to reduce member exposure to the risk of catching Covid in the shopping centre. Also the Garden Clubs and society February Plant Fair was cancelled also due to Covid risk and onerous requirements. It is expected that both these fund raising events will operate in the 2022/2023 financial year.

In the statement of Financial Position the Total Current Assets was \$22,868. This included the Term Deposit that was not renewed in April of \$17,903.76 and moved to cash at bank. Total Current Liabilities was \$70. Total Member Funds was \$22,798.

The Auditors report prepared by Mark Toogood from Audit Services of Western Australia was reviewed and signed by the Societies president and treasurer. The notes included statement that the accounts fairly represented the WACS financial position and that it is in a position to pay debts when due.

A copy of the Auditors report is with the Treasurer. The Financial Statement for the period 1st July 2021 to 30 June 2022 is held by the Treasurer and can be made available upon request.

Motion moved by Noel Blunt and seconded Jenny Olsen that the Treasures report be accepted. Carried

Membership report. Membership numbers are 91 including 7 Life members and no Junior members. This was an increase of 14 compared to the previous AGM.

Election of Officers

The Secretary received only one complying nominations for each of the following management positions:

- **President.** Carl Slusarczyk
- **Secretary.** Michael Drake-Brockman
- **Treasurer.** Colleen Ryall
- **Show Secretary.** Carl Slusarczyk
- **Newsletter Editor.** Carl Slusarczyk
- **Web Page & IT Manager.** Murray Ryall

A motion was moved by Jenny Olsen and seconded by Stephen Lenghaus that the positions be filled as nominated. Carried

The Secretary received only 2 complying nominations for each of the following representative positions. 2 representatives are required for both affiliates.

- **Australian Chrysanthemum Council** Carl Slusarczyk and Michael Drake-Brockman
- **Western Australian Horticultural Council** Carl Slusarczyk and Michael Drake-Brockman

A motion was moved by Jenny Olsen and seconded by Noel Blunt that the positions be filled as nominated. Carried

The secretary received only 2 complying nominations for the 6 available Committee positions from:

- Fran Cannon
- Stephen Lenghaus

A motion was moved by Murray Ryall and seconded by Noel Blunt that the positions be filled as nominated. Carried

The Chairman called for nominations from the floor for the following vacant positions:

- **Vice President.**
- **Assistant Show Secretary.**
- **Chief Steward.**
- **Committee** 4 positions remain vacant.

There were no nominations. The positions remain vacant and shall be discussed by the management committee

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Auditor – Current WACS auditor Mark Toogood of Audit Services of Western Australia is to be approached to perform the role of Auditor for another year. While legally not required for a 'Not For Profit' organisation with a turnover of our size it is an independent good check for members that the money is correctly managed.

General Business:

Motion moved by Carl Slusarczyk and seconded by Colleen Ryall that an honorarium of \$400 be paid to the Secretary to offset his WACS related expenses from performing his duty as the Secretary. Carried

Meeting close. 12:25pm

These are a true and correct record of the meeting. Signed

Dr C Slusarczyk - President

M Drake-Brockman - Secretary

Date

Appendix 1 **WACS President's Report 2022**

Our society has continued to prosper despite the increasing challenges that seem to face nearly all special interest groups. We are fortunate in having a group of experienced members who have provided sterling service for several years to the society in their various management roles.

The year was affected somewhat by continuing issues with the Covid-19 pandemic but, fortunately, not to the same extent as in 2020-21. In particular, the February WA Horticultural Fair was cancelled and our activities at the 2022 Annual Show at Forrestfield were reduced in order to reduce our contact with shopping centre patrons. As a result we incurred a financial loss due to a reduction in sales of plants and blooms. Society membership has increased by fourteen to ninety one and we had two Novice growers exhibiting at our show which is encouraging for the future.

We look forward to the Australian Championship returning to Perth in 2023.

Thanks to all of our members for their continued support of the society.

Carl Slusarczyk

Appendix 2 - **WACS Show Secretary's Report year**

The 2022 show at Hawaiian Forrestfield hopping centre was adversely affected by the Covid-19 pandemic. We significantly reduced our exposure to the public by limiting our attendance at the venue to set-up and take-down. As such we did not have any sales of plants or blooms, no official opening of the show and we did not have members in attendance during the show. This was unfortunate as the show is our best opportunity to interact with the public to obtain new members and also reduced our financial income from sales. Nevertheless, the shopping centre management seemed happy with the show. In respect of the show exhibits I believe that the quantity and quality was of a similar standard to most previous years. There were sixteen exhibitors in total. The central display was again a feature with input this year from several growers due to the addition of what would otherwise have been sale plants.

It was encouraging to see entries in nearly all of the formal and informal floral art classes. Most of the bloom classes also had entries.

A special mention is due to Ron Seaton who provided about one third of all the exhibits including multiple entries in nearly all of the seedling classes. A number of these seedlings have been, or will soon be, registered and are expected to be seen in several grower's entries next year. Several members provided assistance to Ron to get his entries onto the benches as otherwise he would have run out of time and energy.

The State Championships were both won by first time State Champions with Richard Williams winning the A Division and Michael Drake-Brockman winning the State B. The Champion Bloom of the Show was Ron Atyeo's Primrose Mount Shasta which was the best example that I have seen of that cultivar. Best Exhibit of the Show was Michael's State B entry and he was successful in winning champion bloom of most of the sections.

Carl Slusarczyk

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Appendix 3 Balance sheet
Statement of Financial position Period ending 30 June 2022

	2022	2021
	\$	\$
Current Assets		
Cash at Bank	22,608	6,696
Term Deposit	-	17,904
Cash on hand	260	260
Trade Debtors	-	-
Total Current Assets	22,868	24,860
Current Liabilities		
Membership in Advance	70	225
Sundry Creditors	-	-
Total Current Liabilities	70	-
 Excess Assets over Liabilities		
	22,798	24,635
 Represented by:		
Members Funds		
Accumulated Funds	24,635	27,098
Surplus/Deficient Funds – Current year	(1,837)	(2,463)
Total Member Funds	22,797	24,635

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Appendix 4 Income and Expenditure for year ending 30 June 2022

Income	2022	2021
	\$	\$
Donations Received	30	610
Interest Received	45	303
Membership Subscriptions	765	627
Plant Sales	1,074	1,798
Presentation Lunch	-	916
Raffle Proceeds	146	132
Sale Items to Growers	217	1,516
Show Proceeds	-	3,537
Sundry Income	-	192
Total Income	2,277	9,631
Expenditure		
Affiliation Fees	192	329
Annual Show Expenses	1,713	6,639
Grower Supplies		1,285
Honorarium – Secretary	400	400
Internet expenses	110	129
Social Expenses	40	1,532
Stationary and postage	107	481
Venue Hire	496	748
WAHC GC&S Fair	273	376
Sundry Expenses	783	175
Total Income	4,114	12,094
Net Surplus (Deficiency)	(1,837)	(2,463)