



We celebrated our 89th birthday on 13 January 2021
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GARDEN CUTTINGS February 2021

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State Championship Winners in 2020

State Championship for Hanging Container – Kate Smyth
State Championship for Pelargoniums – Jenny Outram.

Membership Update:

Albany Horticultural Society, Lorraine is the new Administrator. Tel: 9841 4003 aas@albanysociety.org.au

WA Iris Society, secretary Barb Patison, 21A Fourth Avenue, Bassendean WA 6054. Tel: 0400 237 143. Email: bmccuire@inet.net.au

Wanted double daylilies – Moya is keen to add to her collection – telephone 9409 2438 if you can help.

Graham Ross, AM started gardening at the age of four and has never stopped. And from humble beginnings, as a teenager he started working at his local garden centre and he has climbed the ranks to national treasure. On Australia Day 2021 he received a Member of the Order of Australia in the Australia Day Honours for “*significant service to the broadcast media, particularly to horticulture, and to the community.*” It’s one of many awards he has received in a media career that spans more than 50 years. (Nursery & Gardening Industry of WA).

WA Floral Art Society Inc meets on the second Saturday of the month, except January, at the Osborne Park Activity Centre, 11 Royal Street, Osborne Park (behind BP Service Station), cnr Royal and Main Streets, Osborne Park. Ample off street parking and undercover available at the venue. Meetings commence at 1pm to approximately 4pm. Exhibits staged between 12.15pm and 12.45pm. Meeting format - a brief formal meeting, floral art demonstration, afternoon tea, analysis of selected exhibits. During the meeting, exhibits are judged by qualified floral art judges. The judges are available during the afternoon tea break for constructive comments regarding exhibitor’s designs. Visitors are most welcome to attend the meetings (visitor fee applies). WAFAS accredited judges are available for demonstrations, judging and workshops. Enquiries: Penelope Brunning – President. 0403 552 811. Email: penelopebrunning@yahoo.com.au

Something to think about? Get a small number of friends, preferably living locally, to meet weekly in each garden for a morning’s work before socialising over a shared lunch. It’s working well in Swanbourne and the host and friends work together to decide on what needs doing with no obligation to attend but it rarely happens.

Horticulturally inspired events in 2021 and beyond

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March 2021

24-28: Melbourne International Flower & Garden Show. Royal Exhibition Building, Carlton. Tickets on sale now. <https://melbflowershow.com.au>

April 2021

10: WA Gerbera Society's show at the South Perth Community Hall, Sandgate Street, South Perth. 9am to 3pm. Enquiries Kim Richardson 0400 053 479. Email: wa.gerbera.society@gmail.com

10 & 11: Open Gardens West Coast. John Banasiewicz' Owner, John Banasiewicz, president of the Western Australian Fern Society has a garden full of ferns, palms, bromeliads, cycads, ginger, heliconia's, some unusual anthuriums, ponds, pockets of bamboo and even some bonsai. A fund raising event for The Royal Flying Doctor Service and Medecins Sans Frontier. 16 Lakes Way, Jandakot. 10am to 4pm. www.opengardenswa.org.au

16 & 17: Open Gardens West Coast. Roses, roses, roses! Bob Melville loves his roses and has them in abundance in this lovely garden. The driveway is an avenue full of colourful roses supplemented with blue chalk sticks, irises and sea daisies. Elsewhere there are sloping garden beds of roses bordered with neat hedges and there is a beautiful stand of silver birches with a border of "simply magic" pink roses. There is even some room for peonies, poppies, alstroemerias and agapanthus. 26 Mottram Street, Carmel. 10am to 4pm. www.opengardenswa.org.au

Thursday 29 April to Sunday 2 May: 2021 Perth Garden & Outdoor Living Festival at a new venue, Langley Park, Riverside Drive, Perth. 10am to 4pm. Tickets on sale now. www.perthgardenfestival.com

May 2021

1 & 2: Gosnells Horticultural Society's 70th annual autumn show at the Addie Mills Centre, Gosnells. Saturday 1pm to 5pm and Sunday 9am to 4pm. Free entry. Enquiries Margaret Baker 9398 2684.

2: Northern Districts Orchid Society show at Jack Healey Centre, Kalamunda. Enquiries Steve Bowman 0408 255 401.

6 to 8: WA Chrysanthemum Society's annual show and Australian Championship at Hawaiian Forrestfield Shopping Centre. Enquiries Michael Drake-Brockman 9293 7650.

8 & 9: Rose Society of WA's autumn rose show at The Function Centre, Victoria Park Carlisle Bowling Club, 18 Kent Street, East Victoria Park. Saturday 1pm to 5pm and Sunday 10am to 4pm. Roses, potted colour and gifts for sale. Afternoon teas etc. Entry \$5. Show Manager Ian 0417 929 766.

July 2021

4: Northern Orchid & Garden Fair at John Septimus Roe Community School, Mirrabooka. Enquiries Steve Bowman 0408 255 401.

August 2021

7 & 8: Inter Society Orchid display & workshop at Kelmscott Hall, 60 River Road, Kelmscott. Enquiries Steve Bowman 0408 255 401.

14 & 15: South Eastern Orchid Society of WA show at the Cannington Showgrounds, cnr Station Street & Albany Highway, Cannington. Saturday 9am to 4pm and Sunday 9am to 3pm. Enquiries Sue 0407 718 377.

21 & 22: Spring Orchid Fair, Aranmore School, Leederville. Enquiries Steve Bowman 0408 255 401.

September 2021

11 & 12: Garden Clubs & Societies Plant Fair at the South Perth Community Hall, cnr Sandgate Street & South Terrace, South Perth. Saturday 8.30am to 4pm, Sunday 9am to 3pm. Entry \$5. Refreshments available. www.horticulturalcouncil.com.au

12-16: The Garden Clubs of Australia Biennial Convention 2021, hosted by the Townsville & District Garden Club. Townsville is perfectly situated in Tropical North Queensland and is a major gateway to the Great Barrier Reef. It is located about 350 kilometres south of Cairns and 1,350 kms north of Brisbane. The airport has links to major eastern seaboard cities. A large range of activities and tours available in the area and it also makes it the perfect place for non-gardening partners, ensuring they too can enjoy their trip to North Queensland. Australia's largest garrison city with Australian Defence Force Bases and fascinating military history to explore. Various tours, Townsville Orchid Society spring show and Giru Agriculture & Horticulture Show and more. Details on the website:

www.gcaconvention2021.com and [Facebook.com/gca2021](https://www.facebook.com/gca2021). Registration packages available now. To request a full registration package please email: perfect2021@mail.com or contact Shirley Haslam 0438 53 312.

17 & 18: Wanneroo Joondalup Orchid Society North Beach Display (to be confirmed). Enquiries Lynne Greenham 9448 5840.

October 2021

2 & 3: Rose Society of WA's spring show at the South Perth Community Hall, cnr South Terrace & Sandgate Street, South Perth. Saturday 1pm to 5pm, Sunday 10am to 4pm. Enquiries Robyn 0417 929 766.

9 & 10: Gosnells Horticultural Society's spring show at the Addie Mills Senior Centre. Enquiries Margaret Baker 9398 284 or 9823 1571.

10: Northern Orchid & Garden Fair at John Septimus Roe Community School, Mirrabooka. Enquiries Steve Bowman 0408 255 401.

15 & 16: Kelmscott Agricultural Show at Rushton Park, River Road, Kelmscott. Friday 4pm to 9pm, Saturday 9am to 9pm. Enquiries Jan 438 955 079.

23: Brunswick Agricultural Society show at the Pemson Pavilion, Brunswick Showgrounds. Enquiries Judy Talbot, 9726 1236.

30: Gidgegannup Agricultural Society show. 9am to 7pm at the Gidgegannup Showgrounds, Toodyay Road, Gidgegannup. Julie 0458 581 017.

30: Epiphytic Cacti & Hoya Society of Australia (WA) show at the Bassendean Seniors & Community Centre, Bassendean. Enquiries Kelly Lilburn 0448 674 340.

30 & 31 October: South West Rose Society spring show at Eaton Boomers Football Club, Glen Huon Reserve, 3 Council Drive, Eaton. Saturday 12 noon to 4pm, Sunday 9am to 3pm. Enquiries Margaret Addison 0458 302 606 or asddon1@bigpond.com

November 2021

5 & 6: Canning Show at the Cannington Exhibition Centre & Showgrounds, Cnr Station Street & Albany Highway, Cannington. Friday 5pm to 10pm with fireworks at 9pm; Saturday 9am to 10pm. Enquiries@cahrs.com.au

12 & 13: Albany Agricultural Society show at the Albany Agricultural Society Pavilions, 88 Cockburn Road, Albany. Tel: 0448 674 340

13 & 14: Cactus & Succulent Society show at the South Perth Community Centre Hall, cnr Sandgate Street and South Terrace, South Perth. Enquiries Bob Hunter 0438 905 229.

October 2022

13-16: 9th World Bonsai Convention, Crown Towers, Burswood, WA.
www.facebook.com/groups/bonsaisocietyofwa/ www.bonsaisocietywa.com

15-18: World Bonsai and Suiseki Exhibition, Grand Ballrooms, Crown Towers, Burswood, WA.

September 2023

3-11: 24th World Orchid Conference, Perth Western Australia. It will be held in conjunction with the 8th International Orchid Conservation Congress which will be returning to Perth after the inaugural conference in 2001. The venue will be the Perth Convention & Exhibition Centre.

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Dept of Agriculture with an update on the European wasp. Look for all black antennae and yellow legs. Legs are shorter than paper wasps are held close to their bodies during flight. They fly very quickly in a direct path and do not hover. Look for multiple wasps flying in and out of a single hole in the ground. European wasp nests are usually below the ground, are difficult to see and can be as big as a basketball or larger (paper wasp nests are usually above ground and between the size of a golf ball and a dinner plate).

CHILLI THRIPS (Nursery & Garden Industry WA – “Greenlife” 18 February 2021

For the past 12 months, garden centres have been faced with a problem of an unknown rose disease, brought to their attention by a number of customers.

Melville's Rose n Garden initially advised us of this early last year, however it was with an outbreak in November (when Matthew Lunn visited an Attadale rose garden to see it first-hand), to advise the DPIRD that we were potentially dealing with something more sinister.

Thrips were always considered to be the culprit, but which species - as there are over 6000 recorded by entomologists world-wide? The answer - Chilli Thrips.

The chilli thrips or yellow tea thrips, *Scirtothrips dorsalis* Hood, is an extremely successful invasive species which has expanded rapidly from Asia over the last twenty years, and is gradually achieving a global distribution. It is a pest of economic significance with a broad host range, with prominent pest reports on crops including pepper, mango, citrus, strawberry, grapes, blueberry and roses.

Chilli thrips appear to feed preferentially on the new growth of roses, and infested plants usually develop characteristic wrinkled leaves, with distinctive brown scarring along the veins of leaves, the buds of flowers, and the calyx of fruit.

An untreated chilli thrips infestation kills most varieties of rose bushes, or weakens them so much that they die from black spot and heat stress or are permanently stunted. University of Florida research found that on susceptible rose varieties, cultural and biological control measures could not control chilli thrips; therefore, to control them requires spraying and/or drenching with a systemic insecticide rated for thrips.

Advice on control measures here in WA are still on-going but with the reduction in the use of Confider there are thoughts that organic based products like Neem may be beneficial. During discussions with Dr Darryl Hardie, Senior Entomologist at DPIRD, he believes the key is in preventative control rather than reactive measures once the disease shows up.

“It's a bit like the horse has bolted as spraying on infected rose material won't make a difference. It's critical in early spring as the plants are putting on their new growth that you apply an appropriate spray, he advises.”