



*We celebrated our 90<sup>th</sup> birthday on 13 January 2022*  
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## **GARDEN CUTTINGS**

### **February 2022**

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#### **Championship Winners:**

State Championship for Epiphytic Cacti – Geoff Dell Era  
State Championship for Hoya – Geoff Dell Era

#### **Membership Update:**

- **Albany Agricultural Society Inc.** Administrator Amarah Freemantle: Tel: 9841 4003, email: [aas@albanyshow.org.au](mailto:aas@albanyshow.org.au) [www.albanyshow.org.au](http://www.albanyshow.org.au)
- **Cymbidium Orchid Club of WA Inc.** Secretary Diana Harvey, 4 Scotia Place, Morley WA 6062. Tel: 0409 118 951. Email: [cocwa@outlook.com.au](mailto:cocwa@outlook.com.au)
- **Harvey Agricultural Society.** Secretary Prue Sheppard has a new email: [harveyagsociety@outlook.com](mailto:harveyagsociety@outlook.com)
- **Mandurah Garden Club.** Secretary Lesley Hughes, 52 Governor Drive, Falcon WA 6210. Tel: 0418 486 594. Email: [robleshughes@qbigpond.com](mailto:robleshughes@qbigpond.com) New web site: <https://mandurahgardenclub.com.au>
- **Rockingham & Districts Garden Club.** Secretary Gail Twomey, 0419942302, email [rockgardenclub1@gmail.com](mailto:rockgardenclub1@gmail.com)

**The Augusta & Districts Garden Club** honoured two of their longest-serving members who are still actively contributing to the club, some thirty three years later. Eileen MacDonald and Margaret Martin were awarded Life Membership. Upon presentation of their awards there was some lovely reminiscing of the early days of the Garden Club. WAHC also adds their congratulations to Eileen and Margaret.

**Vale Bella Swainston.** Well known Albany horticultural identity passed away in November 2021, funeral was held on 10 December. Bella was a judge, long time member and Councillor of the Albany Horticultural Society and very involved in their show. Our long term members will be very sorry to hear of Bella's passing. She was a vital link to our Great Southern area.

**Sue McDougall was recently appointed Director of the Western Australian Botanic Garden.** Sue has been involved in the horticultural industry both at state and national level for over 35 years. Not only has she run her award winning nursery in Sawyers Valley but she has been the voice of gardening on 6PR for over 20 years. In 2015. Sue completed her Bachelor of Landscape Architect at UWA. Her main responsibilities include Kings Park's ex-situ conservation, native flora horticulture, arboriculture, plant development and curation and presentation of the internationally renowned WA Botanic Garden. (Nursery Garden & Industry Association)

## Horticulturally inspired events in 2022 and beyond

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**Dubai Miracle Garden.** Each season, as the weather begins to cool at the onset of winter, the gates reopen at Dubai Miracle Garden. With more than 150 million flowers in full bloom, this 72,000-sq-m paradise has flowered into one of the region's most picturesque, sweet-scented destinations since it first opened nearly nine years ago – fittingly, on Valentine's Day. Book online. Adults AED 55. <https://www.dubaimiraclegarden.com/>

### March 2022

**30 March to 3 April: Melbourne International Flower & Garden Show**, Royal Exhibition Building & Carlton Gardens. Tickets on sale now. Email: [info@melbflowershow.com.au](mailto:info@melbflowershow.com.au) <https://melbflowershow.com.au/>

### April 2022

**23 & 24: Southern Highlands Autumn Gardens Weekend NSW.** Five private southern highlands gardens rarely open to the public. \$10 per garden or \$35 for all 5 gardens. Plant Fair of specialist boutique nurseries and allied stalls, 1 Old South Road, Bowral. 9am to 4pm. Enquiries: [www.shbg.com.au](http://www.shbg.com.au)

**28 April to 23 October: Floriade 2022** in Almere, Netherlands. Floriade Expo 2022 is a Dutch horticultural exposition held in Almere, Netherlands. It will be the 23rd AIPH world horticultural exhibition and the seventh Floriade and will be held from 14 April to 9 October 2022.

### May 2022

**5-7: WA Chrysanthemum Society annual show** at the Hawaiian Forrestfield Shopping Centre, Forrestfield. Enquiries Michael Drake-Brockman 9293 7650 or 0421 778 717.

**5-8: Perth Garden & Outdoor Living Festival**, Langley Park. Early bird tickets close very soon. [www.perthgardenfestival.com.au](http://www.perthgardenfestival.com.au)

**6 & 7: African Violet Society of WA's annual show** at the Kardinya Shopping Centre. Friday 8am to 9pm, Saturday 8am to 5pm. Enquiries Alison Fox 0448 674 340 or [secretaryavswa@gmail.com](mailto:secretaryavswa@gmail.com)

**24-18: Chelsea Flower Show 2022.** This prestigious flower show will be held at The Royal Hospital, Chelsea. <https://www.rhs.org.uk/shows-events/rhs-hampton-court-palace-garden-festival>

### July 2022

**4-9: The Hampton Court Palace Garden Festival.** <https://www.rhs.org.uk/shows-events/rhs-hampton-court-palace-garden-festival>

### August 2022

**12-14: South Eastern Orchid Society show** at the Cannington Show Grounds, cnr Station Street & Albany Highway, Cannington. Saturday 9 to 4pm, Sunday 9 to 3pm. Enquiries Sue Pearson 0400 237 143.

### September 2022

**11-15: Garden Clubs of Australia Biannual Conference in Townsville, Queensland.** Enjoy 'Spring' North Queensland style and join in the many tours and activities. Enjoy the country atmosphere of the 68th Giru Agricultural and Horticultural Show on Saturday 10 September or any of the other many tours and activities available in NQ. Stay to enjoy the Townsville Orchid Society Spring Show which is on 16 and 17 September. Gardeners have taken on the challenges and created amazing gardens from Waterwise Gardens with Adeniums, Bromeliads, Euphorbias, Succulents, Cacti, Grevilleas, Ixoras, Melaleucas, Bougainvillea and many other dry climate plants, while others have created Tropical Gardens by creating a micro climate using various large trees including Mango, Poinciana, Gums and towering Palms with Acalyphas, Crotons, Dracaenas and Cordylines allowing understory plantings of Ferns including Maiden Hair Ferns, Elkhorns, Staghorns, Orchids, Begonias, Iris, Philodendrons and Alacosias just to name a few. On the Private Garden Tours, you will meet these amazing gardeners and have the opportunity to enjoy wandering through the diversity, share the special love they have for their gardens, and take in the tranquillity each has to offer. [townsville2022@gmail.com](mailto:townsville2022@gmail.com) or 0438 253 312

**10 & 11: 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 2pm. Entry \$5. Refreshments available. This is a cash only event. Covid regulations apply.

**26-30: 7<sup>th</sup> Global Botanic Gardens Congress, Melbourne**, themed: *Influence and Action: Botanic Gardens as Agents of Change* will explore how botanic gardens can play a greater role in shaping our future. With accelerated loss of biodiversity across the globe, increased urbanisation, population growth and climate change, our need to work together to find new solutions for the future has never been greater. Explore Royal Botanic Gardens, Victoria's stunning and contrasting landmark gardens at [Melbourne](#) and [Cranbourne](#). Together we will celebrate

Royal Botanic Gardens Victoria 175th anniversary at this important international gathering. Join inspiring speakers, fascinating workshops, panel discussions, and symposia, in addition to a specially curated evening cultural program focusing closely on Australian aboriginal culture and the vibrant contemporary creative and food scenes for which Melbourne is globally renowned. With a focus on influencing the future, for the first time in the history of the Congress, 7GBGC will deliver a Youth Program for future Gardens' leaders aged 18-24 - young people actively involved in horticulture, ecology, environmental and conservation science, and land management.  
[https://www.melbournecb.com.au/event/7th-global-botanic-gardens-congress/conventions\\_15787/](https://www.melbournecb.com.au/event/7th-global-botanic-gardens-congress/conventions_15787/)

**10-22: ASA Wildflowers, Wineries and Private Gardens of the South West tour.** Sabrina Hahn will lead this tour with Jess Cullen. What sets this tour apart from the others is the quality and depth of information provided by the experts ASA has enlisted to ensure participants take home with them a greater understanding of the uniqueness of WA flora and fauna. The tour begins in Perth and travels through Margaret River, Walpole, Albany, Hopetoun and concludes in Fremantle. Biodiversity hotspots of WA will be visited throughout the stunning Fitzgerald River National Park and Porongurup National Park. There will be four wheel driving through giant karri trees in Walpole and a relaxing lunch tasting wine at Voyager Estate. The tour has been timed to coincide with the Ravensthorpe Wildflower Show where about 3,000 plant species are on display. This tour includes some magnificent private gardens not open to the general public including Kingsley Dixon's magnificent huge garden called Cypress Farm with rare and endangered species, in Waroona. Pat Poynton's peaceful Paul Bangay designed garden and Bill Mitchell's cactus and succulent garden are totally different but both equally stunning. Participants will also visit Deryn Thorpe's romantic rose filled garden and Sabrina Hahn's own eclectic garden which seems to ramble without restraint. One of the highlights of the tour is the long table lunch in the old Badgebup Hall near Katanning set among the wildflowers in the bush. It is catered for by local women with true country hospitality. Land content only \$7,390, twin share. Wait list for 2021 but early bird bookings being taken now for **9-21 September 2022** with Sabrina Hahn leading. Enquiries: [www.asatours.com.au](http://www.asatours.com.au)

#### October 2022

**8 & 9: Rose Society of WA spring show** at the South Perth Community Centre, Sandgate Street, South Perth. Saturday 1pm to 5pm, Sunday 10am to 4pm. Enquiries Robyn Cooper 9361 3409 or 0417 29 766.

**8-16: 9<sup>th</sup> World Bonsai Convention.** This will be the first **Virtual World Bonsai Convention** with demonstrators from every WBFF region, including some live, interactive sessions with International Demonstrators with unlimited replays for registrants. Exhibitions of Bonsai and Suiseki in Australian Collections and a selection of free optional activities including a large Marketplace and an online auction [Download](https://www.worldbonsaiconvention2022.com/) the Convention Booklet. <https://www.worldbonsaiconvention2022.com/>

**9-16: Garden Week & The Royal Agricultural & Horticultural Show, Norfolk Island.** Enjoy access to private gardens, entry to the Norfolk Island Agricultural show plus much more when you travel for Garden Week. Exclusive 7 day packages available which include return flights from Sydney or Brisbane, twin share accommodation, car hire plus tours, dinners and activities. Ex Sydney \$1,899 pp and ex Brisbane \$1,949 pp. Free call 1800 1400 66 or email: [christian@travelcentre.nf](mailto:christian@travelcentre.nf) [www.norfolkislandtravelcentre.com](http://www.norfolkislandtravelcentre.com)

**21 & 22: Kelmscott Agricultural Society show** at Rushton Park, River Road, Kelmscott. Saturday 4pm to 9pm and Saturday 9am to 6pm. Enquiries [Jan.billan@kaswa.org.au](mailto:Jan.billan@kaswa.org.au)

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

**22: Kalamunda & Districts Agricultural Society show** at the Kalamunda Agricultural Hall, Canning Road, Kalamunda. Enquiries Pam Edwards 9454 5228 or 0408 900 541.

**22 & 23: Augusta Agricultural show.** Saturday 1-5 pm and Sunday 9-3.30. Enquiries Wendy Shearwood 0403 831 702.

**29 & 30: South West Rose Society show** at the Eaton Sports Centre, 18 Recreation Drive, Eaton. Enquiries M Addison, 9797 1809 Email: [addon1@bigpond.com](mailto:addon1@bigpond.com)

#### November 2022

**4 & 5: Canning Agricultural, Horticultural and Recreation show** at the Cannington Exhibition Centre and Showgrounds. Enquiries Dianne Begg, 9451 1820. [www.cahrs.com.au](http://www.cahrs.com.au)

**5: Epiphytic Cacti & Hoya Society Show** at the Bassendean Community Hall, 50 Old Perth Road, Bassendean. Enquiries: Kelly 0448 674 340

**11-13: Cactus & Succulent Annual Show** at the South Perth Community Centre Hall, cnr Sandgate Street & South Terrace, South Perth. Enquiries Bob Hunter, 0438 905 229. email: [bjbhunter@westnet.com.au](mailto:bjbhunter@westnet.com.au).

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### September 2023

**3-11: 24<sup>th</sup> World Orchid Conference, Perth Western Australia.** It will be held in conjunction with the 8<sup>th</sup> 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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### Vale Peter Cundall (Perth Now/Nursery & Garden Industry WA)

Gardening guru Peter Cundall signed off in 2008 after spending 39 years sharing his passion on television, and has died at his adopted home of Tasmania aged 94.

The long-time host of ABC Television program Gardening Australia, Cundall was a self-taught gardener who helped countless Australians design and grow their gardens.

His family said he passed away peacefully on Sunday after a short illness.

"While he was loved by many, as per Peter's wishes, there will be a private cremation and no memorial services will be held," a family statement said.

His family requested that no images of Cundall be published with the announcement of his death.

Cundall was born to an impoverished family in Manchester, England, on April 1, 1927 and left school aged 12.

His love of horticulture started early and he learned pruning techniques, propagation, planting and heated greenhouse management.

Cundall also taught himself paving techniques, mainly using second-hand materials wheeled from derelict buildings in an old pram.

After working as a milk boy and a tram conductor, Cundall joined the British Army near the end of World War II and was stationed across Europe and in the Middle East.

He arrived in Australia as a member of the Australian Army in 1950, but was promptly posted to Japan during the Korean War, where he continued to learn his craft.

The tireless green finger embraced the opportunity to study Japanese garden design and rock garden construction.

On his return home he began his own garden design and construction business in Tasmania, specialising in large landscaping projects.

Cundall began his long media career in 1967, launching one of the world's first gardening talkback programs for a Launceston radio station and writing articles for newspapers and magazines.

His association with the ABC began in 1969, when he launched a weekly television program first called It's Growing, then Landscape, before settling on its long-time title of Gardening Australia.

Cundall was awarded a Churchill Fellowship in 1974, which he used to study garden design and organic gardening around the world, and how gardening programs were made for differing climatic conditions.

Cundall's passion for gardening saw him named a Member (AM) of the Order of Australia in the 2007 Australia Day honours.

After he retired from Gardening Australia in 2008 he told AAP he maintained his robust good health through his life was a direct result of his love of the outdoors.

"I put it down to physical work, doing things in the garden, not sitting on your backside, growing healthy food and eating healthy food," he said.

The father of six lived in Tasmania's Tamar Valley and was also recognised for his services to the environment, particularly the protection of wilderness areas in the island state.

In 2006, Cundall was named the Australian Humanist of the Year while in 2005 he was named Tasmanian Senior Australian of the Year.

Politically active throughout his career, Cundall protested against Australia's participation in the Iraq war in 2003 and was arrested in November 2009 for failing to comply with police directions while protesting against a proposed pulp mill near his home, for which he was found guilty and ordered to pay court costs of \$47.

Outside court, Cundall expressed his disappointment at being found guilty.

"We didn't feel that we broke the law. We didn't feel that we did anything wrong," he said, flanked by supporters.

In 2011 Cundall was one of a group of eminent Australians who signed an open letter calling for a carbon tax in Australia to combat climate change.

His many fans will remember him for his trademark sign-off which now seems even more poignant: "...and that's your bloomin' lot!"