

Geranium & Pelargonium Society of Western Australia Inc.

**Minutes of meeting
held in Melville Guide Hall, Kitchener Road, Melville
1030am 21 December, 2020**

Our Society aims to provide information and encouragement on growing genera of the Geraniaceae family as well as creating a happy and welcoming atmosphere.

Office Bearers: Chairperson Faye Ward, Secretary Jane Fletcher, Treasurer Nicole Elliott

Chairperson welcomed all members and explained the reason for signing the attendance sheet (for insurance purposes and COVID-19 tracing purposes) and the \$2.00 door entry fee, which pays for our morning tea. The Raffle table is generously donated by the members.

Apologies were received from Marion Hood, Karen Hopkins, Meg Geyer, Anne Cottrill, Joyce Heal, Judith Haabjoern, Susannah Umbras, Angela Rishworth, Rae Dunstan, Ernie Laidlaw, Rob Gibbons, Lara-Kate Rubina, Jeanine Grieve-Murray, Lois Sharpe, Margaret Bone.

Apologies can also be made by mail@gapswa.org.au if more convenient for you.

Minutes of our last meeting on 16 November, 2020 were electronically distributed. That they be approved, moved by Judi Grant, Seconded by June MacDonald, carried.

Financial Report Nicole Elliott, Treasurer, presented the financial update for the month of November, 2020.

Term Deposit	\$20,000
Account 155487 Members Account	\$ 2,988
Account 293839 Society Account	\$5,967

That the Treasurer's report be received, moved by Kathy Lowry, seconded by Geoff Ward, carried.

Committee Meeting held 16 November, 2020 At this committee meeting it was decided that the website discussion be held over until February 2021 when there will be more time to discuss it.

Correspondence Letter from Aileen Steele, Melville Guide Hall, advising us to keep records of all members attending and their phone numbers and the times we are in the hall. This attendance record is always kept in our Minute Book. The Chairperson will record the number of people attending the meeting and the times occupied in the Guide Hall record book.

Library Books We have a large range of informative books available to borrow with a \$5 deposit required as a refundable deposit. Our Librarian Wendy Antonovsky sets up the library table at the rear of the hall before of every meeting. Please take time to look at these lovely books before the meeting starts.

Bentley Pines Lunch Tuesday 24 November, 2020. Sue Walker reported that the lunch was a great success. Great food and drinks, great company and hopefully more members will come along next year. Many thanks to Sue Walker and Judi Grant for organising this occasion.

Garden Clubs and Societies Fair 20 & 21 February 2021 is definitely going ahead (unless there are state government changes due to COVID-19). Would plant sellers please contact Jane Fletcher on 0402 886 266 to confirm selling of plants and preferences re days. I have asked for three tables, however, we are yet to be advised if we are successful. At the very least we will have two tables on the Saturday and Sunday. Exhibitor Information has been handed out to a few growers who were at the December meeting. If you would like a copy please contact Jane Fletcher 0402886266.

Growing Guides Kathy Lowry will be printing up another 100 copies of the green growing guide which will be available for the February sale days. Thank you Kathy.

Sabrina Hahn will be our guest speaker for the January meeting. A gift has been arranged and a thank you card has been signed by many members. If you would like to sign this card it will be on the entrance table when you arrive at the next meeting.

February Meeting Karen Hopkins will be giving a talk on propagating regals. As we are coming up to this time of the year this is relevant to many of us.

Plant Sales at December meeting Plants continue to be sold outside the building before the meeting. Thank you to Kathy Lowry for bringing the white tables from Karen Hopkins. We appreciate your effort providing these as we can't use the tables from inside the hall.

Selling Plants at January Meeting Karen Hopkins will be selling plants at the January meeting. Due to unforeseen circumstances one of our sellers is unable to attend. If there is anyone who would like to sell plants at next week's meeting please contact Jane Fletcher 0402886266 so that a table can be arranged for you.

Hints and Tricks in the Garden Rust has been an issue for some of us lately as the weather has been hot and humid. One member mentioned that they pick off the affected leaves and then spray the plant, under and on top of the leaves with Yates Fungus gun which is for black spot, powdery mildew and rust in roses and ornamentals. The affected leaves must be put in the rubbish bin not the garden bin. Wash your hands and gardening tools after treating an affected plant as this disease is easily spread as it is very fine spores. Also, overhead watering increases the risk of rust and botrytis in your plants. Try to water either from the bottom of the plant or from the top of the pot under the leaves.

Another member raised the question why to dry out a plant before and after pruning. Pruning a dry plant greatly reduces the risk of infection of the pruned stem as there is less fluid moving up to the cut. The cut stem will then dry out much quicker with less chance of infection occurring. Return to watering again about three days after pruning.

Showette Nicky Elliott talked us through the various showettes. Thank you to Joy Rowe, Shirley Hall, Marti McAlister, Faye Ward and Kathy Lowry for bringing the showettes. Chocolates given to all participants.

Christmas Gift A little Christmas gift was given to all members who attended the December meeting. There are 14 gifts left over. If you have not yet received your little gift then they will be on the front desk where you sign in. Please take one.

Morning Tea Thank you to Margaret Sojan for setting up the tea and coffee and food for our Christmas morning tea. Thank you to everyone who brought along morning tea. With Sabrina Hahn being our guest speaker at our next meeting the following people have volunteered to bring something for morning tea. Penelope Hajos, June MacDonald, Geoff Ward, Judi Grant, Shirley-Joy Cansell and Jane Fletcher.

Raffle Table Thank you to all who contributed to our Raffle Table. Your donations are enjoyed by all of us.

Clearing the Hall Please remember to come a little earlier to help with the set up of the hall next meeting. The doors open at 930am and the hall can be set up quite quickly providing there are lots of people to help. There are lots of little light jobs for people who can't lift heavy things. The more the merrier!

Next meeting is Monday 18 January, 2021 Please remember to RSVP via mail@gapswa.org.au if you plan to attend or not attend. We do have seating restrictions we must abide by.

Meeting closed at 1130am.

Signed Chairperson.....Date.....