

Geranium & Pelargonium Society of Western Australia Inc.

Minutes of meeting held at 10.30am on Monday 21 September 2020
in the Guide Hall, Cnr Stock & Kitchener Roads, Melville

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

CHAIRPERSON Faye Ward welcomed everyone, including visitors and explained the reason for signing the attendance sheet (insurance purposes), and \$2.00 door entry fee which pays our expenses.

Faye also asked that mobile phones be put to silent mode. Please observe the distancing rules.

Faye also passed on a message from the City of Melville Ranger that no part of vehicles must overhang the footpath, and those not complying in future will be fined. Parking is allowed on the grass verge further up the street, but this must be on an angle (not end to end) so everyone can get out easily. Check parking signs in the street, including in front of hall gates.

APOLOGIES were received from Kate Spencer, Joy Rowe, Karen Hopkins, Judi Grant, Diana Hewison, Jan Pinkus, Marie Preston.

Apologies can also be given via mail@gapswa.org.au if convenient for you.

MINUTES Minutes from our last meeting 17 August 2020 were electronically distributed. There are copies of our last minutes on the table for members to read. A resolution these be received by June MacDonald and Lois Sharpe.

TREASURER Nicole Elliott reports update on \$20,000 Bequest from Jeanette Ashworth.

The generous amount of \$20,000 a past member bequeathed to the Society has been deposited into a Term Deposit for a seven month period on 21 September, 2020 and matures on 21 April, 2021. The interest rate is 0.600% p.a. payable at maturity.

Jeanette Margaret Ashworth and her partner Janet Weir were members of gapswa from December 1992 until 1998.

We urge members to write suggestions to the committee for how this money might be spent. All suggestions will be discussed and reported back to the members. Suggestions can be emailed to mail@gapswa.org.au or PO Box 637, Melville, 6956 or put in the Suggestion Box at the front table of every meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE The latest minutes for the Western Australian Horticultural Council Inc. and The Garden Clubs of Australia Inc. latest magazine were received. gapswa belongs to The Garden Clubs of Australia Inc. and they provide a free magazine during the year. These have been tabled and members are free to read these.

LUNCH AT BENTLEY PINES TAFE Bentley Pines cookery and hospitality students showcase their skills to the public by cooking and serving a silver service meal. Sue

Walker mentioned that we have a lunch at Bentley Pines organised for Tuesday November 24, arriving 1130 for a 1200 start. Starting time is strictly observed. \$10 is required as a deposit to be paid at latest October gapswa meeting and pay \$20 balance on the day. Put your deposit in an envelope and give to Sue Walker or Nicky Elliott please.

The price for the Christmas Lunch is \$30 and a drink has been included. You can bring friends or family to this lunch. Please write your name on the list at the front desk at the next meeting.

WEBSITE Meg Geyer has for many years assisted the web manager Mark Taylor from South Australia in the running of the website. Both have done a tremendous amount of work to bring it to the notice of plant lovers on our behalf. Meg Geyer has discussed the website with Mark Taylor and as he is extremely busy he would not be averse to the Society taking over the administration of the website.

THE GARDEN SOCIETY FAIR FEB 2021 At this stage the Fair will be held on Saturday 20 February, 2021 and Sunday 21 February, 2021. We will keep you informed on this matter as it may change due to covid.

WISH LIST There is a notebook at the front table for members to write down any plants you would like to buy. The plant sellers will then look at this book and contact you if they have one available.

LIBRARY We have a large range of helpful, beautiful books available to borrow. A deposit of \$5 is required to cover loss or damage when a book is borrowed and refunded when the book is returned.

PLANT SALES FOR OCTOBER MEETING Due to covid we will continue to sell plants outside the hall. Karen Hopkins has six, four foot long tables she can bring to meetings if given prior notice from a seller. Plant sellers are requested to contact Karen Hopkins through Messenger on the Geranium and Pelargonium Society of WA Inc. facebook page. Karen Hopkins and Marti McAlister will be selling plants at the October meeting from 10-10.30. There may be two other sellers, and members will be advised in the gapswa notes closer to the meeting.

PELARGONIUM PROBLEM A member brought a regal pelargonium specimen in a plastic bag to discuss the abnormal leaf growth that has spread from the base of the plant to the top and even to other nearby plants. After a general discussion it was thought to be a virus called Witches Broom. General discussion advised that affected plants be destroyed and not to take cuttings from affected plants.

SHOWETTE Lois Sharpe and Lila Patten talked about the seven showettes members brought in.

Marti McAllister, Carol Buchanan, Elizabeth McColl, Angela Rishworth, June MacDonald, Lila Patten and Marion Hood brought in showettes of Georgia Peach, P. tetragonum, Appleblossom, Rainbow Hannah Jane and two mini ivies. Chocolates to all showette participants and judges.

TALK ON PROPAGATION FROM CUTTINGS Jane Fletcher gave a talk on her method of propagating cuttings. There was a two page handout provided. It has been attached to this email for anyone who missed out on the day.

MORNING TEA There was a vote to see if members wanted to start the traditional morning tea again. The vote was 15:14 in favour of recommencing the morning tea table.

SETTING UP AND CLEARING THE HALL It would be a great help if some members could arrive at the hall at 9.30am to help set up. There are lots of jobs to be done and not all of them involve moving chairs and tables. Likewise, the hall needs to be packed up at the end of the meeting and many hands do make light work.

Please advise if any errors or omissions via mail@gapswa.org.au

Meeting closed at 11.40 am

Signed by Chairperson.....Faye Ward

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