

# *Geranium & Pelargonium Society of Western Australia Inc.*

MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING  
held in the Girl Guide Hall, Kitchener Road, Melville  
at 1030am on Monday 17 August 2020

**Chairperson:** Jill Weaver (absent) Faye Ward

**Secretary:** Anne Cottrill (absent) Jane Fletcher standing in

**Treasurer:** Nicole Elliott and Assistant Treasurer Marti McAlister

**Apologies** received from Jill Weaver, Paul Weaver, Meg Geyer, Anne Cottrill, Margaret Bone, Elizabeth MacColl, Kathy Lowry, Sandy Fuad, Louise Blom, Rob Gibbons, Dorothy Walling, Ken Walling, Gerard Brennan, Joyce Heal, Wendy Tebbutt, Rae Dunstan, Audrey Holland, Maureen Bain, Betty Blakeway, Maxine Harrison, Jeff Jones, Sue Baker, Annette Malozian, Fiona Smith, Brigid Fitzgerald, Keith Vaughan, Elizabeth Mansom, Diana Hewison Pauline Pryer, Maureen Malloy, Hannah le Cras, Valerie Goodreid, Irene Gilbert, Ernie Laidlaw, Patricia Laidlaw, Marlene McCann, Wendy Antonovsky, Gay Dutton, Maree Preston, Jan Pinkus, Mary Matsoucas, Gwen Cherry, Victoria Grice, Stan Kailis, Gayle Thomas

**Present** Kate Spencer, Margaret Sojan, Carol Buchanan, Karen Hopkins, Teresa Davies, Sue Walker, Jane Fletcher, Judi Grant, Lila Patten, Angela Rishworth, Marion Hood, Nicole Elliott, June MacDonald, Lois Sharpe, Irena Prozenko, Jude Haabjoern, Marti McAlister, Margaret Chaplin, Penelope Hajos, Joy Rowe, John Maslin, Kylie Goater

**Financial report of past year** has been audited by Sue Walker and checked by Anne Cottrill. A resolution these be accepted proposed by Karen Hopkins seconded by Faye Ward.

**Chairperson declared all positions vacant.**

Sue Walker called for nominations for Chairperson.

Faye Ward was nominated by Sue Walker seconded by Joy Rowe approved by majority vote.

Chairperson called for nominations for Secretary.

Jane Fletcher nominated by Faye Ward seconded by Karen Hopkins approved by majority vote.

Chairperson called for nominations for Treasurer.

Nicole Elliott was nominated by Karen Hopkins seconded by Lois Sharpe approved by majority vote.

Chairperson called for nominations for Assistant Treasurer.

Marti McAlister nominated by Sue Walker seconded by Faye Ward approved by majority vote.

Chairperson called for nominations for Committee Members

Kathy Lowry, Kate Spencer, Sue Walker, Judi Grant, Marti McAlister, Marion Hood, Angela Rishworth. Approved by majority vote.

**Appointment of non-elected positions**

Delegate to Horticultural Council	Nicole Elliott
Librarians	Wendy Antonovsky
Door Persons	Kate Spencer
Meet and Greet Persons	Sue Walker and Judi Grant
Morning Tea Persons	Margaret Sojan
Showette Commentators	Kate Spencer, Lila Patten, Lois Sharpe
Administrators for gapswa website and Facebook page	Lara-Kate Rubina, Meg Geyer, Nicole Elliott

**Resolution**

“That the bankers for both the Society’s and the Member’s accounts and the fixed deposit are to be advised that the names and signatures of all OUTGOING office bearers are to be removed and these signatures are to be replaced by the INCOMING Chairperson, Treasurer and Secretary with two required to sign all payments or transfers; that the banker be directed to forward all documentation to Post Office Box 637, Melville 6956.”

**Moved by Sue Walker, seconded by Carol Buchanan and passed by majority vote.**

**Resolution**

“That the members approve the payment of expenses for the usual and efficient running of the Society from 1 March to end of February for this financial year:

- rent for monthly general meetings
- rent for gapswa annual sale day
- post office box
- insurance

affiliation fees to both the Garden Clubs of Australia and the WA Horticultural Society Inc.

membership of Curtin Radio FM 100.1 for announcements re meetings and sale day

copying, postage, stationary, storage and display equipment as reasonably required

- website expenses of domain name and site-hosting
- gift vouchers up to \$40 for non-member guest speakers
- three tables at the two garden societies’ fairs

incidental, small expenses for garden societies’ fair and gapswa annual sale day floats for sale days that shall be repaid to the same account

but that any extra-ordinary or unusual payments must be approved by members at a general meeting.”

**Moved by Lois Sharpe seconded by Karen Hopkins passed by majority vote.**

**Meeting closed at 1045 am**

**Signed by Chairperson..... Date.....**

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Minutes of meeting held at 1050am on Monday 17 August 2020  
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**Welcome** Faye Ward welcomed everyone to our first meeting since February earlier this year.

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**Present** Kate Spencer, Margaret Sojan, Carol Buchanan, Karen Hopkins, Teresa Davies, Sue Walker, Jane Fletcher, Judi Grant, Lila Patten, Angela Rishworth, Marion Hood, Nicole Elliott, June MacDonald, Lois Sharpe, Irena Prozenko, Jude Haabjoern, Marti McAlister, Margaret Chaplin, Penelope Hajos, Joy Rowe, John Maslin, Kylie Goater

**Minutes of February meeting** were distributed electronically and printed copy in Minute Book tabled. A resolution these be accepted proposed by Faye Ward seconded by Kate Spencer. Chairperson signed the minutes of the general meeting and committee meeting for February 2020.

**October or November gapswa sale to be held or not** A discussion was held and due to the uncertain future restrictions because of COVID 19 it was decided not to hold a public sale day in October 2020. Passed by majority vote.

### **Change Annual General Meeting date from March to May**

This would allow time for the accountant to audit the financial records of the Society and then gives more time for the treasurer to have records done/made and audited. This would commence in 2021. Passed by majority vote.

### **Selling plants at next meeting**

There was general discussion and agreement that we do want to be able to buy plants at our monthly meetings. It was agreed that it would be safest to have this happen in the area outside the hall. Karen Hopkins mentioned that she has six, four foot long tables she can bring to meetings if given prior notice from a seller. Plant sellers are asked to contact Karen Hopkins through Messenger on the Geranium and Pelargonium Society of Western Australia Inc. facebook page. Karen Hopkins and Jude Haabjoern offered to sell plants and request that they be contacted through Messenger on facebook on the same site.

### **Bring an interesting plant from home and small talk**

We all enjoyed seeing interesting plants from peoples homes and the conversations about them. Thank you to Nicole Elliott, Jane Fletcher, Sue Walker, Lois Sharp, Karen Hopkins, Carol Buchanan, Judi Grant and Teresa Davies for sharing your beauties with us.

**Refreshments** It was decided to keep the tea, coffee and biscuits very simple for the next meeting.

**Many thanks** to Margaret Sojan for setting up the tea and coffee and biscuits.

**Help with the hall** Assistance with setting up the hall (9:30 am onwards) and clearing and sweeping the hall afterwards is much appreciated.

**Next meeting on 21 September** There will be a demonstration on propagating pelargoniums from cuttings by Jane Fletcher. Also, for those people who wish to participate in growing cuttings at home, there will be a tray, six 50ml tubes and six name tags to take home. Each month we can bring in our cuttings and see how they are progressing and solve any problems that may occur.

**Signed by Chairperson** ..... **Date**.....





