

The Garden Clubs of Australia 'Bulletin'



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INFORMATION FOR YOUR COMMITTEE

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2020

The date for the Garden Clubs of Australia Annual General Meeting has been set for Tuesday 29 September 2020 in Sydney.

With the current health crisis affecting all of Australia, there is no certainty at this stage that the AGM can be held on this date.

The GCA Constitution requires an AGM be held within six months of the end of the financial year, i.e. by 31 December 2020. NSW Fair Trading have advised that an extension to that date may be available on application and the GCA will explore this option should it become necessary.

Affiliates will now be aware that a postal ballot is being conducted to seek approval for the proposed changes to our Constitution. If members approve the changes and NSW Fair Trading then approves the amended Constitution, notice of meeting, timelines for motions, elections and the presentation of the Annual Report may change. However, given the current corona virus situation, the Committee proposes to follow the requirements of the current Constitution until such times as it becomes apparent that any significant change can occur.

Thus,

Affiliates are notified that any Notice of Motion to be considered at the Annual General Meeting must be forwarded to

The Secretary

Garden Clubs of Australia Inc.

99a Main Road

HUONVILLE. Tas. 7019

Or secretary@gardenclubs.org.au

by 31 May 2020.

Also, for information.

Nominations for the positions of President, Office Bearers and members of the Committee

- (a) Must be in writing, signed by two (2) members of an affiliate and accompanied by the written consent of the candidate.

Must be delivered to the Secretary not less than two (2) months before the date fixed for holding of the AGM at which the election is to take place. (i.e. by 29 July 2020)

It is a requirement of the Constitution that the President must have served on the Committee for a minimum of two (2) years.

Affiliates will be forwarded appropriate nomination forms before 30 June 2020.

JOHN KITT planning@gardenclubs.org.au

The 2021 GCA “Beautiful Gardens of Australia” Calendar

There will be a new improved way of advising affiliates and members of the above Calendar, later this year.

Every affiliate with an email address will receive a digital low-resolution copy of the Calendar together with a Bartel order form for onforwarding to all your members who are on email. They can then order individually or through your committee, as you wish.

Those affiliates without an email address will receive a posted hard copy of the front/rear cover of the Calendar together with a Bartel order form to show to all your members at your meetings.

This new process means the price of the traditional sized hard copy Calendar, delivered to you, remains at \$8 despite increasing production costs etc.

The 2020 Annual Photographic Competition

The closing date for digital or post card entries is the **1st October 2020 with no entry fee.**

The total prize pool is valued at around \$1,400.

There is no time limit on when the photographs were taken or where in the world they were taken.

Entry details are on the GCA website www.gardenclubs.org.au or can be requested from the address below.

Entries can be emailed to photocomp@gardenclubs.org.au or posted to Paul Lucas at 64 Timbertop Drive, Rowville, Vic, 3178

The GCA 2022 “Beautiful Gardens of Australia” Calendar photograph submissions

The photographic quality of the Calendar always relies on members submitting lovely digital images.

Submissions close on the 15th February 2021 and there is no entry fee.

The simple conditions for entry are on the GCA website www.gardenclubs.org.au. There is no limit on the number of images, or when they were taken. You can email them to photocomp@gardenclubs.org.au.

Members whose images are chosen for the 13 main pages receive \$100 each.

The smaller “filler” images chosen do not attract a fee, but members get the satisfaction of having their image published in the Calendar along with their name.

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