

GCA National Convention-Townsville 11-15 September 2022

Unfortunately due to technical issues and the cost involved, the 2022 AGM being held on Wednesday 13 September, Townsville will not be available by zoom.

Therefore if your club is yet to nominate a delegate who is attending the convention or you need to appoint a proxy, you have until Monday 5 September 2022 to lodge these with the secretary. secretary@gardenclubs.org.au.

A copy of the Agenda has been forwarded to all affiliates. We look forward to seeing you in Townsville and the opportunity to renew friendships and to enjoy some wonderful gardens.

GCA Awards 2022

Judging of the GCA Awards 2022 has been completed and the winners will be announced at the AGM.

Our congratulations to all winners and thank you to all those affiliates who submitted nominations.

Following the AGM, an awards sub committee will review our awards system and we welcome input and comments from affiliates as part of this review, to ensure that the awards remain appropriate and relevant for our affiliates. Please forward your comments to awards@gardenclub.org.au by 31 October 2022.

GCA Annual Photo Competition

Some excellent entries have already been received, but as the competition does not close until 1 October, there is still plenty of time to enter. See website for details. Entries and enquiries should be sent to photocomp@gardenclubs.org.au.

GCA 2023 Calendar

The winners selected for each month of the 2023 Calendar competition will be announced at the Convention in September.

To order your 2023 calendars, you will need to order on line, through the link to Bartels (publishers) on the GCA website.

The cost of the 2023 calendar including postage is \$8.50, which is great value for a calendar full of beautiful garden scenes, all taken by members of the GCA. However if you are unable to access the order form, or have any queries regarding placing your orders, please contact Lynne Faux photocomp@gardenclubs.org.au **Error! Hyperlink reference not valid.**

Affiliates' correspondence with GCA

Unfortunately, in recent months the GCA Committee has been receiving a number of communications from affiliates, the tone of which has been inappropriate for a NFP and a committee of volunteers. In many cases the correspondence is not necessarily the views of the affiliate but is that of an individual within that affiliate. In future we request that all correspondence to the GCA must be signed off by two office bearers of the affiliate and that all correspondence must be sent to the secretary@gardenclubs.org.au

GCA Forms

A reminder that annually, within one month of your club's or society's AGM or at any time if any of the contact or registration details of your club or society changes please would you immediately advise membership@gardenclubs.org.au by completing **FORM 4**.

GCA Website

To advise you that our website is currently being upgraded and so you will be shortly be able to submit forms on line.

Friendship through gardens.

Penny Whipp
Director of Communications