



Annual Report

2024

Aims and Objectives

- To encourage friendship through gardening
- To further a knowledge of all aspects of gardening and floral art
- To aid in the protection and conservation of natural resources
- To cooperate with kindred organisations having similar aims



Royal Botanic Gardens Sydney

Presidents Report

It is with great pleasure that I present to you the Garden Clubs of Australia Annual Report for the year ending June 30, 2024.

Another year has passed, and the weather has certainly been the focus for many of us. Gardeners are commenting daily on receiving too much rain in some areas and not enough in others.

I am constantly amazed at the changing landscape when travelling through the countryside. However, whatever the weather outside, the warmth, friendliness and hospitality is a constant wherever I visit. It is always a privilege and a pleasure to visit our affiliates no matter what the occasion, meeting in '*friendship through gardens*'.



New trends in gardening, floral design and plant choice are bound to happen which makes us very fortunate to have such a diverse range of societies within our membership. The steady growth in affiliate numbers over the year, particularly community gardens, demonstrates the attractiveness of affiliation with GCA. While we do offer a unique national photographic competition and are currently in production of a new look calendar, one of the major benefits of affiliation is our comprehensive and affordable Insurance that attracts and supports membership.

The GCA Insurance is a specialist service to members provided to them at a cost that is beyond economical.

- Public Liability of \$20 million will cover all conceived claims made against affiliates and the addition of Product Liability protects everyone's plant sales in the case of fungus, pathogens or thorns causing injury.
- Personal Accident means affiliates members have cover in the case of a serious accident from the moment they leave home to attend a club event until they arrive home after the event. A special extension places an upper age limit of 100 years!

Club meetings, Open Gardens, Shows, Trips, and Open Days are all comprehensively covered. This extends to Clubs, Specialist Societies, Community Gardens, Friends of Gardens, Floral Art – or any gardening-oriented affiliate.

We are now concentrating our efforts and working closely with The Friends of Albury Botanic Gardens, who will host the GCA 30th Biennial Convention in October 2025. An opportunity not to be missed. Also, the upcoming 2024 Sydney AGM provides an opportunity to congratulate our award winners, meet the committee but primarily join colleagues who share a passion for gardening and all the joy it brings.

After many years of service to GCA at the end of 2023 our Hon Treasurer, Frances Cairns has decided it was time to step down. I would like to extend my appreciation for her effort and dedication in conducting the finances of GCA. Following on from this, we are fortunate to now have Mike Abberfield from Toronto & District Garden Club competently fulfilling the Treasurer's role.

Finally, I must express my gratitude to all board members for their support and efforts over the past twelve months. The team has settled in well in their allocated portfolios. Working cohesively is the key to our success.

Lori Emerson

President
Garden Clubs of Australia Inc

The Board

Executive Committee

President	Lorraine Emerson	Vaucluse Garden Club NSW
Vice President	Lynne Faux	Boonah District Garden Club QLD
Hon Secretary	Shirley Haslam	Townsville & District Garden Club QLD
Hon Treasurer	Mike Abberfield	Toronto & District Garden Club NSW

Affiliation and Insurance

Membership Secretary	Jacqui Bateman	Solitaire African Violets WA
Director of Insurance	Martin Boorer	Townsville Bonsai Society QLD

Zones and Awards

SW Director of Zones	Jan Ball	Cherry Gardens Garden Club SA
NSW/ACT Director of Zones	Sue Mowle	Goulburn Garden Club NSW
QLD Director of Zones	Lynne Faux	Boonah District Garden Club QLD
Director of Awards	Maureen Lucas	Doncaster Garden Club VIC

Promotions, Events, Communication & Marketing

Director Promotions & Events	Lynne Turner	Lake Macquarie Garden Club NSW
Director of Communications	Paul Sheaffe	Caringbah Garden Club NSW
Director of Marketing	John Parsonage	Blue Mountains Garden Club NSW

Our Gardens Magazine Committee

Editor	Judy Horton
Advertising	Kim Peterson
Subscriptions	Rob Horton
Diary Dates	Wendy Whitham
Coordinator Distribution	David Lambert
Club News Editor	Carolyn Dawes
Proofing	Virginia Fischer



Royal Botanic Gardens Sydney

Current and Past GCA Presidents

2020 – Present	Lorraine Emerson	1991 – 1994	Sally Kalina
2015 – 2020	George Hoad AM	1989 – 1991	Joan O'Brien
2011 – 2015	Ken Bradley AM	1986 – 1989	Wanda Robbins
2008 – 2011	Jeanette Chown	1983 – 1986	Ann Williams Clark
2004 – 2008	Irene Woods	1980 – 1983	Mary A. (Lallie) Coombs
2002 – 2004	Lorraine Gillon	1977 – 1980	Ann Williams Clark
1999 – 2002	Rosalie Pollock	1971 – 1977	Kay MacCallum
1998 – 1999	Richard Perrignon	1950 – 1971	A. (Margaret) Davis
1994 – 1997	Patricia Prior		

Honorary Treasurers Report

It is my pleasure to present my first Annual Financial Report for Garden Clubs of Australia.

Firstly, I would like to thank Frances Cairns for her efforts as Treasurer over the past 4 years, handing over to me on 1st December 2023.

There have been challenges to deal with over the past financial year with the main one being the cost-of-living crisis. This has meant that people are very wary of spending money and the costs of goods and services have risen. This also had an impact on interest rates and our returns on our investments have been affected.

I recommend to the AGM an increase in the Garden Club annual affiliation fee from \$85.00 to \$90.00 for the 2025 year, this is in line with annual CPI increases this financial year.

The GCA bank accounts have now been consolidated with the Commonwealth Bank with 3 Term Deposit accounts set up in May 2024.

Income for the year was \$251,283 which is an increase of \$7,332 over the 2022/23 year. This increase is represented in the affiliation fees, affiliate insurance premiums, with a decrease in Our Garden Magazine subscriptions and advertising.

Expenditure for the year was \$279,567 which is a decrease of \$3,134 on the 2022/23 year. This decrease is due to accounting fees, photo competition prizes, printing and photocopying, travelling expenses, software expenses and zone expenses, with increases in convention expenses, insurance expenses, magazine printing and postage and meeting expenses.

The loss of GCA funds after providing for income tax, amounts to \$28,382 which is a decrease of \$10,368 on the 2023 tax year's loss of \$38,750. This trend is a major concern for the Club and financial savings in the approved budget for the 2025 year are predicting a return to a surplus.

The audit of the GCA accounts was carried out in accordance with auditor independence requirements as set out in the Association Incorporations Act 2009 (NSW) and there were no contraventions of any applicable code of professional conduct in relation to the audit.

The financial records of the GCA for the 2023/24 year have been audited by Atanasov Audit & Consulting. Confirmation of this company carrying out the 2025 audit will not be possible until November 2024, when they will provide a quote for this service.

WLM Financial Services Pty Limited, the Accountants for GCA, have generated the financial reports for year ending 30th June 2024 and Lorraine Emerson (President) and Mike Abberfield (Treasurer) signed off on the reports.

The Auditor's Independence Declaration, Statement of Income and Statement of Financial Position are included in the Annual Report 2024 booklet and the full Financial Statements can be found on the GCA website.

Mike Abberfield

Honorary Treasurer Garden Clubs of Australia
Member Toronto and Districts Garden Club

Membership

The Membership Secretary's role is one of communication, liaison, coordination of data and the maintenance of secure information from new and current Gardening Affiliates in the Gardening Clubs of Australia's (GCA) database.

My role is also to connect with Gardening Groups who are deciding on forming a Garden Club to adopt our affordable, and reliable insurance cover (Member's and Public Liability) combined with the Affiliation services that the GCA provides.

'Friendship through Gardens' is such a worthy motto as there are so many wonderful gardening people who share no matter where they are in Australia. The patience, cooperation, kindness of spirit and intent to bring happiness to their respective members, is a pleasure I take when greeting those who seek our support within the GCA's values and those affiliated with us.

Welcome to the 38 new GCA Affiliated Members of 2023 – 2024.

New South Wales – 17

Werris Creek Community Garden Inc
 Coomba Gardening and Produce
 Hastings Residents Association Community Garden
 Stuarts Point & District Garden Club
 Oak Flats Community Garden
 Woy Woy Peninsula Community Garden Inc
 Lever Street Community Garden
 East Gosford Community Garden Inc
 Swamp Central Coast
 Tweed Border Bonsai Club Inc
 Warners Park Community Garden Inc
 Walgett and District Garden Club
 Grays Point Garden Community Incorporated
 Ashfield Park Community Garden Assoc Inc
 Northbank Community Garden Inc
 Tilligerry Peninsula Garden Group
 Cessnock Garden Club Association Incorporated

Queensland – 5

Cooran Organic Garden Inc
 Brisbane Organic Growers Inc
 Mossman Garden Club
 Stafford Garden Club Inc
 Millmerran Garden Club

Tasmania - 1

Dilston/Windermere/Swan Bay Garden Club

Victoria - 3

Horseshoe Bend Community Group Inc
 Wangaratta Community Garden Inc
 Friends of Gargarro & Nursery

Western Australia - 12

Roxy Lane Community Garden
 Donnybrook Community Garden
 Kambalda Community Garden
 Pingelly Community Garden
 Lakeview Contemplation Garden (LCG) Inc
 Gingin Garden Club
 Capel Community Garden Inc
 Gnarojin Community Garden Inc
 Preston Beach Community Garden Inc
 Hilton Harvest Community Garden Inc
 Thommo's Community Garden Inc
 Quairading Garden Lovers Group

New Garden Clubs	New Community Gardens	Permaculture	Friends
11	25	1	1

Farewell and thank you to the 24 Affiliates who have decided to close their respective gardening groups during the 2023 - 2024 year. Diminishing membership numbers and advanced years of members were the main factors in those decisions. To all your members many happy gardening experiences in their respective futures.

Jacqui Bateman

Membership Secretary Garden Clubs of Australia

GCA Life Members

The following people have been awarded Life Membership in recognition of their service to The Garden Clubs of Australia:

2023	Peta Trehar	1997	Jack King
2023	Hazel King (posthumously)	1996	Betty-Jane & Ken May
2023	Paul Lucas	1996	Maureen & Bob Ramsay
2022	Judy Horton OAM	1994	Sally Kalina
2022	David Lambert	1994	Frank Scala
2021	George Hoad AM	1994	Gordon Smith
2021	Judith Williamson	1994	Jean Sowden
2021	Glenys Bruun	1993	Pearl McMahon
2020	Jeanette Chown	1993	Pearl Sawyer
2020	Margaret Watts	1991	Olive Matheson
2018	Carolyn Dawes	1991	Joan O'Brien
2016	Ken Bradley AM	1991	Anne Duffy
2016	John Graham	1990	Joy Flockhart
2015	John Sowden	1989	Nori Simpson
2015	Dennis Parker	1989	Andrew Domjen
2013	Mary Willis	1989	Wanda Robbins
2009	Irene Woods	1988	Edith Stuart
2009	Lyal Thomas	1987	Geoff Sowdon
2009	Alan Strachan	1985	Pat Hurrell
2009	Jenny Simons	1985	Jean Duff
2004	Lorraine Gillon	1985	Dorothy Purdie
2004	Jacqueline Woodford	1984	Bunty Beaumont
2002	Rosalie Pollock	1983	Mary A (Lallie) Coombs
2002	Nancy Martin	1982	Ann Williams Clark
2001	Warren Boorman	1982	Sam Silk
2000	Eva Golland	1981	Nella Kelly
2000	Helen Atherton	1981	Doris Killian
2000	Vo Waters	1981	David Curtin
1999	Elizabeth Bindon	1980	Joan Anderson
1999	Jean Ellis	1980	Ray Badham
1999	Eleanor Chalmers (Now Havyatt)	1978	Molly Morrison
1999	Richard Perrignon	1977	Kay MacCallum
1998	Mary Glasson	1977	Bill Englart
1998	Gwen Simshauser	1974	Bill Bepp
1998	Dorothy Rhodes	1971	Daphne & George Wilmot
1998	Hilda Upperton	1971	Beryl & Stan Wright
1998	Patricia Cairns	1971	Janet Waterhouse
1997	Patricia Prior	1971	Sir Garfield Barwick
1997	David Rushton	1971	Margaret Davis
1997	Denerley Woolley		

Magazine Report

In 2024 Our Gardens celebrated the publication of its 100th issue. This anniversary was marked by a centenary issue that, with thanks to designer Dan, featured a special front cover and a collection of wonderful memories from long-time editor Pat Prior. Pat's stories were illustrated by a selection of covers. These could well have been entitled Dan's Favourites as he had chosen 12 covers that ranged from Issue 26 to Issue 94.

The members of the Magazine Committee continue to work collaboratively and collectively and with amazing generosity. The committee membership has been unchanged in 2024, which is a testament to their dedication. We are grateful to all of them: Advertising: Kim Peterson; Subscriptions: Rob Horton; Diary Dates: Wendy Whitham; Production Coordinator: David Lambert; In Touch, Club News: Carolyn Dawes; Proofing: Virginia Fischer.

We were thrilled to see longstanding regular contributor Peta Trahar honoured with the presentation of GCA Life Membership at the AGM In September 2023. Peta has written for every issue of Our Gardens since 2009. Congratulations Peta. On a sadder note, in August 2023 we lost Hazel King who had written calendar notes for every issue since 2003. Hazel's many years of contributions to Our Gardens were acknowledged as part of a well-attended Memorial Tribute celebration held in her hometown of Berry, NSW, in October 2023. We are particularly grateful to Dar Brookes, garden writer, broadcaster and GCA Zone Coordinator, who has generously stepped in to fill this important role.

Unfortunately, it is with reluctance we have decided that, due to increasing postal charges, we will be forced to raise the subscription costs for Our Gardens in 2025 to \$20 for club subscribers, and \$25 for individuals for one year and \$60.00 for three years. Cost of club subscriptions will be increased with the annual form send out in September and cost of individual subscriptions in the new calendar year. This is our first price increase in ten years. It is only due to the generosity of our contributors, the hard work of the committee members and the support of our advertisers that we have been able to hold an unchanged subscription price for so long.

Judy Horton OAM MAIH RH

Editor
Our Gardens

Congratulations to Judy Horton and her team on the remarkable 100th issue of Our Gardens. This is a significant milestone accomplished by a small but dedicated group.



Remembrance Driveway



Margaret Davis, the founding President of GCA, proposed a unique idea: to create a living memorial along the highway between Sydney and Canberra to honour Australians who served in World War II. Unlike the traditional stone honour rolls from previous conflicts, this memorial would be composed of plants, symbolizing life and growth. Officially inaugurated in 1954, the Remembrance Driveway has since evolved to commemorate those who served in all subsequent conflicts and peacekeeping operations.

It was indeed an honour to represent Garden Clubs of Australia in November last at the Vice - Regal lead dedication ceremony held at Pheasant's Nest to honour Vietnam veteran Keith Payne VC when the newly built memorial in his name was unveiled.



GCA representation at this event is relevant as the creation of the Remembrance Drive was a wonderful initiative of our Founding President, Margaret Davis who, in recognition of her foresight, was awarded an MBE by the late Queen Elizabeth II in 1954.

The Driveway was opened in 1954 and comprises 23 rest areas named to honour the bravery and gallantry of our World War 2 Victoria Cross recipients. Since the Vietnam war there have been another four VCs awarded to soldiers serving during the Afghanistan conflict and the RDC has developed the fund-raising programme titled 'Honouring our Contemporary Heroes' to fund the construction of a permanent memorial in their honour located in Watson ACT.

As a new committee member, I am firmly committed to continuing this long-term relationship of 70yrs between RDC and GCA.

Lori Emerson

RDC Member and GCA President



Director of Zones Report

Following an implementation of changes to the GCA Board where 3 Director of Zones positions were put in place to ensure existing and future Zone Coordinators have increased support and allows the DOZ's to be more hands on with the ZC's. All clubs affiliated with GCA are assigned to a zone, which includes other clubs from the same area. Each Zone is managed by a Zone Coordinator, who reports to either the SW Directors of Zones, NSW/ACT Director of Zones or QLD Director of Zones.

The Southwest brief encompasses Tasmania, Victoria, South Australia, Western Australia, and the Postal & Remote Zone (covering NW WA, NT, and Norfolk Island). There are a total of 19 zones, with 15 having Zone Coordinators in place and 4 vacancies currently in Victoria. Recruitment efforts are ongoing in Victoria to fill these positions. The Queensland area is divided into 8 zones, with the Sunshine Coast having 2 ZCs due to its large size and population. Consequently, Queensland currently has a total of 9 ZCs and 128 Affiliates.

The NSW/ACT region is the largest, comprising 29 Zones in NSW (9 currently without representation) and 1 Zone in the ACT. Each Zone is unique, varying in size, geography, and the number of affiliated organizations.

The Great Dividing Range differentiates between the Coastal, more populated areas and the Inland rural regions which require the Zone Coordinators to travel greater distances.

The Zones not currently represented are:

Mid North Coast; Hunter North; Sydney Southwest; Sydney Sutherland; Illawarra North; South Coast; Highlands; Snowy Mountains; Central West.

Zone Coordinators SW

Victoria

Lorraine Powell - Ballarat & Bendigo
Naomi Langkamp - Hume Border

Tasmania

Darrel Flint & Neil Homan - NW Tasmania
Louise Bennett - Tasmanian South

South Australia

Greg Lane - Adelaide & North Districts
Jan Ball - Adelaide & Southern Districts
Kate O'Brien - Outer Southern Districts
Rex Herde - Mid North, Yorke & Riverland
Briony Coulter - Flinders & Eyre
Ione Saint - Southeast

Western Australia

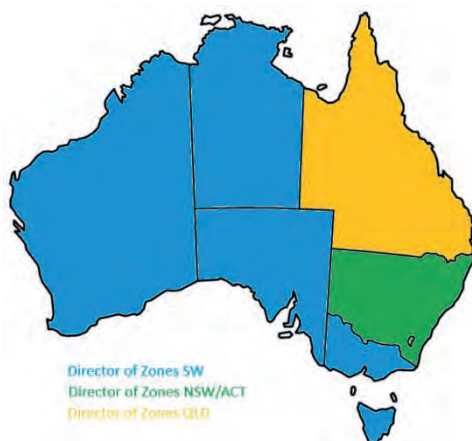
Jacqui Bateman - Perth North
Eric Bateman - Perth South
Libby Hocking - WA Southern

Postal Zone

Martin Boorer

Zone Coordinators QLD

Gabrielle Crema - Cairns/Atherton Tablelands
Shirley Haslam - Tropical Coast
Joy Duke - Central/Central South
Noel Milliner & Sue Fingleton - Sunshine Coast
Linda Reidel - North Brisbane
Erwin & Jeanette Kimmich - South Brisbane
Lynne Faux - Granite Belt & Lockyer



Zone Coordinators NSW/ACT

New South Wales

John Bennett - Far North Coast
Mike West - Northern Rivers
Dar Brooks - New England
Anna Cook - Illawarra South
Sandra Holmes - Northwest
Marilyn Swan - Hunter South
Mal McKinlay - Lower North Coast
Fay Kuilder - Central Coast North
Jenny Cronan - Sydney Northern Beaches
Glenn Clark - Sydney North Shore
John Parsonage - Blue Mountains
John Graham - Cumberland
Lori Emerson - Sydney East & Inner West
Debra Bartlett - Far South Coast
Jeanette Chown - Macquarie
Sue Mowle - Southern Tablelands
Helenie Carmody - NSW Southwest

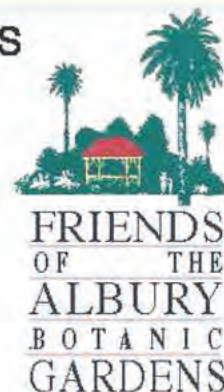
Australian Capital Territory

Janis Dogan - ACT



Friends of the Albury Botanic Gardens
is hosting

*Garden Clubs of Australia
30th Biennial
Convention
13 - 18 October 2025*



GARDENS FOR PEOPLE, PLEASURE AND PROSPERITY

Albury-Wodonga is much more than a place to visit. It's a place to come, stay and live a little life with us.

It is home to the winding Murray River and its waterways, Lake Hume, the Snowy Mountains and many other natural wonders. It offers an array of food, wineries and boutique breweries, cultural icons, contemporary museums, linkages to our migrant history, our indigenous peoples and with secret resting spots around every corner.

It is a place where refreshing connections just happen naturally.



Register your interest at
www.bit.ly/GCA2025
or scan the QR code

GCA Annual Awards presented at 2023 AGM

Thank you to everyone who submitted nominations for the 2023 GCA Awards. The judges faced a particularly challenging task in selecting the winners, and we extend our gratitude for their generous service. Congratulations to these deserving recipients:

Category 1. President of GCA Award

Awarded for an outstanding contribution by an individual to gardening and/or horticulture.

Awarded to: Tom Baker OAM - ACT



Category 2. The Vice-President of GCA Award

Outstanding contribution by a couple to gardening and/or horticulture

Awarded to: Edward & Nancy Shaw - NSW



Category 3. Margaret Davis Award

Given in honour of the GCA Founder, Mrs Margaret Davis, for outstanding service to the GCA.

Awarded to: Glenys Bruun - QLD



Category 4. Eleanor Mcleod Award

Given in honour of Mrs Eleanor McLeod, Life Member and former Blue Mountains Zone Coordinator, to a Club for outstanding service to the Community.

Awarded to: Woodville Academy of Floral Design SA



Category 5. Doris Killian Award

Given in honour of Doris Killian, Life Member, to an individual for his or her outstanding service to the community.

Awarded to: Michael Anlezark - NSW



Category 6. Gwendy Hansford Award

Given in honour of Gwendy Hansford, member of Sydney Harbour Garden Club, to an individual for outstanding service to the environment.

Awarded to: Maureen Schmitt - QLD



Category 7. Joan O'Brien Award

Given in honour of Mrs Joan O'Brien, former President and Life Member, to an individual for achieving excellence in Floral Art.

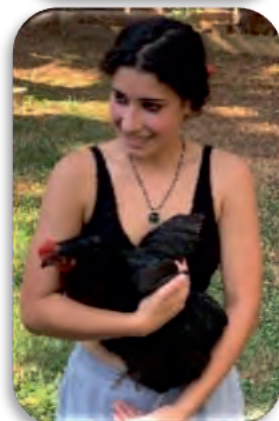
Awarded to: Blaire Ringwalt - SA



Category 8. Young Gardener of the Year Award

For outstanding contribution to gardening/horticulture.
Age limit – 30 years as of June 30, 2023.

Awarded to: Alana Camilleri - VIC



It is our great pleasure to recognize and celebrate their outstanding contributions to both the community and the field of horticulture. Their dedication and hard work have made a lasting impact, and we are proud to honour their achievements.

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The Garden Clubs of Australia A.B.N. 74 058 867 744
INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF The Garden Clubs of
Australia

We have audited the accompanying financial report of The Garden Clubs of Australia, which comprises the statement of financial position as at 30 June 2024, and the statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income, statement of changes in equity and statement of cash flows for the year then ended, notes comprising a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory notes and the director's declaration.

Director's responsibility for the financial report

The directors of the company are responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial report that gives a true view in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards – Reduced Disclosure Requirements and the *Corporations Act 2001* and for such internal control as the directors determine is necessary to enable the preparation of the financial report that is free from material misstatements, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor's responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the financial report based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. These auditing standards require that we comply with relevant ethical requirement relating to audit engagements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance whether the financial report is free from material mis-statement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the disclosures in the financial report. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial report, whether due to fraud or error.

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In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to Industrial Relations Society of NSW's preparation and fair presentation of the financial report in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of Industrial Relations Society of NSW's internal control. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates made by the Committee, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial report.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

Independence

In conducting our audit, we have complied with the independence requirements of the *Corporations Act 2001*.

Auditor's opinion

In our opinion, the financial report of The Garden Clubs of Australia is in accordance with the Corporations Act 2001 including:

- (a) giving a true and fair view of the company's financial position as at 30 June 2024 and of its performance for the year ended on that date; and
- (b) Complying with Australian Accounting Standards-Reduced Disclosure Requirements and the Corporations Regulations 2001.



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Robert Atanasov
FIPA, Registered Company Auditor

02/08/2024

Statement of Income

The Garden Clubs of Australia Incorporated For the year ended 30 June 2024

	2024	2023
Income & Other Income		
Affiliation Fees	50,555	47,679
Convention - Income	8,662	3,103
Events Income	5,285	4,956
Insurance Certificate	106,353	99,675
Interest Received	4,076	2,155
Magazine Advertising Income	25,632	34,135
Magazine Subscriptions	50,720	52,248
Gross Profit	251,283	243,951
Expenditure		
Accounting Fees	6,120	11,175
AGM Expenses	4,673	3,107
Auditors' Remuneration	3,455	3,455
Badges and Gifts - Committee Members	3,818	876
Bank Charges	722	611
Calendars Purchases	3,096	-
Convention Expenses	17,275	13,510
Filing Fees	54	47
Insurance	91,239	83,795
Internet and Telephone	689	800
Legal Fees	-	6,254
Magazine - Printing, Postage	75,376	72,758
Meeting Expenses	12,823	9,053
National Gardening Week Expenses	2,910	3,119
Photo Competition Prizes	1,582	4,500
Postage	2,485	1,848
Printing & Photocopying	3,912	8,656
Software Expenses	4,192	1,305
Special Events	131	-
Storage Fees	163	280
Subscriptions - RHS	210	210
Travelling Expenses	35,115	37,060
Website Designer Fees	4,060	10,428
Workshop	-	1,718
Zone Expenses	5,465	8,136
Total Expenditure	279,567	282,701
Net Profit (Loss) before Income Tax	(28,284)	(38,750)
Income Tax Expense		
Income Tax Expense	(97)	-
Net Profit (Loss) for the Year	(28,382)	(38,750)

Statement of Financial Position



The Garden Clubs of Australia Incorporated As at 30 June 2024

Assets	NOTES	30 JUNE 2024	30 JUNE 2023
Current Assets			
Cash and Cash Equivalents	2	370,036	387,692
Provision for Taxes	3	457	3,761
Total Current Assets		370,492	391,453
Total Assets		370,492	391,453
Liabilities			
Current Liabilities			
Other Current Liabilities		9,516	9,280
Deferred Income		78,411	71,241
Total Current Liabilities		87,926	80,521
Total Liabilities		87,926	80,521
Net Assets		282,566	310,932
Member's Funds			
Member's Capital		321,924	321,924
Retained Earnings			
Retained Earnings		56,316	95,051
Current Year Earnings		(28,382)	(38,750)
Retained Earnings adjustment		(67,293)	(67,293)
Total Retained Earnings		(39,358)	(10,991)
Total Member's Funds		282,566	310,932

Statement of Cash Flows



The Garden Clubs of Australia Incorporated For the year ended 30 June 2024

	2024	2023
Cash flows from Operating Activities		
Cash receipts from other operating activities	247,207	241,796
Cash receipts related to next year operating activities	78,411	71,241
Cash payments from other operating activities	(276,471)	(282,701)
Total Cash flows from Operating Activities	49,146	30,336
	2024	2023
Cash flows from Investing Activities		
Interest Received	4,076	2,155
Total Cash flows from Investing Activities	4,076	2,155
	2024	2023
Net increase/(decrease) in cash held		
Net increase/(decrease) in cash held	(17,656)	(41,359)
	2024	2023
Cash Balances		
Opening cash balance	387,692	429,051
Closing cash balance	370,036	387,692

Statement of Changes in Equity

The Garden Clubs of Australia Incorporated For the year ended 30 June 2024

Equity	2024	2023
Opening Balance		
Opening Balance	378,240	416,975
Retained Earnings		
Retained Earnings	(67,293)	(67,293)
Total Opening Balance	310,948	349,683
Current year Earnings	(28,382)	(38,750)
Total Equity	282,566	310,932

GCA Forms and Submission Dates

GCA Form No.	GCA Form Name	Submission Date
Form A	Application to become an Affiliate of GCA	When requesting to join GCA as an Affiliate
Form B	GCA Direct Debit Authorisation	To be submitted at the same time as Form A
Form 1.	GCA Re-Affiliations Tax Invoice/Direct Debit	Immediately after any changes in Financial Details in the past 12 months.
Form 2.	GCA Insurance Renewal	Every year by 19 February
Form 3.	GCA <i>Our Gardens</i> Subscription Form	Subscription changes for your Club to be submitted by 30 November each year
Form 4.	GCA Affiliated Clubs Email/Postal Address & Registration Information	To be submitted within 1 Month of your Club's AGM
Form 5.	GCA Request for Replacement of Insurance 'Certificate Currency'	Whenever required by an Affiliated Club – note a \$21 fee is applicable
Form 6.	GCA Insurance Incident Report Form	Whenever an Incident occurs and may require an Insurance Claim
Form 7.	GCA Annual Photographic Competition Entry Form	Entries close on 1 October each year
Form 8.	GCA <i>Our Gardens</i> Magazine Personal Subscription	Whenever a Personal Subscription is required
Form 9.	For ZC use only	Whenever an Expense is to be claimed
Form 10.	Nomination Form for GCA Major Awards	Nominations close 31 May each year
Form 11.	GCA Nomination Form for Ann Williams Clark Medallion	Whenever a Club wishes to recognise a Club member - 1 per year allowed for each Club
Form 12.	GCA Calendar Image Submissions	Entries to be submitted by 15 February each year
Form 13.	Closure of a GCA Affiliated Club	When it is necessary to close a GCA Affiliated Club
Form 14.	GCA Community Garden Questionnaire	When a Community Garden is requesting to join as a GCA Affiliated Club
Form 15.	Expression of Interest – Zone Coordinator Role - Qld Zones	To be submitted when requesting to be considered for a Zone Coordinator Role
Form 16.	Expression of Interest – Zone Coordinator Role - NSW/ACT Zones	To be submitted when requesting to be considered for a Zone Coordinator Role
Form 17.	Expression of Interest – Zone Coordinator Role – Southwest Zones	To be submitted when requesting to be considered for a Zone Coordinator Role
Form 18.	Nomination or Membership of the GCA Board	To be submitted when requesting to be considered for a GCA Board position



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