



BULLETIN March 2018

Important

Please bring the following information to the attention of your committee and all club members. Please read it out to all your club members at your next meeting and/or add it to your newsletter.

GCA February Bulletin Correction

The first recipient of the Ann Williams Clark Award was Mervyn Gordon, Lindisfarne Garden Club, Tasmania who was presented with the inaugural award at the 1998 Annual General Meeting of The GCA in Sydney and not the late Nell Jeffery, Twin Towns and District Garden Club, NSW, as misreported in the October 2017 Bulletin. The internal records of The GCA Awards have been corrected. We sincerely apologise to Mervyn for this unfortunate error and thank him for bringing this matter to our attention.

Insurance Matters – Most Important

Please ensure your organisation's managing committee is aware of these important items

- Your Invoice for the insurance year April 2018 – April 2019 is enclosed in this mail out. **Your Certificate of Insurance is also enclosed.** KEEP IN A SECURE PLACE to copy when required.
- Please note the date of direct debiting your account.
- Your membership numbers are noted - please advise if these are not correct.
- GST is shown as the amount included in the total invoice cost.
- The premium this year is showing only a slight increase on last year
- We wish to reiterate that the number of non-members attending special events, above which an 'event form' must be submitted, continues to be 1000 and that this should eliminate all but the very large garden festival type events.
- Please keep your Certificate of Insurance in a safe place. A replacement certificate can be provided if the original is lost however there will be a charge of \$25.00 for this replacement.
- Should you have any questions regarding insurance matters please visit the GCA website where there is a 'Frequently asked Questions' section
- All enquiries regarding insurance matters should be directed to the insurance officer at Garden Clubs of Australia if your enquiry can not be solved via the website.

Resolutions for AGM 2018

Please note that resolutions for the AGM required to be received by 31 May 2018.

GCA Annual Awards

Nomination forms and guidelines have been mailed to Clubs. Details available from website www.gardenclub.org.au (Click on Members Area). Nominations are to be made only through a Club and on an official Nomination Form.

Post to: Mrs M. Watts 42 Spencer Rd KILLARA 2071 NSW by 10th July 2018.

Email to: awards@gardenclubs.org.au

NB: - Ann Williams Clark Medallion- for outstanding service by a member of an affiliated Club. This Award maybe applied for any time of the -one per club per year. Post to: Mrs M. Watts 42 Spencer Rd KILLARA 2071 NSW

Email to: awards@gardenclubs.org.au

Archives

Garden Clubs of Australia Inc is seeking copies of any GCA Journals from 1970 through to 1990. Please forward to: Margaret Watts 42 Spencer Rd Killara NSW 2071.

Emailing Bulletins

The GCA Committee is always concerned to minimise costs to affiliates and their members. In recent times though, the promulgation of resources together with increasing administrative costs, especially postage, has made our policy of information on paper posted out, untenable. From now on as far as it is possible GCA Bulletins, together with other GCA material will be emailed to affiliates. To receive such materials it is essential that each affiliate club has an email contact. Ideally this might be the Club secretary but it could, indeed, be any member of the affiliate club who is prepared to act as the email recipient for the club.

2018 Annual Photo Competition

We need as many members as possible to enter this year's competition **closing on 5th October 2018**. The more entries we receive, from **all States**, the more choice the judge has to spread the awards throughout Australia. The success of the competition can only be as good as the quality of the images submitted.

2019 Calendar Competition

The 2018 Calendar was a great success with a substantial number of sales. When ordering the 2019 Calendars, later this year, consider your Club purchasing some additional copies as raffle prizes and for giving to guest speakers as part of their payment in late 2018 and early 2019. As with the Photo Comp, the quality of the Calendar can only be as good as the images submitted for consideration.

National Gardening Week: 7-13 October 2018

Following on from the successful launch of Australia's inaugural National Gardening Week last March and the wide range of events held to celebrate the week in October, plans are well under way for 2018. This year the focus will still be on GCA affiliates to celebrate the event but the President will also be working on promoting the idea to schools. He plans to meet with his local state member of parliament and is hopeful a letter will be sent to all NSW schools advising them of NGW. He also hopes to get a similar letter in the hands of the Federal minister.

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