



BULLETIN May 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.

Reminder - 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 by 10th July

NB: Ann Williams Clark Medallion for outstanding service by a member of an affiliated Club. This Award may be applied for any time of the year - one per club per year.

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The GCA 2020 Calendar photograph submissions

With the successful completion of the 2019 Calendar, I am now seeking images are being sought for the 2020 Calendar.

Submissions close on the **15th February 2019**. There is no entry fee and the 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, so have a go!! The smaller "filler" images chosen do not attract a fee but members get the satisfaction of having their image published in the Calendar.

The 2018 Annual Photographic Competition

The closing date for digital or post card entries is the **5th October 2018**.

Remind your members the total prize pool valued at \$1,400 is the largest in Australia for a non-commercial organisation photographic competition, **with no entry fee**.

Entry details are on the GCA website www.gardenclubs.org.au. Entries can be emailed to @gardenclubs.org.au or posted to Paul Lucas at 64 Timbertop Drive, Rowville, Vic, 3178

Resolutions for AGM 2018

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

Vacancy – Honorary Treasurer – From 2019 AGM

There will a vacancy on the GCA Committee for an Honorary Treasurer to take over this position from the 2019 AGM as the current Honorary Treasurer has indicated he will be stepping down from his position at the 2019 AGM.

The Committee is now looking for a replacement to join the Committee at the 2018 AGM to enable a 12 month transition period.

The person needed should have a good knowledge of accounting, including monthly Bank Reconciliations, and the MYOB Accounting package. At times in the year the position can be demanding, such as when direct debits are made and also at year end to have the accounts ready for audit, and to prepare an annual report. Other duties include the payment of expenses and the

receipt of income.

Like all Committee positions, attendance at the 6 Committee meetings held each year is desirable. As the Accounting firm who carries out the audit and other financial assistance is Sydney based, location with easy access to Sydney would be an advantage.

If your Club or Group has or knows of a person who may be interested, please contact The President, George Hoad on 02 6550 5890.

Insurance Certificate

If you have not received your insurance certificate please advise the Insurance Officer so that a replacement can be supplied by email. From the end of May replacement Insurance Certificates will be provided at a cost of \$25.00.

David Gemmell
GCA Insurance Officer

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.

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.

**For further information contact: George Hoad Email: ghoad@internode.on.net
Phone: 02 65505890**

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