



February 2021 Bulletin

The first GCA Committee meeting for 2021 was meant to be held in Sydney but due to continuing COVID-19 outbreaks, it had to be by Zoom again. Despite not meeting face-to-face yet, the new Committee is working well with the website easier to navigate and a new Facebook site in place.



Please note, the official **GCA Facebook** site is "Garden Clubs Australia Inc". Affiliates are encouraged to post their interesting club activities and anniversaries as well as pictures of unusual or beautiful plants.



The **role of a Zone Coordinator** is to liaise between the GCA and affiliates. If affiliates have a problem or enquiry they should inform their ZC who will contact the GCA on their behalf. At the moment, some zones are without a coordinator and both Directors of Zones are working to rectify this. If you have any recommendations for the vacant positions please contact:

- ♦ Paul McQueen for QLD, NSW and ACT zones on nedirectorzones@gardenclubs.org.au
- ♦ or Heather Pryor for VIC, TAS, SA and WA zones at swdirectorzones@gardenclubs.org.au

Zone Coordinators have a very important role in the organisation. Those who have been a ZC will tell you it is both interesting and enjoyable as you get to meet such wonderful people and see so many different plants and gardens.



It is with considerable disappointment that the Committee has received advice from our **Treasurer**, Frances Cains, that she wishes to stand down from her position at the September Annual General Meeting. Frances has served our association wonderfully well and she will be sorely missed. We are therefore seeking expressions of interest from any member of an affiliated club who is interested in joining the Committee with a view to be appointed Treasurer. Confidential discussions on the role may be held with President Lorraine Emerson on 0414 445 184



The **deadline for magazine articles** and Club news for the Winter issue of *Our Gardens* is 1st March. Contact details are:

Club News (100-150 words and 1 or 2 good quality captioned images) to In Touch Editor carolyn.dawes@bigpond.com or Diary Dates magazine@gardenclubs.org.au



Join a Garden Club – Community groups across Australia are suffering from COVID restrictions. Many have not been able to meet for almost a year and there continues to be uncertainty in some areas as to whether it is wise to schedule meetings. The GCA has produced a brochure **Join a Garden Club**, to circulate within their communities to encourage new members to join. A copy will be available on the GCA website (www.gardenclubs.org.au) so that clubs can download copies.



We hope that most of you will be able to hold your meetings again this year, possibly with more restrictions but still getting to meet your friends, exchanging ideas, plants and admiring beautiful flowers, fruit and vegetables on display. In other words, doing what gardeners love to do. This time last year we were in the middle of dreadful bush fires in Victoria, New South Wales and Queensland and this year Western Australia is suffering the same. It makes us all realise how important the natural world is to us all.

We encourage you to be active in seeking members and finding ways to engage with new and existing members and to continue our mission "Friendship through Gardens".

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