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## OUR OBJECTIVE...

The main object of the WA Gerbera Society Inc. is, as an educational, recreational and social group, to promote and foster the study and practice of horticulture in general but in particular to the culture, propagation and improvement of Gerberas.

## OUR CONTACT DETAILS

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## FEBRUARY MEETING SUNDAY 17 FEBRUARY 2019

VENUE: RSL Hall 98 Kintail Road,  
APPLECROSS

TIME: Commencing at 2.00pm

### PROGRAMME:

1. Monthly Meeting
2. Discussion and finalisation of the draft Constitution
3. Monthly bench competition  
(Judge – Ian Stannard, Ray Bruce and Jan Steele)
4. Floral Art
  - 4.1. Arrangement – Treasures of the Sea
  - 4.2. My Choice

\*\*\* Please note this meeting is earlier in the month due to the Horticultural Council's Gardens and Clubs Fair\*\*\*

## MARCH MEETING SUNDAY 31 MARCH 2019

VENUE: RSL Hall 98 Kintail Road,  
APPLECROSS

TIME: Commencing at 2.00pm

### PROGRAMME:

1. Monthly Meeting
2. Speaker: Floral Art Demonstration
3. Monthly bench competition  
(Judge – Ray Bruce, Ian Stannard and Jan Steele)
4. Floral Art
  - 4.1. Arrangement – Using loops and/or triangles and flowers
  - 4.2. My Choice



## APRIL MEETING SUNDAY 28 APRIL 2019

VENUE: RSL Hall 98 Kintail Road,  
APPLECROSS

TIME: Commencing at 2.00pm

### PROGRAMME:

1. Monthly Meeting
2. Speaker: TBA
3. Monthly bench competition  
(Judge – Ray Bruce, Ian Stannard and Jan Steele)
4. Floral Art
  - 4.1. Arrangement – Tribute to ANZAC's using red
  - 4.2. My Choice

## MAY MEETING SUNDAY 26 MAY 2019

VENUE: RSL Hall 98 Kintail Road,  
APPLECROSS

TIME: Commencing at 2.00pm

### PROGRAMME:

1. Monthly Meeting
2. Speaker: TBA
3. Monthly bench competition  
(Judge – Ray Bruce, Ian Stannard and Jan Steele)
4. Floral Art
  - 4.1. Arrangement – In a Basket
  - 4.2. My Choice

## JUNE MEETING SUNDAY 30 JUNE 2019

VENUE: RSL Hall 98 Kintail Road,  
APPLECROSS

TIME: Commencing at 2.00pm

### PROGRAMME:

1. Monthly Meeting
2. Speaker: TBA
3. Monthly bench competition  
(Judge – Ray Bruce, Ian Stannard and Jan Steele)
4. Floral Art
  - 4.1. Arrangement – Within Glass
  - 4.2. My Choice

## STATE GERBERA CHAMPIONSHIP AND AUTUMN SHOW SATURDAY 27 APRIL 2019

VENUE: South Perth Community Centre  
TIME: SATURDAY  
Open to the public from 9.30am to 3.00pm

This Show will need all members' hands on deck to be successful. Members, please try to have at least one specimen exhibit for us to have a fulsome display.

Remember all exhibitors must nominate entries before **8.00pm Thursday 25 April 2019** to the show secretary.

Late specimen entries (excluding Floral Art) can be made between 8.00am – 9.00 am Friday 26 April to the show secretary.

- **No late entries will be accepted on show day**
- **All exhibits must be staged before 8.30am**
- **Judging will start at 8.30am sharp**

If you have extra gerbera pots for sale, please try to ensure you feed them up 8 weeks prior to the Show so they are healthy and flowering.

### AUTUMN SHOW GERBERA PLANT SALES:

As usual **the hall will be opened from 7.00am on Friday 26 April** to enable growers to drop off gerbera plants for sale. Please have an **accurate list** of your plants for cross-checking.

- The list should be in alphabetical order (name or colour) with the number of each type of plant. Please endeavour to have all the same type of plant in a group (box) together.
- Pots should be clean and free of any "labels" other than name tags.
- Plants should be healthy and free of diseases and pests.
- Pots should be free of weeds and preferably have a flower for identification purposes.
- An information sheet **Guidelines for Gerbera Plant Sales** is available on request.
- Gerbera plants should be delivered to the hall **before 10.00am** to allow set up to begin.
- All members are encouraged to provide a few pots for sale (even 5-10 plants for sale would be gratefully received).

### AUTUMN SHOW POT PLANT STALL:

- All members are encouraged to donate miscellaneous, healthy potted plants for the pot plant stall.
- Please price your pots to make it easier for the stall co-ordinator to arrange the tables.
- Donations of produce or cut flowers are also most welcome.

## WA HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY AUTUMN FAIR 24 – 25 FEBRUARY 2019

VENUE: South Perth Community Centre  
TIME: SATURDAY  
Open to the public from 8.30am to 4.00pm  
SUNDAY  
Open to the public from 9.00am to 3.00pm

Some points to remember for those growers supplying plants for sale on our fair stall:

- All plants are to be inside the hall before opening time (8.30 am)
- No plants are to be sold which compete with other participating societies
- Members assisting on our stall are requested to park in the lower level car park – to avoid a parking fine.

Please contact Tom Polich if you can assist with gerbera plants. Any number of plants in good condition will be acceptable.

## New Members

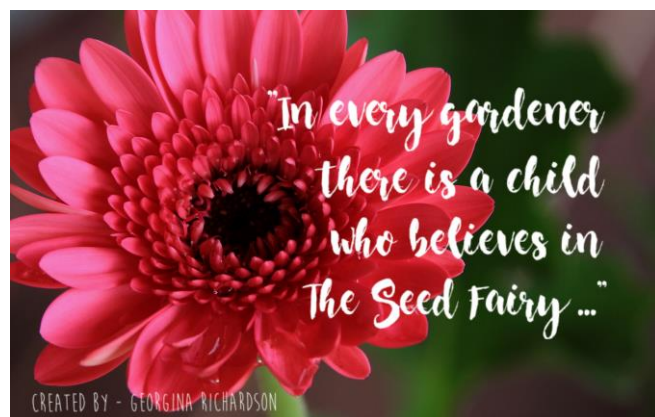
Welcome to Daniel Renshaw who has recently joined the group. We look forward to seeing you at a meeting!

## Membership Payments

A decision was made for increase in membership at the AGM on the 29 July 2018.

The new prices are as follows:

Single Membership: \$15.00 per financial year  
Couples Membership: \$20.00 per financial year



# How to make Membership Payments Online

Towards the end of 2018 the website was updated to allow you, our members, to make membership payments online.

This is a really simple process that everyone and anyone can do whether you are computer savvy or not.

1. Get yourself onto the WA Gerbera Society Website [www.wagerberasociety.com](http://www.wagerberasociety.com)
2. Click the **Membership and Payments** tab
3. Fill out all the **Personal Details** (Please make sure you fill in all the boxes)
4. Log onto your **Internet Banking**, make your payment to the WA Gerbera Society (BSB and Account details in the Banking Details section)
5. Copy your Internet Banking receipt details into the **Banking Details**
6. Finally click **Submit**, this will send us a notification of your payment

Easy Peasy! If you have any problems or need some further direction, please do not hesitate to contact us.

## How to use the Members Only Area

You are now able to access the Members Only area of the website which includes access to the Journal, Forms, Meeting Minutes and handy hints and information.

In order to access this area, you will need to create a login and be approved.

\*\*\* Please note only up to date financial members will be able to gain access to this area \*\*\*

This process is just as simple as the membership payments!

1. Get yourself onto the WA Gerbera Society Website [www.wagerberasociety.com](http://www.wagerberasociety.com)
2. Hover your cursor over the **Membership and Payments**

tab

3. Click the **Journal** tab, this will take you to a new window which will ask you to Log In
4. Click **Sign Up** (this is in green under the Log In heading)
5. Enter your **Email Address** and a **Password** (please keep a copy of your password somewhere safe as we do not have access to this information)
6. Click the green **Sign up** button and Hey Presto! You are all signed up

\*\*\* Please note that we will have to approve your access we endeavour to do this within 1 - business day \*\*\*

## GET YOUR GERBERAS READY FOR THE APRIL AND SEPTEMBER HORTICULTURAL FAIR!

**JANUARY / FEBRUARY** - Hot months require attention to water, shade and mulching (away from crowns). Increase fertilising in mid-February for the April show.

**MARCH** - Mid-March increase fertilising again for the show. Blooms may need supporting to stop them breaking off in high winds.

**APRIL** - Keep fertilising program going right up until the show.

**MAY** - Check for any diseases. Additional moisture may be required if winds are drying out pots. One feed of slow release fertiliser. Be aware that gerbera leaves often act like umbrellas during rain.

**JUNE/ JULY** - One feed of slow release fertiliser. Spent blooms and dead leaves and excess foliage should be removed. Check moisture is adequate. Do not overwater or rot will set in.

**AUGUST** - Much the same as for June/July. Begin the 8-week fertilising program to have plants ready for the September Horticultural Fair.

**SEPTEMBER** - As the weather warms watch the moisture content of soil – especially pots. Early September step up the fertilising program for the 4-weeks prior to the fair, including a liquid program in the off weeks. Watch for Thrip and Aphid.

**OCTOBER / NOVEMBER** - You should have beautiful blooms on your sales pots! Time for dividing and getting plants up for the next year. Do not let divisions dry out completely and liquid feed them so they recover quickly.

**DECEMBER** - Check moisture. Keep a look out for pests and diseases.

# Preparing your blooms for their best show...

TOM POLICH | MEMBER

The average double bloom takes approximately 26 days after first showing above the soil, and the average single blooms matures between approximately 18 & 20 days.

Product	Recommended Dosage
N.P.K	¾ of 1 teaspoon for small pots
Phostrogen	At the recommended packet rate
Yates Fruit and Flower	At the recommended packet rate
Polyfeed	4 grams per litre of water dissolved
Epsom Salts	3 – 4 teaspoons to a 9-litre watering can

With this fertilising programme, stick with the recommended amounts shown on packages or on the pre-packed items the WA Gerbera Society sells. A little often is the way to go.

Week Number	Date	Programme
Week – 0 9 Weeks before the Show	Saturday, 23 <sup>rd</sup> February 2019	Apply N.P.K as well as Phostrogen, or Polyfeed
Week – 1 8 Weeks before the Show	Saturday, 2 <sup>nd</sup> March 2019	Apply Phostrogen, Yates or Polyfeed
Week – 2 7 Weeks before the Show	Saturday, 9 <sup>th</sup> March 2019	Apply Phostrogen, Yates or Polyfeed
Week – 3 6 Weeks before the Show	Saturday, 16 <sup>th</sup> March 2019	Apply Phostrogen, Yates or Polyfeed
Week – 4 5 Weeks before the Show	Saturday, 23 <sup>rd</sup> March 2019	Apply Epsom Salts with Phostrogen, Yates, or Polyfeed
Week – 5 4 Weeks before the Show	Saturday, 30 <sup>th</sup> March 2019	Apply Phostrogen, Yates or Polyfeed
Week – 6 3 Weeks before the Show	Saturday, 6 <sup>th</sup> April 2019	Apply Phostrogen, Yates or Polyfeed
Week – 7 2 Weeks before the Show	Saturday, 13 <sup>th</sup> April 2019	Apply Epsom Salts with N.P.K, Phostrogen, Yates, or Polyfeed
Week – 8 1 Week before the Show	Saturday, 20 <sup>th</sup> April 2019	Apply Phostrogen, Yates, or Polyfeed
Week – 9 Week of the Show	Saturday, 27 <sup>th</sup> April 2019	Day of the Autumn Championship and Show

## Facebook and Website

Don't forget to follow our Facebook Page and Website for updates, reminders, activities and general information.

We use these online platforms to inform you of upcoming events, journal release dates and changes of dates as well as to share photos, art and information.

To follow Facebook page just search for WA Gerbera Society Inc.

To find our website search [www.wagerberasociety.com](http://www.wagerberasociety.com)