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ANNUAL REPORT

NOTICE
of
Annual General Meeting
and
Financial Statements
for the year ended
30 June 2024

Plant Trust
C/- Royal Botanic Gardens, Melbourne
Birdwood Avenue
South Yarra VIC 3141



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Program

6.30pm	Bring and view plants for auction Cheese and wine reception
7.00pm	Annual General Meeting
7:30pm	Plant auction with MC Stephen Ryan
8:45pm	Raffle drawn

Donations

Donations of plants

for the auction and raffle will be greatly appreciated. So, please bring along a mixed variety of species that are rare and not so rare.

No MYRTACEAE please

Due to Myrtaceae Rust, none of this family is to be brought into the Royal Botanic Gardens, Melbourne.

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President's Report for 2024

Well, another year has swiftly gone by, and your committee has been busy trying to keep up with the day-to-day challenges of running Plant Trust.

Of the usual type is the planning and preparing for the upcoming trips and AGM, as well as the end of year get-together, but more recently the exciting relaunch of our quarterly publication 'Genus' which is an important vehicle for us to keep in touch with our members. Regarding this I would like to acknowledge the hard work done in the past by Margi and Chris – thank you both. I also take this opportunity to welcome on board Ben who is taking up the helm and hopefully will enjoy being our compiler of articles. I encourage you all to consider making his job easier by supplying articles and news items to make our journal worth the read.

As time marches on, one of the sadder things that happens is the passing of friends. Earlier this year we lost Otto Fauser, a dear friend to many in gardening. Among a myriad of lifetime achievements, Otto was the proud holder of Plant Trust's national Crocus collection since the early 1990's. Such was his profile, "The Keeper of the Crocus," he was honoured with a new species being named after him, *Crocus fauseri*.

It is my hope that someone out there may be prepared to continue Otto's legacy and take on this exciting and pretty Genus of plants for Plant Trust. If my memory is correct, Otto was one of the very first collection holders to register with us. I will personally miss him, and our organisation has lost a great supporter.

On a brighter note, we are getting closer to the registration of the *Arbutus* collection at the Malmsbury Botanic gardens. I spent an exciting morning there recently with the member of the friends' group that will be overseeing this important collection with the longer-term aim to also hold a *Crataegus* collection, which is fantastic.

Thank you once again for your support this year. I am hoping that this next year will see good progress on all fronts, and on behalf of the committee I look forward to input from our general members where they can.

Yours,



Stephen Ryan
President

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Notice

is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of Plant Trust Incorporated will be held at 7:00pm on Thursday 17th October 2024 in Domain House, Dallas Brooks Drive, South Yarra, Victoria 3141.

Agenda

1. **Welcome** President, Stephen Ryan
2. **Apologies and proxies** Administrative Assistant, Don Journet
3. **Minutes of General Meeting** Administrative Assistant, Don Journet
 - 3.1 Confirmation of Minutes of AGM held on 15th September 2023
4. **Declaration of Interest and/or Conflict of Interest**
5. **President's Report** Stephen Ryan
6. **Treasurer's Report** Damian Nieuwesteeg
 - 5.1 To receive and consider the financial statements of Plant Trust Incorporated for the year ending 30 June 2024.
7. **Election of Office Bearers** Administrative Assistant, Don Journet
Receipt of nominations. The following positions are available:
 - President
 - Vice President
 - Administrative Secretary
 - Treasure
8. **Election of Ordinary Committee Members** Administrative Assistant, Don Journet
Receipt of nominations. The following positions are available:
 - Professional Horticulturalists (2)
 - Registered Collection Holders (2)
 - Ordinary Members (4)
9. **Other business**
10. **Close** Administrative Assistant, Don Journet

By order of the Management Committee

Dale Simpson, Administrative Secretary

Dated this 1st day of September 2024

Notes

1. A member may appoint a proxy to vote on their behalf at the meeting by giving notice to the Administrative Secretary, to be received not later than 24 hours before the time of the meeting, by the use of a form that may be obtained on application at the Plant Trust office or may be found in Appendix 2 of this document.
2. A nomination form for Officers and Committee Members is attached and must be lodged electronically or at the Plant Trust office by the 9th of October 2024.
3. No business other than that set out in this notice may be conducted at the meeting.

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Governance Statement

Plant Trust is incorporated under the *Associations Incorporation Act* and operates under the rules of association adopted by the Members on 16th September 2010 and amended 19th September 2013 and 4th March 2020.

Under these rules, Plant Trust affairs are managed by the Management Committee. The Management Committee's primary role is to ensure Plant Trust achieves its objectives of encouraging the conservation of garden plants and creating a greater community awareness of the value of garden plants through programs of registration, ongoing development and information, distribution and the promotion of reference collections of garden plants.

Plant Trust is reliant on its members' subscriptions, grants and sponsorship, and volunteers, in its operation.

The Management Committee, which comprises the President, the Vice-President, Treasurer, Administrative Secretary and eight ordinary members with at least two being professional horticulturalists and two being holders of a collection registered by the Association, is elected each year at the Annual General Meeting. In fulfilling its primary role, the Management Committee meets at least six times each year. At these meetings it considers:

- i. The Treasurer's Report
- ii. Membership matters
- iii. Committee Reports
- iv. Marketing and fundraising matters

The Committee is assisted by the Activities & Marketing Committee. Minutes are available for inspection by members at any time. The Management Committee reports to members at the Annual General Meeting. At the Annual General Meeting the Annual Report, which includes the financial report for the year just ended, is presented to members.

Management Committee 2023-2024

President	Stephen Ryan
Vice President	Virginia Heywood
Administrative Secretary	Dale Simpson
Treasurer	Damian Nieuwesteeg
Ordinary Members	Wendy Forest Gillian Taylor Don Journet Donna Thomas Beryl Black
Minutes Scribe	Janet Dyke

Plant Trust Staff

Administrative Assistant and Incorporated Association Secretary, Don Journet

Convenors of Committees as of 30 June 2024

- Membership and Finance Management Working Group (MFM)
- Plant Collections and Strategic Partnerships (PCSP) – Donna Thomas
- Promotion, Communication and Social Working Group (PCS)

Newsletter Editor appointed

Genus Editor, Benjamin from



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Nomination of Officers & Committee Members

We:

And

being members of Plant Trust Incorporated, nominate the following member to be elected to office at the Annual General Meeting of the Association to be held on 17th October 2024 or any adjournment thereof.

Name of nominee:

E mail address:

Office designated:

- President
- Vice-President
- Administrative Secretary
- Treasurer
- Ordinary Committee Member

If insufficient nominations are received to fill all vacancies on the Committee, the candidates nominated shall be deemed to be elected and further nominations shall be received at the Annual General Meeting.

If the number of nominations received is equal to the number of vacancies to be filled, the persons nominated shall be deemed to be elected. If the number of nominations exceeds the number of vacancies to be filled, a ballot shall be held).

I consent to the above nomination.

Signed:
(Member)

Date:

Send to:

Administrative Assistant, Plant Trust Incorporated
C/- Royal Botanic Gardens, Melbourne
Birdwood Avenue, South Yarra VIC 3141
Tel: (03) 9650 5639, Mobile: 0439 034 194

Closing date: 5pm, Wednesday 9th October 2024 or by email to planttrust.org.au@gmail.com



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Form of Proxy

I being a current financial member of Plant Trust Incorporated hereby appoint

..... to be my proxy at the Annual General Meeting to be held on Thursday 17th October 2024 at 7pm.

Signed

Note – The person or organisation giving and receiving the proxy should be aware of the following:

- i. The proxy must be lodged with the Administrative Assistant of the Association no later than 24 hours before the meeting is due to take place. Email to: planttrust.org.au@gmail.com
- ii. The person holding the proxy may be given instructions as to how he/she is to vote on your behalf on all or any of the issues raised.
- iii. The person holding the proxy may be given general approval to act as he/she thinks fit on any issue raised.
- iv. The person appointing the proxy must advise that he/she is being appointed as a proxy and give clear instructions on any voting measures.
- v. The person appointed as a proxy need not necessarily be a member of the association.
- vi. Members of the Committee of Management may be appointed as proxy.

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