



PLANT  
TRUST

Incorporated  
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# 2025 ANNUAL REPORT

NOTICE  
of  
Annual General Meeting on Thursday 11 September  
and  
Financial Statements  
for the year ended  
30 June 2025

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



# PLANT TRUST

## Program – Thursday 11 September 2025

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

### Donations

Donations of rare and unusual plants, gardening tools or books, etc., for the auction and raffle will be greatly appreciated – please no Myrtaceae.

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

# President's Report, 2025 – Stephen Ryan

Greetings.

Well, another year has passed, and our organisation is still here working to achieve our aims.

First and most importantly we need to acknowledge the retirement of our life member and executive officer Don Journet. He has worked hard for our benefit and I for one feel that he has in many ways been an anchor. Let us hope we can move forward and build on his good work into the future.

We have over the last year or so been developing new ways of dealing with our important work and now have several subcommittees to specifically manage such things as events, collections etc and hopefully these will streamline our general executive meetings into the future.

Also, we are well underway with sorting out our strategic plans that will benefit us into the future as well.

I hope all our collection holders have come through the difficult summer past and that their plants are coping well. Speaking of collection holders, I must note the recent passing of Greg Ruckert who held a number of bulb collections with Plant Trust. We extend our sympathies to his family and friends.

It is now time for the regular plea so please help us find interesting collections and encourage all and sundry to join our ranks as members. These are quite certainly the most pressing issues for Plant Trust to tackle.

Thank you also to the committee for their hard work and time spent over the last twelve months and let's hope the new one will carry on as needs be.

We have a number of events coming up, including next week's (Wednesday August 20) Winter Walk in the Royal Botanic Gardens Melbourne, our Annual General Meeting and Rare & Unusual Plant Auction on Thursday September 11, a tour of Macedon Ranges gardens on Sunday September 28, and our end of year celebrations on Sunday December 7 in the Yarra Valley – please mark your calendars. We look forward to you joining us.

Enjoy the plant auction!

Yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Stephen Ryan', written in a cursive style.

**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 11th September 2025 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 17th October 2024
4. **Declaration of Interest and/or Conflict of Interest**
5. **President's Report** Stephen Ryan
6. **Treasurer's Report** Benjamin Campbell
  - 5.1 To receive and consider the financial statements of Plant Trust Incorporated for the year ending 30 June 2025.
7. **Election of Office Bearers** Administrative Assistant, Don Journet  
Receipt of nominations for the following positions:  
President, Vice President, Administrative Secretary, Treasurer
8. **Election of Ordinary Committee Members** Administrative Assistant, Don Journet  
Receipt of nominations for the following positions:  
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, Secretary

Dated 12 August 2025

## 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 5pm on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> September 2025.
3. No business other than that set out in this notice may be conducted at the meeting.

# Annual Report of Plant Trust Inc. for the year ending 30 June 2025

## **Governance Statement**

Plant Trust is incorporated under the *Associations Incorporation Act* and operates under the rules of association adopted by the Members on 16<sup>th</sup> September 2010 and amended 19<sup>th</sup> September 2013 and 4<sup>th</sup> 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 2024-2025**

President	Stephen Ryan
Vice President	Virginia Heywood
Administrative Secretary	Dale Simpson
Treasurer	Benjamin Campbell
Ordinary Members	Damian Nieuwesteeg Gillian Taylor Steven Touzel Wendy Forest

## **Plant Trust Staff**

Administrative Assistant and Incorporated Association Secretary, Don Journet

## **Convenors of Committees as of 30 June 2025**

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

## **Newsletter Editor appointed**

Genus Editor, Benjamin Campbell

# Plant Trust Inc

ABN 17 035 716 441

## Financial Reports for the year end 30 June 2025

Plant Trust   Financial Reports 2024-2025				
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<b>PROFIT &amp; LOSS STATEMENT</b>				
<b>Income</b>			<b>Expenditure</b>	
Subscriptions	\$1,920.00		Administration + Bank Fees	\$0.00
Donations	\$70.00		Auditor Fee	\$0.00
Events (AGM)	\$1,365.53		Events (AGM, End of Year, etc.)	\$853.01
Events Other	\$1,095.00		Govt. Charges	\$0.00
Merch. (Catalogue)	\$0.00		Insurance	\$175.19
Merch. (Plaque)	\$0.00		IT (Internet, Website, etc.)	\$198.00
Merch. (Other)	\$0.00		Marketing	\$0.00
Genus (Advertising)	\$0.00		Miscellaneous	\$90.00
Interest (Term Deposit)	\$1,106.69		Office Equipment	\$66.55
Miscellaneous	\$0.00		Postage, Printing & Stationery	\$0.00
			RBG Facilities	\$0.00
			<b>Profit (+) or Loss (-)</b>	<b>\$4,174.47</b>
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	\$5,557.22			\$5,557.22
<b>BALANCE SHEET</b>				
	<b>2024</b>		<b>2025</b>	<b>% Change</b>
		<b>Current Assets</b>		
	\$8,019.69	Cash at Bank (Closing bal.)	\$11,057.47	37.9%
	\$25,141.39	Term Deposit	\$26,248.08	4.4%
	\$0.00	Cash on Hand	\$0.00	
	\$0.00	Less: Unpresented Cheques	\$0.00	
	\$0.00	Less: Presented Cheques	\$0.00	
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	\$33,161.08		\$37,305.55	12.5%
		<b>Retained Earnings</b>		
	\$33,932.18	Balance 1 July	\$33,161.08	-2.3%
	-\$771.10	Profit / Loss	\$4,174.47	641.4%
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	\$33,161.08		\$37,335.55	12.6%
<b>Audit Report</b>				
In my opinion the above balance sheet at 30 June 2025 and the income and expenditure statement for the year then ended are properly drawn up so as to present fairly the state of affairs of Plant Trust at 30 June 2025 and the results of operations for the year ended on that date.				
				Ben Campbell, Treasurer



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## Nomination of Officers & Committee Members

I, nominator 1 of 2, .....

And I, nominator 2 of 2 .....

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 11<sup>th</sup> September 2025 or any adjournment thereof.

Name of nominee: .....

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: .....

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Please email this form to [contact@planttrust.org.au](mailto:contact@planttrust.org.au) for the attention of the Administrative Officer by 5pm on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> September 2025.



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## Nomination 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 11<sup>th</sup> September 2025 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: [contact@planttrust.org.au](mailto:contact@planttrust.org.au)
- 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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