



Tubertalk

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Dahlia Society of Australia Inc.

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Presidents Page

After supporting many Shows around the country we managed to clock up just a tad over 10,000 Km giving me a good understanding of the overall Growing Season.

Personally the season at Winkie was about the worst ever & thanks to the adoption of Pulse watering the plant grew well but the quality of the blooms suffered. It tells me the Dahlia can only take so much.

The season was reflected in the trial Garden at Canberra resulting in a season to be forgotten. The seedlings that survived will be re-submitted next season. Thanks to the Canberra Horticultural Society for their space.

It is very encouraging that members are now managing their respective Web-Pages on the DSA site. Thanks to Rick Burns & Stephen Brown.

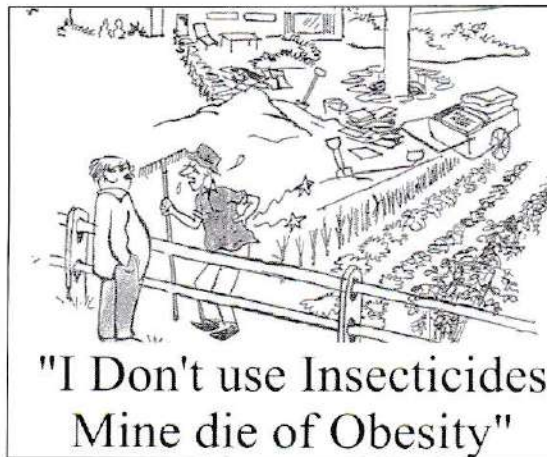
More societies & clubs are encouraged to follow suit.

The Tuber Auction at the Conference was just brilliant & special thanks to the donors of Tubers and the Team that put it all together – see page 20.

The Committee of Management was returned & it has been decided the 2017 Conference will be in Berri South Australia.

Topics for the Conference have been selected by members, by submitting their suggestions at the Orange conference.

As I have always advocated I Will endeavour to do **What Members Want**.



Editorial

We continue to make Tubertalk an interesting read by providing articles from around the world showing us a variety of concepts of how it is done in their respective patch. This can promote new ideas for our members. The National Show results have been ever popular & special thank-you must go the Malcolm & Betty Balch for taking on the task of collecting & collating the results.

This can be improved by Societies & Clubs sending their results to Malcolm much earlier.

This publication would not be at all possible without the assistance and efforts of the Editorial Committee.

Christine Dwyer - Les Lawson – Rick Burns

The articles are from all over the world both past & present.

Without the support of contributors (31) Tubertalk would be a non-event.

The following have contributed to this edition:-

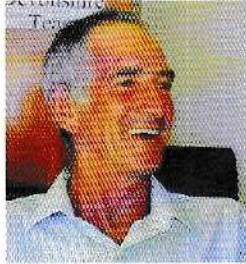
Rob Slarke, Dwight King, Mike Colby, Graeme Davis, Greg Fookes, Rodney Clarke, Neville Jaeschke, Bruce Millard, Kevin Brown, Dr. Keith Hammett, Richard Parshall, Benjamin Davey, Geoff Hoyle, Dave Bates, Steven Wedd, Col McLaughlin, Helen Curll, Stephen Brown, Robert Curll, Betty Balch, Carolyn Miles, Bobbie Brooker, John Woodfield, Bruce Raines, Steve Cox, Nick Scudds, Malcolm Balch, Charles Smith, Deb Collett, Peter Stonestreet. A big thank-you to you all for contributing articles, photos and show results.

I encourage you all to take more pictures at the Show & in your Garden which will make our publication far more interesting.



Presidents Profile

From The Presidents of Dahlia Societies/Clubs around Australia
Providing a background into their respective Societies/Clubs along
with some of their personal statistics and achievements.



Rodney Clarke
Shepparton Vic.



Rob Slarke
Central West NSW.



Dwight King
Dahlia Society of Vic.



Bruce Millard
Portland Vic.



John Menzel
Dahlia Society of Aust.



Neville Jaeschke
South Australia



Mike Colby
Queensland



Graeme Davis
ACT/NSW



Greg Fooks
Tasmania

How old is your Club/Society?

Clarke :- Ten Years

Slarke :- Thirteen Years

King :- 56 Years

Millard :- 46 Years

Menzel :- 6 Years – Formed June 2010

Jaeschke :- 48 Years

Colby :- Commenced 1933

Davis :- Founded in 1933 – 83 years young

Fooks :-

What are the present membership numbers?

Clarke :- 49

Slarke :- 30

King :- 220 approx.

Millard :- 25

Menzel :- Five State Bodies & three Satellite Groups

Jaeschke :- 37 members & 6 Life members

Colby :- Approx. 70

Davis :- Around 70

Fooks :- 20

How many of your members actively stage blooms at your Show?

Clarke :- 9

Slarke :- 7

King :- 26

Millard :- 12

Menzel :- DSA does not stage a Show

Jaeschke :- 5

Colby :- 12

Davis :- Usually 12

Fooks :- 15

How do you attract new members?

Clarke :- Shopping Centre Show, Tuber Auctions, Word of Mouth

Slarke :- Shopping centre displays, Tuber auctions

King :- Website, Show and Personal Relationships

Millard :- Media advertising & Show Enquiries

Menzel :- Via the Web-site & then directed to the nearest Club/Society

Jaeschke :- By advertising events, being friendly, welcoming, offer support.

Colby :- Difficult. We distributed information brochures with a membership application form at our shows. Also members promote our society while discussing dahlias at our shows.

Davis :- Active discussion at shows combined with workshops, meetings and presentations

Fooks :- I wish I knew

Do you stage a Dahlia Show?

Clarke :- Yes

Slarke :- No

King :- Yes

Millard :- Yes

Menzel :- No

Jaeschke :- Yes

Colby :- Yes - 3

Davis :- No but we have a championship each year at an affiliated show.

Fooks :- Yes

If yes – What Date?

Clarke :- Last weekend in March

Slarke :- N/A

King :- Last weekend in February

Millard :- Long Weekend in March

Menzel :- N/A

Jaeschke :- The D.S.S.A. CHAMPIONSHIPS & Show is held on the second Sat. in March.
Colby :- Generally at weekends in March.
Davis :- Varies
Fooks :- 2nd weekend in March

How many years in total have you held the position of President?

Clarke :- 9
Slarke :- Three Months
King :- 11
Millard :- 1
Menzel :- Eight years
Jaeschke :- 3
Colby :- 4 Terms
Davis :- 1
Fooks :- 8

How often does your group have meetings?

Clarke :- Monthly with a four month winter Break
Slarke :- 4 times a year
King :- Monthly except Jun, Jul and August
Millard :- 2nd Monday of each Month
Menzel :- Annually at the DSA Conference
Jaeschke :- 3 times in the year.
Colby :- 5 meetings annually.
Davis :- Every two Months
Fooks :- Once a month during the growing season

How many years have you been growing Dahlias?

Clarke :- 11
Slarke :- 20
King :- 20

Millard :- 26

Menzel :- 40

Jaeschke :- 36

Colby :- As a member for about 12 years.

Davis :- 20 on and off over 30 years

Fooks :- 23

How many plants do you Grow?

Clarke :- 1200

Slarke :- 30

King :- 200

Millard :- 1700

Menzel :- Approx. 4000 including Seedlings

Jaeschke :- 530

Colby :- Too many

Davis :- 300 - 400

Fooks :- 180

What has been your greatest achievement on the Show Bench?

Clarke :- Pompon Championship twice at Shepparton, Intermediate Championship as Victoria State Show, Best under 160 mm Eaglehawk Show

Slarke :- Twice Grand Champion Dahlia at Sydney Royal Easter Show

King :- Arthur Hindry Memorial Championship and Small Growers Championship

Millard :- Vase of Show at four consecutive Shows with Hillier Tanunda

Menzel :- 1st State Grand Champion in 1988 in Adelaide, Winning the Victorian Open Championship all with Winkie raised Cultivars

Jaeschke :- 2016 Championships; won 5 Championships plus Grand & Reserve Grand Champion blooms plus two other champion blooms.

Colby :- Grand Champion at Toowoomba Royal Show.

Davis :- Winning Grand Champion with one of my own cultivars which I have done with 3 different varieties.

Fooks :- Grand Champion at the Hobart show under 4 different judges

What are your best five performed Cultivars?**Clarke**

Bracken Nikolaus, Devon Delta, Winkie Nugget,
Kenora Jubilee, Pam Howden

Slarke

Kenora Sunset, Glenbank Honeycomb, Devon Elegance,
Pinkie 'O', Elma Elizabeth

King

Formby Crest, Embrace, Susan French, Winkie Colonel, Ivanetti

Millard

Pam Howden, Gay Twinkle, Cornell, Winkie Colonel, Boundary Bell

Menzel

Bracken Nikolaus, Winkie Colonel, Miwong,
Winkie Nugget, Light Accord

Jaeschke

Kenora Jubilee, Devon Mystique, Devon Rubi,
Formby Crest, Hillier Tanunda.

Colby

Bracken Glenda, Moray Ashleigh, Pam,
Ryecroft Laura, Moray Petite

Davis

Wakefield Impersonator, Wakefield Anniversary, Hamari Gold,
Brian 'R', Narrows Tricia

Fooks

Kiara Julia, Embrace, Devon Cupid, Formby Crest, Brian R

Can You Relate?

Brains of older people are slow because they know so much. People do not decline mentally with age, it just takes them longer to recall facts because they have more information in their brains, scientists believe.

Much like a computer struggles as the hard drive gets full, so too, do humans take longer to access information when their brains are full.



The People's Favourite

Kevin Brown Horticulturist

Blue Mountains Botanic Garden, Mount Tomah

Visitor Survey Results Regarding the Dahlia Blooms on Display at Blue Mountains Botanic Garden.

The Blue Mountains Botanic Garden, Mount Tomah has displayed just a few *Dahlia* cultivars for many years but never a display to celebrate these wonderful flowers. In 2014 I was given the opportunity to manage the Formal Garden, an area near the visitor centre. The bed between the herb



Rock Wall helps Feature the Dahlias

garden and formal lawn is long and narrow and was tired. With permission, I sourced a selection of *Dahlia* cultivars and 2 species to provide interest through the warmer months.

In its first year, the *Dahlias* proved a real hit with visitors so in their second season I decided to find out what were the public favourites. Of the 40 plus different cultivars grown this year in the formal garden, 18 were chosen to be put on display in the visitor centre in phials of water with a simple question for the public. "Please write down your three favourite blooms and place your vote in the box provided"



These Were the Dahlias used for the Survey:

- | | |
|----------------------------|--------------------|
| 1. Christie Leader (77) | 11. Sandra |
| 2. Ken's Gala (58) | 12. Kiara Julia |
| 3. Devon Maree (46) | 13. Hot lips |
| 4. Bishop of Llandaff (31) | 14. Devon Opaline |
| 5. Dahlia coccinea (8) | 15. Wakefield Pink |
| 6. Landmarker | 16. Fantasy |
| 7. Devon Cupid | 17. Aitara Picardy |
| 8. Lady Bonython | 18. Parnella Sands |
| 9. Snow White | 19. Josie |
| 10. Glenmore Pride | |

The 19 blooms on display featured most styles including decorative, cactus, Collerette, Ball and Single. To add a touch of fun, a *Dahlia* species (*D. coccinea*) and an old favourite with bronze foliage *D. Bishop of Llandaff* were included to gauge if simplicity or familiarity would be a factor.

Of the 510 votes, a staggering 77 were for the orange decorative cultivar *D. 'Christie Leader'* which is a 2003 Australian bred *Dahlia* close to 10cm across. *Dahlia 'Ken's Gala'*, a mauve/white Collerette took second place with 58 votes with *D. 'Devon Maree'* holding onto third place with 46 votes. *dahlia coccinea* (8 votes) did



Christie Leader

catch some peoples eye and interestingly *D. 'Bishop of Llandaff'* (31 votes) ever popular.

The frosts held off enough this year for the *Dahlias* to continue to bloom in The Garden till the end of April. They were then lifted and stored for the winter ready to be replanted by mid-November.

After attending the *Dahlia* conference in Orange this June and talking with so many *Dahlia* experts and seeing so many photos of the exciting array of cultivars available, the first job on returning to The Garden was to assess what tubers we had and to ensure The Garden had the full spectrum of colours and flower types to display what a diverse collection of flowers came from such simple species origins.

With the addition of new cultivars and growing techniques, a bigger and more interesting show is expected for the 2017 *Dahlia* flowering season.

We look forward to feedback from the experts when you visit next year.



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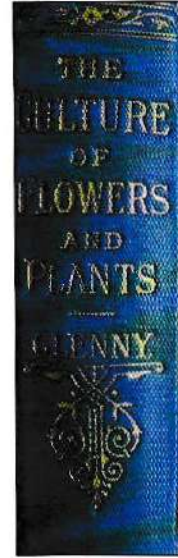


Dahlias as they were in 1861

*Editor:- Thanks to Dr Keith Hammett (Auckland NZ)
He has forwarded a copy from (Glenny) a publication
in 1861 outlying the standards of the day when the
ONLY Dahlia recognised was the BALL TYPE.*

The Dahlia Standard – from 1861 publication

1. The flower should be a perfect circle when viewed in front: the petals should be broad at the ends, smooth at the edges, thick in substance, perfectly free from indenture or point, stiff to hold their form ; they should cup a little, but not enough to show the under surface ; they should be in regular rows, forming an outline of a perfect circle, without any vacancy between them, and all in the circle should be same size, uniformly open to the same shape, and not crumpled.
2. The flower should form two-thirds of a ball when looked at sideways. The rows of petals should rise one above another symmetrically; every petal should cover the join of the two petals under it – what florists call imbricating, by which means the circular appearance is perfected throughout.
3. The centre should be perfect, the unbloomed petals, laying with their points towards the centre, should form a button, and should be the highest part of the flower completing the ball.
4. The flower should be symmetrical. The petals should open boldly, without showing their underside, even when half opened, and should form circular rows, uniformly laid, evenly opened, and enlarging by degrees to the outer row of all.
5. The flower should be very double. The rows of petals laying one above another very nearly; not more should be seen in depth than half the breadth; the more they are covered, so as to leave them distinct, the better in that respect; the petals, therefore, though cupped, must be shallow.



6. The size of the flower, when well grown, should be four inches in diameter, and not more than six.
7. The colour should be dense, whatever it be – not as if it were a white dipped in colour, but as if the whole flower was coloured throughout. Whether tipped or edged, it must be free from splashes and blotches, or indefinite marks of any kind; and new flowers, unless they beat all the old one of the same colour, or are of a novel colour themselves, with a majority of the points of excellence, should be rejected.

It the petals show the underside too much, even when looking at sideways – if they do not cover each other well – if the centre is composed of petals pointed upwards, or those which are round the centre are confused – if the petals are too deep and funnel like – if the petals are too narrow, or exhibit too much of their length – or if they show any of the green scales at the bottoms of the petals – if the eye is sunk – if the shoulder is too high, the face flat, or the sides too upright – if the petals show an indenture, as if heart shaped – if the petals are too large and course – or are flimsy, or do not hold their form – in any or all these cases the flowers are objectionable; and if there be one or two of these conspicuous, the flower is second or third rate.

If flowers are exhibited which show the disc, or a green scale, or have been eaten by vermin, or damaged by carriage, or are evidently decayed, the censors should reject them at once.



“If you could sit on this seat with just One Person & Talk for an Hour” - Who Would it Be?”

The Conference hosted by the Central West Dahlia Society

Friday afternoon was the DSA update of the year's activities, it also saw the re-election of officers for the next two years.



Lynn Gough the Horticultural Services Manager for the Orange City Council opened the Conference & gave an insight to the Gardens & the History of establishing the gardens.

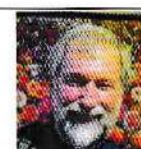


Michael Carle gave a very descriptive presentation on how to build Rock Walls. His pictures showed a variety of uses especially with complimenting Dahlias.



Graeme Davis revealed his secrets on how he produces quality flowers. He gave a very descriptive outline of how to grow organically along with managing fragile heavy clay soils.

Helmut Berndt Professional Photography presented a very detailed & technical presentation of how to get the best out of your Camera photographing blooms. Following his presentation he had a practical forum for those interested.



Mary Miller shared her experiences of establishing a new Dahlia garden. The change from a farm situation to suburban garden was a challenge was only possible with the help of her good husband Lyell.



Malcolm & Betty Balch led an informative & interactive discussion on understanding the Standards & how there should be classes for ALL TYPES in Show Schedules.



Anne Menzel gave an excellent pictorial presentation on how Dahlias can be used in a multitude of application based on her travels through the USA, NZ, Canada and all states of Australia.

The Auction Team in Action



Sorting of Donations



The Auctioneers & Helpers



Rodney Clarke talks with Kevin & Greg representing Tomah Botanic Gardens



**Joy, Andrew & Janet
Discuss the Photographic Competition**



**Helen & Janet Agree
The Dinner was Great**

Clubs/Societies at Orange



Central West and ACT/NSW Members



Tasmania



Queensland



South Australia



DSV/Shepparton/Portland Members

The Tuber Auction – John Menzel

As President & Auction Co-ordinator

*I am like a Dog with Two Tails
I Do Not Know Which One to Waggle First.*

This Auction would not have been possible without the 16 members who donated Tubers.

The team of Charlie Smith, Malcolm Balch (Auctioneers) Anne Menzel, Betty Balch (Recorders/Accountants) Geoff Errington, John Woodfield, Bruce Raines, Rodney Clarke & Lyell Miller (Sorters & Runners).
AND The 27 members who registered putting the icing on the cake.

There were 26 Cultivars that Achieved \$50 or more & four that went for over \$100.00.

The top dollars were \$105.00 - \$125.00 - \$175.00 - \$195.00

I have to mention that the two Queenslanders contributions raised enough \$'s to cover the cost of the production of the next TuberTalk.

There was a box of left-overs that consisted of a couple of the high dollar lots - This was auctioned as a parcel lot and sold for \$160.00

The total monies raised was \$7,920 a record.



Granite Jimbo Miniature \$190



Dikara Jodie Medium \$175



Devon Pandora Small \$125



Granite Kiri Medium \$105



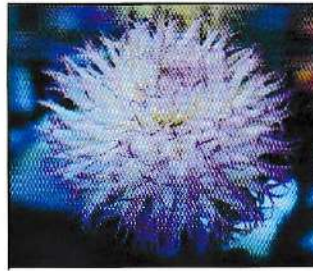
Granite Marmalade \$90



Granite Peachy \$85



Granite Baz Medium \$80



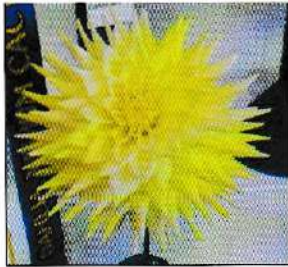
Angela Dodi \$70



Glenmarc Delia Miniature \$70



Rural Sharyn Miniature \$65



Wakefield Impersonator \$65
Medium



Winkie Whopper \$60
Giant

PACIFIC NORTHWEST DAHLIAS

BY RICHARD PARSHALL

This past summer we endured nearly ten straight weeks of mid-eighty to mid-ninety degree weather with only two inches of rain, the worst forest fire season in our region's history with over a million acres burned, water reservoirs drying up and usage restrictions put in place. What region of Australia do I live in you might ask? Well, I don't live in Australia, I live in the Pacific Northwest about 20 miles northeast of Seattle, WA- considered one the world's best places to grow great dahlias. Usually we have nearly fifty inches of rain annually – ten to fifteen inches of that precipitation coming during the dahlia growing season. I realize that our summer drought was probably less severe than what many dahlia growers "down under" deal with regularly. For us, however, it was quite the departure from a normal growing season.

The dahlias got a good start in early May but as the rain refused to come it was necessary to actually begin watering in late May - something we have never done in the 25 years we've been growing dahlias. By mid-June the long hot days caused the plants to shut down and stop growing. Cutting plants did better than plants from tubers which in many cases did not sprout and grow until late in the season – several producing no flowers at all.

The amazing thing about our dahlia season was its ending. From mid-September to the end of October we had the most gorgeous garden we've ever had. Almost every plant grew taller than ever before. Almost across the board our flowers grew a full size larger than their listed size category.



The Parshall Garden in early October, 2015

The sad part of having this wonderful late garden was that we missed the last two shows of the season while attending the American Dahlia Society National Show on Long Island, New York. We had a great time on our trip, but, oh, what might have been at home.

One positive benefit of this strange season was revealed during our tuber harvest. The tubers were larger, cleaner, and more abundant than ever before. Our last two tuber harvests were very poor by comparison. Those years we had 25 to 30% crown rot, but so far that doesn't seem to be the case this year. My conclusion without scientific investigation is that while the plants weren't growing in the heat of early summer the tubers were growing and storing nutrients for when the days shortened and became cooler, allowing the plants and flowers to perform better than ever. It was a strange and bizarre season to say the least. Not the kind of season I want to repeat, but I'll reserve judgment until I see the storage quality of all those tubers.

Despite the difficult growing conditions, new quality dahlias continued to flow from Northwest hybridizers. From Oregon to Canada, dozens of new varieties have been trialed and introduced many with long term staying power.

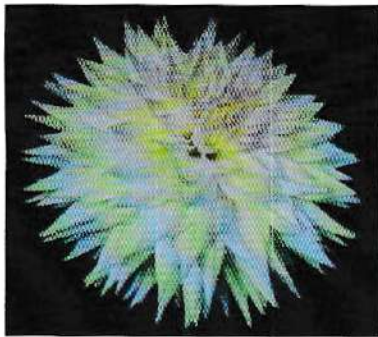
Giant and Large Dahlias

Unfortunately, not many Pacific Northwest growers are breeding as many giant and large varieties as in the past. Gardens everywhere are getting smaller and the trend for many new growers is toward raising the smaller and open centered varieties which don't require as much garden space. On the positive side the few that have been introduced the last several years appear to be quite nice. There were two new true giants released this year.

NARROWS BIG BOY, released by Ken and Marilyn Walton of Tacoma, WA, is a yellow semi-cactus that grows on strong stems to about 5 feet. It competed well at this year's shows. The other was **SEAMUS**, also a bright yellow semi-cactus, originated by Mike Iler of Coos Bay, Oregon. Both of these well-formed dahlias should be very competitive in the future.



Narrows Big Boy



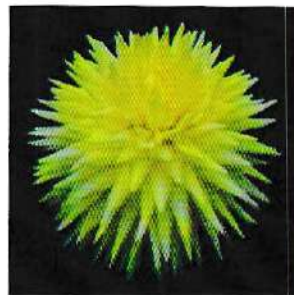
Clearview Edie

The only large dahlia introduced this year showing promise is a white informal decorative from the prolific Snohomish, WA hybridizer, Ken Greenway, called **AC CASPER**. It has **Edna C** like form, but the seed parent was the large semi-cactus Kenora Challenger – one of my favorite seed parents. It will be interesting to see if any of these new cultivars can match or surpass the most popular giants and large varieties which now dominate the Pacific

Northwest shows. The three top performing giants in the Pacific Northwest are **AC BEN**, a light blend of orange and yellow, and the old standbys, **ZORRO** and **INLAND DYNASTY**. The top larges are oldies, **SPARTACUS** and **KENORA JUBILEE**, and **CLEARVIEW EDIE**, a clear white with lavender blush semi-cactus introduced by the author.

A second large CLEARVIEW dahlia also performing well all around the US and UK is **CLEARVIEW SUNDANCE**, a bright butter yellow cactus introduced two years ago.

It has an upright growth habit and tops out at about 5.5 to 6 feet.



Clearview Sundance

MEDIUM DAHLIAS

Two new medium sized dahlias made inroads in this popular size group. **MAKS LORI JEAN**, a yellow semi-cactus introduced by Allan Kaas of Maltby, WA, has a unique color. With its pinkish tint, many judges thought it should be classified

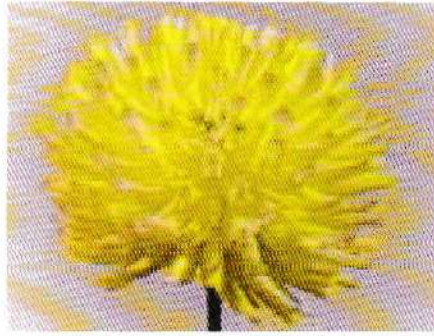
as a light blend. It has a nice growth habit to about 5 feet. The second medium showing potential is **CLEARVIEW DOROTHY** a very robust bloomer that will easily grow to large size by restricting laterals. It grows low to about 3.5 feet but throws out side branches in bunches. It's classified as a light blend semi-cactus in shades of dark pink and white.

The Pacific Northwest's top performing medium dahlias are a mix of old and recent introductions. Older cultivars are **HAMARI ACCORD**, **APRIL DAWN**, and **CAMANO SITKA**. The best of the newer varieties is **AC ABBY** a flame cactus, grown by Ken Greenway. Others are **HOLLYHILL COTTON CANDY**, a pink incurved cactus from Ted and Margaret Kennedy of Oregon City,

Oregon, and **SKIPLEY MELLO YELLO**, a light yellow incurved cactus introduced by Richard Williams of Snohomish, WA.

SMALL DAHLIAS

There were no new small dahlias which stepped forward to give this tough size group much competition this year. The smalls have been dominated for years by **EMBRACE** and recently by a 2010 newcomer, **LAKEVIEW GLOW** introduced by Snohomish grower, Bernie Wilson. **LAKEVIEW GLOW** is an incurved cactus in bright yellow that explodes in the garden and on the show



Lakeview Glow

bench. It doesn't have classic Incurved Cactus form but makes up for it in color, consistency in form, and floriferousness. It won the prestigious Stanley Johnson Medal for the most ADS wins in 2012 - in just its third year.

Two other small Northwest cultivars recently introduced that are performing well are **BLOOMQUIST BARBARA**, a yellow formal decorative introduced in 2011 by Paul Bloomquist, the prolific Lynden, WA, hybridizer. The other is **CLEARVIEW AUDREY** named for the author's granddaughter. It's a floriferous light blend of pink and white with excellent form. It grows best as a large small without restricting laterals, but can easily be pushed to a medium by growing it 5 or 6 up.



Clearview Audrey

Other winning small dahlias are **PARKLAND RAVE** (Lavender IC), **CRAZY 4 JESSIE** (Dark Blend IC), and **JOMANDA** (Orange FD).

MINIATURE DAHLIAS

There was one promising new miniature dahlia released this year. **DANNY BOY** is a well formed variegated formal decorative in dark pink with red

variegation. It comes from the husband and wife duo, Steve and Sandy Boley from Lynden, WA. Steve and Sandy have done a lot of line breeding research seeking unusual coloration matched with good form. Much of their work has been done with ball, formal decorative, waterlily and anemone forms. They generally use **IRISH** or **SANDIA** as a prefix for their introductions.

The most popular miniature show flowers here are **BARBERRY RED DWARF**, **MARY JO**, **WESTON SPANISH DANCER** and **HOLLYHILL REGAL**, a 2012 purple formal decorative from the Kennedys.

BALL, MINI-BALL or POMPON DAHLIAS

There were only two cultivars of note in these three groups released in 2015. Both were miniature balls from Paul Bloomquist and both scored very high in last year's Tacoma Trial Garden. The first, **BLOOMQUIST DAN E.**, is an excellently formed dark red just a little too large for the pom group. The other is **BLOOMQUIST DOUG C**, a long stemmed beauty in a crisp red color.



Clearview Daniel

SKIPLEY LOIS JEAN, a dark pink from Richard Williams. These two were both released in 2013 after competing against each other for top seedling honors the year before.

There are several recent Pacific Northwest cultivars doing well in these three form categories. Two in the ball group are **CLEARVIEW DANIEL**, a bright yellow and currently the top ball dahlia in North America, and



Skipley Lois Jean

IRISH GLOW from the Boleys, released in 2012, is the only pompon cultivar of any significance coming from the Pacific Northwest recently. It does

quite well in the red class. Older top performing dahlias in these form groups are **SNOHO DORIS**, **CHIMACUM TROY**, **CHIMACUM DAVI** and **MS. KENNEDY**.

OTHER FORMS

One recent waterlily dahlia, **MAKS ROYAL RUBY**, from Allan Kaas, has had excellent success since its release in 2012. It is a bright red out of **TARATAHI RUBY** but has better form by ADS standards. It is now the second most winning waterlily in North American behind **PAM HOWDEN**.



Maks Royal Ruby

There has been a huge upsurge in the popularity of open centered dahlias throughout North America in recent years and hybridizers have rushed to fill the demand for these types. Wayne Lobaugh of Chehalis, WA, Colin Walker from Renton, WA, the Boleys, Roland Verrone from Yelm, WA, Don Filand of Tacoma, WA, Paul Bloomquist and several others are churning out numerous varieties in all the open centered categories including the newly proclaimed Orchette, which is our orchid form with petaloids.

Some of these new high performing open centered cultivars are: **SANDIA SUBBONNET**, a yellow anenome from the Boleys; **KELSEY ANNIE JOY** is an orange collarette from Colin Walker; **MT. VIEW IMOGENE**, a dark pink orchid from Mike Alexander of Snohomish, WA; **VERRONE's MORNING STAR**, a white orchette released by Roland Veronne; **KELSEY CHRISTIE**, a single from Colin Walker; and mignon singles **KELSEY DWARF**, a lavender also from Colin Walker and light blend **LO-BLUSH**, grown by Wayne Lobaugh.

As I write this in early December, torrential rains are pounding the Pacific Northwest, a far cry from last summer's drought. I won't complain, since our beautiful climate depends on the 40 to 50 inches of rain we receive annually. Growing dahlias is a lot like sports – when things go bad, there is always next year. I hope you all have a great dahlia growing season. My only wish is that the quality dahlias being hybridized in the Pacific Northwest were more accessible to our Australian friends.

What Happened to Them From the Sneak Peak page of 2014?

What has been the future of those featured?



Winkie Robot - Menzel
Quality blooms come late.
Early blooms green centre.
Still competitive in the class



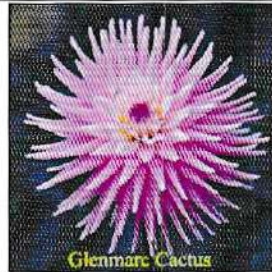
Grace 'C' - Curll
Named after their Granddaughter.
Has won its class at the
Sydney Royal in 2015 and 2016



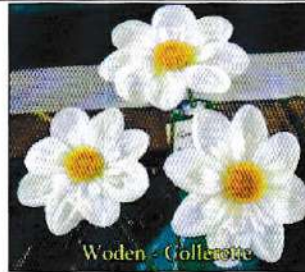
Wakefield Samba - Davis
Performs well in the eastern states.
Does not like the heat



Rokewood Anne - Min - Daniel
Competing very well in a strong
class. It has a future

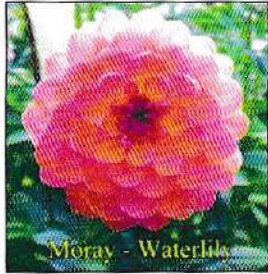


**Glenmarc Duchess - Small
Hardingham**
Doing very well in most areas & has
been in winning entries.



Woden Hope - Woodfield
Has continued to impress with a
Reserve Champion in SA. It is doing
well in most areas.

What Happened to Them - Continued



Moray - Waterlily

Moray Ashleigh – McLaughlin
 Performed well in Vic, SA, NSW &
 Qld. Won numerous class
 champions 2014, 2015 & 2016
 Recommended by most exhibitors



Coorabell - Lge Cactus

Coorabell Trevor - Wedd
 Grand Champion 2012
 Section champions in 2013, 2104,
 2015 & 2016
 Usually grown as a Medium



Granite - Fimbriated

Granite Marmalade – Balch
 Section Champion at Stanthorpe in
 consecutive Shows.
 A consistent performer



Stevens - Sm. Decorative

Stevens Jake - Cox
 Did not get on the bench in 2016.
 Sent to the UK Trial Grounds 2016
 Awaiting results.



"Z" - Sm Cactus

Unknown



Devon - Min Decorative

Devon Magic – Smith
 Champion at Westbury 2015

Wellington Dahlia Society (South Africa)

Benjamin Davey



Highlights:

Very few highlights- Dahlia are blooming late. I do have a lot of blooms to donate to my church for bouquet.

Lowlights:

I did have a bad 2015 dahlia season, and looking forward to this year- as I am making a couple of Improvements regarding the watering and peat control.

Some of my Favourites



Snoho Truimph



Clearview Daniel



Sir Alf Ramsey

Due to the South African Postal Strike last year, I lost all of my tubers that I had imported from America.

Red spider mite pest, with consistent heat waves and with the water restrictions was a challenge for the 2015 season.

We as a Society, have cancelled our yearly Dahlia exhibition due the poor condition of the dahlia Plant.

In fact three Dahlia societies in South Africa did cancel their exhibitions.

Achievements:

Very few achievements for me last year - but this year I was again voted chairman of Wellington Dahlia Society (South Africa)



JS ButterScotch



Vassio Meggos

Some of the Better Performed Cultivars
were:-

JS ButterScotch, AC Ben, Zapf Dessert Storm, Steve Meggos, Vassio Meggos

Most Interesting New Cultivars Seen On
Travels Etc.

We do not have any dahlias from Australia
only stock from America.

Clearview Louis, Formby Art, Winkie Carnival,
Winkie Anne, Kiara Julia, Higgs Lacey just to
name a few.



Steve Meggos



AC Ben



Zapf Dessert Storm

A Wall of Dahlia Colour – Geoff Hoyle

Bredbury Cheshire – near Manchester UK

Editor: - One can just admire the talents & dedication of Geoff's efforts of painting a colourful garden with Dahlias & supporting plants. Behind every successful Geoff there is a Heather.



Geoff & Heather



Entrance to an Extravaganza of Colour

I've always told people that I learned about dahlia growing from my dad, who grew them when I was a lad, but the other day I was looking at some old photos and noticed all his dahlias were of a uniform (fairly short) height. Either dahlias didn't grow tall in the 1960s or, more likely, he stopped them more than once. Thinking about it, he was only 5ft 2" tall; he wouldn't have been able to reach the tall dahlias that I grow.

So though I remember him telling me to take the growth point out when the plant had 4 pairs of leaves, I don't remember him telling me to stop them again later. I'm glad he didn't because I would never have been able to achieve the 9 foot (2.75 Mt) wall of colour effect that I get here.

The key to my garden is record keeping. In the autumn I measure the height of each variety and store the information on a spreadsheet on my computer. I also decide how many of each variety I want to grow next

season. I'm very ruthless: I discard any variety that's had too few flowers, blooms very late, blooms below the foliage, or has weak stems. The only variety I except from this rule is **Kenora Sunset**; its stems aren't strong but I couldn't bear to be without its beauty. I do have a few large flowered varieties, but most are in the miniature to small range. I find I get more colour for my money from the smaller types, my aim being to cover any greenery. I grow around 150 varieties, but the maximum I have of any variety is 4. I love cactus types, but I make sure I have some decoratives and waterlilies to show people what a wide range of shapes we have.

At the start of the season I put in my stakes, with tall ones at the back and short ones at the front of the borders. I've bought some metal reinforcement bars (rebar) which I've painted green with rust retarding paint, and found them to be excellent: easy to insert and pull out, no breakages in the wind, and no rot. The 9ft (2.75 Mt) long ones are quite heavy, but they store easily laid down under the greenhouse staging.



I plant 2ft apart in double rows, with a 3ft path between double rows where it's possible to do this. However in smaller beds I squash them closer together, even though I know that later in the season I'm going to struggle to reach the dead heads!



Once the stakes are in I draw up a plan. Each stake has a number, and I allocate a dahlia to each stake. I use the information from my spreadsheet to make sure the tall growers get a long stake and get put at the back, whilst the short growers get put at the front. I don't have a colour plan, the colours look after themselves. However I make sure that white dahlias get spread around evenly (they set the other colours off), and I try to avoid having too many of the same variety placed

close together.

If I have any new varieties I try to put them at the end of a row or in other **Talls to the Back** places where they aren't in danger of getting shaded by taller growing plants. Until I've been able to assess how tall a new variety grows in my garden I don't want to risk putting it in a place where it might struggle. I've found that the height information you get from a grower's catalogue bears no relation to how tall a variety will reach unrestricted!

All my garden plants have a tuber when I plant them out. I do take a few cuttings which I use for pot tubers (for next year), but I've no heat in my greenhouse to start them early enough for garden use. I spread blood fish and bone 2 weeks before planting, and each plant gets a spade full of compost (last year's rotted stalks plus tree leaves off the street). Other than that I don't feed. Perhaps I'm lucky with the quality of my soil but I don't find that liquid fertilizers make any difference.

With regards to watering, as you know, we get lots of rain in Britain. I live close to Manchester, which is famous for washed out test matches, so in the average year I find that the occasional spray of water with a hosepipe usually suffices. I do put trickle hoses along the back rows where plants have to



Art Deco

compete for water with hedges and trees, but this year I haven't had to use them much.

I plant dwarf dahlias right at the front of the beds. The "Gallery" series are good, in fact when we open the garden for charity I get more questions about **Art Deco** than any other variety. But our garden isn't just about dahlias. I've learned to love salvias, verbenas, argyranthemums, fuchsias, and other soft perennials which I can overwinter in my cold greenhouse. I plant them in between the shorter dahlias and in front of the dahlias too, so that they weave their way between them to create a colourful effect. And I have short growing bedding plants right at the front of the borders. I'm particularly keen on blue flowering plants to make up for the lack of blue dahlias.

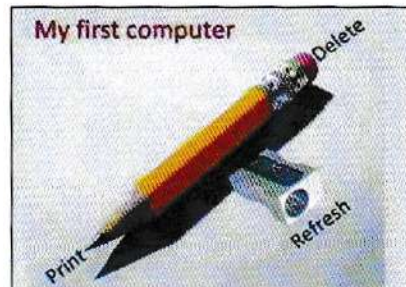
I've got better at producing the effect I want over the years, but I've also



learned that there will always be some failures, and a few lucky surprises.

Short growing Bedding Plants right at the Front

I've learned that gardening needn't be an expensive hobby, especially if you're able to build up a network of mates with whom you can swap ideas, plants, and methods. But I couldn't do any of this without a computer!



If you're interested in seeing my videos, search under "**Dahliaholic**" on YouTube.

<https://plus.google.com/116277317643578987307/posts/ifXpJL4srV2>

New Varieties in Britain 2015

By Dave Bates



Once again, the exhibition trials were held in Golden Acre Park in Leeds. 44 varieties were submitted, and the general standard was very good. The overall winner received the Harry Howarth Memorial Medal plus a Gold Award. This was **Askwith Josephine**, a white medium decorative from Ernie Cawkwell. A further Gold Award was made to **Sheval Megan**, a red small decorative raised by Terry Bratcher.



Askwith Josephine



Sheval Megan

Two Silver Awards were also given. The first to a dark red miniature decorative from Barry Davies, named **Barbarry d'Amour** that had excellent form.



Barbarry d'Amour



Clayt's Candy

The second Silver Award went to **Clayt's Candy** from Clayton Beale, a white sport of Hillcrest Candy.



Cryfield Edna



Askwith Edna

Three Bronze Awards were made. Fred Wilson produced a yellow large semi cactus called **Cryfield Edna**. The second award went to **Askwith Edna**, a medium decorative from Ernie Cawkwell. The blooms were eye-catching in blends of yellow and red. The third award went to **Highwarden Cliff**. This medium semi cactus in straw and orange blends is from the late Cliff Rushton of New Zealand.



Highwarden Cliff.



Greenway's Zoe.

Two varieties were awarded Certificate of Exhibition Merit. Graham Johnson has a yellow sport of **Ryecroft Zoe** that he has named **Greenway's Zoe**.

Les Stothard has produced a white small decorative called **Blyton Everest**. This is the second with this name, replacing his previous offering.



Blyton Everest



Aggie White

If any Australian raisers would like to submit their varieties for the trials, please contact Dave Bates at batesdave@aol.com so that arrangements can be made.

Quite a few other new varieties were seen at the two national shows at Wisley and Harrogate. Chris White from Ireland brought an orange sport of Bryn Terfel named **Aggie White** that attracted much attention, while a medium semi cactus in an unusual shade of creamy white **Ann Hammond**, was a further introduction from Jim Branigan in Ireland and was named as best seedling at Harrogate.



Ann Hammond



Rossendale Roxy

In other classes at the shows, two miniature decoratives were successful. **Rossendale Roxy**, in yellow with an orange flush from Don Kershaw and **Marston Karen** a deeper orange from John Digweed.



Marston Karen



Sherwell Alan

Two new giant decoratives were seen in the championship at Wisley, the white **Sherwell Alan** from Tony Kingdon and the orange blended **Tom East** from Graham Hill, but neither is on release yet.

Another one to watch for in the future is a yellow small ball **Ryecroft Bella** from Phil Godsmark that had good size and vibrant colour while **Ryecroft Helen** a pale yellow medium semi cactus from the same raiser was in several winning exhibits.



Ryecroft Bella



**Let's Eat Out
At the New Dahlia Patch**

VALE



Neville Walsh – from Bruce Raines

Neville Walsh passed away 28th November after a fall. The funeral was held at Tuncurry on 7th December.

Neville had a passion for dahlias which spanned for many decades. Seedlings were his main interest.

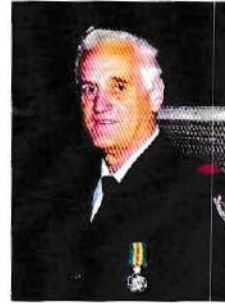
His latest release was Nabaic Golden Anniversary.

His seedling and fishing stories were legendary.

He was fondly known as “the Nabiac Kid”

Neil Brooker

Neil passed away on 22nd November 2015. Neil will be remembered in the Yass district for many reasons where he was the local fire captain for 20 years achieving many awards for his long and dedicated service. He was also known widely as an outstanding sportsman in a number of different sports. These included rugby league, squash as well as being a very low handicap golfer.



In more recent times Neil and Bobbie continued exhibiting at many shows where success continued until recent years when Neil was not well enough to continue. Frustrated at this Neil still attended the major show here in Canberra to keep an eye on the standard of flowers being displayed.

Over the years Neil bred and registered a number of very good cultivars under the ‘Brooks’ prefix. A number of these are still prominent on the show bench today. Among those still readily available are ‘Brooks’ Josh, Sharna, and Louise.

Howard Hollingsworth – from John Woodfield

Also lost to the dahlia world in the local area was the death recently of Howard Hollingsworth in Yass. Howard was very involved as an exhibitor and breeder in the 1970 – 80’s. Winning many prizes, championships and breeding a number of waterlily dahlias the best known being Glamour Glow. In recent times Howard continued to grow his dahlias and two year ago released to local growers his latest waterlily **Sunglow**.

Ron Wilkes

Editor – This was penned by himself

When I arrived in Goulburn in 1960 there was no thought of growing dahlias. I was too busy trying to pay off the house and purchasing warmer clothes & blankets and fuel for the fires to save a person from freezing.



There were several dahlia exhibitors working on the railway so it was not long before I was given a few tubers. They must have been good as my blooms won prizes at the local show. This was a mixed blessing as show schedules started to arrive from many smaller show societies in the area. This required even more dahlias to be planted.

After four years of exhibiting some of our top local growers decided I should become a judge, those gents were tough, much tougher than I am. It was then time to join the Dahlia Growers Association. This became The Dahlia Society of NSW & ACT Inc. Before that time the Australian Dahlia Council was started, so joining that body and attending the conferences was a must to meet growers from other states who had much the same interests.

Winning at local shows was rewarding but the question remained, how good are exhibitors in other areas, only one way to know, exhibit at those shows, Canberra was first followed by Melbourne, Adelaide and Brisbane. I was elected Distributor/Treasurer of the ADC and held that position for six years. It would have been a great help to dahlias had the Council been able to unite all States. This did not happen due to state jealousy. During my time with ADC the 1998 Standards Book was printed, A lot of help was given by John Woodfield, Neil Brooker, Geoff Delaney and Allan Strachan, many hours of effort went into this book.

High points of my time exhibiting was defeating John Woodfield for Grand Champion the first time I went to Canberra, being involved with printing the Standards Book and winning the twelve vase Seasonal Championship in Adelaide, the latter with a lot of help from John Menzel who had even cleared the way through the inspection station at about 1.00 am. It all helped.



Jim Robertson (17/7/1921 – 26/10/2015) was the longest serving member of the NDSV/DSV joining in 1962.

In 1971 Jim won the first Championship conducted by the NDSV.

As trial Ground Coordinator and committee member for approx. 40 years Jim will be surely missed.

Winifred (Win) Robertson (14/7/1923 – 11/1/2016) a Patron, Life Member of the DSV also served as Secretary for five years. Win was also a member of the Ladies Committee for 25 years. (This committee is no longer) Win & Jim attended every Dahlia Conference from 1977 – 2013.

Paul Gallon an esteemed member of the DSV passed away 29th Sept 2015.

Paul was an enthusiastic exhibitor working his way through the ranks picking up valuable tips on the way. In the society's 50th year Paul won the Gold Cup that was a special entry that featured all Gold Blooms.



Paul was one of our "True Gentlemen" and was always ready to assist in any capacity.

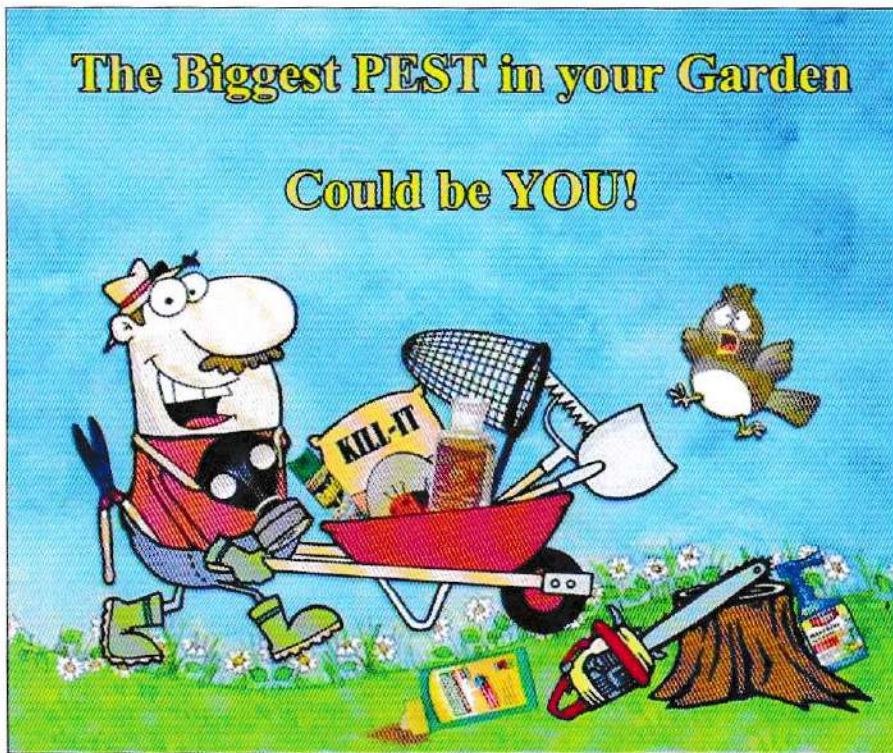
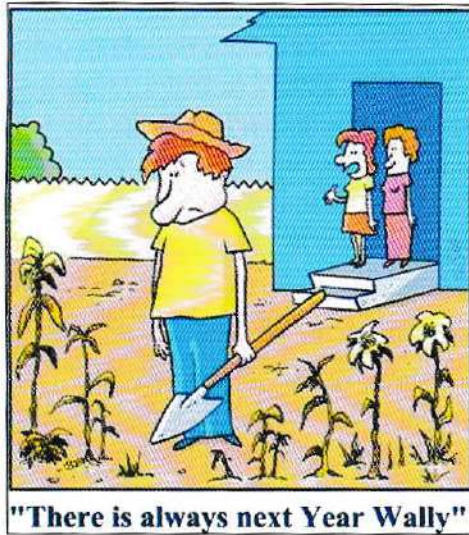
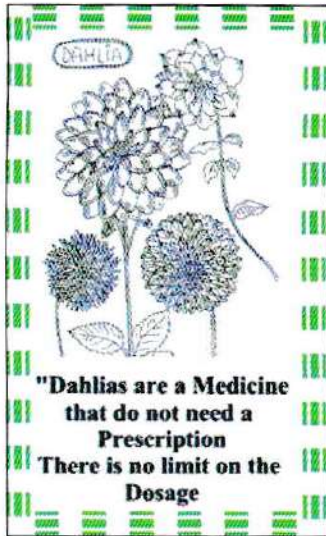
Albert Dawe (Wacka)

In October we acknowledged the passing of Albert Daw, a Life Member of our Society.

"Wacka" was a great supporter of the Collerette and was awarded many prizes for his favourites

Kevin Tugwell

Kevin and Ruth grew Dahlias for many years in Victor Harbour South Australia. Kevin was a great support for Ruth who raised many Dahlias under the Fleurieu name. Kevin lost his long battle in July 2016.



South Australian Dahlia Society – Neville Jaeschke

My previous report concluded “We look forward with optimism, that the DSSA will attract new and active members, to support the Society into the future”. Nick and Emily joined the DSSA. We are encouraged by their enthusiasm to grow and show dahlias.



The DSSA received approximately 50 clumps of tubers through the family of a life member, living in Clare in the mid north of South Australia. Unfortunately the majority of tubers were not named. The clumps were washed, divided and stored. Many were sold as a Lucky Dip for \$2 at our Tuber Sale, held in Tanunda in November. This was a most successful day, in that we attracted a good number of people; we sold a large quantity of tubers; we gained several new members while others renewed their membership; and we enjoyed a delicious afternoon tea.

On October 27th Society members and Garden staff met in the Dahlia garden at the Botanic Gardens to plant the tubers. Members were rostered to tie up plants and dead head, during the season. The dahlia garden is quite a spectacle during the flowering season, adding a block of colour to an otherwise green landscape.

In October we acknowledged the passing of Albert Daw, a Life Member of our Society.

As part of our preparations for the show season, President Neville, demonstrated dressing blooms, and staging blooms in both bottles and vases. Tips on transporting blooms to the shows were provided.

Dahlia Society tabletops, trestles, and styrene tiers were transported from Adelaide to Tanunda. With the use of hessian skirt around the tables and drapes over the styrene tiers the stage was set for another State Dahlia Championships and Show. We welcomed two new exhibitors this year. In regard to the above mentioned tables and styrene tiers, we have 12 sets surplus to our needs, if anyone is interested. Two of our members supported all five shows in the Central District Show circuit.

As far as the growing season in South Australia is concerned, weather conditions have been hot and very dry. We experienced a run of 40 degree

days in mid-November when the plants were small. In December there were more than 10 days of 40 degrees or above. March brought unusually high humidity, which triggered the spread of mildew. The quality of the blooms on the show bench improved as the season progressed.

It's always of interest to read of the Show results from around Australia in Tuber Talk, and to note the cultivars that are catching the eye of the judges. The extra copies are appreciated as promotion of the dahlia at various speaking engagements and events.

We keep contact with our 43 members via our Newsletter. We look forward with optimism that our core group of dahlia growers and enthusiasts who meet here in South Australia will continue to do so, and also find ways to grow our Society.



Uraidla Show Feb 20th



SA Championship



***Name Badge Presentation for
new Member Nick***

New South Wales



Tenterfield Show 27th February



Graeme Davis, Chas Smith & Yvonne Tracey Compare Notes



Mavis Ridley, Ron Cook, Gerald Oldfield at Guyra Show



The Woodfields Most Successful Exhibitors at the Sydney Royal



Bruce & Lonnie awarded the Bronze Medal at the Sydney Royal

NSW/ACT Society – Graeme Davis

An interesting year for the Dahlia in NSW and the ACT. The season started well with good growth. As usual early flowers were average but they quickly improved. And by mid-February it looked a great season was in store. Then the wild fluctuation in the weather started



– average flowers at best most of the time and not nearly as many as we had thought would be the case.

However, while many exhibitors were disappointed those who came to the shows were still impressed by what they saw.

The most pleasing thing about the year was the range of exhibitors still supporting the shows and doing the best they could. It just showed once again that everyone has to cope with the weather thrown at us. And in some cases some new growers won!

One innovation at the Horticultural Society of Canberra show is that the main championship is judged twice with two set of prizes awarded. The first time from a few paces back from the bench on the basis of presentation and then the standard judging on the basis of the quality of the individual vases. The aim is to encourage exhibitors to spend time on getting the whole exhibit to look good.

Of course special mention must go to one of the more experienced growers – John and June Woodfield – who scooped the pool of major awards at the Sydney Royal show. This show is over 12 days with 4 “shows” – one every 4 days.

There was lots of interest from people wanting to grow tubers. We keep trying to make tubers available to new growers as well as holding our meetings and 3 workshops a years in Canberra in January, February and May.

As seems to happen all too often we lost a number of long term members (Page 40 in Tubertalk)

I hope I do not have to report something similar next year.

Portland Dahlia Society



Portland Championship



**Grand Champion
Narrows Tricia**



**Vase of Show
Glenmarc Delia**



From the "WOW" Section



Flowers Supplied for local ANZAC Day

Portland Dahlia Society – Bruce Millard

What a year it has been for the Portland Dahlia Society in our 46th year.



With the very unpredictable weather leading up to our show, some hot (42C+) along with very windy days and very little rain during the growing season made for some very challenging conditions.

But as usual the resourcefulness of some growers never fails to amaze as the flowers exhibited for our Judge Charlie Smith were extremely good. John Menzel found some excellent blooms to beat Bruce Millard for the open Championship.



Intermediate Championship

The Intermediate Championship was won by Steven Brown. The weather conditions were responsible for no entries in the Novice section.

The Rose & Cut Flower sections were well supported with entries up from last year with Isobel Millard, Delia Robertson & Kellie Brewster featuring in their respective classes.

A big than-you to those who helped with the Judging, Anne Ashby, John Menzel & Alf Hardingham.

The Saturday night dinner was organised by Cherie & Steven Brown was a huge success with the Exhibitors & Judges all attending. The club again was invited by Bunnings of Warnambool to stage a display of Dahlias complimented with a Dahlia Culture talk for the Bunnings Garden Club Members.

Club members Kellie Brewster, Bruce & Isobel Millard, Col Donehue supported the Dahlia Shows at Tyrendarra and Winchelsea. Bruce Millard was successful with "**Bracken Astra**" as Bloom of the Show.

The Portland Club many supplied blooms for the local RSL on ANZAC Day. On a sad note this past year we saw the Western District Dahlia Club closing their books for the final time. This was due to the lack of working club members, this appears to be affecting a lot of other clubs. Joe Daniel must be recognised for his efforts over the years keeping the club going.

CENTRAL WEST DAHLIA SOCIETY REPORT

Rob Slarke



An exceptionally hot and dry 2015/2016 summer led to poorer growing conditions than are normally experienced in our region. Despite the difficult season, our growers persevered and displayed good quality blooms at our three major shows.

Beginning at Lithgow Workies, Anne Hayman was awarded Grand Champion with **Jan Lennon** (cactus) which was also in her winning championship entry along with **Elma Elizabeth** (decorative) and **Ken's Gold** (waterlily). Liz and Bob Smith also displayed quality blooms, including their maroon coloured anemone dahlia seedling, and were the most successful exhibitors.

At Blayney, Liz and Bob reversed the result, being awarded Grand Champion with **Tioga Lovesong** (fimbriated cactus) in their championship winning entry also including **Como Polly** (decorative) and **Wildwood Marie** (waterlily). Anne Hayman picked up the decorative ribbon with Bracken Sarah and Peter Stonestreet the pompon ribbon with **Glenbank Honeycomb**. Peter was also keen to show off his new pink collerette release '**Georgie**'.

The 2016 Central West Dahlia Championship was held this year in conjunction with The Orange & District Horticultural Society. Liz and Bob Smith prevailed winning the Grand Champion with Formby Tiara, a small maroon Cactus. Their championship also included Como Polly (decorative) and **Downham Royal** (ball). The Other Types under 160mm Challenge was also won by Liz and Bob with **Ivanetti** (ball), **Northfield Sparkler** (orchid) and Pinkie 'O' (collerette). Liz and Bob completed a clean sweep by winning the Orange Dahlia Championship with **Peach Delight** (cactus), **Como Polly** (decorative) and **Tioga Lovesong** (fimbriated cactus).

The Dahlia display that has been organized at the North Orange shopping centre for the last few years, was this year cancelled at short notice due to scheduling issues with the management. We hope to reinstate the display next year, maybe at a different venue.

Central West Dahlia Society



Decoratives at Orange



Central West Championship



**Rob & Liz Smith with
Grand Champion Alessia**



"Claraetta" at Blaney

Shepparton & District Dahlia Club



Show Well Supported in Shopping Centre



Pink Suffusion
Grand Champion



Ken Judd with his
Winning Championship



Andrew McKay's
Runner-up
Championship
Entry



Shepparton and District Dahlia club Inc. 2015-2016

Rodney Clarke

At our AGM the only change was our long standing sec Lorraine Armstrong did not seek re-election. Dot Crawford has taken up the challenge. Membership has stayed steady at approx. 48. Meetings are held on the last Sunday of each month.

The tuber auction is still our biggest fundraiser with no outsiders and not a lot of members there it didn't look real good, but it just went to show

it doesn't take many to make a great day. All tubers were sold and nearly \$1000.00 made. Christmas breakup was held at Julie and Gary Campbell's magnificent garden at Mollyulah via Benalla.

Members brought a salad, Shirley cooked pork and chicken and Christmas pudding. A great time was had by all.

January meeting was a bus trip to Murchison to Marlene Miles' lovely garden. It was the only day it rained all summer so we could not visit the Avonlea Flower Farm, who are now growing dahlias to add to their many varieties of flowers for the major supermarkets.

Noel Minifie stepped in and opened his garden and afternoon tea. Noel has a lovely garden and we thank him very much for helping out on such short notice. Feb meeting was state show in Melbourne. March meeting was our own show. A great success with 10 exhibitors, 8 in the open championship.

We express sincere gratitude to the exhibitors who travelled from Winkie, Colac, Portland, Pakenham Upper and Bendigo as well as locals. Alf Hardingham and Anne Menzel were our judges and were very happy with the quality of the blooms. This year has been very harsh compared to all other years.



WOW Section ever Popular

Hobart Horticultural Society Dahlia Section

Greg Fooks, President



The Dahlia Section starts off each new season by getting together for a Field Day in January. The newer growers always find this day very informative, as they can see at first hand the different methods that growers utilise for producing blooms. The weather was perfect for walking around the gardens and enjoying a barbecue lunch. It was obvious as we drove around how dry the conditions were.

As well as the main Hobart show, growers participate in several smaller shows and displays. The first of these was held over the weekend of 20th & 21st of February at Kingston. We usually judge these small shows with a panel, as this allows all of the growers to exhibit. We have been doing this for a number of years and find that it works well. The Champion Bloom at Kingston was "**Aitara Picardy**" exhibited by Greg Fooks.

We collaborate with several Garden Clubs to participate in their shows. We usually travel to Dunalley on the first weekend in March to join in their Autumn Flower Show. Growers always enjoy the trip to Dunalley. Since bushfires destroyed much of the town several years ago, a new Community Hall has been built. It is a great venue for the flower show and there is always a good turn-out of visitors and locals. The champion bloom at this show was "**Figurine**" exhibited by Christine Dwyer.

We were very lucky to have the services of Yvonne Tracey as our judge for the Open section of our Hobart Show. Growers have found this season challenging as the conditions have been warm and very dry. But we still managed to put on a pretty good display. Greg Fooks took out the Grand Champion with a lovely "**Kiara Julia**". It was pleasing to see a number of newer growers showing in the Novice section. Rita Richards did very well in the Intermediate section and Barry Anderton won both Champion Bloom and the Aggregate in the Novice section.

Our last outing was to the Lindisfarne Garden Club show. Greg Fooks rounded off a good season by winning Champion Bloom with **"Formby Elite"**. Barry Anderton again took out the Novice Champion with a very nice **"Bracken Sarah"**.

I would like to thank all those who exhibited at the shows and all those who assisted with the setting up, packing up, helping the newer growers and all the other things that go into making the season run smoothly.



Launceston Show



Field Day Discussion



**Yvonne & Greg with
Grand Champion**



Field Day lunch a forum to compare notes

Queensland Dahlia Society Inc. – Mike Colby



The 2015 – 16 dahlia season was a dry one, these growing conditions have become the norm over the past few years. Keeping the water up to the plants is time demanding and pests were persistent. However, members staged many blooms of high quality at the shows.

The Club's first outing for 2016 was the Annual Field Day held at the Wedd family property at Coorabell. The attendance was good and it was good to see members who attended from Stanthorpe on the Sunday.

The general meeting was held on Saturday afternoon at the Ocean Shores Motel.

The members enjoyed dinner and a social evening at the Ocean Shore Country Club.

On Sunday morning we attended the venue for the field day, the Wedd family property at Coorabell.

We were greeted by Steven, Bruce and Carolyn and their extended family. As per usual there was much to see and admire, not only the extensive beds of named varieties but especially the seedlings and keepers from the 2014 season.

There were many one would like to acquire and try.

The hospitality extended by our hosts was very much appreciated by all.

This season we held two (2) Society staged shows at Morayfield and Lutwyche Shopping Centres.

These shows are great as many more members of the public are exposed to the Dahlia than if held in a hall. The annual State show was not held this year due to the unsuitable date allocated at the venue.

In 2017 the show will be held as usual.

Members exhibited by invitation at the Northern Districts and Ipswich Horticultural Society shows.

One would like to see the membership grow, especially those that will join in Club activities and put blooms on the bench. We also have an ageing membership, but thankfully we are all still here flying the banner.

Queensland



Lutwyche Shopping Centre Show



Stanthorpe Show



Society field Day at the Wedd's Coorabell Gardens

Dahlia Society of Victoria



"Open Championship



"Silver Gay" Best Over 160 mm



"Hillier Tanunda" Best Under 160



Basket of Show



'Bracken Nikolaus" Vase of Show

Dahlia Society of Victoria

Dwight King



This again has been a very good year for the Society.

The holding of the DSA Conference in June 2015 started off as a pleasant start for our members and committee.

We continue to appreciate the excellent magazines edited by Les, however Les after so many years is to retire from this position. So we need a volunteer to take on this important position. Rick Burns has been effective in keeping our website up to date and through Rick we were able to develop a computer system for the running of our show. This year the show attracted 264 entries with 4 in the Open Championship, 4 Intermediate and 1 in the Novice Championships.

Jane Edmanson give us generous time on the Saturday morning radio gardening show 3AW that is always boost the show attendance.

Another promotional opportunity was when Vasili's Garden and Kitchen Show came and filmed our show and produced it on TV three times the following week.

Another milestone was the awarding of the Gold Service Award to Joy Lawson for her outstanding service to our Society over a very long period of time. We have secured (lured) her as our new Vice President.



Joy Lawson

Our Society has now an enthusiastic number of new members who attend our monthly meetings where we have now included some

special segments to help members know what they should be doing in their garden that month. We presently have a membership of approx. 220.

In conclusion, we celebrated a good year for the Society and we look forward to many interesting years to come as we try to encourage and support them in the love of growing delightful dahlias.

Australian Show Results

NSW

GUYRA SHOW

JAN 23 -24TH 2016

5 Open Exhibitors, 3 Novice 306 Blooms Judge – G Oldfield

Grand Champion Kiara Julia H Riley

Reserve Grand Champion Kiara Julia R Cook

Novice Alessia J Percival

Championship Six Vase H Riley

Kiara Julia, Mary's Jomanda, Narooma Princess,
Moray Crimson, Brian R, Lismore Moonlight.

Champions

Giant Decorative	Bryn Terfel	M & B Balch
Large Decorative	Alden Rocket	M & B Balch
Medium Decorative	Brian R	R Cook
Small Decorative	Bracken Glenda	M & B Balch
Miniature Decorative	Unknown	D Burton
Large Cactus	Kiara Julia	H Riley
Medium Cactus	Kenora Sunset	D Burton
Small Cactus	Karass 150	D Burton
Miniature Cactus	Granite Mavis	M & B Balch
Incurved Cactus	Winkie Paddlewheel	R Cook
Pompon	Glenbank Honeycomb	R & C Hurtz
Waterlily	Granite Peachy	M & B Balch
Ball	Seedling	R Cook
Collerette	Aitara Conference	M & B Balch
Fimbriated	Aitara Picardy	D Burton
Seedling	Ball	R Cook
Orchid	Bracken Astra	M & B Balch
Container of Dahlias		M & B Balch
Collection of 6 blooms	Granite Peachy	M & B Balch

BERRY January 29th**7 Exhibitors****70 Vases****Judge - G. Sheldrick****Grand Champion****Hamari Accord****R Morgan****Championship**1st B & L Raines2nd R Morgan 3rd R & H Curll

Pam, Narooma Princess, Como Polly

Champions

Decorative

Le Batts Prime

R & H Curll

Cactus

Hamari Accord

R Morgan

Incurved cactus

Darbro Gift

R Morgan

Waterlily

Narooma Princess

B & L Raines

Pompon

Pam

B & L Raines

Flower of the Year**Stonleigh Joyce**

B & L Raines

TENTERFIELD AG SHOW**FEB 5-6TH 2016****330 Blooms 4 Open Exhibitors, 3 Novice****Judge D Cox****Grand Champion****Riley Cactus Seedling****R & C Hurtz****Reserve Grand Champion****Bracken Sarah****J Frith****Champions**

Decorative

Kiara Claudia

R Cook

Cactus

Riley Seedling

R & C Hurtz

Pompon

Glenbank Honeycomb

R & C Hurtz

Incurved Cactus

Riley Seedling

R & C Hurtz

Waterlily

Granite Summer Sunrise

M & B Balch

Novice

Bracken Sarah

J Frith

Container

MJ and BJ Balch

KANGAROO VALLEY February 12th**3 Exhibitors****55 Vases****Judge - C. Hollis****Championship**1st R Morgan2nd R & H CurllComo Polly, Darbro Gift, Rob's seed single. **Champions**

Decorative

Kim's Valentine

R Morgan

Cactus	Reg Kappler	R & H Curll
Pompon	Pam	R & H Curll

TENTERFIELD HORTICULTURAL SOC.

FEB 27TH

4 Exhibitors

270 Blooms

Judge – R. Chapman

Grand Champion

Aitara Majesty

Wedd Family

Res Grand Champion

Kenora Challenger

R Cook

Champions

Large Decorative	Regina	Wedd Family
Medium Decorative	Sylvia Craig Hunter	M & B Balch
Small Decorative	Granite China Doll	R & C Hurtz
Miniature Decorative	Kiara Claudia	R Cook
Large Cactus	Aitara Majesty	Wedd Family
Medium Cactus	Kenora Challenger	R Cook
Small Cactus	Calypso	R & C Hurtz
Miniature Cactus	Moray Bronte	Wedd Family
Ball	Devon Safari	M & B Balch
Waterlily	Granite Peachy	M & B Balch
Fimbriated	Winkie Volcano	M & B Balch
Collerette	Moray Apache	Wedd Family
Incurved Cactus	Freelancer	R Cook
Orchid	Christie Shayla	R Cook
Pompon	Lismore Moonlight	R Cook
Novice	Cameo	J Harvey
Container		M & B Balch

State of Origin Challenge 5 Types staged singly 3 Entries

1st M & B Balch

Sylvia Craig Hunter, Granite Marmalade, Granite Ruth,
Granite Kiri, Granite Peachy.

ORANGE & DISTRICT HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

12th March

Exhibitors 6

Vases 77

Judges – R. Slarke & J. Johnstone

Grand Champion **Formby Tiara** **R & E Smith**
Reserve Champion **Jan Lennon** **A. Hayman**
Central West Championship - 3 Vases Distinct
1st R & E Smith

Formby Tiara, Como Polly, Downham Royal

Other Types Championship – 3 Vases Distinct

1st R & E Smith 2nd A. Hayman 3rd J. Johnstone
Ivanetti, Northfield Sparkler, Pinkie 'O'

Orange Championship – 3 Distinct Types

1st R & E Smith

Peach Delight, Tioga Lovesong, Como Polly

Champions

Decorative	Como Polly	R & E Smith
Cactus	Formby Tiara	R & E Smith
Waterlily	Ken's Gold	A. Hayman
Ball	Ivanetti	R & E Smith
Pompon	Ray's Gold	A. Hayman

COBARGO February 13th

5 Exhibitors 100 Vases Judge J. Woodfield
Grand Champion Alessia L Venables

Championship

1st L Venables 2nd B Ford

Formby Monarch, Alessia, Kenora Sunset, Glenbank Honeycomb

Champions

Decorative	Formby Monarch	L Venables
Cactus	Reg Kappler	L Venables
Fimbriated	Alessia	L Venables

BEGA A P & H SHOW February 19th

4 Exhibitors 110 Vases Judge – B. Raines
Grand Champion Formby Alpine L Venables
Res Grand Champion Aitara Picardy L Venables

Championship

1ST L Venables

Jan Lennon, Como Polly, Aitara Picardy, Noreen

Champions

Large Decorative	Winkie Whopper	L Venables
Medium Decorative	Bracken Sarah	L Venables
Small Decorative	Bracken Sarah	L Venables
Miniature Decorative	Formby Alpine	L Venables
Large Cactus	Aitara Majesty	L Venables
Medium Cactus	Aitara Majesty	L Venables
Small Cactus	Kenora Sunset	L Venables
Miniature Cactus	Tui Orange	L Venables
Incurved Cactus	Cricket	P Ubrihien
Fimbriated	Alessia	B Ford
Waterlily	Cameo	L Venables
Pompon	Stoneleigh Joyce	M Martin
Collerette	Darbro Marianne	L Venables
Ball	La Corbierre	L Venables
AO Type	Alloway Candy	L Venables

LITHGOW WORKIES CLUB HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY 21st Feb

Vases 96

Exhibitors 4

Judge – F. Stralow

Grand Champion

Jan Lennon

A. Hayman

Lithgow Workies Championship – 3 Distinct Types

1st A. Hayman 2nd R & E Smith 3rd R & N Slarke

Jan Lennon, Elma Elizabeth, Ken's Gold

Champions

Decorative over 160 mm	Elma Elizabeth	A. Hayman
Medium Decorative	Como Polly	R & E Smith
Small Decorative	Bracken Sarah	R & E Smith
Miniature Decorative	Le Batts Prime	A. Hayman
Cactus over 160 mm	Maxmann	R & E Smith
Medium Cactus	Jan Lennon	A. Hayman

Small Cactus	Formby Tiara	R & E Smith
Fimbriated	Tioga Lovesong	R & E Smith
Waterlily	Ken's Gold	A. Hayman
Ball	Ivanetti	R & E Smith
Collerette	Woden Hope	R & E Smith
Pompon	Small Wonder	R & E Smith
Orchid	Lillian 'O' 15	A. Hayman

ROYAL CANBERRA

February 26th

7 Exhibitors

206 Vases

Judge - Y. Tracey

Grand Champion

Wakefield Impersonator

G & S Davis

Championship

1ST G & S Davis

Winkie Colonel, Winkie Wanderer, Devon Citation,
Wakefield Impersonator, Brian R, Kenora Jubilee

Champions

Large Decorative	Winkie Colonel	G & S Davis
Medium Decorative	Winkie Wanderer	G & S Davis
Small Decorative	Bracken Sarah	L Venables
Miniature Decorative	Formby Crest	J & P Hill
Large Cactus	Darbro Tom	J & P Hill
Medium Cactus	Wakefield Impersonator	G & S Davis
Small Cactus	Karen Joy	J & J Woodfield
Miniature Cactus	Embrace	J & P Hill
Incurved Cactus	Darbro Gift	J & P Hill
Fimbriated	Higgo Lacey	L Venables
Waterlily	Pam Howden	J & P Hill
Ball	Cornel	G & S Davis
Collerette	Hillara Jean	L Venables
Flower of the year	Stoneleigh Joyce	J & P Hill

BLAYNEY**February 27th****5 Exhibitors****117 Vases****Judge – R. Slarke****Grand Champion****Tioga Lovesong****R & E Smith****Blayney Dahlia Championship (3 Vases distinct types)**1ST R & E Smith2nd A Hayman

Tioga Lovesong, Wildwood Marie, Como Polly

Champions

Decorative	Bracken Sarah	A Hayman
Cactus	Tioga Lovesong	R & E Smith
Waterlily	Wildwood Marie	R & E Smith
Pompon	Glenbank Honeycomb	P & J Stonestreet
Collerette	Woden Hope	R & E Smith
Ball	Ivanetti	R & E Smith
Single	Claretta	R & E Smith

HORTICULTURE SOCIETY OF CANBERRA**March 5th****Exhibitors 8****324 Vases****Judges Y Tracey & C Smith****Grand Champion****Trengrove Millenium****L Venables****Reserve Champion****Glenmarc Endeavour****J & P Hill****CHAMPIONS**

Large Decorative	Glenmarc Endeavour	J & P Hill
Medium Decorative	Trengrove Millenium	L Venables
Small Decorative	Bracken Sarah	L Venables
Miniature Decorative	Bracken Glenda	M & B Balch
Large Cactus	Kiara Julia	J & J Woodfield
Medium Cactus	Narrows Tricia	G & S Davis
Small Cactus	Karen Joy	J & J Woodfield
Miniature Cactus	Granite Charlotte	M & B Balch
Incurved	Darbro Gift	J & P Hill
Waterlily	Figurine	J & J Woodfield
Fimbriated	Tioga Autumn	J & J Woodfield
Pompon	Miwong	J & J Woodfield
Ball	Downham Royal	G & S Davis

Collerette	Pinkie "O"	L Venables
Stellar	Alloway Candy	L Venables
Flower of the year	Stoneleigh Joyce	J & P Hill
Champion Giant	Winkie Colonel	G & S Davis
Champion Single Bloom	Billy J (Anemone)	M & B Balch

AUSTRALIAN OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP 9 Standard Units distinct

1st G & S Davis 2nd J & P Hill, 3rd J & J Woodfield, 4th M & B Balch

Winkie Bombardier, Narrows Tricia, Hamari Gold,
Wakefield Impersonator, Devon Citation, Hamari Accord,
Winkie Colonel, Formby Frost, Devon Radiance.

Best Presented Championship **A & J Menzel**

Dahlia Society NSW & ACT Championship (Thurbon Perpetual Trophy)

6 Standard Units, 6 Types

1st J & P Hill - 2nd A & J Menzel

Dahlia Society NSW & ACT (Small Vase Championship)

6 Standard Units distinct under 160mm at least 4 types.

1st G & S Davis - 2nd L Venables

Claude Wilkes Memorial Perpetual Trophy

6 Standard units distinct, at least 3 vases under 160mm, and

Must include at least 2 vases of the following:

Collerette, Orchid, Single, Anemone, Stellar

1st R & H Curll - 2nd J & J Woodfield

LARGE DAHLIA BONANZA

6 Vases, 160mm and over, at least 2 units over 210mm

1st J & P Hill - 2nd J & J Woodfield

DAHLIA SOCIETY NSW & ACT - Nine Type Championship

1st M & B Balch - 2nd L Venables

Granite Candice, Billy J, Mellum Nina, Devon Safari,
Granite Seedling Waterlily, Granite Canary, Aitara Conference,
Glenbank Honeycomb, Golden Sunset

THE CANBERRA GARDENER SPECIAL

3 Vases distinct types and distinct colours. Bi-colours accepted,

1st L Venables - 2nd R & H Curll

LOCAL FEATURE FLOWER (Darbro Gift)

1st J & P Hill (Single Bloom)

1st J & J Woodfield (Three Blooms) - 2nd J & P Hill

GORDON AND LOLA TICKNER MEMORIAL TROPHY

3 Vases (standard units) of Waterlily distinct.

1st J & J Woodfield - 2nd R & H Curll

PROGRESSIVE CHALLENGE

6 Blooms (one per container), at least three types

1st B & S Hodgson

NOVICE CHALLENGE

6 Blooms (one per container), at least 3 types,

1st J Anderson

SYDNEY ROYAL EASTER SHOW Day 1 March 17th 2016

4 Exhibitors 150 Vases Judges E Notley & A Ross

Championship

1st J & J Woodfield 443 pts

Linda Harris, Formby Supreme, Karen Joy,

Tioga Autumn, Kim's Christie, Figurine.

2nd G & S Davis 425 pts - 3rd B & L Raines 422pts - 4th R & E Smith 397pts

Grand Champion Linda Harris J & J Woodfield

CHAMPIONS

Large Decorative	Hamari Gold	G & S Davis
Medium Decorative	Formby Supreme	J & J Woodfield
Small Decorative	Coorabell Sally	B & L Raines
Miniature Decorative	Brooks Josh	J & J Woodfield
Medium Cactus	Kiara Julia	J & J Woodfield
Small Cactus	Karen Joy	J & J Woodfield
Miniature Cactus	Araluen Fire	J & J Woodfield
Incurved	Seedling	B & L Raines
Waterlily	Figurine	J & J Woodfield
Fimbriated	Tioga Autumn	J & J Woodfield
Pompon	Linda Harris	J & J Woodfield

Ball	Tahoma Lael	B & L Raines
Collerette	Pinkie "O"	R & E Smith
Orchid	Winkie Bacchus	J & J Woodfield
Flower of the year	Stoneleigh Joyce	J & J Woodfield

SYDNEY ROYAL EASTER SHOW DAY 2 March 21st 2016

4 Exhibitors 125 Vases Judges E Notley & A Ross

GRAND CHAMPION Lady Isabella B & L Raines

CHAMPIONSHIP CLASS

1st J & J Woodfield 445 pts

2nd G & S Davis 433 pts - 3rd B & L Raines 431 pts

Karen Joy, Formby Elite, Cameo,
Darbro Tom, Linda Harris, Como Polly.

CHAMPIONS

Large Decorative	Kim's Christie	J & J Woodfield
Medium Decorative	Lady Isabella	B & L Raines
Small Decorative	Bracken Sarah	R & H Curll
Miniature Decorative	Le Batts Prime	J & J Woodfield
Large Cactus	Darbro Tom	J & J Woodfield
Medium Cactus	Formby Elite	J & J Woodfield
Small Cactus	Karen Joy	J & J Woodfield
Miniature Cactus	Grace C	R & H Curll
Incurved	Cricket	G & S Davis
Fimbriated	Judith Taylor	R & H Curll
Waterlily	Cameo	J & J Woodfield
Pompon	Pam	R & H Curll
Ball	Ryecroft Laura	B & L Raines
Collerette	Aitara Conference	J & J Woodfield
AO Type	Tyalla Blush	J & J Woodfield
Flower of the Year	Stoneleigh Joyce	R & H Curll

SYDNEY ROYAL EASTER SHOW Day 3 March 25th 2016

4 Exhibitors 130 Vases Judges Messrs E Notley & A Ross

Grand Champion **Bracken Lorelai** **J & J Woodfield**

CHAMPIONSHIP CLASS

1st G & S Davis 436.5 pts

Kenora Challenger, Wakefield Anniversary, Kenora Challenger,
Winkie Bacchus, Wakefield Centenary, Winkie Nugget.

2nd J & J Woodfield 435 pts 3rd B & L Raines 432 pts 4th R & H Curll 431pts

CHAMPIONS

Large Decorative	Hamari Gold	G & S Davis
Medium Decorative	Christie Huston	B & L Raines
Small Decorative	Bracken Sarah	R & H Curll
Miniature Decorative	Le Batts Prime	R & H Curll
Large Cactus	Inland Dynasty	B & L Raines
Medium Cactus	Kenora Challenger	G & S Davis
Small Cactus	Wakefield Anniversary	G & S Davis
Miniature Cactus	Devon Caress	B & L Raines
Incurved	Seedling	B & L Raines
Fimbriated	Tioga Autumn	B & L Raines
Waterlily	Bracken Lorelai	J & J Woodfield
Pompon	Miwong	J & J Woodfield
Ball	L'Ancrese	B & L Raines
Collerette	Aitara Conference	J & J Woodfield
AO Type	Woden Wonder Accord	J & J Woodfield
Flower of the Year	Stoneleigh Joyce	R & H Curll

SYDNEY ROYAL EASTER SHOW Day 4 **March 29th 2016**

5 Exhibitors **170 Vases** **Judges E Notley & A Ross**

GRAND CHAMPION **Bracken Sarah** **J & P Hill**

CHAMPIONSHIP CLASS

1st G & S Davis 435pts

Wakefield Anniversary, Formby Frost, Devon Citation,
Kenora Challenger, Hamari Gold, Wakefield Centenary

2nd R & H Curll 432.5 pts 3rd J & J Woodfield 427 pts 4th J & P Hill 426.5 pts

CHAMPIONS

Large Decorative	Hamari Gold	G & S Davis
Medium Decorative	Bracken Sarah	J & P Hill
Small Decorative	Bracken Sarah	R & H Curll
Miniature Decorative	Le Batts Prime	R & H Curll
Large Cactus	Darbro Tom	J & P Hill
Medium Cactus	Winkie Carnival	J & J Woodfield
Small Cactus	Wakefield Anniversary	G & S Davis
Miniature Cactus	Araluen Fire	J & J Woodfield
Incurved	Darbro Gift	J & J Woodfield
Fimbriated	Alessia	B & L Raines
Waterlily	Pam Howden	J & P Hill
Pompon	Pam	J & J Woodfield
Ball	Winkie Ingot	J & J Woodfield
Collerette	Aitara Conference	J & J Woodfield
AO Type	Christie Shayla	J & P Hill
Flower of the Year	Stoneleigh Joyce	R & H Curll

Queensland

STANTHORPE

JAN 29-30th

350 Blooms 6 Open Exhibitors, 4 Novice Judge – Mrs M Brown

Grand Champion Kiara Julia W & J McCosker

Reserve Grand Champion Granite Charlotte M & B Balch

Champions

Giant Decorative	Bryn Terfel	M & B Balch
Large Decorative	Elma Elizabeth	R Cook
Medium Decorative	Bracken Sarah	R Cook
Small Decorative	Sylvia Craig Hunter	M & B Balch
Miniature Decorative	Mellum Nina	M & B Balch
Giant Cactus	Kiara Julia	W & J McCosker
Large Cactus	Kiara Julia	B Murphy
Medium Cactus	Granite Kiri	M & B Balch

Small Cactus	Granite Charlotte	M & B Balch
Miniature Cactus	Araluen Fire	M & B Balch
Incurved Cactus	Winkie Paddlewheel	R Cook
Pompon	Glenbank Honeycomb	R & C Hurtz
Waterlily	Granite Summer Sunrise	M & B Balch
Ball	L'Ancrese	R Cook
Collerette	Woden Hope	R Cook
Fimbriated	Granite Marmalade	M & B Balch
Single	Moray Crimson	R Cook
Novice	Unnamed Small Dec	L Abraham

WARWICK HORTICULTURAL SOC. March 2 – 3rd

4 Exhibitors

Grand Champion	Elma Elizabeth	Judge N. Prior R Cook
Reserve Grand Champion	Bracken Sarah	R Cook

Champions

Medium Decorative	Elma Elizabeth	R Cook
Small Decorative	Bracken Sarah	R Cook
Miniature Decorative	Bracken Glenda	R Cook
Medium Cactus	Formby Elite	R Cook
Small Cactus	Devon Elegance	R Cook
Miniature Cactus	Western Spanish Dancer	R Cook
Fimbriated	Higgo Lacey	R Cook
Waterlily	Ken's Gold	R & C Hurtz
Pompon	Ray's Gold	R Cook
Exhibition	Riley Seedling	R & C Hurtz
Ball	Mary's Jomanda	R Cook
Single	Moray Crimson	R Cook
Orchid	Lilian 015	R Cook
Collerette	Limit	R Cook
Seedling		R Cook
5 Distinct types		R & C Hurtz
Container of Dahlias		R & C Hurtz

Collection of Dahlias
Aggregate points

R Purnell
R Cook

MORAYFIELD SHOPPING CENTRE March 5TH

5 Exhibitors	172 Blooms	Judge C. McLaughlin
Grand Champion	Moray Bronte	Wedd Family
Reserve Grand Champion	Bracken Joan	Wedd Family
	<u>Champions</u>	
Large/Giant Decorative	Regina	Wedd Family
Medium Decorative	Coorabell Karen	Wedd Family
Small Decorative	Coorabell Sally	Wedd Family
Miniature Decorative	Bracken Joan	Wedd Family
Large/Giant Cactus	Everton Kath	M Colby
Medium Cactus	Coorabell Trevor	Wedd Family
Small Cactus	Moray Bronte	Wedd Family
Miniature Cactus	Moray Bronte	Wedd Family
Fimbriated	Coorabell Seedling	Wedd Family
Waterlily	Moray Ashleigh	Wedd Family
Pompon	Pam	Wedd Family
Any other type	Moray Crimson	Wedd Family
Intermediate Ch.	Bracken Ross	Ted Colihas

5 Qld Raised 1st Wedd Family

Downs Hazel, Mellum Nina,
Coorabell Jemma, Bracken Joan, Moray Bronte.

WAVELL HEIGHTS

March 12 – 13th

310 blooms	6 Exhibitors	JUDGES - V & J Charlton
Grand Champion	Moray Thelma	Wedd Family
	<u>Champions</u>	
Large Decorative	Regina	Wedd Family
Medium Decorative	Barbara Elaine	Wedd Family
Small Decorative	Coorabell Sally	Wedd Family
Miniature Decorative	Seedling	Wedd Family

Large Cactus	Aitara Majesty	Wedd Family
Medium Cactus	Granite Baz	M & B Balch
Small Cactus	Wakefield Anniversary	Wedd Family
Miniature Cactus	Moray Thelma	Wedd Family
Fimbriated	Tioga Lovesong	B & M Burnell
Waterlily	Granite Summer Sunrise	M & B Balch
Pompon	Pam	Wedd Family
AOV	Bracken Astra	Wedd Family
Intermediate Champion	Bracken Catherine	R Colburn
Container of Dahlias		B & M Burnell

LUTWYCHE SHOPPING CENTRE March 19TH

4 Exhibitors 147 Blooms Judge R. Barry

Grand Champion Moray Bronte Wedd Family
Reserve Grand Champion Coorabell Sally Wedd Family
Champions

Large/Giant Decorative	Regina	Wedd Family
Medium Decorative	Kim's Christie	Wedd Family
Small Decorative	Coorabell Sally	Wedd Family
Miniature Decorative	Coorabell Alpine	Wedd Family
Large/Giant Cactus	Inland Dynasty	Wedd Family
Medium Cactus	Kenora Challenger	Wedd Family
Small Cactus	Moray Bronte	Wedd Family
Miniature Cactus	Moray Bronte	Wedd Family
Fimbriated	Clara Jean	Wedd Family
Waterlily	Bracken Aquarius	Wedd Family
Pompon	Pam	Wedd Family
Any other type	Limit	Wedd Family
Intermediate Champion	Lady Isabella	R Colburn
5 Qld Raised 1st		Wedd Family

Coorabell Karen, Coorabell Jemma, Coorabell Sally, Coorabell Zoe and
Coorabell Fimbriated seedling.

IPSWICH HORTICULTURAL March 23rd

1 Exhibitor	134 Blooms	Judge Mr B Burnell
Grand Champion	Coorabell Sally	Wedd Family
Champion Decorative	Coorabell Sally	Wedd Family
Champion Cactus	Moray Thelma	Wedd Family
	<u>Champions</u>	
Large Decorative	Regina	Wedd Family
Medium Decorative	Como Polly	Wedd Family
Small Decorative	Coorabell Sally	Wedd Family
Miniature Decorative	Coorabell Sylvia	Wedd Family
Large Cactus	Inland Dynasty	Wedd Family
Medium Cactus	Kenora Jubilee	Wedd Family
Small Cactus	Coorabell Seedling	Wedd Family
Miniature Cactus	Moray Thelma	Wedd Family
Waterlily	Coorabell Gemma	Wedd Family
Fimbriated	Coorabell Seedling	Wedd Family
Pompon	Pam	Wedd Family
Collerette	Limit	Wedd Family

TOOWOOMBA ROYAL SHOW APRIL 6th

2 Open, 4 Novice exhibitors	85 Entries	Judge Mr Noel Prior
Grand Champion	Mellum Nina	M & B Balch
Reserve Grand Champion	Min Cactus Seedling	M & B Balch
Champion Locally grown	Bracken Sarah	P Armstrong
Reserve Champion	Gay Bright Eyes	P Kupzer
	<u>Champions</u>	
Medium Decorative	Alden Rocket	M & B Balch
Small Decorative	Granite Candice	M & B Balch
Miniature Decorative	Mellum Nina	M & B Balch
Medium Cactus	Granite Baz	M & B Balch
Small Cactus	Granite Charlotte	M & B Balch
Miniature Cactus	Yellow Seedling	M & B Balch
Waterlily	Granite Peachy	M & B Balch

Fimbriated	Granite Frilly	M & B Balch
Pompon	Glenbank Honeycomb	M & B Balch
Collerette	Aitara Conference	M & B Balch
Orchid	Golden Sunset	M & B Balch
Seedling	Miniature Cactus	M & B Balch

South Australia

FEB 20TH 2016

URAILDA SHOW

300 blooms

Grand Champion

Large Decorative
 Medium Decorative
 Small Decorative
 Miniature Decorative
 Large Cactus
 Medium Cactus
 Small Cactus
 Miniature Cactus
 Ball (large)
 Ball (small)
 Waterlily
 Fimbriated
 Collerette
 Stellar
 Anemone
 Single

4 DECORATIVES

1st

Elma Elizabeth, Devon Radiance, Devon Rubi, Formby Pearl.

4 CACTUS

1st

Maxmann, Eunice T, Embrace, (small) Embrace (miniature)

4 Exhibitors

Bracken Nikolaus

Champions

Formby Duke
 Devon Rubi
 Winkie Nugget
 Bracken Nikolaus
 Aitara Majesty
 Kenora Jubilee
 Winkie Moorpark
 Kiara Forgwen
 L'Anresse
 Winkie TestEagle
 Pam Howden
 Winkie Volcano
 Hillara Ice
 Christie Rosella
 BJ Rival
 Jolon Cherry

N & E Jaeschke

Judge – Mr J Argent

A & J Menzel

G & L Heinrich
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 A & J Menzel

ANGASTON SHOW FEB 27TH 2016

90 blooms 2 Open Exhibitors 1 Novice Judge A Ray
Grand Champion Winkie Paddlewheel N & E Jaeschke

Champions

Decorative	Formby Crest	N & E Jaeschke
Cactus	Devon Elegance	N & E Jaeschke
AOV	Winkie Paddlewheel	N & E Jaeschke

9 Blooms staged singly 1st N & E Jaeschke

Aitara Majesty, Hillier Tanunda, Formby Crest x 2, Devon Elegance x 3,
 Devon Mystique x 2

DAHLIA SOCIETY OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA STATE SHOW - Tanunda

March 12 – 13th 2016

91 Entries 210 Blooms JUDGES A. Ray & G. Woods
Grand Champion Kenora Jubilee N & E Jaeschke

Reserve Grand Champion Devon Rubi N & E Jaeschke

Top 6 Champions

Small Decorative	Devon Rubi	N & E Jaeschke
Medium Cactus	Kenora Jubilee	N & E Jaeschke
Ball	Devon Safari	N Scudds
Exhibition (Incurved)	Gwen's Choice	N & E Jaeschke
Anemone	Granite Queen Bee	N & E Jaeschke
Novice	Moray Linda	A & M Carpenter

Joan Matulick Memorial State Championship

1st N & E Jaeschke

Aitara Bronwyn, Kenora Jubilee x 2 Formby Crest, Hillier Tanunda,
 Christie Shayla.

Gayner Parker Memorial Championship

1st N & E Jaeschke

Brooks Entice, BJ Rival, Hillara Ice, Christie Shayla

Ray Sellick Memorial Championship

1st N & E Jaeschke

Devon Citation, Formby Monarch, Devon Delta, Devon Mystique, Winkie Nugget x 2, Winkie Director.

Bill Tapley Waterlily Memorial Championship

1st N & E Jaeschke

Pam Howden, Cameo

Reg Kappler Memorial Championship

1st N & E Jaeschke

Little Snowdrop, BJ Rival, Hillier Tanunda, Hamari Accord, Cornel, Cameo,
Winkie Paddlewheel, Kenora Jubilee, Single Seedling

Noel Brinkley Memorial Encouragement Championship

1st N Scudds

Winkie Morepark x 3, Glenmarc Viva.

MT PLEASANT March 19th 2016

65 Entries 125 Blooms 2 Open & 3 Novice exhibitors

Judge Mr J Argent

Grand Champion

Christie Shayla

N & E Jaeschke

Champions

Champion Cactus	Kenora Jubilee	N & E Jaeschke
Champion Decorative	Bracken Nikolaus	N Scudds
Champion Ball	Glenmarc Burns	N Scudds
Champion Pompon	Stoneleigh Joyce	N & E Jaeschke
Champion Waterlily	Cameo	N & E Jaeschke
Champion Collerette	Miss Joan	N & E Jaeschke
Champion AO Type	Christie Shayla	N & E Jaeschke
Champion Novice	Glenmarc Endeavour	N Scudds
Vase of 3 Small Cactus	Devon Citation	N & E Jaeschke

DSA Medallion 4 Distinct Blooms

1st N & E Jaeschke

Tanunda Mauve, Cameo, Kenora Jubilee Aitara Bronwyn

MT BARKER

APRIL 2nd

Exhibitors 2 Open, 2 Intermediate, 2 Novice exhibitors -Judge - F Stralow

Grand Champion	Tioga Autumn	N & E Jaeschke
Champion Intermediate	Kiara Julia	Allan Patterson
Champion Novice	Andrew Mitchell	David Post
Joan Matulick Memorial Trophy.....	N & E Jaeschke	

	<u>Champions</u>	
Decorative	Hillier Tanunda	N & E Jaeschke
Cactus	Tyalla Christie	N & E Jaeschke
Waterlily	Bracken Lorelai	N & E Jaeschke
Fimbriated	Tioga Autumn	N & E Jaeschke
Pompon	Stoneleigh Joyce	N & E Jaeschke
Collerette	Hillara Ice	N & E Jaeschke
Ball	Glenmarc Burns	N & E Jaeschke

Enfield 16th April

Exhibitors 4

Grand Champion

Large Decorative
 Small Decorative
 Miniature Decorative
 Ball
 Pompon
 Large Cactus
 Medium Cactus
 Small Cactus
 Fimbriated
 Waterlily
 Collerette
 Orchid
 Stellar
 Single
 Garden Display

176 Blooms Judge – J Argent

Winkie Moorpark A & J Menzel

Champions

Glenmarc Endeavour A & J Menzel
 Winkie Wanderer G Errington
 Granite Virginia A & J Menzel
 Winkie Ingot N Scudds
 Miwong A & J Menzel
 Maxmann G Errington
 Formby Elite N Scudds
 Winkie Moorpark A & J Menzel
 Winkie Volcano N Scudds
 Cameo N Scudds
 Devon Felix A & J Menzel
 Christie Shayla A & J Menzel
 Christie Galah A & J Menzel
 Jolon Cherry A & J Menzel
 Aegean Sky A & J Menzel

Trophy Awards

Large Decorative	Glenmarc Endeavour	A & J Menzel
Pompon	Miwong	A & J Menzel
Small Cactus	Winkie Moorpark	A & J Menzel
Stellar	Christie Galah	A & J Menzel

Tasmania

LAUNCESTON SHOW

FEB 6TH

200 Vases

10 Exhibitors

Judge – Greg Fooks

Grand Champion

Devon Toledo

C & L Smith

Reserve Grand Champion

Devon Radiance

C & L Smith

Brocklands 9 Bloom Championship 4 Entries

1st C & L Smith

Granite Ruth, Devon Rubi, Devon Mystique, Purbeck Lydia, Yellow S/C
Seedling, Devon Rojo, Devon Safari, Pam Howden, Bob's Gold

Champions

Large Decorative	Formby Monarch	C & L Smith
Medium Decorative	Devon Radiance	C & L Smith
Small Decorative	Devon Rubi	C & L Smith
Miniature Decorative	Formby Quest	C & L Smith
Large Cactus	Kiara Julia	C & L Smith
Medium Cactus	Jan Lennon	C & L Smith
Small Cactus	Devon Toledo	C & L Smith
Miniature Cactus	Devon Rojo	C & L Smith
Incurved Cactus	Mauve Cricket	L Hunter
Pompon	Bob's Gold	C & L Smith
Waterlily	Pam Howden	B & K Smith
Ball	Glenmarc Burns	B & K Smith
Collerette	White Seedling	C & L Smith
Fimbriated	Tioga Lovesong	C & L Smith
Orchid	Unnamed	R Mercer
Best Vase	Seedling S/cactus	C & L Smith

WESTBURY 13th February
 Vases.120 Exhibitors.7 Judge **G. Harding**
Grand Champion **Kiara Julia** **C & L Smith**
Reserve Grand Champion **Vera's Elma** L Hunter
Westbury 6 Bloom Championship 4 Entries
 1st B & K Smith
 Kiara Julia, Formby Elite, Devon Cupid, Formby Kaitlin,
 Bracken Sarah, Formby Crest

Champions

Large Decorative	Formby Monarch	C & L Smith
Medium Decorative	Vera's Elma	L Hunter
Small Decorative	Bracken Sarah	D Pyke
Miniature Decorative	Formby Alpine	D Pyke
Large Cactus	Kiara Julia	C & L Smith
Medium Cactus	Kenora Jubilee	D Pyke
Small Cactus	Devon Toledo	C & L Smith
Miniature Cactus	Devon Rojo	C & L Smith
Pompon	Bob's Gold	C & L Smith
Waterlily	Pam Howden	C & L Smith
Ball	Cornel	D Pyke
Collerette	Moray Apache	D Pyke
Fimbriated	Alessia	J Young
Seedling	White Min Dec	C & L Smith
Best Vase	Devon Toledo	C & L Smith

LATROBE **FEB 20TH 2016**
230 Vase **6 Exhibitors** **Judge – Mr G Harding**
Grand Champion **Kiara Julia** **C & L Smith**
Reserve Grand Champion **Kiara Julia** **B & K Smith**
Latrobe 8 Bloom Championship 4 Entries
 1st C & L Smith
 Kiara Julia, Devon Toledo, Devon Rojo, Devon Safari,
 Ray's Gold, Devon Radiance, Bracken Sarah, Devon Maree

Latrobe 4 Vase Championship 2 Entries

1st B & K Smith

Bracken Sarah, Formby Art,
Devon Cupid, Nancy's Choice

Champions

Large Decorative	Formby Sovereign	L Hunter
Medium Decorative	Devon Radiance	C & L Smith
Small Decorative	Bracken Sarah	B & K Smith
Miniature Decorative	Devon Maree	C & L Smith
Large Cactus	Kiara Julia	C & L Smith
Medium Cactus	Kenora Jubilee	C & L Smith
Small Cactus	Devon Toledo	C & L Smith
Miniature Cactus	Devon Rojo	C & L Smith
Incurved Cactus	Mauve Cricket	L Hunter
Pompon	Ray's Gold	C & L Smith
Waterlily	Pam Howden	C & L Smith
Ball	Devon Safari	C & L Smith
Fimbriated	Aitara Ace White	C & L Smith
Seedling	Devon yellow S/C	C & L Smith
Best Vase	Devon Toledo	C & L Smith

DUNALLY

100 blooms

Grand Champion

Aggregate points

March 5th

12 Exhibitors

Figurine

JUDGE Panel

Christine Dwyer

Christine Dwyer

HOBART HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY SHOW March 11 – 12th 2016

300 blooms + 28 vases 14 Exhibitors JUDGE Y. Tracey & D. Budd

Grand Champion

Res Grand Champion

Intermediate Champion

Novice Champion

Kiara Julia

Embrace

Formby Crest

Cheyenne

Greg Fooks

Greg Fooks

Rita Richards

Barry Anderton

Champions

Large Decorative	Formby Monarch	Christine Dwyer
Medium Decorative	Maggie Hannaford	Christine Dwyer
Small Decorative	Trengrove Millennium	Christine Dwyer
Miniature Decorative	Winkie Pat	Christine Dwyer
Large Cactus	Kiara Julia	Greg Fooks
Medium Cactus	Jan Lennon	Greg Fooks
Small Cactus	Embrace	Greg Fooks
Miniature Cactus	Devon Seduction	Greg Fooks
Medium Semi Cactus	Hamari Accord	Christine Dwyer
Fimbriated	Nenekazi	Ken Anderson
Exhibition Cactus	Mauve Cricket	Ken Anderson
Seedling		Christine Dwyer
Open aggregate points		Christine Dwyer
Intermediate aggregate points		Rita Richards
Novice aggregate points		Barry Anderton
Parr Air-conditioning Trophy		Brian Smith

LINDISFARNE

12 Exhibitors 336 Blooms

Open Champion

Novice Champion

Open Aggregate Points

Novice Aggregate Points

March 19TH

15 Vases

Formby Elite

Bracken Sarah

Judge Panel

Greg Fooks

Barry Anderton

Greg Fooks

Barry Anderton

Victoria

TYRENDARRA

25 Vases

Grand Champion

Feb 13th

3 exhibitors

Bracken Astra

JUDGE - A. Hardingham

Bruce Millard

STATE SHOW Mt Waverley 27th – 28th Feb

Judges – C Michalopoulos – A Hardingham – J Menzel

MAJOR AWARDS

Best Exhibit in Dahlias	Open Championship	A. & J. McKay
Best Dahlia over 160mm	Silver Gay	A. & J. McKay
Best Vase under 160mm	Bracken Nikolas	J. Menzel
Best Dahlia under 160mm	Hillier Tanunda	D. Zietsman
Intermediate Championship		Deb Collett
Novice Championship		N. Nicholls
Aggregate Award		D. Zietsman
President's Trophy		R. Burns
Photographic Award		Erin Dempsey
Encouragement Award		N. Nicholls
People's Choice		R. Yeomans
Home Gardener's Section		W. Lim
Sunday Special	Reg Kappler	R. Burns
AWARD OF MERIT CERTIFICATES (Champions)		
Giant Decorative	Earl	R. Burns
Large Decorative	Winkie Colonel	J. Menzel
Medium Decorative	Vera's Elma	D. Zietsman
Small Decorative	Winkie Graham	J. Menzel
Miniature Decorative	Hillier Tanunda	D. Zietsman
Giant Cactus	Clearview Edie	S. Cox
Medium Cactus	Silver Gay	A. & J. McKay
Small Cactus	Glenmarc Charmaine	R. Burns
Miniature Cactus	Western Spanish Dancer	D. Zietsman
Exhibition Cactus	Winkie Paddlewheel	R. Burns
Fimbriated Cactus	Alessia	A. & J. McKay
Ball	Sheila	S. Cox
Pompon	Rhonda	A. & J. McKay
Collerette	Darbo Marianne	R. Burns
Anemone	Granite Queen Bee	F. Grylls

Stellar	Alloway Candy	D. Zietsman
Orchid	Winkie Cupid	R. Burns
Single	Jolon Cherry	J. Menzel
Waterlily	Pam Howden	D. Zietsman

Bob & Emily Trotter Memorial Victorian Dahlia Championship (4 Entries)

1st A. & J. McKay

Reg Kappler, Narrows Tricia, Formby Elite, Kenora Challenger, Alessia
Vases of Devon Savanna, Brian's Dream, Embrace, Gay Twinkle

2nd R. Burns

Earl, Glenmarc Philly Liz, Jan Lennon, Winkie Volcano,
Vases of Ryecroft Pixie, Rokewood Opal, Winkie Paddlewheel,
Winkie Nugget, Winkie Gladiator

Victorian Reserve Championship (3 Entries)

The Jim Robertson Memorial

1st D. Zietsman, 2nd A. & J. McKay

Louis Burger x 2, Vera's Elma

Vases of Gay Twinkle, Ivanetti, Karras 150.

Eric Paynter Memorial Small Growers Championship (3 Entries)

1st S. Cox, 2nd L. Lawson

Clearview Edie Vases of Winholme Diane, Sheila, Ryecroft Pixie

Nine Bloom Challenge (The Gladys Johns Memorial) (3 Entries)

1st A. & J. McKay, 2nd D. Zietsman

Frank Rossack Memorial Under 160mm Championship (1 Entry)

(The Frank Rossack Memorial)

1st D. Zietsman

Pompon Dahlia Championship (2 Entries)

(The Frank & Eunice Turton Memorial)

1st A. & J. McKay, 2nd R. Burns

The Medium Dahlia Championship (Bill Foster Memorial) 2 Entries

1st D. Zietsman, 2nd A. & J. McKay

Ball Dahlia Challenge (2 Entries) 1st J. Menzel, 2nd R. Clarke

Fimbriated Dahlia Challenge (3 Entries)

1st R. Burns, 2nd A. & J. McKay

Sunshine Golden Age Garden Club

Exhibitors – 6

Judge – L Lawson

Championship: 9 Dahlias staged singly - 2 Entries

1st D. Collett, 2nd S. Halik

Winning Blooms:

Trooper Dan, Formby Perfection,
 Coorabell Karen, Coorabell Sylvia, Devon Savannah,
 Devon Mystique x 2, Formby Alpine x 2

Bronze Medallion	Championship	D. Collett
Judges' Special Award	Container of 7	
	Bracken Ballerina	D. Collett
Best Exhibit Intermediate	Formby Crest	D. Wilson
Award of Merit	Coorabell Karen	D. Collett

Winchelsea Horticultural and Garden Club**20th Feb**

Exhibitors – 6

Judge – W Hawker

Championship: - 7 Entries

1st D. Zietsman

Pink Suffusion, Ryecroft Jan, Bracken Sarah, Jan Lennon,
 Jennie, Weston Spanish Dancer

Bronze Medallion	Championship	D. Zietsman
Best over 160mm	Jennie	D. Zietsman
Best vase under 160mm	Hillier Tanunda	B. Millard

Eaglehawk Dahlia & Arts Festival

Exhibitors – 10

Judge – W Hawker

Grand Champion Dahlia**Embrace****R. Burns**

Championship: - 5 Entries

1st A. & J. McKay

Reg Kappler, Lakeland Sunset, Hillier Harlequin,
 Ken's Gold, Willowfield Mick, Silver Gay

Best over 160mm	Silver Gay	A. & J. McKay
Best under 160mm	Embrace	R. Burns

Best vase under 160mm Hillier Harlequin A. & J. McKay

Preston Garden Club

Exhibitors – 6 Judge – F Grylls

Dahlia Society of Victoria Metropolitan Championship – 2 Entries

1st D. Zietsman, 2nd D. Zietsman

Over 160mm Louis Berger x 2, Winkie Fuzz,

Under 160mm Gladys Johns,

Moray Bronte, Jennie

Best over 160mm Vera's Elma D. Zietsman

Best vase under 160mm Pam Howden D. Zietsman

Trophy 6 blooms under 160mm D. Zietsman

Award of Merit Certificates:

Semi Cactus Bob Yeomans L. Lawson

Miniature Decorative Bracken Glenda D. Zietsman

PORTLAND DAHLIA AND ROSE March 12 – 13^t

13 exhibitors JUDGES C. Smith, J. Menzel, A. Hardingham

Grand Champion Hamari Accord A Hardingham

Champion Vase Glenmarc Delia A & J Menzel

Open Section

Portland Championship – 5 entries 3 over 160, 3 Vases under 160

1st A & J Menzel

Jan Lennon, Hamari Accord, Glenmarc Delia, Glenmarc Renegade,
2 vases Small Cactus seedlings.

2nd B Millard

Hamari Accord, Narrows Tricia, Silver Gay, Gay Twinkle,
Glenmarc Envy, Hillier Tanunda

Noel Edge Championship – 4 entries

9 Different Blooms Staged Singly

1st B Millard

Formby Elite, Jennie, Glenmarc Envy, Pam Howden, Rokewood Opal,
Ivanetti, Brian R, Pink Suffusion, Formby Supreme.

2nd A Hardingham
Glenmarc Sophie, Pam Howden, Pam, Bracken Astra, Devon Radiance,
Glenmarc Philly-Liz, 3 unnamed Seedlings.

Wannon Water Championship

3 Over 160, 3 X 120 – 160, 3 Under 160

1st A Hardingham
Hamari Accord, Narrows Tricia, GM seedling,
3 x GM seedlings, 1 x GM seedling, Pink Suffusion x 2

Glenelg Shire Championship – 3 entries

One Vase Ball Dahlias, One Vase Waterlily, One Vase Collerette

1st B Millard
Cornel, Pam Howden, Karras Lee

2nd A Hardingham
Cornel, Pam Howden, Karras Lee

Pompon Championship – 3 entries

Two Vases of 3 Pompons

1st B Millard - 2 Vases of Miwong

Intermediate Championships – 7 exhibitors

2 Blooms over 160, 2 Blooms 120 – 160, 2 Blooms under 120.

1st S Brown
Hamari Accord, Elma Elizabeth, Glenmarc Margaret.

2nd Stephen Smith
Glenmarc Roslyn, Pam Howden, Pink Suffusion

Dan Tehan Collection – 5 entries Collection of AV staged singly

1st S Brown
Glenmarc Sophie, Glenmarc Margaret, Hamari Accord, Glenmarc Landish

2nd Col Donohue
Glenmarc Landish x 4

Glenmarc Challenge – 4 entries - 1 Vase Glenmarc Jane

1st B Millard

Neil Robertson Challenge (Single Bloom) – 15 entries

1st B Millard - Boundary Bell (Min Dec)

Ray Nagorcka Memorial – 4 Entries - 1 Vase Cactus under 160

1st A Hardingham - Glenmarc Envy

Shepparton & District Dahlia Club 2nd April 2016

Held at Market Place Shopping Centre Shepparton

Exhibitors 12

Judge - A Hardingham

Grand Champion

Pink Seduction

A & J McKay

Open Championship (Rural Championship) 7 Entries

1st Ken Judd

Kiara Julia, Bracken Sarah, Clara Jean, Devon Seattle,
Karras 150, Formby Alpine

Goulburn Valley Championship

Ken Judd

Winkie Colonel, Winkie Carnival, Kiara Pompadour,
Elma Elizabeth, Kiara Julia,

Intermediate Championship

Stephen Brown

Hamari Accord x2, Glenmarc Margaret x2, Glenmarc Landish x2

Novice Championship

Shirley Clarke

Devon Glory, Brooks Josh, Formby Eclipse

Pam Minifie Perpetual Trophy - vase of 5 Poms

Rhonda

A. & J. McKay



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How to Keep Cut Blooms of Dahlias

Editor - Extract from

Growers guide to growing Dahlias in Masseurchutssess from 1919.

Freshly cut flowers will keep considerably longer, and wilted flowers if not in too serious condition, will be entirely restored in appearance if the following suggestions are followed:

Cut blossoms in early part of the day, whenever possible. Fill receptacle with water, as hot as can be borne by one's hand. Plunge the stems, but not the foliage, almost their entire length into the water; let them remain in the water until it cools, then transfer into cold water as in usual manner, with the addition of a quarter-teaspoonful of salt to a quart of water.

If the stems are particularly hardy and wiry, water near boiling point may be used to good advantage.

My suggestion would be, try it and be convinced, regulating depth of water to length of stems.



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The Program

The Topics that were collected on the Bus Trip at the Orange Conference are the basis for the 2017 Program.

Conference Topics include:-

All aspects of Breeding, Growing from Seeds, Propagation, Greens, Potting Mediums, Pruning, Disbudding, Debranching, Covers, Soils, Fertilizers, Soil Testing & Mulch

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2017 CONFERENCE PHOTOGRAPHIC COMPETITION

Editor: - The Conference Committee have decided the topics for the Section.

This gives plenty of notice prior to the season to get those required pictures.

The prints can be digital or commercially produced.

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There is a maximum of 4 entries per person per Class.

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The image cannot exceed the size outlined in the schedule, but can be smaller.

If shaped, the images will be measured at their maximum dimensions.

Images will be judged on their photographic excellence, not to the guidelines set down in the Dahlia Standards

(a bloom of poor quality well taken will be better than a Show Champion poorly taken.)

Section 1: An Educational Picture

(A Picture Showing any part of Culture, Planting, Spraying, Digging, Transporting etc. Any Picture that could be used in any Publication/Newsletter)

Section 2: Dahlia Personality

(Picture of a person with Dahlias)

Section 3: Any Animal, Bird, Reptile or Insect in the Dahlia Patch

(Birds, Pets, Bees, Animals or Insects featuring a Dahlia, Dahlia Plant or Tuber)

Section 4: A picture of a Single Dahlia Bloom.

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