

SECTION J – FLOWERS

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Entry Fee: \$2 per exhibit to a maximum of \$10; seniors and juniors \$0.50 per exhibit to a maximum of \$5 per section.

Prizes: Certificates and sponsor prizes

SPECIAL BY-LAWS FLOWERS ENTRIES

- Expression of Interest (EOI) in competing in the NSW and ACT Dahlia Championship section to be received by Wednesday March 5 2025 to Leone Venables via email leonevenables123@gmail.com
- Entry forms for the Cooma Show Flower Section can be completed online at www.coomashow.com.au **or** delivered to Cooma Visitors Centre between February 1 2025 and February 28 2025 7 days week 9am to 3pm **or** emailed to Leone Venables leonevenables123@gmail.com
- **Exhibits to be delivered from 6:30pm on Thursday March 6 2025 to 9:30am Friday March 7 2025 to the Cooma Showground Multifunction Centre.** (Open overnight to facilitate NSW and ACT Dahlia Society Championship)
- Judging to start at 10:00am on Friday March 7 2025.
- All exhibits, except in the decorative section, must have been grown by the exhibitor or a member of their household.
- All exhibits in children's section must be arranged only by the exhibitor.
- The committee reserves the right to visit, before or after the show, gardens from which plants or flowers have been entered for competition.
- Where a number of plants or flowers is specified in a class, neither more nor less than the number may be shown; an exhibit will be disqualified by an excess or deficiency.
- In all classes where cut material is shown, all stems must reach the water in the receptacle.
- All exhibits should be named. Errors in naming will not disqualify an exhibit but this can count in a very close competition.
- Entries can be collected from 6pm onwards on Saturday March 8 2025. Entries and/or prizemoney not collected on this day will be forfeited.

DAHLIAS

DAHLIA STANDARDS:

All blooms 160mm and over to be staged one per vase. All blooms under 160mm to be staged 3 per vase.

Note: a vase is any bottle or container suitable for staging dahlias.

A standard unit: is a vase of one cultivator (variety). Champion awards are awarded to only standard units.

NND: Not necessarily distinct.

The naming of blooms before judging is desirable. Under the judging standards, exhibits can be penalised for unnamed blooms. If name not known label "unknown" or "name wanted".

All dahlias are to be staged with a combined stem and stalk of 300mm, except Pompoms which may be 230mm in length with at least 160mm protruding from the vase for all types unless otherwise stated in the schedule.

Decorative classes may include Formal or Informal types.

Cactus classes may include Cactus or Semi-cactus types unless otherwise stated in the Schedule.

SIZES:

- Giant Decorative and Giant Cactus 260mm and over in diameter
- Large Decorative and Large Cactus 210mm and under 260mm
- Medium Decorative and Medium Cactus 160mm and under 210mm
- Small Decorative and Small Cactus 120mm and under 160mm
- Miniature Decorative and Miniature Cactus under 120mm
- Large Incurved Cactus 160mm and over
- Small Incurved Cactus 120mm and under 160mm
- Large Ball Type (Show Type) 120mm and under 160mm
- Small Ball Type (Show Type) under 120mm
- Pompom under 50mm
- Nymphaea under 160mm
- Collarette under 160mm
- Anemone, Orchid Stella under 160mm in diameter.

2025 & ACT STATE DAHLIA CHAMPIONSHIPS

- Green two-piece vases will be available and dahlia exhibitors are expected to use them.
- Dahlia exhibitors shall name their exhibits in classes 1, 2, 3, 4 & 5 or label as 'Unknown - Name wanted', and preferably name their flowers in all classes.
- Standard Unit - 1 vase containing 1 variety - 1 flower over 160mm in diameter, or 3 flowers under 160mm in diameter.
- Dahlias to be staged a minimum of 160mm from the top of the vase to the centre of the flower.
- Cooma Showground Multifunction Centre will be open from 6:30pm on Thursday March 6 2025 to 9:30am Friday March 7 2025 to the for staging.
- Entries in Classes 1-5 to be staged by 8.30am, and all other classes by 9.30am.
- Champions awarded to the best standard unit of each dahlia type specified.

- Sashes for Classes 1-5 are supplied by the Dahlia Society of NSW & ACT Inc.
- Prize money for classes 1-5 is supplied by the Dahlia Society of NSW & ACT Inc.
- Champion medals are supplied by the Dahlia Society of NSW & ACT Inc.
- Grand Champion Dahlia - awarded a sash and the Dahlia Society of NSW & ACT Medal.
- Reserve Champion Dahlia - awarded a sash and the Dahlia Society of Victoria medal – Special award
- Champion Formal Decorative Dahlia - 'Cliff Taylor Memorial Award' - awarded a sash and the Minnesota Dahlia Society (USA) medal
- Champion Cactus Dahlia - 'Bruce Hannel Memorial Award' - awarded a sash and the Seattle Dahlia Society (USA) medal
- Champion Semi-Cactus Dahlia - 'Alan Strachan Memorial Award' - awarded a sash and the Portland Dahlia Society (USA) medal
- Champion Ball Dahlia - 'Jim Boyle Memorial Award' - awarded a sash and the Washington State Dahlia Society (USA) medal
- Champion Pompon Dahlia - 'Robert Curll Memorial Award' - awarded a sash and the Inland Empire Dahlia Society (USA) medal
- Champion Anemone Dahlia - 'Ron Wilkes Memorial Award' - awarded a sash and the Central West Dahlia Society medal
- Champion Informal Decorative Dahlia – 'Elwin Notley Memorial Award' - awarded a sash and the National Dahlia Society (UK) medal
- Champion Collerette Dahlia - awarded a sash
- Champion Waterlily Dahlia- awarded a sash
- Champion Any Other Type Dahlia

The dahlias will be judged according to the Australian Dahlia Standards 1998.

- Class 1 NSW & ACT State Dahlia Championship – (The Tom Young Memorial)
6 vases of dahlias, distinct types Cultivars over 160mm to be staged one to a vase
Cultivars under 160mm to be staged three to a vase of the one variety -

to be point judged - Prizes 1st \$150 Sash and the Tom Young Memorial Trophy, 2nd \$100 & place ribbon, 3rd \$50 and place ribbon, 4th place ribbon awarded by the Dahlia Society of NSW & ACT Inc.

- Class 2 - NSW & ACT Small Vase Championship - 6 vases of dahlias under 160mm, three flowers per vase of the same variety, at least four types - to be point judged - Prizes 1st \$50, Sash and the Dahlia Society of NSW & ACT Inc. medal, 2nd \$30 & Place Ribbon, 3rd \$20 & Place Ribbon, 4th Place Ribbon awarded by the Dahlia Society of NSW & ACT Inc.
- Class 3 - 9 Vase Memorial Challenge - 9 vases, single dahlia flower per vase, distinct types - Prizes 1st \$50 and Sash, 2nd \$30 & Place Ribbon, 3rd \$20 & Place Ribbon, 4th Place Ribbon awarded by the Dahlia Society of NSW & ACT Inc.
- Class 4 – Waterlily Dahlia Challenge (Gordon Tickner Trophy) - 3 vases of waterlily dahlias, distinct, each vase to contain 3 flowers of the same variety - Prizes 1st \$30, Sash and Gordon Tickner Trophy, 2nd \$20 & Place Ribbon, 3rd \$10 & Place Ribbon, 4th Place Ribbon awarded by the Dahlia Society of NSW & ACT Inc.
- Class 5 – 2025 Flower of the Year Orchid Dahlia ‘Lillian ‘O’ 15’ - 1 vase - 3 flowers under 160mm - Prizes 1st \$20 and Sash, 2nd \$10 & Place Ribbon, 3rd \$5 & Place Ribbon, 4th Place Ribbon awarded by the Dahlia Society of NSW & ACT Inc.

2025 Cooma Show Flowers Section Classes

6. **Dahlia Championship:** 4 vases of distinct standard units. 2 vases to contain blooms 160mm and over and 2 vases to contain blooms under 160mm. Awarded the Cooma P&A Association sash and prize donated by Dorothy Whiting.

7. ONE VASE, 5 blooms, under 160mm, distinct types – **Mary Tozer Memorial Class**

8. ONE GIANT OR LARGE DECORATIVE, formal or informal

9. ONE MEDIUM DECORATIVE, formal or informal

10. SMALL DECORATIVE, formal or informal, 1 vase, 3 blooms, 1 cultivar

11. SMALL DECORATIVE, formal or informal, 1 vase, 3 blooms, distinct colours

12. MINIATURE DECORATIVE, 1 vase, 3 blooms, 1 cultivar

13. MINIATURE DECORATIVE, 1 vase, 3 blooms, distinct colours

14. DECORATIVE CHALLENGE, 3 distinct sizes, standard units

15. ONE GIANT or LARGE CACTUS or SEMI-CACTUS

16. ONE MEDIUM CACTUS or SEMI-CACTUS

17. SMALL CACTUS or SEMI-CACTUS, 1 vase, 3 blooms, 1 cultivar

18. SMALL CACTUS or SEMI-CACTUS, 1 vase, 3 blooms, distinct colours

19. MINIATURE CACTUS or SEMI-CACTUS, 1 vase, 3 blooms, 1 cultivar

20. MINIATURE CACTUS or SEMI-CACTUS, 1 vase, 3 blooms, distinct colours

21. CACTUS CHALLENGE, 3 distinct sizes, standard units

22. INCURVED CACTUS, 1 bloom over 160mm, 1 vase

23. INCURVED CACTUS, 1 vase, 3 blooms, under 160mm, 1 cultivar

24. COLLARETTE, 1 vase, 3 blooms, 1 cultivar
25. COLLARETTE, 1 vase, 3 blooms, distinct colours
26. NYMPHEA, 1 vase, 3 blooms, 1 cultivar
27. NYMPHEA, 1 vase, 3 blooms, distinct colours
28. POMPOM, 1 vase, 3 blooms, 1 cultivar
29. POMPOM, 1 vase, 3 blooms, distinct colours
30. BALL TYPE, 1 vase, 3 blooms under 160mm, 1 cultivar
31. BALL TYPE, 1 vase, 3 blooms under 160mm, distinct colours
32. FIMBRIATED CACTUS, 1 bloom over 160mm
33. FIMBRIATED CACTUS, 3 blooms, 1 cultivar, under 160mm
34. ANY OTHER TYPE, 1 vase, standard unit.

GRAND CHAMPION DAHLIA - CLASSES 6 TO 34

Awarded the Cooma P&A Association sash and Dahlia Society of NSW and ACT Medallion.

35. DECORATIVE DAHLIA, 1 bloom, 160mm or over
36. DECORATIVE DAHLIA, 1 bloom, under 160mm
37. DECORATIVE DAHLIAS, 3 blooms, 1 cultivar under 160mm
38. CACTUS DAHLIA, 1 bloom, 160mm or over
39. CACTUS DAHLIA, 1 bloom, under 160mm
40. CACTUS DAHLIAS, 3 blooms, 1 cultivar, under 160mm
41. DAHLIA, ANY OTHER TYPE, 1 vase, standard unit
42. ONE VASE OF DAHLIAS, any variety, maximum of eight blooms

BEST DAHLIA UNIT - CLASSES 35 TO 42

Awarded the Cooma P&A Association sash and a selection of tubers donated by Leone Venables

ROSES

- (a) The naming of blooms is desirable; if not known put "unknown" or "name wanted".
- (b) NND means NOT NECESSARILY DISTINCT.
- (c) The wiring of roses is not permitted
- (d) Full bloom roses must show stamens or centres.
- (e) Floribunda, cluster roses: A container may have up to 30 open florets, with any number of cuts; a bud shall not be regarded as a floret until one or more petals start to unfurl.
- (f) Bunch classes shall be shown on single stems without side buds and shall consist of not less than three (3) cuts of the same cultivator to a vase, unless otherwise stated in the schedule, that is, five (5) cuts, two (2) cultivars.
- (g) Miniature roses shall have thin wiry stems with short internodes; flowers may be single or double, shown three (3) cuts per vase, one (1) cultivar, irrespective of the number of blooms on each cut.
- (h) Single roses must not have more than eight petals.

43. Rose Championship to consist of two (2) exhibition roses distinct and two (2) units from the following:

- 1 VASE DECORATIVE ROSES;
- 1 VASE ROSES, bud to full bloom, four (4) stages, four (4) stems;
- 1 BUNCH ROSES, four (4) stems;
- 1 VASE FLORIBUNDA ROSES, one (1) cultivar.

Prizes donated by Dorothy Whiting

44. ONE FULL BLOOM
45. ONE RED BLOOM
46. ONE PINK BLOOM
47. ONE WHITE BLOOM
48. ONE BI-COLOURED BLOOM
49. ONE CREAM or YELLOW BLOOM
50. FLORIBUNDA, 1 vase, 3 cuts, 1 cultivar
51. MIXED FLORIBUNDA, 1 vase, 3 cuts
52. BUD TO FULL BLOOM, 4 stems, 4 stages
53. DAVID AUSTIN, 1 bloom
54. MINIATURE ROSES, 3 cuts
55. ROSE, ANY COLOUR (novice exhibitor) **\$50 prize donated by Judy Caldwell**
56. ANY ROSE, MOST FRAGRANT

CHAMPION ROSE - CLASSES 43 TO 56

Awarded the Cooma P&A Association sash

GLADIOLI

Gladioli to be shown one spike per container.

57. ONE SPIKE, red or pink, predominate colour
58. ONE SPIKE, any other colour
59. THREE SPIKES, distinct colours

CHAMPION GLADIOLI SPIKE - CLASSES 57 TO 59

Awarded the Cooma P&A Association sash

GENERAL

60. ASTERS, 6, NND
61. ZINNIAS, 3, large flowered, NND
62. ZINNIAS, Lilliput type, 6, NND
63. MICHAELMAS DAISIES, 6 cuts, at least 3 varieties
64. PETUNIAS, 3 cuts, NND
65. GERANIUM, 3 trusses, NND
66. COSMOS, 3 cuts, NND
67. MARIGOLDS, 3 African, NND
68. MARIGOLDS, 6 French, NND
69. SEDUM, 1 cut
70. ANY FLOWER NOT INCLUDED IN SCHEDULE, 1 cut
71. ANY FLOWER NOT INCLUDED IN SCHEDULE, 3 or more cuts, one container

CHAMPION CUT FLOWER - CLASSES 60 TO 71

Awarded the Cooma P&A Association sash

SUPREME CHAMPION CUT FLOWER

From grand champion DAHLIA, champion ROSE, GLADIOLI, GENERAL CUT FLOWER and POT PLANT awarded the Cooma P&A Association sash

Most successful exhibitor prize donated by: Cooma Mitre 10

Thank you to our valued sponsors:

Dahlia Society of NSW and ACT, Elders Insurance Cooma, Cooma H Hardware, Family of Mary Tozer, Judy Caldwell, Dorothy Whiting, Leone Venables, Phillip & Anthony Seldon, Angie Ingram, Cooma Mitre 10 and, Liberal Party of NSW - Joanne van der Plaat, Steve Whan MP, Shear Delight.