

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: Ribbons in junior classes only. Certificates and sponsor prizes.

SPECIAL BY-LAWS FLOWERS ENTRIES

- Entry forms must be received by Friday March 6 2026 and can be completed online at www.coomashow.com.au or delivered to the Cooma Visitors Centre between February 1 2026 and March 6 2026, 7 days a week 9am to 3pm or posted to Leone Venables PO Box 1431, Cooma, NSW, 2630 or email leonevenables123@gmail.com
- Exhibits to be delivered between **6:30pm and 7:30pm on Thursday March 12 2026 or between 7:30am and 9:30am on Friday March 13 2026 to the Cooma Showground Multifunction Centre.**
- Judging to start at 10:00am on Friday March 13 2026.
- 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 6.00pm and 6:30pm on day of show, Saturday March 14 2026. Entries and/or any prizes not collected will be forfeited.**

FLOWERS JUNIORS – 17 years and under

1. ONE DAHLIA – Any type/size
2. THREE DAHLIAS – Any type/size one vase
3. VASE OF DAHLIAS – Any type, maximum of 8 blooms
4. ONE ROSE – Any variety or colour
5. THREE ROSES – Any variety or colour, one vase
6. VASE OF ROSES - Any type, maximum of 8 blooms
7. ANY OTHER FLOWER – One cut
8. ANY OTHER FLOWER – Three cuts, one vase

BEST EXHIBIT FROM CLASSES 1-8 Awarded the Cooma P&A Association sash

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 aStella under 160mm in diameter

9. 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 in memory of Dorothy Whiting.

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

11. ONE GIANT OR LARGE DECORATIVE, formal or informal

12. ONE MEDIUM DECORATIVE, formal or informal

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

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

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

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

17. DECORATIVE CHALLENGE, 3 distinct sizes, standard units

18. ONE GIANT or LARGE CACTUS or SEMI-CACTUS
19. ONE MEDIUM CACTUS or SEMI-CACTUS
20. SMALL CACTUS or SEMI-CACTUS, 1 vase, 3 blooms, 1 cultivar
21. SMALL CACTUS or SEMI-CACTUS, 1 vase, 3 blooms, distinct colours
22. MINIATURE CACTUS or SEMI-CACTUS, 1 vase, 3 blooms, 1 cultivar
23. MINIATURE CACTUS or SEMI-CACTUS, 1 vase, 3 blooms, distinct colours
24. CACTUS CHALLENGE, 3 distinct sizes, standard units
25. INCURVED CACTUS, 1 bloom over 160mm, 1 vase
26. INCURVED CACTUS, 1 vase, 3 blooms, under 160mm, 1 cultivar
27. COLLARETTE, 1 vase, 3 blooms, 1 cultivar
28. COLLARETTE, 1 vase, 3 blooms, distinct colours
29. NYMPHEA, 1 vase, 3 blooms, 1 cultivar
30. NYMPHEA, 1 vase, 3 blooms, distinct colours
31. POMPOM, 1 vase, 3 blooms, 1 cultivar
32. POMPOM, 1 vase, 3 blooms, distinct colours
33. BALL TYPE, 1 vase, 3 blooms under 160mm, 1 cultivar
34. BALL TYPE, 1 vase, 3 blooms under 160mm, distinct colours
35. FIMBRIATED CACTUS, 1 bloom over 160mm
36. FIMBRIATED CACTUS, 3 blooms, 1 cultivar, under 160mm
37. ANY OTHER TYPE, 1 vase, standard unit.

CHAMPION CARDS AWARDED TO CHAMPION DECORATIVE, CACTUS AND AOV

GRAND CHAMPION DAHLIA - CLASSES 11 TO 37 Awarded the Cooma P&A Association sash and Dahlia Society of NSW and ACT Medallion.

NOVICE/PROGRESSIVE CLASSES

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

BEST DAHLIA UNIT - CLASSES 38 TO 45 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.

46. 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.

Awarded the Cooma P&A Association Sash and prize donated in memory of Dorothy Whiting.

47. ONE FULL BLOOM

48. THREE FULL BLOOMS, NND

49. ONE RED BLOOM

50. ONE PINK BLOOM

51. ONE WHITE BLOOM

52. ONE BI-COLOURED BLOOM

53. ONE CREAM or YELLOW BLOOM

54. FLORIBUNDA, 1 vase, 3 cuts, 1 cultivar

55. MIXED FLORIBUNDA, 1 vase, 3 cuts

56. BUD TO FULL BLOOM, 4 stems, 4 stages

57. DAVID AUSTIN, 1 bloom

58. MINIATURE ROSES, 3 cuts

59. BUNCH/VASE OF ROSES, 5 cuts, NND, 1 container

60. ROSE, ANY COLOUR (novice exhibitor) \$50 prize donated by Judy Caldwell.

61. ANY ROSE, MOST FRAGRANT

CHAMPION ROSE - CLASSES 46 TO 61 Awarded the Cooma P&A Association sash

GLADIOLI

Gladioli to be shown one spike per container.

62. ONE SPIKE, red or pink, predominate colour

63. ONE SPIKE, any other colour

64. THREE SPIKES, distinct colours

CHAMPION GLADIOLI SPIKE - CLASSES 62 TO 64 Awarded the Cooma P&A Association sash

GENERAL

65. ASTERS, 6, NND

66. CARNATION, 3, NND

67. ZINNIAS, 3, large flowered, NND

68. ZINNIAS, Lilliput type, 6, NND
69. MICHAELMAS DAISIES, 6 cuts, at least 3 varieties
70. PETUNIAS, 6 double, florets, NND
71. PETUNIAS, 6 florets, any other type, NND
72. PETUNIAS, 3 cuts, NND
73. GERANIUM, 3 trusses, NND
74. PANSIES, 6, NND, shown in a flat dish
75. COSMOS, 3 cuts, NND
76. MARIGOLDS, 3 African, NND
77. MARIGOLDS, 6 French, NND
78. SEDUM, 1 cut
79. SEDUM, 3 cuts
80. ANY FLOWER NOT INCLUDED IN SCHEDULE, 1 cut
81. ANY FLOWER NOT INCLUDED IN SCHEDULE, 3 or more cuts, one container

CHAMPION CUT FLOWER - CLASSES 65 TO 81 - In memory of Janice Goodwin, 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.

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Elders Insurance Cooma, Cooma H Hardware, Shear Delight, Angie Ingram, Dahlia Society of NSW and ACT, Family of Mary Tozer, Judy Caldwell, Family of Dorothy Whiting, Leone Venables, Phillip & Anthony Seldon, Cooma Mitre 10.

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